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# 10th Annual Sports Recognition Banquet

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 Cocktails—6:00p.m. Dinner—7:00p.m. Brantford Golf and County Club Brantford, Ontario

## **Brantford Sports Council**

### <u>A Community Partnership Dedicated to the</u> <u>betterment of sport in Brantford</u>

#### Who we are:

The Brantford Sports Council was established in March of 2005, after an initiative by the Sport Alliance to have community sports councils as representative bodies throughout the province. The purpose of the organization is to improve the delivery of sports in our community.

#### What we do:

- ◆ Promote the availability and benefit of sports
- Advocating for equitable sport opportunities and facility development
- Providing opportunities for integrated program development
- Working towards communication and co-operation among individuals, organizations and sectors
- ♦ Identifying alternative sources of funding
- ◆ Providing advice and assistance to the Parks and Recreation department on sport related issues
- Celebrating sport achievements and the value of volunteers
- Distributing grants among qualifying members
- ♦ Working toward maximizing resources, while eliminating duplication

#### 2014 BSC Member Organizations

**Brantford Aquatic Club Brantford Minor Softball Brantford District Football Club Brantford Youth Flag Football Brantford Minor Baseball Brantford Minor Hockey Brantford Girls Hockey Brantford Church Hockey Brantford Galaxy Youth Soccer Club Brant Skating Club Brantford Minor Lacrosse Brantford Synchro Club Brantford Track and Field Brantford City Soccer Club Arnold Anderson Sport Fund Brantford Harlequins Rugby Club Special Olympics** 

#### **2014 BSC Board Members**

Carmine Romano—Chair
Ron Birkett—Past Chair
Bill Harding—Vice Chair
Jim Turnbull—Treasurer
Rhonda Boylan—Secretary
Rick Mannen
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Pat Shewchuk
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#### BRANTFORD'S SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR WINNERS

- 1976 BILL MOFFAT BASEBALL
- 1977 WALLY KALICHUK HOCKEY
- 1978 GARY SUMMERHAYES BOXING
- 1979 WAYNE GRETZKY HOCKEY
- 1980 LIZ POLYAK TRACK & FIELD
- 1981 DAVE CHEETHAM BASEBALL
- 1982 WAYNE GRETZKY HOCKEY
- 1983 FRANK BRICKER BOXING
- 1984 TED WEIRDA BASEBALL & BASKETBALL
- 1985 RICK MANNEN LONG DISTANCE RUNNING
- 1986 EDITH HAYMAN BADMINTON
- 1987 STEVE BROWN GAMES FOR DISABLED
- 1988 KEVIN SULLIVAN TRACK & FIELD
- 1989 LYDIA VAMOS SOCCER
- 1990 BOB & LAUREL BARNES BASEBALL & HOCKEY
- 1991 BETH RICHARDSON BADMINTON
- 1992 JULIE HOWARD SWIMMING
- 1993 KEVIN SULLIVAN TRACK & FIELD
- 1994 ROGER DAVIS OVERALL CONTRIBUTION
- 1995 PAUL POLLILO HOCKEY
- 1996 JULIE HOWARD SWIMMING
- 1997 WALTER GRETZKY OVERALL CONTRIBUTION
- 1998 TED DECOTEAU OVERALL CONTRIBUTION
- 1999 PAT SHEWCHUK SPORTS PROMOTION
- 2000 KEVIN SULLIVAN TRACK & FIELD
- 2001 DENNIS KINGS CONTRIBUTION TO BASKETBALL
- 2002 JORDAN SZOKE MOTORCYCLING ROAD RACING
- 2003 NATASHA FILLIOL TRIATHLON
- 2004 DAVID HEARN GOLF
- 2005 CINDY EADIE SOFTBALL & HOCKEY
- 2006 NICK KACZUR FOOTBALL
- 2007 MIKE BERES BADMINTON
- 2008 PETER HAM—HOCKEY
- 2009 JENNIFER KIRBY—GOLF
- 2010 PAUL AUCOIN—BASEBALL
- 2011 AARON CARPENTER—RUGBY
- 2012 ADAM HENRIOUE—HOCKEY
- 2013 KRISTA DUCHENE—TRACK AND FIELD
- 2014 JOHNNY POWLESS—LACROSSE

#### The Frank Tomlin Memorial Award

This award is named in honour of the late Frank Tomlin, who passed away in 1976. Tomlin is remembered as a great sports fan that was passionate about his city and those who represented it. Gord Showler, who at the time of Frank's death was a sponsor of Branford's Junior 'B' franchise, initiated the award. The award is currently sponsored by the Bison's Alumni.

Each year, the Frank Tomlin award recognizes an individual from Brantford who's contribution to sport has had a great impact on this community. The winner of the award must be active in the sport for which they are nominated, however work done in previous years is also taken into consideration. No individual can win the award in consecutive years but the award can be won by the same individual more than once.

#### 2014 Frank Tomlin Award Winner - Johnny Powless

Growing up on the Six Nations reserve, Johnny had a lacrosse stick with him from the minute he was born. As all kids playing their favourite sports growing up dream of winning championships however not many kids would dream of having a year like Johnny did in 2014. While playing minor lacrosse Johnny had many team and individual successes culminating in leading the Iroquois Nations Midget Boys in winning the 2009 Canadian Lacrosse Association's Midget National Championship while being named the tournament MVP. The next five years would see Johnny lead his hometown Six Nations Arrows of the Ontario Jr. A league.

In the 2011 National Lacrosse League entry draft, Johnny was selected 5<sup>th</sup> overall as an 18 year old by the Rochester Knighthawks. He made the team in his rookie year being selected to the NLL All-Rookie Team and winning the 2012 NLL Sportsmanship award. In May of 2012, Johnny and his team won the NLL Championship and they followed it up by winning the title again in 2013.

In 2013, Johnny was called up with the Six Nations Chiefs and helped them win the Mann Cup trophy as National Champions. 2014 proved to be the best yet in his young career. The year started off with his Rochester Knighthawks winning an unprecedented third straight NLL championship. Johnny returned to the Arrows lineup where he lead them to an Ontario Championship then the Minto Cup as the CLA junior National Champion. with Johnny being named the tournament MVP. His fantastic year was not over yet as he returned home and helped the Chiefs win the Mann Cup again and for the first time on native land. Johnny was the first player to win an NLL, Minto Cup and Mann Cup in the same year. Johnny was included on the ballot this year for the Lou Marsh award for Canadian Athlete of the year.

The Brantford Sports Council is very proud to award the 2014 Frank Tomlin Memorial Award to Johnny Powless.

#### **Award Namesake Profiles**

#### Frank Bricker Memorial - Male Youth Leadership

During his time, Frank Bricker was a legend in the sport of boxing. Known by many in the ranks of Ontario Boxing as 'Mr. Boxing', Frank is best known in Brantford for his events in the development of the Summerhayes boys, the three boxing brothers who competed in national and international level competition. All 3 turned pro in 1970, and became the only set of three brothers to compete on the same card at Madison Square Garden, an accomplishment that can be attributed to Bricker's work. Through his efforts, he put Brantford on the world boxing map for his ability to teach and train high calibre boxers. Award sponsored by Phil McColeman, MP.

2014 Nominees Cameron Kidd

Andre Toic Bradley Ward

#### Phyllis Gretzky Memorial – Female Youth Leadership

Phyllis is likely the least famous member of Canada's first family of hockey, but many will tell you that she was the most important one. It was her dedication to her family that allowed Wayne to have the kind of success that he did. She was the family stalwart who kept everything cool and collected throughout Wayne's rise to stardom, doing whatever was necessary behind the scenes to make sure that everything was as normal as it could have been. Her quiet leadership was the glue that kept the foundation together. Award sponsored by Dave Levac, MPP

2014 Nominees Gabrielle Marton

Mary Orr Christina Tylak Kendra Van Leeuwen

#### Dave Levac Award - Recognition to the Sports Official

Most officials will tell you that they prefer to not be noticed, especially during a contest. Unfortunately too many times, sport officials receive unwanted and sometimes unnecessary attention. What is not well known is the amount of time that officials spend on their development and the training and mentoring of younger officials. This award is being presented as a positive recognition for the dedication of our sport officials.

2014 Nominees Hugh Coleman

Suzanne Paulins Scott Wright

#### **Award Namesake Profiles**

#### Adrian Scherders Memorial—Sportsmanship and Dedication

Adrian Scherders' passion for sports began as a multi-sport athlete, including his annual quest to run in the Boston to Brantford race. His passion for sports grew into a love for coaching soccer, hockey and lacrosse. Throughout the years, he took an active role in coaching the teams that his children played on no matter what sport it was that they wanted to play. Whether it was other people's children or his own, his goal was to teach youth about dedication, good sportsmanship and playing with integrity. Adrian would be very honoured to know that this award is being named in his memory. Award sponsored by The Scherders Family.

2014 Nominees Leah Coon

Kyleigh Farmer Andrew Vallee

#### George Churchill Memorial - Sports Volunteer of the Year

Had the category existed during his day, George Churchill would have found himself nominated for this award for decades. His tireless work with the track and field program here in Brantford allowed Brantford to become a hub for some of the best competitions in the sport. He was the man behind the organization and execution of just about every meet during the 60's, 70's, 80's, and even in to the 90's. He was also the coach of Brantford's first track and field member to make the Olympic Games, with Debbie Miller in 1968. Award sponsored by Paul & Grace Wilson & Family.

2014 Nominees Gabrielle Gracey

Randy Kitchen John Vallee

#### George Jones Memorial - Lifetime Volunteerism

Jones will forever be remembered as the man who built the sport of rugby with his bare hands. George started the Brantford Harlequins rugby club in 1950, and used his own money to purchase the land on which to build the rugby club. During his 50+ years as a player and coach of the sport, George helped to develop decades of championship teams and high calibre athletes. His development of the sport locally was just part of his accomplishment, as he is directly responsible for most of the rugby clubs and school programs that can be found in south western Ontario. His tireless dedication to the sport is shown in every athlete who played for George, and his love for the game has built a sports legacy in our community. Award Sponsored by the Brantford Sports Council.

2014 Nominees Tracey Jones

John Lovett Tracy Oldroyd

#### Jack Calbeck Memorial – Lifetime Sports Sponsorship

For many years, Jack Calbeck was a not only a leader in the business community in Brantford, but he was a leader in his generosity to worth-while causes in our city. Jack always had a passion for sports and as such, he was a great supporter of sporting groups at all levels and was not only generous with his time, but also with his financial support. The Brantford Sports Council is proud to present this award and to recognize those groups and businesses that help to make sport possible in our city. Award sponsored by the Calbeck Family.

2014 Nominees Darren & Michele Dedobbelaer

J.H. Young and Sons Jewellers

Mark's Work Warehouse

#### John Macklin Memorial - Coach of the Year

Macklin began coaching and officiating track and field in Branford in 1966, and continued through until 1994. During his time, he helped to coach many athletes from Brantford who would go on to national and international competition, including the likes of Liz Polyak, Kevin Sullivan and Rick Mannen. Along the way, he became a respected official on the international stage, officiating at almost every national and international meet in Canada during the 1970's and 1980's. On top of coaching and officiating, he also was the organizer of the Brant County Track and Filed and Cross Country championships for many years. Award sponsored by The Macklin Family.

2014 Nominees Mike Kemp

Matt Lynch Garth Rickwood

#### Jimmy Wilkes Memorial- Team of the Year

When you talk about the sport of baseball in Brantford, the conversation will inevitably include the name Jimmy Wilkes. Wilkes has been a legend of baseball in this community ever since arriving to play with the Brantford Red Sox in 1953. He was involved with the league as a player, then as an umpire, for over 30 years. His quiet leadership helped lead the Red Sox to several championships, as well as with the development of many players throughout the Inter-County league as well as Brantford Minor Baseball. Award sponsored by Aucoin Investments Limited.

2014 Nominees Bantam AA Girls' Hockey

BCI Senior Girls Rugby

Brantford Track and Field Cross Country