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## **ONTARIO LACROSSE AGM LUNCHEON AWARDS WINNERS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

TORONTO ON – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – On Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) held its Annual Awards Luncheon at the Marriott Gateway on the Falls in Niagara Falls, ON following the Annual General Meeting of the membership. The OLA Awards Luncheon is an event to recognize Ontario Lacrosse players, coaches and referees on their success, as well as volunteers for the outstanding contributions that they make on an annual basis.

Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame President Chuck Miller acted as the Master of Ceremonies. The following awards were presented:

### **ONTARIO LACROSSE REFEREE'S ASSOCIATION AWARDS**

#### **OLRA MINOR BOX AWARD (Best Performance at a Provincial Championship)**

**Reece Clare** – Halton Hills

#### **OLRA FEMALE BOX AWARD (Best Performance at a Provincial Championship)**

**Delaney Dupon** – Owen Sound

#### **OLRA MINOR FIELD AWARD (Best Performance during the Minor Field Season)**

**Nathaniel Morrow** – Mimico

#### **OLRA YELLOW FLAG AWARD (Supporter of the Officiating Program)**

**Kent Cotton** – Orangeville

#### **OLRA JACK MANN AWARD (Officiating Performance combined with Mentorship)**

**Roger Nurse** – Hamilton

#### **OLRA TOM HUTCHINSON AWARD (Bursary for Officials in Post-Secondary Education)**

**Shelby Ludlow** – Orillia

#### **OLRA GERRY RAVARY AWARD (Dedication to Supervision)**

**Gary Ravary** – Whitby

#### **OLRA JANE ACTON AWARD (Ontario Women's Field Lacrosse Umpire Award)**

**Hanna Burnett** – Guelph

## **ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (Mann Cup – Senior “A” Box Lacrosse)**

**Peterborough Lakers** – 17<sup>th</sup> franchise Mann Cup

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (Minto Cup – Junior “A” Box Lacrosse)**

**Six Nations Arrows** – 5<sup>th</sup> franchise Minto Cup, 3<sup>rd</sup> Minto Cup in four years

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (Founders Cup – Junior “B” Box Lacrosse)**

**Orangeville Northmen** – 4<sup>th</sup> franchise Founders Cup, back-to-back champions

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (Gene Dopp Trophy – Pee Wee Box Lacrosse)**

**Team Ontario**

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (CLA Commissioners Trophy – Bantam Box Lacrosse)**

**Team Ontario**

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (Female Bantam Nationals – Bantam Female Box Lacrosse)**

**Team Ontario**

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (First Nations’ Cup – U-18 Men’s Field Lacrosse)**

**Team Ontario**

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (Ross Cup – Senior Men’s Field Lacrosse)**

**Centre-Wellington Wolves**

### **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS (Meredith Cup – Junior “C” Box Lacrosse)**

**Brantford Warriors**

## **ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION MINOR FIELD LACROSSE AWARDS**

### **OMFLL LAURIE MONTGOMERY AWARD (Dedication to Minor Field)**

**Stephanie Kuntz**

### **OMFLL TED SAWICKI AWARD (Graduating Midget Defensive Player of the Year)**

**Matthew Wright** – Oakville Hawks

### **OMFLL STAN COCKERTON AWARD (Most Sportsmanlike Graduating Midget Player)**

**Justin Sykes** – Oakville Hawks

### **OMFLL RYAN HABER AWARD (Most Valuable Midget Player)**

**Award presented by Nemur Haber & Gloria Isenburg in honour of Ryan Haber**

**Tyler Grandel** – Kawartha Lakes

### **OMFLL RICK “TUGGY” PASSFIELD AWARD (Outstanding Pee Wee Goaltender)**

**Award presented by Mike Passfield in honour of Rick Passfield**

**Austin Stephenson** – Milton Mavericks

## **ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Major Series Lacrosse)**

**Paul Day, Mike Hasen, Tracey Kelusky & Bobby Keast** – Peterborough Lakers

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Senior “B” Lacrosse)**

**Josh Briscoe, Frank Lechowski, Chet Fletcher & Reg Holinshead** – Oakville Titans

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Junior “A” Lacrosse)**

**Patrick Merrill, Bill Greer, Dean Hill & Ben Neeb** – Six Nations Arrows

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Junior “B” Lacrosse – East Division)**

**Roy Ledoux, Adam Thompson & Brandon Francis** – Akwesasne Indians

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Junior “B” Lacrosse – West Division)**

**Jeff Dowling, Will Horvatis, Derek Campbell & JJ Bryers** – Hamilton Bengals

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Junior “C” Lacrosse – East Division)**

**Jeff Sinkic, Andrew Dowdell & Luke Ringler** – Barrie Bombers

**Jason Wiswell & Paul Allman** – Whitby Warriors

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Junior “C” Lacrosse – West Division)**

**Sean O’Callaghan, Brad Hutchcraft & Don MacDonald** – Mimico Mountaineers

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Ontario Women’s Box Lacrosse)**

**Pat Pembleton** – Grand River Attack

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse)**

**Todd King** – Barrie

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Ontario U-19 Women’s Field Lacrosse)**

**Terry Bullen** – Orillia

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Ontario U-15 Women’s Field Lacrosse)**

**Tawnie Johnson** – Six Nations

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Ontario U-13 Women’s Field Lacrosse)**

**Claire Palmer** – Newmarket

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Ontario U-11 Women’s Field Lacrosse)**

**Allie Olgivie** – Kawartha

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Zone 4 Box Lacrosse)**

**Dave Marwick** – Orillia Kings

### **COACH OF THE YEAR (Zone 5 Box Lacrosse)**

**Matt Firth** – Nepean Knights

**COACH OF THE YEAR (Zone 6 Box Lacrosse)**

**Jeff Smith** – Clarington Gaels

**COACH OF THE YEAR (Zone 7 Box Lacrosse)**

**Andy Cadieux** – Sarnia Pacers

**COACH OF THE YEAR (Zone 8 Box Lacrosse)**

**Grant Thompson** – Guelph Regals

**COACH OF THE YEAR (Zone 9 Box Lacrosse)**

**Delbert (JR) Jonathan** – Simcoe Timberwolves

**COACH OF THE YEAR (Zone 10 Box Lacrosse)**

**Josh Sanderson** – Orangeville Northmen

**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION MINOR BOX AWARDS**

**CENTENNIAL AWARD (Top Intermediate Box Goaltending Pair)**

**Derek Strouds & Taylor Ford** – Whitby Warriors

**LARRY RUSE AWARD (Top Midget Box Goaltending Pair)**

**Alden Walsh & Ryan Fitzgerald** – Oakville Hawks

**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION PROMOTION AWARDS**

**OLA MEDIA RECOGNITION AWARD (Exceptional Coverage of Lacrosse)**

**Devan Mighton** – Windsor Clippers, Windsor Warlocks

**OLA PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT AWARD (Association that Promotes Lacrosse)**

**Wallaceburg Lacrosse Alliance** – Wallaceburg Griffins, Wallaceburg Red Devils

**OLA KEN MURRAY AWARD (“Helping the Kids”)**

**Brad Matthews** – Cambridge Chiefs

## **ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS**

### **OLA PRESIDENT'S AWARD (20+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Wendy Bennett** – Brampton Excelsiors / Zone 10

### **OLA PRESIDENT'S AWARD (20+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Gary Igel** – Brooklin Redmen

### **OLA PRESIDENT'S AWARD (20+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Brad MacArthur** – Green Gaels / Brooklin Redmen

### **OLA PRESIDENT'S AWARD (20+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Steve McNaught** – Newmarket Redbirds

### **OLA PRESIDENT'S AWARD (20+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Nicole Roe** – Milton Mavericks / Zone 8

### **OLA CREATOR'S GAME AWARD (30+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Mena Briscoe** – Brampton Excelsiors / Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame

### **OLA CREATOR'S GAME AWARD (30+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Lincoln Fannell** – St. Catharines Athletics

### **OLA CREATOR'S GAME AWARD (30+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Glen Flippance** – Ontario Senior Men's Field Lacrosse / Zone 9

### **OLA CREATOR'S GAME AWARD (30+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Rob Howey** – Kitchener Braves

### **OLA CREATOR'S GAME AWARD (30+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Doug Luey** – Green Gaels / Major Series Lacrosse

### **OLA CREATOR'S GAME AWARD (30+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Steve MacGregor** – Kitchener Braves

### **OLA CREATOR'S GAME AWARD (30+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Rob Michalsky** – Mimico Mountaineers

### **OLA CREATOR'S GAME AWARD (30+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Ziggy Musial** – Brampton Excelsiors / Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame

### **OLA CREATOR'S GAME AWARD (30+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Sean O'Callaghan** – Mimico Mountaineers

### **OLA CREATOR'S GAME AWARD (30+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Dora Ruch** – St. Catharines Athletics / Zone 9

**OLA HERITAGE GAME AWARD (40+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Danny Atkinson** – Mimico Mountaineers / Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame

**OLA HERITAGE GAME AWARD (40+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Marg Boldt** – Niagara Thunderhawks / Zone 9

**OLA HERITAGE GAME AWARD (40+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Barb Cormier** – Mimico Mountaineers / Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame

**OLA HERITAGE GAME AWARD (40+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Chuck Miller** – Ontario Lacrosse Association / Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame

**OLA HERITAGE GAME AWARD (40+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Dave Vernon** – Ontario Junior “B” Lacrosse League / Zone 9

**OLA HERITAGE GAME AWARD (40+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Mark Woods** – Hamilton Bengals

**OLA GOLDEN STICK AWARD (50+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Ruby Lang** – Mimico Mountaineers / Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame

**OLA GOLDEN STICK AWARD (50+ Years of Volunteer Service)**

**Dean McLeod** – Ontario Junior “A” Lacrosse League

The Ontario Lacrosse Association offers congratulations to all of the 2017 award winners, and unreserved gratitude and appreciation to the volunteers who ensure the successful operation of lacrosse in the province of Ontario.

About the Ontario Lacrosse Association:

Since 1897, the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) has been recognized as the administrative governing body which exists to improve, foster, perpetuate and govern of all levels (youth, junior and senior) and disciplines (box, field and women's field) of lacrosse in the province of Ontario.

In addition to coordinating the operation of the sport, the OLA provides informative resources, technical development programs and additional supplies for those interested in the “fastest game on two feet.” For more information, contact the Ontario Lacrosse Association at (416) 426-7066 or email [info@ontariolacrosse.com](mailto:info@ontariolacrosse.com).