

## - 2015 F.B.A.O. Awards Night -

### Jr. Female Player of the Year

- SW – Jessica Moore
  - Jess is a very dedicated and talented player. She has a lot of knowledge of the game and has been an asset to the Juvenile Girls team throughout the year and the Windsor Devils league from a very young age. She has played many different levels of broomball participating at the Junior and Senior Provincials, as well as World's and attended the Junior Nationals playing for the Mildmay Twisted Sisters. Jessica led her team in points at the National Qualifier and Junior Provincials. She is definitely looked up to as a leader and role model for the younger girls coming through the program. She also took up coaching this year and helped the Midget Girls team who won gold.
- CW – Courtney Schnurr
  - Courtney Schnurr was an important part of the Young Guns Juvenile Girls Broomball Team. Courtney gives a 110% effort both off and on the ice. The Young Guns were a first year team with a number of first time players and Courtney was there if anyone needed help or guidance. Courtney was like a team mother as she always makes sure the players eat between games, often having and sharing food with her teammates. Courtney has played broomball for 11 years, winning numerous medals at various levels from Peewees to Juveniles. She has been to the Nationals twice, had the opportunity to play in the World's held in Japan this year, where she was named all-star defenseman, and also played with the Witches of Broom in the Senior Provincials this year. She is truly a dedicated person always showing good sportsmanship, and can be found doing volunteer work at tournaments, and watching and cheering on her friends from the stands.
- CW – Eve Reid
  - Eve is a first year peewee in the Blyth Junior program. She always tries hard regardless of if it is a practice or if it is during a game. Eve has come a long way since she started playing this game. She demonstrates good sportsmanship at all times. Congratulations Eve and keep up the good work.
- CW – Emily van Oyen
  - Emily is a key player for the Mildmay Twisted Sisters wearing the "C" for the team. She is a very smart and talented player and a good leader for the team. The Twisted Sisters qualified for the Junior Nationals this year, which were held in Manitoba, and they brought home the B side GOLD medal. Emily was selected for the 2015 First All Star line at the Juvenile Nationals. Emily also played for the Arctic Blaze Intermediate Ladies team, where they took home the Provincial Gold in Owen Sound. Emily was again chosen for the First All Star Team at the Provincials. She is a player that anyone would be lucky to have on their roster as she is a player that can dominate at any position she plays.

- CE – Kendra Dempsey
  - Kendra Dempsey has been playing for over 7 years on the Innisfil Impact teams, and is in her last year of play in Juvenile Girls. Kenny is a forward and loves to play on the physical side of the game of broomball. *She is not quite as gentle with her opponent as she is with her horses!* She is a very hard and dedicated player on the ice where she never gives up; and always supports her teammates. Kendra has the right attitude and sportsmanship that her fellow teammates have learned from. Kendra has gained vast experience while playing in the Innisfil league over the last couple of years with the Orphans Masters Men team. *She helps to keep the ole boys in line.*
- CE – Amelia Linington
  - Amy Linington has been playing for over 9 years on the Innisfil Impact teams, and is in her last year of play in Juvenile Girls. Amy has matured into a solid defenseman for the team by anticipating the play and playing with a lot of confidence. Amelia is extremely dedicated to her team and the sport while working hard through practices and games; and recruiting players to ensure her 'juvy' team had enough players. She leads her team as the captain of the team, and plays with a lot of heart, and determination every time she steps on the ice to play. Amy has gained vast experience while playing in the Innisfil league, as well as being a Pick-Up for the Coyotes Co-Ed team where she was the team's MVP at last year's Senior Provincials. Amelia also completed last fall at the Worlds in Japan with a Co-Ed team from Alaska.
- E – Gracin MacMillan
  - Gracin is a very talented player with a physical presence on the ice and can also be a great playmaker and goal scorer. She excels with Eastern Thunder and is a leader on the team. She also plays elite for Rebels and performs quite well on this team. She is very deserving of this award.
- E – Melanie Lanthier
  - Melanie has played an instrumental role in the Seaway Valley Devil's success throughout the 2014-2015 broomball season. She excelled on the ice as well as in the dressing room with her tremendous leadership skills. Melanie was a key individual on the team's power play, penalty kill, and overtime strategies throughout the season and continued to push herself every time she stepped on the ice. Her talent on the ice helped lead her team to three first place finishes at the Juvenile Qualifiers, Provincials, and Nationals. In addition to leading the team through outstanding play on the ice, she supported her teammates off the ice and played a significant role in teaching the girls the importance of teamwork, dedication and hard work, which laid the foundation for her team's success this season!

## Jr. Male Player of the Year

- CW – Dawson Hoggart
  - Dawson is a last year peewee player in the Blyth Junior program. He is always helping out new players on his team. Dawson is always playing with the ball in his spare time, to improve his already great ball control skills. Dawson is willing to play any position and he is always the first one back to help out defensively. This year Dawson has led his team in the number of assists and goals for his team. Dawson always demonstrates good sportsmanship, is ready to play, and is eager to learn new things. Keep up the good work as you move into the Bantam category next year.
  
- CW – Andrew Hamilton
  - Andrew Hamilton joined junior broomball as a Midget player to give it a try and has turned into being a very skilled player and a strong leader for the Palmerston Posse Juvenile team wearing the Captain jersey. Andrew is a very flexible player on the ice, as he willingly plays any position he is asked to play, without complaining and always giving 110%. Andrew's ability and knowledge of the sport helped the Posse team qualify for the Juvenile Nationals in Manitoba, bringing home the silver medal. He exemplifies great sportsmanship on and off the ice towards his team mates and opposing teams. After losing a teammate early on in the season, Andrew's strong leadership abilities continued. He is a respectful and positive representative for the team, which was evident during an interview aired on Global Television, where he discussed the team struggles throughout the year and how they used those challenges to face each game together as a family. Andrew also contributed to the Guess Who Elite team this year, building on his talent within the sport.
  
- CW – Kyle Seifried
  - Kyle Seifried is a player of the Kilsyth Flyers Juvenile Boys team and has been a member of this team for the last few years. He is a player that often goes unrecognized for his hard work ethic and commitment to the sport of Broomball. Kyle is a very unselfish player as he looks for the pass to set up plays and reading the game very well. Kyle was a huge asset to the Palmerston Posse team at the Juvenile Nationals held in Manitoba, being tied for overall tournament points in the Men's Division and helping the team win a National silver medal. Kyle is also an important member of the Intermediate Men's Special K team as he helped them qualify for the Senior Provincials this year. Kyle is extremely coachable and well respected by many players on the ice.

- CE – Joey Colbourne & Chris VanKessel
  - Chris VanKessel has played for 8 plus years, while Joey Colbourne has played for 5 years; and these second year Midgets have blossomed into an exceptional two-way tandem offensive threat for the Innisfil Impact Midget Boys team. Joey is the Captain with Chris being Assistant Captain on the team; and their strong leadership on and off the ice helped the team to have great success this year. They both also play a defensive role on the team; and are very coachable and hard-working individuals. Their speed and ball control are their greatest assets; however both have extremely hard shots. *Chris usually finds the back of the net for a goal, while Joey has actually hit the scoreboard a few times!* They helped to lead their team to a GOLD Medal victory at the Mildmay Junior Tournament; and followed up with a SILVER Medal at the Junior Provincials while playing seven games after an opening game loss. In addition, they both were Affiliated Players for the Juvenile Boys team at the Qualifier and Junior Provincials. *“They are certainly two peas in a pod, and great buddies!”*
- E – Ben Kealey
  - Ben is co-captain of the Valley Gamblers and has accomplished many Broomball goals in his few short years playing. In 2014-2015 Ben won gold at the Men’s World Championships in Japan with the Yellowknife Ravens, the Ontario Juvenile Qualifier, the Ontario Juvenile Provincials, and the Elite Men’s Senior Provincials. Ben has won three Juvenile National Championships and has been an all-star in the last three Nationals. Ben is a force to play against in any division he plays, but as a Juvenile he dominates with his size, his speed and his powerful shot.
- E – Liam O’Donohue
  - Liam was Captain of the Sting and helped them bounce back from a bit of a disappointing National Qualifier to challenge for the Gold at the Provincials, only to fall short in the final. The Gamblers must have liked what they saw in the swift ball handling defenseman as they added him to their Nationals roster where he helped the Gamblers to the Nationals Bronze medal in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. Liam also competed with Lacombe in the Intermediate Provincials, where they were Bronze medallists and would appear to have a bright future at the Senior level.
- SW – Kevin Campeau
  - Kevin has shown leadership and is willing to keep listening and learning more about the game. Kevin will be a leader for years to come.

## Jr. Coach of the Year

- CE – Andy Rice
  - Andy Rice started playing broomball in 2002 with the Bruins in the men's league; but eventually stopped playing a few years ago in order to focus on coaching after introducing his 3 kids to the sport. “*The Rice Man*” helps to provide leadership to these young junior athletes whom love playing for him because he keeps the sport fun for them. He has proved the balance between fun and competitiveness while co-coaching the Midget Boys players the last two years; and the success of his team can be directly attributed to the skills and leadership being instilled by Andy. He often comes off a night shift of work to coach at early Sunday morning practices. He however does NOT have a great recall for player’s names; however the players all now know their nick names [*Mr My Back Hurts, Blondie, Killer, What’s His Name, etc.*]. His Midget Boys team that consisted of 11 Boys and 4 Girls won the SILVER Medal at the Junior Provincials, after an earlier GOLD victory at the Mildmay Tournament.
- E – Jenna James
  - Jenna has completed her BTC Coaching Certification this season and put it to good work with her quiet leadership and knowledge of the game. Bringing with her a vast experience as a player at many Juvenile and Senior National events, Jenna showed great confidence and composure in leading the Seaway Valley Devils to the National Championship Gold Medal. After an opening game loss to Quebec, Jenna rallied her troops to 6 straight wins and the victory. To quote her regarding their final game, “I wasn’t the least bit nervous and knew we were going to win”. I guess she knew what she was talking about.
- SW – Shawn Sweet
  - After being an assistant coach last year, Shawn stepped in to become head coach of the midget girl’s team. At this past Jr. Provincials he saw his team come all the way back after losing their first game to win the gold medal
- CW – Manny Taylor
  - Manny coaches atom aged players as well as peewee aged players. To keep himself busy he also coaches Intermediate Ladies and he plays in the Men’s League. Manny is great with the younger players, always teaching them the basics, while always teaching them how to play as a team. His Peewee Blyth Ice Bullets played as a team while winning the Consolation round in the Junior Provincials. Manny is very dedicated to the game of Broomball and is a great asset to Blyth Junior Broomball. Thank you for all your time and efforts Manny.

- CW – Rob Christie
  - Rob Christie stepped into a coaching role this year with the Bantam Boys Kilsyth Flyers. This was a first year team, made up of mostly hockey players and several peewee aged boys. Rob guided them to a silver medal in the Mildmay Junior Tournament, which had them geared up for the Junior Provincial Tournament in Barrie. Quietly Rob helped the boys capitalize during plays at the Provincials, staying on top of the Bantam Boy winner's bracket. The boys won their first overtime game, which led them to the Provincial Gold. Rob translates what he knows about the sport from his current play on the Phantoms and his National gold medal with the Palmerston Rookies to his Bantam Boys and it is evident in their achievements. What a good role model for our young players!
  
- CW – Grant Pringle
  - Grant Pringle took on the challenge of coaching the new Young Guns Juvenile Girls team. Many of these girls were first year players and a few of them had some experience from hockey. Grant, along with Linda Thompsett, created a team that bonded and were eager to learn. The girls worked hard under Grant's guidance to develop the skills necessary to compete against more experienced teams. He did an excellent job as the girls finished fourth at the Qualifiers and again at the Junior Provincials, never giving up when behind or fighting penalties. Off the ice this team always bonded and Grant and Linda made sure each girl was on a team for the Kilsyth Family Day Tournament so no one was ever left out. Grant was involved with the original Young Guns team and this was a labour of love to bring back the team name, as well as using the original sweater and pants. Grant encourages each and every one of the girls to do their best regardless of their skill level. The dedication shown by Grant is truly appreciated.

### **Female Player of the Year**

- E – Holly Reid
  - Holly played goalie for the Mislead Mixed team and lead them to the Provincial Gold Medal and a berth at next year's Nationals. Fearless and a competitor, Holly remained composed through a first final loss and after falling behind 2-0 in the second final, held the fort the rest of the way to rally her team to victory. Holly's contribution to her team lies not only on the ice as she handles a lot of the team administrative duties as well. A job well done in a very difficult position.
  
- SW – Nikki Bergeron
  - Nikki started playing broomball at the age of four and quickly developed a passion for the sport. Just a few years later she earned accolades for her play at the Junior Provincials where she was selected tournament MVP by her peers. She has since developed into a true all star caliber player chosen not only to play for her home team at the Provincial and National level, but she was also selected on several occasions as a player for other teams participating at the Junior and Senior levels at the National Level. Her latest accomplishment was earning a silver medal at the 2015 Nationals in the Co-Ed division in Montreal.

- CW – Mel Denys
  - Mel Denys is an important member of the Witches of Broom, an Intermediate Ladies team based out of the Seaforth Broomball League. She is very aggressive and determined player on the ice, which are great qualities to bring to any team. Mel was instrumental in helping the Witches qualify for the Senior Provincials over the past few years and again the year, and in particular helping them to win the silver medal this year in Owen Sound. She was selected for the second all- star line at the Provincials. She is a young mother of one active little boy, but she still finds time with the extra jobs such as attending league meetings and helping with organization of the Seaforth Broomball Tournament.
  
- CE – Kelly Breedon-Elliott
  - Kelly Breedon-Elliott started playing Broomball long before even the cows came home! Her career to date has been well documented with her Induction into the Ontario Broomball Hall of Fame in 2003, as well as the Canadian Broomball Hall of Fame in 2012. She has competed as a top level Elite Ladies player for Barrie Satellites as well as McMillans Sand & Gravel at numerous Provincial and National events. Kelly was also named as the Central East Region’s Female Player of the Year in 1992, some 20+++ years ago. While “The Champ” is now a seasoned veteran Masters Ladies player, her skill level continues to reap rewards for her Wicked Ice team. Her solid game on defense, assisted in leading the Wicked Ice team to another GOLD Medal win this year in Owen Sound, along with her 1<sup>st</sup> All-Star Defense selection. Kelly has truly found a way to put the “OLD” in “GOLD”! Kelly also wanted to thank her team sponsors that included *Bio-Freeze, ibuprofen, Tiger Balm and the LCBO.*

### **Male Player of the Year**

- SW – Jeremy Grayer
  - Jeremy Grayer is returning to broomball after a four year absence. He played in two leagues this year to get back on track. His hard work paid off as Jeremy helped the ECBA Windsor Invasion Coed team win Silver at Provincials, and he also won a Silver Medal at Nationals with the Windsor Road Runners coed team. Great comeback season Jeremy!
  
- CW – Kyle Potter
  - Kyle is very dedicated player, who currently plays for the Phantoms Elite Men’s team. After playing in the Senior Nationals last year, he decided to play in the Elite Division this year. Kyle demonstrates a good skill level and the ability to read plays as they are developing and then responding to what he sees. When playing on special teams, he reacts quickly and efficiently, while remaining calm. Kyle is definitely a team player, giving his all when called upon. His extra efforts during the Senior Provincials was greatly appreciated as he not only played, but he was treasurer for the organizing committee. Kyle is a player that often goes unrecognized for his hard work and commitment but not this time. According to the Lenseink family, Kyle Potter should get another award for the thickest and longest beard as well as this award.

- CE – Cameron Burnley
  - Cameron Burnley started playing at a young age that included 6 years as a Peewee; however he has now graduated from the Innisfil Junior Program, and has played in the adult league for a few years. Every Sunday morning, he holds practice for his young Innisfil Peewee Team that he coaches; and he is constantly providing learning skills to these young athletes. He plays on the Coyotes Co-Ed team, and he will push his body to the limits, and beyond for his team while demonstrating sportsmanship and leadership. He's committed to his team and will put the best of the team before his own interests. This year, Cam worked hard to assemble and field a new Cam's team in the Innisfil league. Cam demonstrates a lot of flexibility on the ice, including his famous "Gumby" move at this year's Senior Provincials.
- E – Joey Kealey
  - Joey Kealey was Ottawa National's most consistent and dominant player for this past season. He was also named to the 1<sup>st</sup> line all-star team at the Provincials in Owen Sound! Joey is also a pleasure to coach and a very likeable teammate!

### **Coach of the Year**

- CW – Chad Stephens
  - This year was Chad's second year to coach the Thresher's, an Intermediate Ladies team. Chad is very skillful player as demonstrated when he plays with the Elite Men's team the Phantoms. He decided to take on the challenge of coaching a ladies team last year and to pass his knowledge of the game on to these players. Through his guidance, the Threshers have become a team to take seriously. He has the ability to acquire players with talent and then try to weave them into part of the team. Chad is developing into a very successful coach and he has successfully been developing skills required to make a top notch coach. Keep up the good work Chad, you are doing a good job.
- CW – Marg Kroes
  - Marg Kroes has been involved for many, many years both as a player and as a coach. She takes coaching very seriously, always trying to learn more at various levels. She is currently coaching Juvenile Girls. These girls hopefully know what a good role model Marg is and learn from her. Marg is a skillful player and very knowledgeable about the game. She is motivated to passing on this knowledge and providing her players with a skill level so they can be successful. Marg always displays good sportsmanship, patience, and she always provides positive encouragement to her players be they juniors or seniors. Blyth Broomball is indeed fortunate to have kind, generous and dedicated coach such as Marg.

- CE – Kelly Woodrow
  - Kelly Woodrow is the Team Official with the Rough Edge Co-Ed team. Kelly carries on the dual role while playing defense on her Co-Ed team. She has been playing the sport of broomball for years; and has taken certain satisfaction in being able to compete on this Co-Ed team with not only many friends, but her husband and oldest son as well. It has been said that she can also be that calming influence for younger and less experienced players; however she is far from being a reserved person, so don't let that deceive you. Kelly's dedication to Broomball is what the sport needs more of.
- E – Clayton Ouderkirk
  - Clayton coached both the Intermediate Men's team, Ballbroomers and the Elite Ladies team, Vipers this past season. Vipers won Eastern Regionals and finished third at Senior Provincials in Owen Sound. He took on the task of coaching the Ballbroomers for the first time this season. The Ballbroomers failed to qualify for Senior Provincials in the 2013/2014 season, but this year won Eastern Regionals and went on to go undefeated at the Senior Provincials in Owen Sound. Clayton was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Line All Star coach for the Intermediate Men's division at the 2015 Senior Provincials. Clayton's love of the sport is evident in the time he has given to sport in the past and that which he continues to give.
- SW – Marc LeCavalier
  - Marc LeCavalier has enjoyed a long coaching career in both the Junior and Senior levels. He believes that hard work, teamwork, and learning the fundamentals of broomball can bring success to a team. For the past two years, Marc has been coaching the ECBA Windsor Invasion coed team, who have earned a Silver Medal at this year's Senior Provincials. Keep up the good work Marc!
- SW – James Nolan
  - James coached the Windsor Devils Juvenile Boys team who went to Juvenile Nationals this year, and the Windsor Invasion Co-Ed team who won silver at this year's Senior Provincials. He also acquired his BTC this year, so there are certainly more years of coaching in his future!

### **Volunteer of the Year**

- CE – Margaret Ramsay
  - Margaret Ramsay has been actively involved as a "Parent" volunteer for numerous years while her son and daughter play broomball in Innisfil. This past year she took on the role of President of the Innisfil Adult League with enthusiasm; and later wondered, "what the 'H' did I get into"!! Margaret has always been committed to supporting the growth and success of the adult and Junior Programs in Innisfil. She always willingly offers her service, and takes on the required tasks at hand.

- E – Helena Lanthier
  - A lifelong commitment to the sport of Broomball and to the growth and development of many, many individual players has been a true passion for Helena. Helena’s commitment to the developing league in Russell, as well as her ongoing volunteer time at the Juvenile level of Broomball continues year after year and we suspect will always be of keen interest to her. You have been a wonderful friend, mentor and leader to many of us and we wish you the very best! We know you will continue to support Broomball for years to come and we thank your family for all the years they lent you to us!
- SW – Lisa Roehler
  - Lisa has been involved with the Windsor Devils Junior League for the past 15 years. She has been a parent-liaison and fundraiser for the juvenile teams in their program. This year she started the Windsor Rivals men’s team to keep broomball going at the adult level in Windsor. You will find her at the arena...4-5 nights per week.
- SW – Pam Bergeron
  - Pamela through many years devoted herself as a volunteer assisting in several Provincial tournaments and National tournaments working countless hours in several capacities wherever she was needed. When asked to help out at the Regional level as Treasurer she accepted the responsibility also taking on other responsibilities assisting both Junior and Senior leagues within the Region
- CW – Patti Dunsmore
  - Patti Dunsmore is a very dedicated volunteer in the Junior Broomball League. She acts as the secretary as well as being the equipment purchaser for the juniors. Patti is the parent representative for the Juvenile Team. She helps with the setting up of teams, doing all the registration forms for the Blyth Junior players for Central West. Patti is an all-round volunteer, a go-to person if there is ever trouble with anything, she is the person to talk to. She is a great help and we need more people like her. Thank you so much Patti and keep up the good work.
- CW – Linda Thompsett
  - Linda Thompsett is truly one amazing lady. She has been nicknamed the e-mail lady due to the fact if she needs information, she asks. Linda has been instrumental in getting several junior teams in the Kilsyth area involved in Broomball at various levels. If that wasn’t enough, Linda looked after the new Master’s Ladies team in the Keady area. Linda, along with others, took on the task of hosting the Senior Provincials in Owen Sound this year. Linda got all of the junior teams in the area to lend a hand as well. She is always involved in the organizing of the Kilsyth Family Day Tournament. Linda is so dedicated to the sport and always makes sure that every player and parent knows what is happening by sending out information by what else, e-mails. The Senior Nationals will be held in Owen Sound and guess who will be working to make sure they are a success? Congratulations on your efforts, they are appreciated.

- CW – Ryan Greig
  - Ryan Greig is involved in many different aspects of the broomball association from a player, to a coach, to an organizer of the Senior Provincial. More recently he along with many others, has taken on the added task of hosting the Senior Nationals in Owen Sound next year. Many years ago Ryan took on the task of forming the now Elite Men's team, the Phantoms. He is an assistant coach of the Tri County Titans, helping them along their way with a Provincial Gold last year and a Bronze this year. Ryan was a key organizer of the Senior Provincials held in Owen Sound this year, and he did an excellent job informing the community about the event and promoting it through many different ways including the media, radio and reaching out to different organizations. Keep dreaming Ryan as it is good for the game of Broomball.

### **Official of the Year**

- E – Barry Payne
  - Barry is Referee-in-Chief for the Eastern Region. He takes on the daunting task of scheduling a very few number of referees for a very large number of leagues. Barry can be seen at all of the Provincial events (Juvenile Qualifiers, Junior Provincials, Senior Provincials) and is usually assigned to the more difficult games. For the most part, Barry is an easygoing individual with a very keen and dry sense of humour. Barry has represented Ontario at both the Juvenile Nationals and Senior Nationals over the last few years and has always represented us well. Thank you Barry for your commitment to broomball in Eastern Ontario.
- SW – Dave Charter
  - Mr. Charter had another busy season reffing at the Juvenile National Qualifier, Jr Provincials and Sr. Provincials. He facilitated 2 minor and major official's clinics this year as well. Dave was also seen at most tournaments in the CW Region, as well as league play. Through hard work and dedication to reffing Dave was selected to referee at the Sr. Canadian Championships in Montreal. Congratulations on another outstanding year.
- CE – Paul Ayres
  - Paul Ayres has been officiating in the sport of Broomball within the Region for 6 years. Paul, who is married with two children, still finds time for the sport. He officiated at the Junior Provincials in Innisfil this year, as well as the Senior Provincials in Owen Sound. Paul utilizes his years of experience in an attempt to bring calm to the game. Paul is very approachable, just not on the ice! He keeps the games under control and flowing, just like he learned at "*Blind School*".