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## 5th Annual Sports Recognition Banquet

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Cocktails—6:00p.m.

Dinner—7:00p.m.

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Brantford, Ontario

### **About the BSC**

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.

The Brantford Sports Council has taken on several initiatives during their brief existence, not the least of which is tonight's banquet. The Council has worked diligently on a funding formula that would allow for fair distribution of municipal grant monies to the minor sports that use city facilities. The BSC has held several workshops and clinics to help minor sports organizations with their by-laws and constitutions to make sure that the athletes, coaches, and volunteers are protected by their governing body.

### **BSC Member Organizations**

**Brantford Aquatic Club**  
**Brantford District Football Club**  
**Brantford Youth Flag Football**  
**Brantford Minor Softball**  
**Brantford Minor Baseball**  
**Brantford Minor Hockey**  
**Brantford Church Hockey**  
**Brantford Girls Hockey**  
**Brantford Inter-City Soccer**  
**Brantford Minor Lacrosse**  
**Brant Skating Club**  
**Brantford Synchro Club**  
**Brantford Track and Field**  
**Brantford City Soccer Club**

### **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 - COACHING 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

### **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.

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.

### **2010 Frank Tomlin Award Winner – Jennifer Kirby**

Jennifer Kirby has come a long way since finishing last in her first golf tournament at age 10. At age 15, she burst onto the junior girls golf scene by capturing the Canadian Optimist Championship. 2008 saw her capture the Canadian Junior Girls Championship, and was named 1st Team All-American by the Future Collegiate World Tour in the U.S. It was this string of impressive play that saw her receive over 40 full scholarship offers from NCAA Division 1 schools, including 23 of Top 25 ranked programs.

No matter how impressive her accomplishments leading up to the 2009 season, it goes without question that this past year was the best of her career thus far. Jennifer captured 6 tournament championships, including the Junior Girls and Women's Amateur Championships at both the provincial and national levels. At two of those tournaments, the Canadian Amateur and the Ontario Juniors, she also shattered the course records.

As a first-year student at the University of Alabama, she is currently the 3rd ranked freshmen golfer among NCAA Division 1 schools and 1st in her conference. In November, she was named to the Canadian National Women's Amateur team, representing Canada at a tournament in Argentina just a few short weeks ago. And as if her athletic successes were not enough, she finished her first semester at Alabama with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

It is our great pleasure to name Jennifer Kirby as the winner of the Frank Tomlin Memorial Award as Brantford Sportsperson of the Year.

### **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.

2010 Nominees      Beth Paulins

#### **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 worthwhile 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 for the first time and to recognize those groups and businesses that help to make sport possible in our city.

2010 Nominees      Brant Branch Foresters  
                                 Tim Horton's

## **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.

2010 Nominees      Derek Quick

### **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.

2010 Nominees      Emily Macintyre  
                                 Erika Polidori  
                                 Jaclyn Rollins

### **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.

2010 Nominees      Tracy Oldroyd  
                                 Suzanne Paulins

### **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.

2010 Nominees      2009 St. John’s Senior Girls Basketball Team  
                                 2009 St. John's Senior Boys Football Team

### **John Macklin Memorial – Coach of the Year**

Macklin began coaching and officiating track and field in Brantford 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 Field and Cross Country championships for many years.

2010 Nominees      Scott Chapman  
                                 Steve Van Leeuwen  
                                 Stan Szordykowski

### **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.

2010 Nominees      Hugh Coleman  
                                 Ben Harris  
                                 George Henry