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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**

### **A Community Partnership Dedicated to the betterment of sport in Brantford**

#### **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 Church Hockey	Brantford Girls 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**

<b>Carmine Romano—Chair</b>	<b>Rick Mannen</b>
<b>Ron Birkett—Past Chair</b>	<b>Trudy Ion</b>
<b>Bill Harding—Vice Chair</b>	<b>Pat Shewchuk</b>
<b>Jim Turnbull—Treasurer</b>	<b>Shawn Ogborne</b>
<b>Rhonda Boylan—Secretary</b>	<b>John Bradford</b>
<b>Melanie Medlar—City Liaison</b>	<b>Linda Ford—PRW Liaison</b>

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## **BRANTFORD'S SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR WINNERS**

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

### **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 Brantford'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 led 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

