

# 43rd Annual AWARDS DINNER



Celebrating 43 years of hockey in Massachusetts

## **2017 HALL OF FAME**



hroughout the history of hockey in the United States,
Massachusetts has been a constant in providing both onice talent and off-ice leadership to our great game. The
Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame is proud to honor some of
our most talented and most dedicated contributors to the sport.
The list is full of Olympic and Paralympic heroes, college and NHL

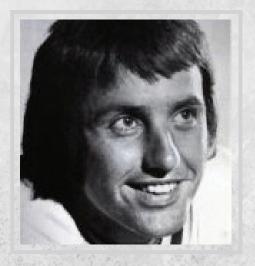
stars, female pioneers, high school and college coaches, officials and media icons, as well as dedicated, behind-the-scenes grassroots builders who have spent time furthering the development of the game. Inductees are chosen on the basis of accomplishments in the game of hockey, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to his or her teams and programs.



#### **JOE BERTAGNA**

Hockey East Commissioner and Longtime Coach

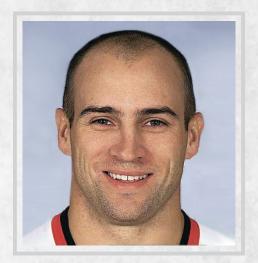
Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna is the longest serving hockey commissioner in the NCAA and has been working as a college administrator for more than 35 years. While bringing an increased media attention to collegiate hockey in Massachusetts with numerous media contracts, he has brought together incredible high-profile events like the Friendship Four Tournament, Frozen Fenway and the Women's Hockey East Championship. The Arlington native is the Executive Director of the American Coaches Association and serves on the Board of Directors for USA Hockey and the Hockey Humanitarian Award Foundation. There are countless amounts of players who have been inspired by his many on-ice teachings and hockey reading materials he has authored like *The Hockey Coaching Bible*. His coaching career includes working with the Boston Bruins (1985-1991 & 1994-1995), the U.S. Men's National Team (1991), U.S. Olympic Men's Team (1994) and the Milwaukee Admirals (1994-1996). Bertagna launched Harvard's women's ice hockey program in 1977-1978. He served as head coach of Harvard women's hockey for two seasons. His college playing career includes starting goaltender at Harvard University (1971-1973).



#### PAUL HURLEY

Retired Professional and Olympic Ice Hockey Player

Paul Michael Hurley (The Shot) was an offensive and defensive stand-out as a professional and Olympic hockey player. His professional career includes playing for the Boston Bruins, New England Whalers, Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames. As a Boston College senior in 1969, Hurley was selected to the All-American, All-East and All-New England teams. At Boston College, he scored 132 career points. Hurley grew up playing for Melrose High School and Deerfield Academy. He is also inducted into the Boston College Varsity Club and Melrose High School Hall of Fame.



#### SHAWN MCEACHERN

Retired Stanley Cup Winner and Olympic Ice Hockey Player

Shawn McEachern is a retired professional hockey player with the National Hockey League (NHL) and former member of Team USA in the 1992 Olympics. He spent 13 years in the NHL, amassing 254 goals and 317 assists, winning the Stanley Cup in 1992 with the Pittsburgh Penguins. While attending Boston University he was a Hobey Baker finalist and an All-American, where he tallied 186 points in three seasons. McEachern is a native of Waltham and played his high school hockey at Matignon High School where he led them to two State Championships. He now serves as Assistant Director of Athletics, Admissions Office and Varsity Boys Ice Hockey Coach at The Rivers School, and is a youth hockey coach with the Boston Jr. Eagles program. Previously he has served as an assistant coach at University of Massachusetts Lowell, Northeastern, Salem State and with the East Coast Wizards.



#### BERNARD MICHALS

Retired First Vice President and Founder of Massachusetts Hockey

Bernard Michals helped form Massachusetts Hockey into what it is today. He is one of the founders in establishing the then Amateur Hockey Association Commonwealth of Massachusetts and serving the role of first vice president. He has left a lasting impact as a coach and hockey administrator. One of his many accomplishments includes leading the charge to implement and certify the wearing of masks at all levels of youth hockey. Michals was one of the leaders in running previous USA Hockey National Tournaments and Camps. He was one of the founders for Newton Youth Hockey, Middlesex Youth Hockey League, Bridgton Academy Youth Hockey, Boston Junior Braves and the New England Junior Whaler. While leading the charge, he was a coach for University of Southern Maine and Bridgton Academy. His playing career included playing for the Schenectady Generals (1956-1957) and the Lake Placid Roamers (1958-1959).



#### PAUL VINCENT

Stanley Cup, NCAA, Prep-School and MIAA Champion Coach

Coach Paul Vincent has spent more than 35 years working with youth, collegiate and professional ice hockey players. Paul has won a Stanley Cup with the Chicago Blackhawks; an NCAA National Championship with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI); a Prep School Championship with Cushing Academy; and a High School Championship with St. John's Prep. He has developed high end players like Patrick Sharp, Dustin Byfuglien, Adam Oates and Keith Yandle. This native of Beverly spent 10 years as the skating and skills coach with Boston College from 1981-1991, and from 1981-1986 served as a consultant for RPI. He has also worked in a consultant role with Harvard University, Northeastern University, Providence, Brown, Dartmouth and the University of Massachusetts. He has worked with teams in the NHL, Blackhawks, Boston Bruins, Tampa Bay Lightning, New Jersey Devils, the American Hockey League, ECHL, NCAA, and preparatory schools.

## IN REMEMBERANCE

### 2017 POSTHUMOUS INDUCTEES



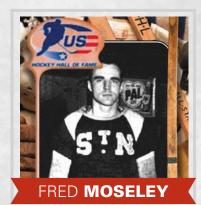
JOHN GARRISON

Collegiate and Olympic Ice Hockey Player and Coach U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee

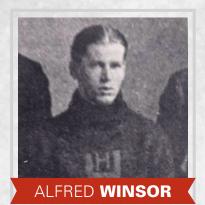


BRUCE MATHER

Collegiate and Olympic Ice Hockey Player U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee

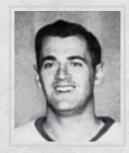


Collegiate and Olympic Ice Hockey Player U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee



Collegiate and Olympic Ice Hockey Player U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee

#### 2016 POSTHUMOUS INDUCTEES



RAY
CHAISSON
Collegiate, Olympic and Professional
Ice Hockey Player
U.S. Hockey.Hall of Fame Inductee



EDDIE J.
JEREMIAH
Collegiate, Olympic and Professional
Ice Hockey Player and Coach
U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee



CLIFF THOMPSON Collegiate and Olympic Ice Hockey Player U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee

## **2017 ANNUAL AWARDS**



#### JAMES TINIRELLA

Since 2005, Tinirella has been a long-time member of the Massachusetts Hockey Officiating Staff. His passion for helping new officials and giving back to hockey is shown by his easygoing communication. As the officials' seminars have changed in format, he has taken a leadership role in developing the officials during the seminars. His abilities on and off the ice as an official and an instructor make others around him that much better.

#### MILT KAUFMAN AWARD

Presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated a dedication and commitment to youth hockey in Massachusetts through her officiating work.



#### DAVE WELLS

As the registrar for the Taunton Brewins Youth Hockey, Wells has been chosen for this award because of his dedication and commitment. Over the past four hockey seasons he has been the Brewins' registrar with impeccable records, perfect attendance and making sure coaches are all properly certified. Wells is always quick to communicate and present at all necessary meetings. He is a model registrar that is an exemplary example for Massachusetts Hockey.

#### RON & JO DIFILIPPO REGISTRAR AWARD

Presented annually to a registrar in Massachusetts Hockey who has shown the dedication and commitment to the position that was embodied for many years by Ron and Jo Diflippo.



#### CONRAD "BUDDY" LAFLEUR

LaFleur has served as Massachusetts Hockey's District 6 Director. Alongside that role, he has been the host of numerous Massachusetts Hockey's State Championship Tournaments at Olympia Ice Center (Springfield). This past 2016-2017 season, LaFleur took on five different tournaments, including the 10U (Squirt) Tier III Large with very short notice. His dedication, professionalism and support is immeasurable.

#### DUKE KUMPEL SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented annually to a member who has taken a leadership role in advancing Massachusetts Hockey.



#### JEANNINE **DONATO**

Donato founded A Head of the Game in October of 2010 after her youngest son, Nolan, suffered a concussion during a hockey game. The mission of A Head of the Game is to make ImPACT<sup>TM</sup> available to the athletes who are very susceptible to concussions. A baseline test is the key to making sure that athletes return to play only when it is safe to do so. Donato is a Resident Nurse and active Board Member at South Shore Hospital (Weymouth), promoting concussion awareness to coaches, parents, referees and athletes. Donato and her husband Ted (Harvard Men's Ice Hockey Head Coach and Massachusetts Hockey Hall of Fame Member), have four children: Ryan 21, Jack 19, Nolan 18 and Madelyn 14.

#### DR. ALAN ASHARE SAFETY AWARD

Presented annually to an individual who has made an impact in improving safety in youth hockey and athletics.





#### DAVE MOSES & TIM MCMAHON

Moses is a District 3 Director and McMahon is a District 6 Director for Massachusetts Hockey. Both have welcomed taking on more of a leadership role over the past year. After being guests at the USA Hockey's Annual Meeting, they both learned a great deal about USA Hockey Club Excellence program. They took the initiative to launch the Association Leadership Conference this season to reach out to all of Massachusetts Hockey's associations and make sure they are aware of all the resources available to take their associations to the next level.

#### MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Presented annually by the Massachusetts Hockey president to an individual(s) whose efforts are distinguished in our organization.

Mike Cheever Grow Hockey Grant



**100** 

#### **About 100 grants**

have been awarded since the license plate funds started being received

## Plates for Skates

How the Boston Bruins license plate program is driving Massachusetts Hockey initiatives to new heights



Sportsmanship Scholarship

69

scholarships

have been given out since 1996 for a total of \$124,500 to high school seniors





Communications (E-Newsletter)

Reaches

Massachusetts Hockey members every two weeks TD Bank Bruins Mini 1-0n-1



Affects
EVERY
program in
the state



Positive Coaching Alliance

20

**program subsidies** available

Try Hockey For Free

972

kids participated a Try Hockey For Free Event across 39 host sites



Massachusetts Hockey Goalie Development



Reaches ALL members



Little Bruins Learn to Play Hockey



DIFFERENT EVENTS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS





available