

## **Peter Rush Award**

Peter Rush was originally involved with youth hockey in the Buffalo, New York area. In the early 1960's, he was an integral part of the expansion and growth of the Buffalo Shamrocks Athletic Club, an original member of the New York State Amateur Hockey Association. He was one of our early USA Hockey Directors from New York and was ultimately elected as a National Director. As time went on, Peter's involvement with USA Hockey (then known as AHAUS) grew and he was recognized for his efforts by being selected as the first National Championship Chairman overseeing all National Tournaments. Peter along with Bob Allen and several others, was fundamental in the initial growth of youth hockey throughout New York State. Peter passed away in the late 80's after a long illness. In 1989 the New York State Amateur Hockey Association established "The Peter Rush Award" in his honor and is dedicated to his long and strong commitment to youth hockey. This award is presented annually to a person who has displayed a selfless long-term dedication and commitment to the growth of youth hockey. The recipient must be from the Section in which the Annual Meeting of the membership is held.

## **Award Winners**

2023 – Richard Scammell - Troy  
2022 – Ron Caccavale - Valhalla  
2021 – Janice Cavaretta – Buffalo  
2020 – Dave Marcellus – Louisville  
2019 – Chuck Gridley – Skaneateles  
2018 – Tom Branden – Depew  
2017 – Mark DeSimone – New York City  
2016 – Rick Pratt – Oswego  
2015 – Gavin Regan – Potsdam  
2014 – Joe Trimarchi – Carle Place  
2013 – Alan Elia – Lewiston  
2012 – Bobby Smith – Massena  
2011 – Garl Lebrun – Syracuse  
2010 – David Braunstein – Kenmore  
2009 – Sandy Irwin – Freeport  
2008 – Pete Sears & Ed Gosek – Oswego  
2007 – Kim White – Saratoga Springs  
2006 – Mark Chinitz – New York City  
2005 – Bill Chamberlin – Buffalo  
2004 – Dave Rider – Glenmont  
2003 – Linda O'Neil – Hamilton  
2002 – Joe Baudo – Tonawanda  
2001 – Bob Karman – Hicksville  
2000 – Doug Ackley – Oswego  
1999 – Larry McCauley – Redfield  
1998 – Bill Hall – Port Jefferson Station

1997 – Peter Preteroti – Depew  
1996 – Bud Sherburne – Potsdam  
1995 – Nick Marsit – Ithaca  
1994 – Charlie & Dolly Dickson – Tonawanda  
1993 – Charlie Millner – Plainview  
1992 – Paul Furman – Oswego  
1991 – Bob Allen – Lake Placid  
1990 – Chris Kirgan – New Hyde Park  
1998 – Tom Kopolinski - Lewiston