

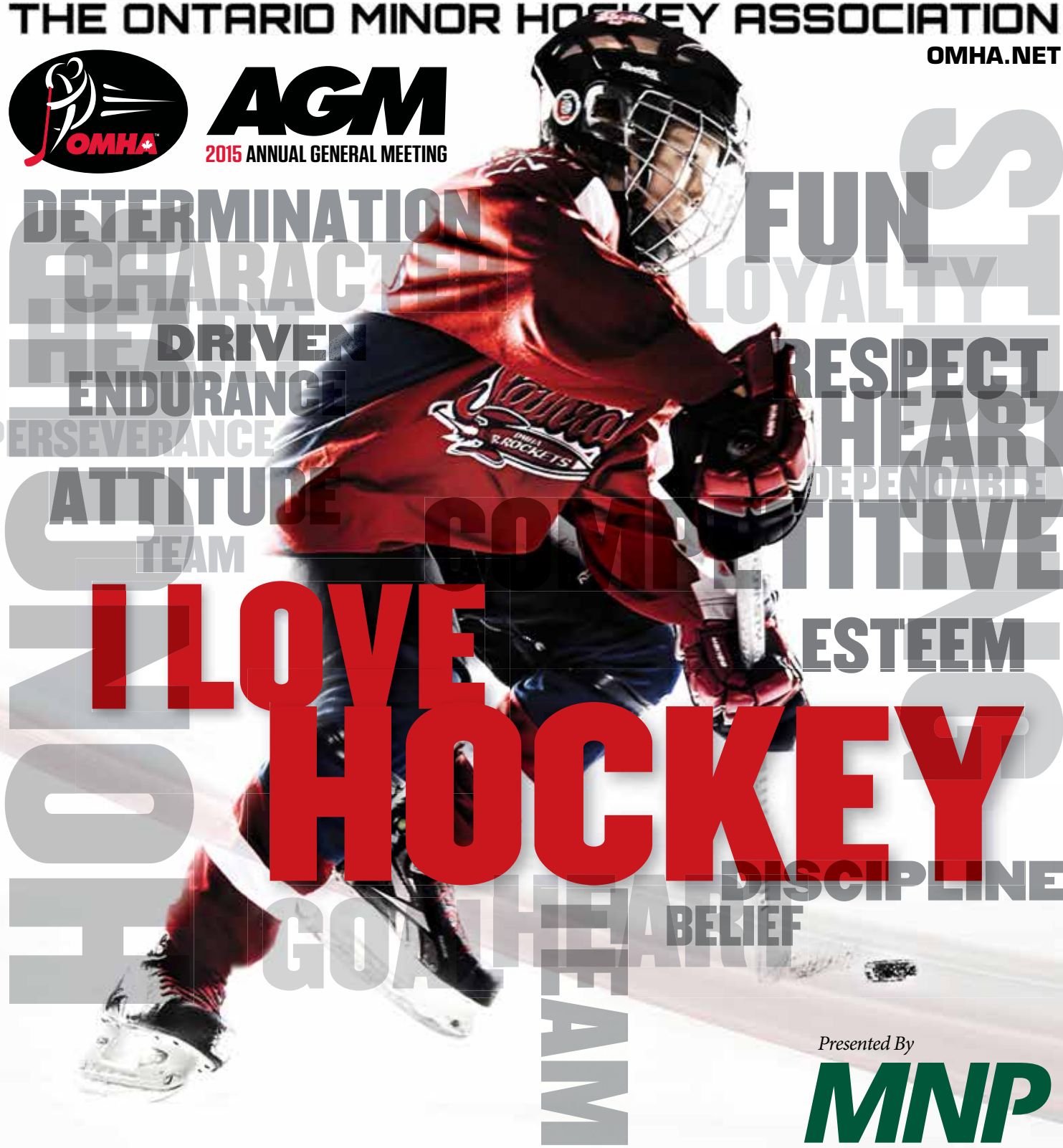
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THE 6,811 MEMBER TEAMS OF THE OMHA JOIN IN CELEBRATING 81 YEARS OF ORGANIZED HOCKEY FOR YOUTH IN ONTARIO.



FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

8:00 a.m. Wooden Sticks Golf Club

BUSINESS OF HOCKEY WORKSHOPS

Association Registrars	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Grand York Room
OMHA Development	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Oak Ridges Room
Marketing/Communications	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Oak Ridges Room
Risk Management	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Grand York Room

HOMETOWN HOCKEY CONSUMER SHOW

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sheraton Lobbies

AGM DELEGATE REGISTRATION

4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Thornhill Room

DINNER RECEPTION AND SILENT AUCTION

6:00 p.m. Grand York Room

DINNER AND AWARDS CELEBRATION

7:00 p.m. Grand York Room

EMCEE: Kevin Frankish (Host of Breakfast Television)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Tom Renney (President/CEO, Hockey Canada)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015

AGM DELEGATE REGISTRATION

7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Thornhill Room

HOMETOWN HOCKEY CONSUMER SHOW

7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Sheraton Lobbies

AGM CALL TO ORDER

9:00 a.m. **SHARP** Grand York Room

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

12:00 Noon Grand York Room

THE ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SOUVENIR PROGRAM

PRESIDENT

Rob Ring

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Richard Ropchan

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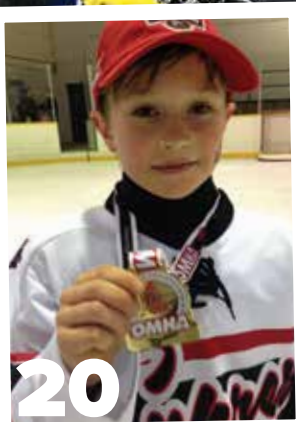
The souvenir program committee members acknowledge with sincere thanks the various teams, leagues and officials who assisted so greatly in the preparation of this program by supplying write ups and photos. Many winning teams did not submit their photos this year for publication. If your winning team's photo should have appeared this year, contact the publishers at the address above. Have your team's photo ready next year.

THE OMHA 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016. MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND.





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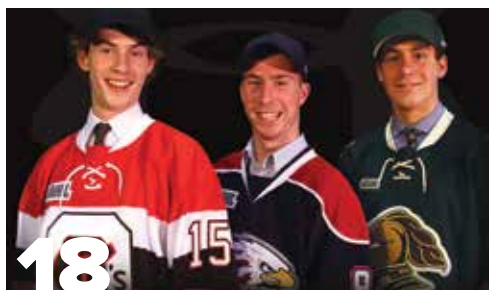
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Joel Smith Photography



WHY WE LOVE HOCKEY

SADLY THE 2014-15 MINOR HOCKEY SEASON IS IN THE BOOKS. As we look back on another great season of hockey, this issue reflects on "Why we love hockey"; I am certain almost everyone reading this can relate to the great stories shared and the passion each and every one of us have for the game.

For me, minor hockey is all about the lasting friendships I have been able to make over the many years of my involvement. I am so extremely blessed to have met so many compassionate and thoughtful people who volunteer their time for all the right reasons; I applaud each and every one of you.

I would also like to take the time to congratulate all of the OMHA league champions, whether that league was House League, Local League, MD or Rep. Each player and team official on these teams have achieved something very difficult to attain and each of you should be proud of your accomplishment. I can guarantee that you will have made lifetime memories. I always look forward to seeing all the OMHA and OHF Playdown Championship teams at the OMHA AGM participating in the "Parade of Champions" where you will receive the recognition that you deserve.

Looking back on the season we experienced another long, extremely cold winter. I hope everyone is able to enjoy some of the nice weather that optimistically we will experience during the upcoming summer months. I encourage each player to store your hockey equipment in these sunny months and participate in a summer sport such as golf, soccer, lacrosse, and baseball. Almost all of the greats of hockey, including Wayne Gretzky, will say you need to get away from hockey for a few months to get revitalized for next season.

Rob Ring
ROB RING
OMHA PRESIDENT

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



HOCKEY FOR LIFE

THIS PAST SEASON WAS ANOTHER OUTSTANDING YEAR for the Ontario Minor Hockey Association. I have had the opportunity to travel throughout the province and see our programs and initiatives in action. The OMHA should continue to be proud of its leadership and commitment to growing grassroots participation in our great game. We as an organization must be responsive to the needs of our players who are in the game for fun, fitness and friendship and who truly want the hockey for life experience.

Nothing occurs at the OMHA without the support of numerous volunteers within our associations. With their hard work and dedication, we are able to provide programming to a player participant base of over 96,000. Our passionate volunteers have unselfishly given their time and expertise as executives, convenors, ice schedulers, coaches, trainers, and team managers. The knowledge and expertise these dedicated people possess enable us to provide first class programs all season long.

It has certainly been a year I won't forget at the OMHA and one that I am extremely proud to have been part of. I would like to thank the Board of Directors who provided their time and leadership to make hockey a better game in Ontario. I am positive that the OMHA will continue to be recognized as one of the leading minor hockey organizations in Canada.

Richard Ropchan
RICHARD ROPCHAN
OMHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





2014-2015 ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): Pat Parlette, Brian Stittle, Dave Wedlake, Craig Lane, Ron Noonan, Peter Harmsen, Bob White, Paul Wilson, Tom Leathong, Dick Bennett, Sue Robinson.

MIDDLE ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): Marg Ensoll, Michele Sguigna, Cheryl Brown, Greig Baxter, Jim Kinkley, Elmer McFadden, Mike Hammond, Dave Garinger, Andy Cooke, Debbie Munn, Linda Ralf.

FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): Bill Leask, Richard Ropchan, Bill Needles, Rob Ring, Bob Hill, Frank Palmer.

**THIS PAST YEAR THE
OMHA MOURNED THE
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MEMBERS JOHN JONES
AND WAYNE PRIES**





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OR GIVE THE BEST OF THEMSELVES.”

In Memory of...

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This publication is respectfully dedicated to the memory of the many
dedicated Minor Hockey volunteers who passed away during the 2014-2015 season.
Their tremendous contributions have left a legacy upon which to build.
We are grateful for their commitment to hockey, our youth and the OMHA.



OMHA ASSOCIATIONS



THE OMHA CELEBRATES THE COMMUNITIES THAT MAKE UP **THE FABRIC OF HOMETOWN HOCKEY.** //////////////////////////////////////

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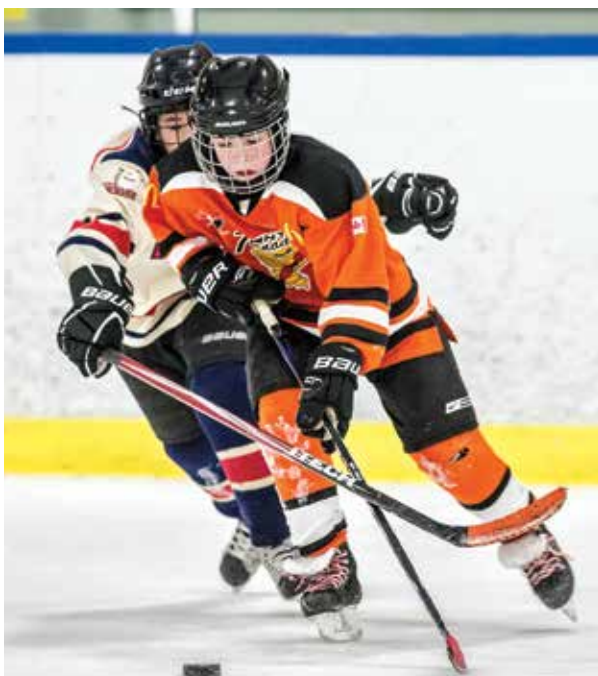
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PATRICIA HARTLEY ADMINISTRATORS AWARD

CAROL BELANGER BRADFORD MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

INVALUABLE ASSET FOR THE OMHA

Carol has served as a member of the Bradford Minor hockey Association for over ten years. She held numerous positions on the executive including Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer and BMHA - Ontario Minor Hockey Association Delegate. Carol currently holds the position of Convenor, administering the hockey programs for Minor and Major Bantam, AA, A, and A/E in the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League. Carol spends countless hours ensuring the division schedules are input, finalized and games scores updated. Carol's many years of Minor Hockey experience are an invaluable asset for the OMHA Regional Executive Members, other Convenors, Center Delegates and Ice Schedulers.



PATRICIA HARTLEY ADMINISTRATORS AWARD

The Patricia Hartley Administrators Award is given in recognition of exemplary service in the field of sports administration. This award reflects the achievements of a local executive board member or volunteer staff person who worked toward the efficient operation of an association and the betterment of hockey. Recipients of this award will be selected for outstanding leadership within their own association, commitment to their organization and overall involvement in minor hockey.

RECENT RECIPIENTS

2008
KRISTINE PERROTTA
*Dundas Minor
Hockey Association*

2009
HEATHER BLACK
*Honeywood Minor
Hockey Association*

2010
BARBARA DOWNEY
*Owen Sound
Minor Hockey Association*

2011
CARLOA PYKE
*Lincoln Minor
Hockey Association*

2012
DEAN LAPIERRE
*Windsor Minor
Hockey Association*

2013
BETH HILL
*Flesherton Minor
Hockey Association*





WALLY SCOTT BURSARY

NATHAN SCHAPER

MILTON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

AN ATHLETE, SCHOLAR AND A COACH

Nathan Schaper has played minor hockey in Milton for thirteen seasons and has served as an assistant coach for six years while officiating for three of those years. Outside of hockey, Nathan is an excellent student and has been accepted to the University of Waterloo to study Systems Design Engineering.



WALLY SCOTT BURSARY

The Wally Scott Bursary is given in recognition of outstanding commitment to community service, athletics, and academics. This bursary reflects the achievements of a young hockey player who is committed to his or her community, athletic ability, and academic achievement. Each recipient can receive up to \$2,500 towards his or her post-secondary education.

RECENT RECIPIENTS

2008

CAMERON BERKO
Coldwater Minor Hockey Association

JOSHUA BREEDYK
Port Dover Minor Hockey Association

2009

ADAM MCDOWALL
Belle River Minor Hockey Association

DILLON PARNELL
Garden City Minor Hockey Association

2010

KEVIN COOK
Ilderton Minor Hockey Association

2011

LUKE ANDERSON
York Simcoe Express

2012

DAVEY WATSON
Staples

2013

PAUL BOYADJIAN
Kincardine



➤ Nathan (right) accepts his award with Minor Hockey Foundation Ontario President, John Archibald



OMHA HONOUR AWARD

JOE BENTOLILA AURORA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

JOE AND HIS FAMILY ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN MINOR HOCKEY

Joe Bentolila has held various positions in his local minor hockey organization over the past 15 years. He started out as the trainer /manager for one of his son's tyke team. During Aurora Minor Hockey Association's AGM in 2002 they recognized Joe's energy and passion. He would take on the Fundraising Director and never looked back.

Joe was elected as the President of the Aurora Minor Hockey Association in 2003 and has held the reins of the organization ever since. Under Joe's leadership, Aurora Minor Hockey sponsors various charity events to grow minor hockey as well as his community as a whole.

It really is a "family affair", his wife, Andrea works in the hockey office and helps to keep Joe's schedule in order.

Their two boys, Josh and Jesse played their minor hockey in Aurora. Both boys referee and assist on the coaching staff of AMHA teams.

Joe has added "President" of the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League this past season to his volunteer portfolio and helped with the conception and implementation of the Lakeshore/York Simcoe Challenge, a year end competition between all category and division winners of the Lakeshore Minor Hockey Association and the York Simcoe Minor Hockey League.

Joe Bentolila is a true friend of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association who exemplifies the qualities of Ontario Minor Hockey Association - Honour Award and carries on the tradition of past recipients.

THE OMHA HONOUR AWARD

This award is set up to honour a person who has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to minor hockey for a considerable period of time, doing so of his, or her, own free will and not as part of a job or position for which they receive monetary consideration.

Any services performed by recreation directors, arena managers, etc. in performance of their duties shall not count as service in regard to this award.

The recipient of the OMHA Honour Award receives an engraved silver tray bearing his name, which he/she retains for permanent possession.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

2009
IVAN LOCKE
Oshawa Minor Hockey Association

2010
BARRY WILSON
Stirling Minor Hockey Association

2011
COLIN MCCALLUM
Delhi Minor Hockey Association

2012
DARRIN ROBERTSON
Elmvale Minor Hockey Association

2013
MURRAY SHANKS
Barrie Minor Hockey Association



➤ Joe Bentolila (right) accepts his award from OMHA Regional Executive Member, Peter Harmsen



EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENT AWARD

MARK VIMINETZ
WHITBY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

WINSTON WATSON
HUNTSVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

TWO DEDICATED RECIPIENTS IN THE INAUGURAL AWARD

Mark Viminetz of Whitby Minor Hockey was one of two recipients of the inaugural OMHA Excellence in Development Award. Immediately upon taking over the role of Development Director for Whitby MHA, Mark evaluated and implemented a fully integrated program that combined Hockey Canada's development model with Player and Coach development. This program is now a foundation for every rep team and includes a coach mentor program for each division. This has also helped the association align their skills progression, systems, bench support, dry land programming

and practice and seasonal plans.

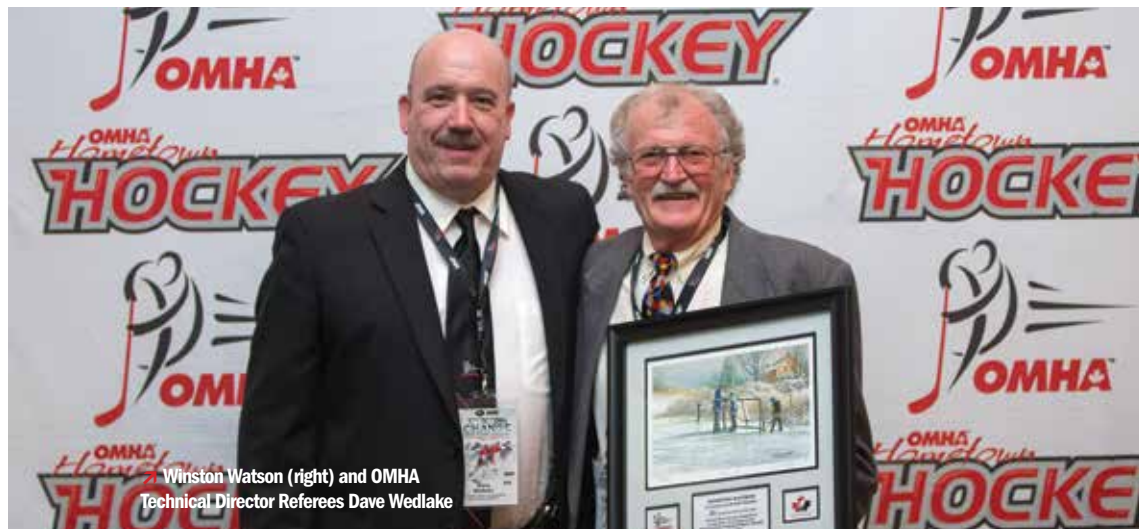
The other recipient of the OMHA Excellence in Development Award was Winston Watson of Huntsville Minor Hockey. Winston was a part of the landscape of hockey in Huntsville for more than fifteen years. As Referee Director, Winston recruited, developed and mentored young referees. He encouraged many young people to "put on the stripes". He spent many hours observing young officials, offering pointers and advice to help them understand the importance of their job.

**EXCELLENCE
IN DEVELOPMENT
AWARD**

An award established to recognize and honour individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to hockey development programming in minor hockey in the OMHA. Nominees can be from any area of hockey development, including Player development, Coaching, Officiating, Safety, and Program Administration.



➤ Mark Viminetz (right) and OMHA Technical Director - Coaches Ron Noonan



Winston Watson (right) and OMHA Technical Director Referees Dave Wedlake



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VOLUNTEER

HOCKEY'S SEVENTH PLAYER

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF HOCKEY. THEIR PASSION FOR THE SPORT SPANS COUNTLESS HOURS OF TIRELESS WORK THAT ALLOWS THE YOUTH OF THEIR COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN HOCKEY. THERE ARE MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUAL STORIES THAT COULD BE TOLD THROUGH THE THOUSANDS OF COACHES, TRAINERS, LEAGUE ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS WITHIN THE ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BUT THEY ALL SHARE A COMMON THEME OF SELFLESSNESS AND A DESIRE TO GIVE BACK. [NEXT PAGE](#)



TEER





SHAWN COOLIGAN

In 2010 the last thing Peterborough firefighter Shawn Cooligan thought about doing was volunteering to coach a Novice hockey team but now 5 years later he couldn't imagine not coaching.

It all started when his then 8 year old son Shane and his pals needed a coach in order for an AE team to get off the ground, so the 44 year old Ottawa native stepped up to the plate or shall we say onto the bench and he's never looked back. "It was at the point where

"IT WAS AT THE POINT WHERE IF I DIDN'T VOLUNTEER TO COACH THIS AGE GROUP THERE MAY HAVE NOT BEEN A TEAM, SO I DID AND IT WORKED OUT GREAT, WE WON THE OMHA CHAMPIONSHIP"

if I didn't volunteer to coach this age group there may have not been a team, so I did and it worked out great, we won the OMHA Championship and after I saw how many great connections were being made, the fun and the how much the kids improved I just got addicted to the game itself and to coaching" added the 44 year old who played select hockey in Ottawa when he was a kid.

Cooligan's story is not unusual by any means, the city of Peterborough like most hockey centres in Ontario are full of men and women who spend hundreds of hours in cold rinks each year all the while receiving nothing in terms of compensation.

For Peter Simon who wears his fair share of volunteer hockey hats there's a method to his madness. Simon is not only the coach of the Roster Select Novice Petes he also coaches a house league team and on top of



SHANNON LYNCH

that is the Convenor for the novice house league program in the PHA. "I'll be honest, for me personally if I want to complain or want something changed (as a parent) it's much easier to do it and oversee it myself" said the former High School and Jr. C player.

Like Cooligan, Simon is at the rink well before and often well after his own team has finished play. "At this young age (novice) it is tough to find volunteers to act as convenors, overseeing 92 kids and even more parents can be challenging but I've always been one to want to lead than to just sit back, I love it, I really do enjoy it. I would just say if you want to make an impact, step up and try it, if you want to get the most out of the sport for your child, you owe it to them to volunteer where and when you can" added Simon.

"IT NEVER STOPS, WINTER IS WHEN YOU GET TO ENJOY WATCHING IT AND I DO IT FOR THE KIDS, WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS IT JUST WOULDN'T RUN."

Although Cooligan and Simon both have sons who play the game and would be at the rink one way or another that's not the case for Shannon Lynch. Lynch and her husband Bruce



PETER SIMON

have no children but that hasn't stopped her from devoting close to two decades of her time to minor hockey. "I've volunteered as a team manager for almost every age group out there over the years, I think the only group I have not worked with is Major Atom for whatever reason"

Asked how many hours each winter she puts into volunteering Lynch who spent 2014/15 with the Peterborough Midget AAs

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"It's really neat now to see kids from past teams I've worked with and now they are police officers, teachers and I don't think a kid who I've had has ever passed me without saying hello. I got an email this year for the first time from one of my players himself thanking me for volunteering my time, that

team laughs and quickly points out that it's a 12 month of the year role now not just a winter position. "It never stops, winter is when you get to enjoy watching it and I do it for the kids, without volunteers it just

made me smile" said Lynch who works as a full time bookkeeper and also spends most Thursday nights and the odd Saturday as the scorekeeper at Peterborough Petes OHL games. "There's 3 seasons in our household, hockey season, lacrosse season and tax season" said Lynch who along with husband Bruce can be found at Peterborough Lakers lacrosse games in the summer working the clocks and scoresheet as well. Bruce even chips in his fair share of free time working on the PHAs website.

Despite heading to the rink a minimum of 10 times per week Lynch spends even more time away from the arena as the PHA's Registrar. "In that role you don't see the kids or the games really but I keep doing it and despite the odd parent who gets demanding it's fun. They have to remember we're all volunteers, leagues could not function without us" said Lynch.

As far as Cooligan is concerned he just wishes there was more time in the day where he could spend time preparing practice plans and coming up with ideas on how to make a difference. As it is it's not uncommon for the Acting Fire Captain to go from a 24 hour shift helping save lives straight to the rink where he continues to help shape lives. "I absolutely love working on practice plans and learning so I can pass it along to the kids" said Cooligan who also has a 2013 Major

Atom Lakeshore Championship under his belt.

It's not hard to tell his dedication has paid off for those kids he loves working with each year. Many of those AE players he had as 8 year olds have moved up to either play AAA or AA hockey in recent years. The father of two says he wouldn't want it any other way "I love it, I could not imagine not coaching, not being part of it. Just seeing the skills carryover from practice to games makes it all worth it" added Cooligan who even stepped up to coach a Juvenile team in 2014 because once again a team was in need of a volunteer Coach. Having taken that year off from coaching his son's team and going through a little coaching withdrawal it seems like he also needed them too!

PETE DALLIDAY



Pete Dalliday is the TV play by play voice of the Peterborough Petes on TV Cogeco. Prior to his duties on TV, Dalliday broadcast over 1,000 consecutive games on radio without missing a single game including the 2006 Memorial Cup. Dalliday has two kids who play hockey including 12 year old Noah who is a goalie and 8 year old Lincoln who plays Novice hockey. Dalliday is a coach with the Peterborough Hockey Association and has his Development 1 Coaching Certificate and has also attended OMHA Goalie and Small Area Games clinics in the past.



THE FUTURE IS NOW

► The next wave of Ontario Minor Hockey Association players to start on the path to hockey stardom saw their names posted during the Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection, Saturday, April 11. The OMHA has a long and recent history of developing top-rated talent for the Ontario Hockey League including 76 players selected from 22 teams this season.

Three players within the OMHA were taken in the first round of Priority Selection led by 6th overall selection, Brady Gilmour of the Quinte Red Devils, 16th overall selection Austen Keating of the Guelph Jr. Gryphons and 17th overall selection Evan Bouchard of the Oakville Rangers.

AUSTEN KEATING

KEATING MADE WAVES LAST SEASON playing as an underager for Guelph and finished the season as the leading scorer in the South Central Division of the OMHA. He is blessed with a lot of tools; high-end skill, a great shot, and a high level of hockey intelligence. What separates him from other elite level players in his age group is his drive to be better. One area where this is evident is his skating, which has improved immensely since last season. Look for him to make a splash in the Ontario Hockey League next season.

Position:	Forward
Height:	6'0"
Weight:	163
Shoots:	Left

BRADY GILMOUR



EVAN BOUCHARD

GILMOUR'S HOMETOWN OF GRAFTON, ON. is nestled just east of Cobourg. It is a beautiful spot but one of those places that if you blink when you go through it you will miss it. Seems fitting that one of the most elusive players to play in the OMHA comes from here. Gilmour is an elite-level-talent. He is a great combination of high-end skill, a very good work ethic and an extremely high hockey IQ. He was one of the most offensively gifted players in the OMHA this season and it was no surprise his name was called very early in the 2015 OHL Priority Selection.

EVAN WAS ARGUABLY THE BEST OFFENSIVE DEFENSEMAN in the entire draft class and accomplished the unheard of superfecta (for defensemen) by leading his team in goals, points, penalty minutes, and game-winning goals. Bouchard has very good skills, excellent mobility and processes the game at another level. An overlooked skill for defenseman that he does exceptionally well is the ability to get pucks on net from the point.

Position: Forward
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 160
Shoots: Left

Position: Defenceman
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 167
Shoots: Right



TYLER SEGUIN
CENTRE, DALLAS



OMHA ESSAY CONTEST

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WE ASKED TO HEAR FROM YOU AND YOU DID NOT DISAPPOINT. WE ASKED YOU WHY YOU LOVE TO PLAY HOCKEY AND YOU LET US KNOW!

Over 210 essays were submitted to the OMHA Essay Contest "I love to play hockey because" presented by Respect in Sport and we want to thank everyone for their participation. All essays were great in their own right but after hard deliberation we have awarded 5 Finalists for their fantastic essays with one of them winning the Grand Prize!



Grand Prize Winner

I love to play hockey because of my mom. The first time I played on a team, I asked my mom if she would coach my team and she said YES! She helps me be a better player, cheers for me even when I don't make a goal and screams loud when I do. She is very nice to all the other kids on the ice. We won the championship game last year and a gold medal. I love having my mom on the ice. My mom and daddy take me to watch NHL hockey games. My favourite team is Chicago Blackhawks. I spend lots of time playing hockey in the basement to be a good player. I'm not the best player but I try. Sometimes my dad comes to play with me. We get to spend time together shooting the puck. I enjoy playing hockey even when I play by myself. I have made lots of friends on the team. Sometimes we do playdates and play hockey at everyone's houses. I have 2 friends that are in my class that are also on the team. I'm happy to live in Canada because if we still lived in Texas maybe I

would not get to play hockey and my mom would not be my coach. I'm happy my parents allowed me to play on a team. Some kids do not have money to play. I'm very lucky.

Dhruv Patel

8 Years Old

Minor Oaks Hockey Association

Novice

Dhruv will receive 4 tickets to a Toronto Maple Leafs game during the 2015-2016 hockey season.

He will also receive hotel accommodations for the night and spending cash!



Finalist

I love to play hockey because... It's the reason I wake up every day, it's the best sport in the world and I will love it until the day I die! I wake up every morning with a huge smile on my face knowing that I have hockey. I burst into happiness before every game and practice and when I'm on the ice nothing else matters to me; I have no worries, all I have in my mind is, working hard every second of every shift, playing 120%, working together as a team and playing each game as if it's your last. Hockey is in my heart and will always be in there. It's an extraordinary sport that I think the world should love. I can't even

imagine where my life would be right now if there was no such thing as hockey! I've loved the sport since I was born and I'm positive I'll love it to the day I die. Around 5 weeks ago I had surgery and I was really sick. After the surgery the doctors told me I couldn't play hockey for 3 weeks. At this point I've already missed 2 weeks it was honestly the worst feeling in the world. I started balling into tears and wishing it was all a dream but about 2 weeks ago I started playing again. When I stepped on the ice for the first time it was probably the best feeling I've ever had. I was the happiest girl in the world to be playing the sport I love! I love to play the game too much to ever quit. Hockey's my passion and has taught me many things in life such as never to giving up and to follow my dreams! I love my life because I get to live with a stick in my hand, skates on my feet and a dream to achieve in my heart. I'd rather be playing hockey than be doing anything else! I love playing with my team, my team is my family and the rink is my home.

Haley Doyle

11 Years Old
Port Perry
Minor Peewee



Finalist



I love to play hockey because every season I get to see my friends and make new ones too. On and off the ice I love to play with my friends and have fun.

I love hockey because it's fun to play, I love to win and celebrate with my team.

I love hockey because I enjoy practices. Our coaches always work us hard and teach us new things so that we are ready for our next game.

I love hockey because I am a defenseman... I get assists and sometimes some goals, but I get to stop shots before they are goals.

I love hockey because it makes my body strong and my mind strong. I try to make smart choices about my life, like eating healthy and staying in shape. I also make sure my school work is done before it's time for hockey.

I love hockey because it makes me responsible. I have to pack and unpack my gear and make sure that everything is in it.

Hockey is my favourite sport and it always will be, and that's why I love it!

Kaleb Kloepfer

9 Years Old
Ingersoll
Atom



Finalist



I love to play hockey because of the way I feel when I am on the ice. I love the cold air in my face when I am skating at top speed, which also helps me cool down when I am hot. When I hear the puck deflect off the boards or hit someone's stick, I feel excited that we might have a scoring opportunity. I love the sounds from the crowd cheering us on (especially when we score) and I love hearing my parents encourage me to try harder and do my best but I especially love that hockey is a team sport which means every season I have the chance to make more friends.

Matthew Stefanutti
10 Years Old
Richmond Hill
Atom

Finalist



I love hockey because it's super fun! I love waking up at 5:30 in the morning and going to power skating, hockey practices or early games, even though I may still be super tired. I love feeling the wind blowing in my face, the cold brisk air when I play on the lake. I love the sound of my skates digging into the ice. I love playing inside arenas or outdoors in the cold, the thrill of outscoring the other team and the friendships that blooms between teammates. You can play for fun or for a competitive league but the thrill is the same! I love the work ethic, the teamwork and the respect. Nothing can replace the feeling of skating on the rink that you made in your own backyard. I love the hopes and dreams that flow through kids and teammates when you're on the ice. I love how it teaches you

never to quit no matter how far up or how far down your team is. I love how kids show heart and drive when they lace their skates and strap on their gear. I love the pride that show when we put on our jerseys for the first time every year. I love the competitiveness that develops during tryouts, the enjoyment of playing shinny on P.A. days, and when days get longer in the spring – road hockey is a must! Canada loves hockey. I love hockey. It's our sport. It's my sport!

Beckett Palmer-Stephen
11 Years Old
Kingston Area
Minor Pee wee



HOMETOWN HOCKEY EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

TEAMWORK ON AND OFF THE ICE



DUNDAS BLUES MINOR PEEWEE

The Dundas Minor Pee wee Blues spent this past hockey season volunteering their time by supporting the Dundas Legion and Veterans with poppy sales. The team spent 2 weekends during the early part of the hockey season at several local businesses selling poppies for Remembrance Day.



MARKHAM WAXERS BANTAM A

The Markham Waxers Bantam A coaching staff put a lot of emphasis on building a strong team both on and off the ice. Throughout the season the team participated in charitable events. October was Breast Cancer Awareness, where they used pink tape on their sticks and helmets. They also ran a bake sale, and handed out informational brochures with stickers. The team put on mustaches in support of Movember, and also held a Remembrance Day Ceremony before one of their games.



WHITBY WILDCATS PEEWEE AA

This season the Whitby Wildcats Pee wee AA Team took part in the 5KM Santa Shuffle run to raise money for the Salvation Army, who lends a hand to families in need during the holiday season.

The team raised over \$600, and received a trophy for raising the most money for the cause.



HESPELER SHAMROCKS MIDGET A

On November 22, 2014, the Hespeler Shamrocks Midget A team hosted the New Hamburg Huskies in a night of support for Mark Hatt, a popular physical education teacher and football coach at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School in Cambridge. Mark was diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer in February of 2014. The Shamrocks sported custom-made uniforms adorned with an eight-spoked 'H', a design that illustrated Hatt's lifelong affection for the Boston Bruins. The Huskies raised nearly \$1,500 to help the family, pushing Hespeler Minor Hockey's total contributions to over \$5,000.

Unfortunately, Mark lost his fight with cancer in March, and their community lost a wonderful teacher, mentor and friend. Support continues in Hespeler and Cambridge for Mark's wife and two young children.



EAST GWILLIMBURY EAGLES TYKE SELECT

The East Gwillimbury Eagles Tyke Select Team proved this year that even the younger hockey players can make a difference in the community. The Eagles team took part in the 7th annual EGMHA Hockey 4 Hunger Food Drive. The team worked hard going door to door, ran a silent auction and penny table to help raise funds and gather donations. In the end all their hard work paid off and they were able to collect 2,863.6 lbs in donations.



NOBLEKING MINOR PEEWEE A

On December 4th 2014 the Nobleking Minor Pee wee A hockey team prepared and served dinner to the residents of Peel Youth Village. With the help of product donors from team member's families and local businesses the team also presented each Peel Youth Village resident with a gift bag, which includes Nobleking apparel and hygiene products among other things. The team was also able to send two other large boxes of gift bags to the Peel Youth Village's sister facility Angela's place.



UXBRIDGE STARS MINOR MIDGET A

The Uxbridge Minor Midget A Stars had a busy hockey season both on and off the ice volunteering their time to help out in the community. On October 2nd the team got together at the Senior Centre in Uxbridge to serve dinner to over 200 seniors. A great time was had by all.

The following month the Uxbridge Minor Midget A Stars once again volunteered their time to be a part of the 110th Annual Toronto Santa Clause Parade.



WHITBY WILDCATS MINOR ATOM A

The Whitby A Blue and White Minor Atom teams once again embarked on a fundraising opportunity for the Boys and Girls Club in Durham that gave players along with their siblings and parents an opportunity to build their community by giving back. The initiative was called "Kids Helping Kids". During the 2014 Christmas season, the team created 8 hampers filled to the brim for families that were identified by the Club as having high needs. It was a coming together event that gave participants a chance to move past the competitive side of hockey by working together for the greater good.



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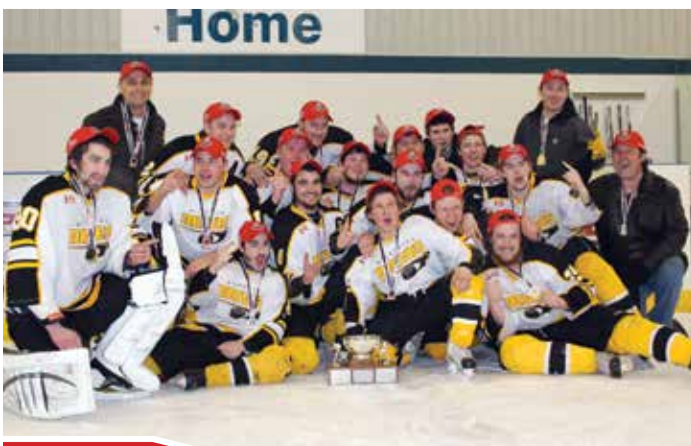
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ENNISMORE EAGLES



JUVENILE CC-C
SCHOMBERG RED WINGS



JUVENILE DD-D
MILVERTON DRIVES



MIDGET AAA
WHITBY WILDCATS



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MIDGET AA
AJAX KNIGHTS



MIDGET A
QUINTE WEST HAWKS



MIDGET BB
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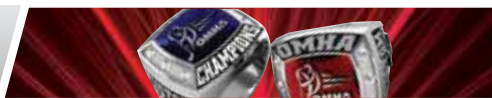
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MIDGET C
PORT DOVER PIRATES



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**MIDGET DD
DOURO DUKES**



**MIDGET AE 1
BRAMPTON 45s**



**MIDGET AE 2
AJAX KNIGHTS (WHITE)**



**MIDGET AE 3
STRATHROY JR ROCKETS**



**MIDGET AE 4&5
BLYTH-BRUSSELS CRUSADERS**



**MINOR MIDGET AAA
QUINTE RED DEVILS**



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**MINOR MIDGET AA
BURLINGTON EAGLES**



**MINOR MIDGET A
BURLINGTON EAGLES**



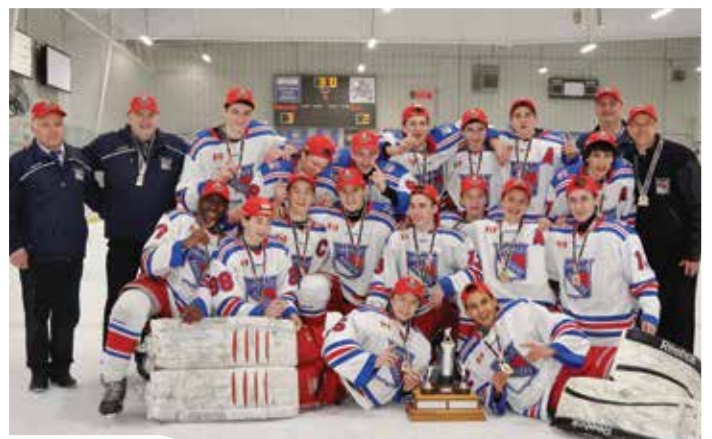
**MINOR MIDGET BB-D
COLLINGWOOD BLACKHAWKS**



**MINOR MIDGET AE 1&2
NEW TECUMSETH TORNADOS**



**BANTAM AAA
CLARINGTON TOROS**



**BANTAM AA
OAKVILLE RANGERS**



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BANTAM A
WELLAND TIGERS



BANTAM BB
DORCHESTER DRAGONS



BANTAM B
INGERSOLL EXPRESS



BANTAM CC
TAVISTOCK TITANS



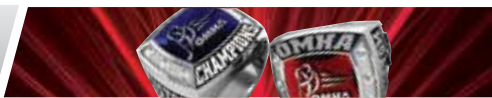
BANTAM C
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BANTAM DD
ESSA EAGLES



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**BANTAM AE 1
FLAMBOROUGH SABRES**



**BANTAM AE 2
BARRIE COLTS**



**BANTAM AE 3
PELHAM PANTHERS**



**BANTAM AE 4&5
SOUTH BRUCE MHA**



**MINOR BANTAM AAA
BARRIE COLTS**



**MINOR BANTAM AA
BARRIE COLTS**



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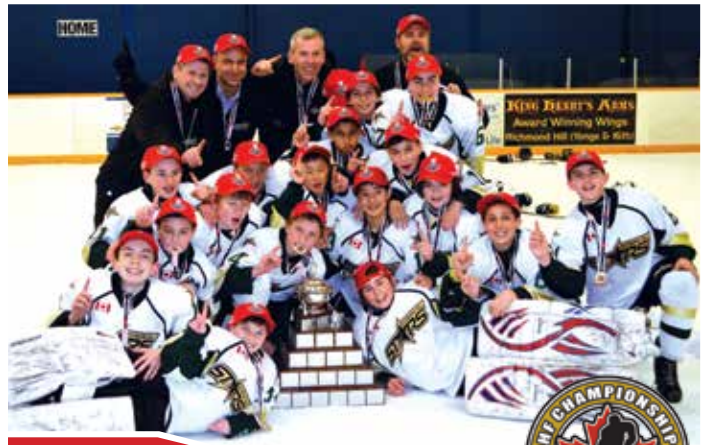
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GRIMSBY PEACH KINGS**



**MINOR BANTAM AE 1&2
BARRIE COLTS**



**PEEWEE AAA
OAKVILLE RANGERS**



**PEEWEE AA
RICHMOND HILL STARS**



**PEEWEE A
GRIMSBY PEACH KINGS**



**PEEWEE BB
DORCHESTER DRAGONS**



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**PEEWEE B
HIGHLAND STORM**



**PEEWEE CC
BANCROFT JETS**



**PEEWEE C
MARIPOSA LIGHTNING**



**PEEWEE DD
SOUTHWEST BULLETS**



**PEEWEE D
DRAYTON DEFENDERS**



**PEEWEE AE 1
ANCASTER AVALANCHE**



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**PEEWEE AE 2
BARRIE COLTS**



**PEEWEE AE 3
HUNTSVILLE OTTERS**



**PEEWEE AE 4&5
MITCHELL METEORS**



**MINOR PEEWEE AAA
OAKVILLE RANGERS**



**MINOR PEEWEE AA
BARRIE COLTS**



**MINOR PEEWEE A
UXBRIDGE STARS**



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**MINOR PEEWEE AE 1&2
AURORA TIGERS**



**ATOM AAA
QUINTE RED DEVILS**



**ATOM AA
CLARINGTON TOROS**



**ATOM A
UXBRIDGE STARS**



**ATOM BB
TILLSONBURG TORNADOES**



**ATOM B
INGERSOLL EXPRESS**



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ATOM CC
MT. FOREST RAMS



ATOM C
BURFORD COYOTES



ATOM DD
SHALLOW LAKE LAKERS



ATOM D
GRAND VALLEY TWISTERS



ATOM AE 1
WHITBY WILDCATS



ATOM AE 2
HALTON HILLS THUNDER



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**ATOM AE 3
COLLINGWOOD BLACKHAWKS**



**ATOM AE 4&5
ERIN HILLSBURGH DEVILS**



**MINOR ATOM AAA
NIAGARA NORTH STARS**



**MINOR ATOM AA
KINGSTON CANADIANS**



**MINOR ATOM A
ESSEX RAVENS**



**MINOR ATOM AE 1&2
BARRIE COLTS**



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**NOVICE AAA
HALTON HURRICANES**



**NOVICE CENTRAL AA
GEORGINA BLAZE**



**NOVICE CENTRAL A
HESPELER SHAMROCKS**



**NOVICE CENTRAL AE 1
MILTON WINTERHAWKS**



**NOVICE EAST AA
QUINTE WEST HAWKS**



**NOVICE EAST A
PORT PERRY PREDATORS**



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**NOVICE EAST BB-B
MIDLAND CENTENNIALS**



**NOVICE EAST CC-C
CENTRE HASTINGS GRIZZLIES**



**NOVICE EAST DD-D
DUNDALK STORM**



**NOVICE EAST AE 1&2&3
PETERBOROUGH PETES**



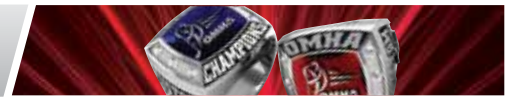
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BELLE RIVER JR CANADIENS**



**NOVICE WEST A
DUNDAS BLUES**



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**NOVICE WEST BB
DORCHESTER DRAGONS**



**NOVICE WEST B
MOUNT BRYDGES COUGARS**



**NOVICE WEST CC
TWIN CENTRE STARS**



**NOVICE WEST C
DELHI ROCKETS**



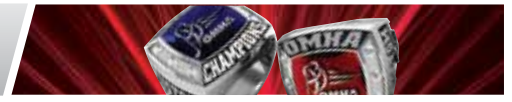
**NOVICE WEST DD
PLATTSVILLE RAGE**



**NOVICE WEST AE 1&2
WINDSOR JR. SPITFIRES**



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**NOVICE WEST AE 3&4
STRATHROY JR ROCKETS**



**NOVICE WAAA JACOBI
MITCHELL METEORS**



**NOVICE WAAA HODGES
WALLACE SABRES**



**NOVICE WAAA TWOLAN
MITCHELL METEORS**



**NOVICE WAAA MCCLURE
HANOVER FALCONS**



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