



**13th Annual
Sports Recognition
Banquet**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018
Doors Open - 6:00p.m.
Dinner - 7:00p.m.
Brantford Golf and Country Club
60 Ava Rd.
Brantford, Ontario



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PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies - Carmine Romano

Welcome & Introductions - Bill Harding, BSC Chair

Grace

Dinner

Greetings from Dignitaries

Award Presentations

- The Adrian Scherders Memorial Award - Sportsmanship and Dedication
- The Phyllis Gretzky Memorial Award - Female Youth Leadership
- The Frank Bricker Memorial Award - Male Youth Leadership

Introduction of Keynote Speaker - Peter Baxter

Award Presentations

- The Dave Levac Award – The Award of Excellence for Sports Officiating
- The John Macklin Memorial Award - Coach of the Year
- The George Churchill Memorial Award - Sports Volunteer of the Year
- The Jack Calbeck Memorial Award - Lifetime Sports Sponsorship
- The George Jones Memorial Award - Lifetime Sports Volunteerism
- The Jimmy Wilkes Memorial Award - Team of the Year
- The Frank Tomlin Memorial Award - Sportsperson of the Year

Draw Prizes

Closing Remarks - Bill Harding



**The Brantford Sports Council supports the development
and delivery of youth sports in our community.**

2017 Brantford Sports Council Member Organizations

Brant & District Football Club	Brantford Minor Baseball
Brant Skating Club	Brantford Minor Hockey
Brant Synchro Club	Brantford Minor Lacrosse
Brantford Aquatic Club	Brantford Minor Softball
Brantford Church Hockey	Brantford Track and Field Club
Brantford City Soccer Club	Brantford Youth Flag Football
Brantford Galaxy Youth Soccer Club	Special Olympics Ontario Brantford
Brantford Girls Hockey	

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Keynote Speaker

Peter Baxter, BPHE MA

Peter Baxter is leading in his 20th season as Wilfrid Laurier's Director of Athletics and Recreation on both the Waterloo and Brantford Campus. Peter is currently serving as President of Ontario University Athletics (OUA). Peter puts strong emphasis on student leadership within the program creating a variety of opportunities for Laurier students in the day-to-day activities of the department.

During his time as Director, 40 (of 71 total) OUA championships and 10 (of 14 Total) USports national championships have been won by Golden Hawk teams. He has also served Team Canada as Chef-de-mission Head of Delegation for 2 World FISU University Games held in Harbin China (Winter Games 2009) and Shenzhen, China (Summer Games 2011).

Peter is part of the senior management project team overseeing the operational planning and construction of the new \$56 million Laurier Brantford YMCA Athletic and Recreation facility in downtown Brantford.

This new athletics and recreation facility that promises to transform the streetscape of downtown Brantford and benefit the entire community. This innovative partnership between Wilfrid Laurier University and the YMCA of Hamilton | Burlington | Brantford will expand athletic opportunities for students at the Laurier Brantford campus, support campus growth, enhance broader community access to health, wellness and social supports, and further bolster the revitalization of the city's core.

The Adrian Scherders Memorial Award - Sportsmanship and Dedication

Adrian Scherders' passion for sports began as a multi-sport athlete that included 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, Adrian took an active role in coaching the teams that his children played on no matter what sport 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

2017 Finalists Jacob Alway
 Meghan Josling
 Bridget Kwasnik

The Phyllis Gretzky Memorial Award – Female Youth Leadership

Phyllis Gretzky was 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 possible. Her quiet leadership was the glue that kept the family foundation together.

Award sponsored by K & D Insulation Ltd.

2017 Finalists Nicole Kelly
 Emily Rickwood
 Holly Taylor
 Alexa Windle

The Frank Bricker Memorial Award - Male Youth Leadership

Frank Bricker was a legend in the sport of boxing known by many in the ranks of Ontario Boxing as 'Mr. Boxing.' He was best known in Brantford for his leadership in the development of the Summerhays boys, the three boxing brothers who competed in national and international level competitions. In 1970 all three turned pro 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 Frank put Brantford on the world boxing map for his ability to teach and train high calibre boxers.

Award sponsored by Phil McColeman, MP Brant

2017 Finalists Cole Belkwell
 Reece Doumani
 Dylan Szczur

The Dave Levac Award - The Award of Excellence for Sports Officiating

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

Award sponsored by Dave Levac, MPP Brant

2017 Finalists Neil Macdonald
 Michael Roche
 George Wittingham

The John Macklin Memorial Award - Coach of the Year

John Macklin began coaching and officiating track and field in Brantford from 1966 until 1994. During that time he helped coach many athletes from Brantford including Liz Polyak, Kevin Sullivan and Rick Mannen, who would go on to national and international competitions. 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. In addition to coaching and officiating, John was also the organizer of the Brant County track and field and cross country championships for many years.

Award sponsored by The Macklin Family

2017 Finalists Todd Andrew
 Sean Doucette
 Leo Raposo

The George Churchill Memorial Award - Sports Volunteer of the Year

George Churchill would have found himself nominated for this award for decades, if it had existed during his time. His tireless work with the track and field program allowed Brantford to become a hub for some of the best competitions in the sport. He was the man behind the organization and executions of just about every meet during the 1960's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. He was also the coach of Brantford's first track and field member, Debbie Miller, who competed at the 1968 Olympics.

Award sponsored by Paul and Grace Wilson & Family

2017 Finalists Dave Fielding
 Crosby Gibson
 Connie Pomerleau
 Michelle Smith

The Frank Tomlin Memorial Award - Sportsperson of the Year

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 the Brantford Junior 'B' franchise, initiated the award. Each year the Frank Tomlin award recognizes an individual from Brantford whose contributions 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.

Award sponsored by The Bisons Alumni

2017 Sportsperson of the Year – Aaron Carpenter



Aaron Carpenter grew up in Brantford and started his Rugby journey with the Brantford Harlequins and BCI Mustangs.

He received his first cap for Canada at the Super Powers Cup in 2005.

Aaron has represented Canada in three World Cups 2007, 2011 and 2015. He was a hard-charging back-row forward and hooker who always led by example.

He is tied for fourth in Canadian try-scoring and leads all Canadian forwards with 17 international tries, the last coming at the 2015 World Cup.

Aaron amassed 80 games playing for Canada in 2017 and broke the World Rugby Hall of Famer Al Charron's Canadian caps record of 76 when he earned his 77th in a loss to Romania in June 2017. He also served as Canada's captain more than two dozen times.

Aaron had a 9 year professional career in the UK with Coventry, Plymouth, Cornwall, London and Doncaster.

SPORTSPERSON 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 HENRIQUE - HOCKEY
- 2013 KRISTA DUCHENE - TRACK AND FIELD
- 2014 JOHNNY POWLESS - LACROSSE
- 2015 DAVID HEARN - GOLF
- 2016 KRISTA DUCHENE - TRACK AND FIELD
- 2017 AARON CARPENTER - RUGBY

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