



**15th Annual
Sports Recognition
Banquet**

Wednesday, February 12, 2020
Doors Open - 6:00p.m.
Dinner - 7:00p.m.
Brantford Golf and Country Club
60 Ava Rd.
Brantford, Ontario



Brantford Sports Council



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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 - Rick Mannen

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.**

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Bisons Football Brant & District Football	Brantford Girls Hockey
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Brant Skating Club	Brantford Minor Hockey
Brantford Aquatic Club	Brantford Minor Lacrosse
Brantford Church Hockey	Brantford Minor Softball
Brantford City Soccer Club	Brantford Track and Field Club
Brantford Galaxy Youth Soccer Club	Brantford Youth Flag Football

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Keynote Speaker

RICK MANNEN

Notable Athletic Achievements

- Accomplished distance runner, consistently ranked among the top ten marathoners in Canada 1984 – 1995.
- Qualified, selected and competed for Canada's National Team at the 1987 IAAF World Cup Marathon, Seoul, South Korea, finishing 57th overall, 2nd Canadian on team, Time 2:18:59 *PB
- Selected and competed for Canada at the Pacific Rim Marathon Championships, Long Beach, CA.
- Competed in over 60 marathons, and winner of seven international marathons including 1986 Toronto Wang International Marathon, 1987 Hong Kong International Marathon Time 2:20:51.
- Ontario Provincial Marathon Champion 1986, Toronto, CAN 2:19:51.
- Winner or top finishes in the marathon distance in Barbados, Houston, Austin, Detroit, Buffalo Niagara Falls, Columbus.
- Canadian age group record holder for 30km road race distance.
- Inducted into the Brantford and Area Sports Hall of Recognition for international success as a distance runner.

Coaching Certification

- Chartered professional coach with Coaches of Canada.
- Registered coach with Athletics Ontario & Athletics Canada.
- Selected as Team Coach for Canada's National Team at the 2012 International Ekiden Relay Championships in Chiba, Japan.
- Qualified external trainer at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre, Brantford.

Coaching Experience

- Head Coach Brantford Track and Field Club in the 1976 – 1983 period.
- Provides running and fitness consulting services from the beginner to elite levels.
- Approved External Trainer at the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre, Brantford.
- Personal running coach for all levels from true beginners to the elite level including Canadian National Team Members at Pan Am Games, Olympic Games & World Championships.
- Community leader, motivational speaker, writer.

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

2019 Finalists Angela Marina – Brantford Aquatic Club
Cooper Pogacnik – North Park Collegiate Junior Football
Jacob Sheppard – North Park Collegiate Cross Country

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 LL Sports Turf

2019 Finalists Eleanor (Ella) Gigg – Brant Artistic Swimming Club
Kendra Perras – St. Johns College Multi Sports
Brianna Vamos – Brantford Track & Field Club

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.

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2019 Finalists Tristan Berridge – Brantford Aquatic Club
Toren Burr – Brantford Track & Field Club
Josh Linington – Brantford Track & Field Club

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

2019 Finalists Mark Baxter – Brant Norfolk Referee Association
Shannon Scheffel – Brantford Aquatic Club
Rob Welsh – Brant Norfolk Referee Association

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

2019 Finalists Cory Currie – Laurier Brantford Varsity Cross Country
Steve Kersey – Brantford Minor Hockey
Alison Purkiss – Brant Skating Club

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

2019 Finalists Dan Davis – Brantford Youth Flag Football
Brent Gordon – Arnold Anderson Sport Fund
Rob Phillips – Brantford Aquatic Club

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



2019 SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR JACQUELINE LEGERE

Jacqueline was born in Brantford, Ontario, Canada in 1991. She had a very active childhood, growing up in the small country town of St. George. She has always played many different sports, and Hockey has been a big part of her life. Currently, skiing, motocross, wake boarding, long boarding, skydiving, rollerblading and of course ice cross down hill are part of her day to day activities. This active lifestyle goes hand in hand with her line of work as a professional Stunt Woman. Her Work can be seen in tv shows such as Orphan Black, and The Strain or the Film "Suicide Squad", Molly's Game and IT chapter 2.

When Jacqueline saw Red Bull Crashed Ice on tv for the first time, she immediately knew it was something she had to try. She signed up for the next available qualifier, and was chosen for try outs. She made it through, and raced for her first time in Quebec City in 2011.

Jacqueline fell in love with the fast paced, heart pumping sport and so began her journey to be the Woman's World Champion. Without access to an ice cross track, practicing the sport can be difficult. She started training in many diverse ways to replicate the obstacles faced on an Ice Cross track. Skiing, Rollerblading, and skating daily.

Her hard work and dedication payed off in the 2016 season when she gained the title of the first Women's World Champion of Red Bull Crashed Ice and for the back to back title in the 2017 season. The skills of the women's have improved immensely making it more of a challenge.

Jacqueline finished 2nd overall for the 2018 and 2019 season. This has given her even more momentum to win the title of World Champion back in 2020!

RACE ACHIEVEMENTS

2016 - First Women's World Champion

2018 - 2nd Overall

2017 - World Champion

2019 - 2nd Overall

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
- 2018 ZAC DALPE - HOCKEY
- 2019 JACQUELINE LEGERE - DOWNHILL ICE CROSS SKATING

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