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## ONTARIO LACROSSE CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE WITH 2024 OLA AWARDS CEREMONY

TORONTO, ON – November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) celebrated the outstanding achievements of its members during the 2024 OLA Awards ceremonies, held as part of the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at White Oaks Resort & Spa in Niagara-On-The-Lake on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The ceremonies, which took place during both the OLA Awards Luncheon and the OLA Dinner Banquet, were dedicated to recognizing the exceptional accomplishments of OLA players, coaches, and volunteers. In addition, the event honoured individuals who have made significant contributions to the growth and success of the Ontario Lacrosse community.

The following awards were presented:

### 2024 Ontario Lacrosse Association Volunteer Service Awards

**PRESIDENTS' AWARD:** Presented to each nominated person upon reaching twenty (20) years of volunteer service as a member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

Sonya Crossey (Ajax), Dustin Eng (Newmarket), Ian Garrison (Courtice), Angela Morrison (Stayner), Scott Morrison (Stayner), Shelly Nobile (Huntsville), Lynn Withers (Peterborough)

**CREATOR'S GAME AWARD:** Presented to each nominated person upon reaching thirty (30) years of volunteer service as a member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

Terry Chemij (Mimico), Greg Fancett (Stayner), Jim Surphlis (Mimico)

**HERITAGE GAME AWARD:** Presented to each nominated person upon reaching forty (40) years of volunteer service as a member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

Rob Michalsky (Mimico)

**OLA GOLDEN STICK AWARD:** Presented to each nominated person upon reaching fifty (50) years of volunteer service as a member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

Bill Hutton (Ontario Lacrosse)

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## 2024 Ontario Lacrosse Association Volunteer Awards

**KEN MURRAY AWARD:** Awarded annually to the minor lacrosse volunteer whose unselfish motivations are demonstrated by the dedication of their efforts to “helping the kids.”

Danielle Carroll (Clarington Gaels)

**MERV MACKENZIE AWARD:** Awarded annually since 1959 for outstanding promotion of lacrosse in Ontario.

Rob Michalsky (Mimico Mountaineers)

**LACROSSE PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD (Thomas “Tip” Teather Trophy):** Awarded annually since 1960 for outstanding service to the sport of lacrosse.

Rick Phillips (Ontario Lacrosse)

## 2024 Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse League (OMFLL) Awards

**BOBBY ALLAN AWARD:** Awarded annually to the OMFLL Coach of the Year.

Kevin “Cubb” McNaughton (Six Nations)

**LAURIE MONTGOMERY AWARD:** Awarded annually to the volunteer whose motivations are demonstrated by their dedication and determination to promoting and bettering the sport of field lacrosse.

Michelle Falkiner (Orangeville Northmen)

**RICK “TUGGY” PASSFIELD MEMORIAL AWARD:** Awarded annually to the U13 Goaltender demonstrating the most potential in the game of field lacrosse.

Ethan Mastorakos (Whitby Warriors)

**RYAN HABER MEMORIAL AWARD:** Awarded annually to the most valuable U17 field lacrosse player.

Evan Barrett (Whitby Warriors)

**STAN COCKERTON AWARD:** Awarded annually to the U17 field lacrosse player who combines high proficiency with sportsmanship.

Easton Messina (Whitby Warriors)

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## 2024 Ontario Lacrosse Association Awards

**BILLY EVANS AWARD:** Awarded annually to the most outstanding graduating player in Junior “A”

Finlay Thomson (Mimico Mountaineers)

**CENTENNIAL AWARD:** Awarded annually to the most outstanding U22 Goaltender

Tyler Scott (St. Catharines Athletics)

**CHUCK ROWAN AWARD:** Awarded annually to the most outstanding U17 athlete

Morgan Lowe (Barrie Bombers)

**JAMIESON KUHLMANN AWARD:** Awarded annually to the most outstanding U17 athlete

Charlie Salter (West Durham)

**LARRY RUSE AWARD:** Awarded annually to the most outstanding U17 Goaltender

Cole Downey & Ty Thompson (Orangeville Northmen)

## 2024 Ontario Lacrosse Association Coach of the Year Awards

Awarded annually to the Coach whose unselfish motivations are demonstrated by the dedication of their efforts by teaching and promoting the game of Box Lacrosse as well as sportsmanship.

**ZONE 4:** Jon Westbury (Midland)

**ZONE 5:** Cheyenne Lazore (Akwesasne)

**ZONE 6:** Maureen Howson (Beaches)

**ZONE 7:** Brad Holbrough (Sarnia)

**ZONE 8:** Rob Campbell (Owen Sound)

**ZONE 9:** Doug Haine (Lincoln)

**ZONE 10:** Joe Rosa (Newmarket)

**JUNIOR “A”:** Brampton Excelsiors

**JUNIOR “B” EAST:** Orillia Kings

**JUNIOR “B” WEST:** St. Catharines Athletics

**JUNIOR “C” EAST:** Peterborough Lakers

**JUNIOR “C” WEST:** Orangeville Northmen

**MAJOR SERIES LACROSSE:** Brooklin Lacrosse Club

**SENIOR “B”:** Brooklin Merchants

**SENIOR “C”:** Georgetown Gators

**WMSL:** Whitby Rush

## 2024 National Champions

**FOUNDERS CUP CHAMPIONS:** Elora Junior “B” Mohawks

**MEREDITH CUP CHAMPIONS:** Peterborough Junior “C” Lakers

**MANN CUP CHAMPIONS:** Six Nations Chiefs



**Rick Phillips, Ontario Lacrosse**  
*2024 Lacrosse Person of the Year Award Recipient*





**Rob Michalsky, Mimico Mountaineers**  
*2024 Merv MacKenzie Award Recipient*



**Morgan Lowe, Barrie Bombers**  
*2024 Chuck Rowan Award Recipient*





**Terry Chemij, Rob Michalsky and Jim Surphlis, Mimico Mountainers**  
*2024 Heritage Game Award Recipients*



**Cole Downey & Ty Thompson, Orangeville Northmen**  
*2024 Larry Ruse Award Recipients*