



AWARDS BANQUET



2021-22 INDUCTEES

Bill Ennos, Victoria
Tom Renney, Cranbrook
Bob Nicholson, Penticton

LIFE MEMBERS

2021-22 INDUCTEE

Tom Renney

We are pleased to welcome Tom Renney as a BC Hockey Life Member. Born in Cranbrook, Tom Renney has had a profound impact on hockey in the province that dates back over 35 years. Renney was the head coach of the Trail Smoke Eaters in 1986-87 before taking over the head coaching role for the KIJHL's Columbia Valley Rockies, where he led the team to a Keystone Cup championship in 1989, a Cyclone Taylor Cup Championship in 1989, and two KIJHL championships in 1988 and 1989.

Tom was then appointed as the Provincial project coordinator with BC Hockey in 1989. He was later named the head coach of the WHL's Kamloops Blazers and claimed every accolade possible throughout his time with the club. Tom won the Dunc McCallum memorial Trophy for Coach of the Year in the 1990-91 season, the WHL Championship in 1991 and 1992, and hoisted the Memorial Cup Championship in 1992. His .714 winning percentage in his time with the Kamloops Blazers ranks as the all-time highest in Canadian Hockey League history.

Tom's career in hockey in the province did not stop there as in 1996 he was named head coach of the province's only NHL team, the Vancouver Canucks. In 2006, Tom was inducted into the BC Hockey Hall of Fame in the coaching category. He has most recently worked as the Chief Executive Officer of Hockey Canada, a role he has held since 2014. Earlier this year Tom announced his retirement from this role effective July 1, 2022. Congratulations on your retirement Tom, and congratulations on being the newest BC Hockey Life Member.

LIFE MEMBERS

2021-22 INDUCTEE

Bob Nicholson

We are pleased to welcome Bob Nicholson as a BC Hockey Life Member. After playing his minor hockey and junior hockey in Penticton, Bob was named the technical director of BC Hockey in 1979. Nicholson held this role for over a decade, with his program becoming a blueprint of an initiation model which was licensed and later used in over 50 countries around the world.

In 1990, after his time with BC Hockey, Nicholson served as the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association's vice-president, where he oversaw the new women's national program, the Canadian junior team, coaching and officiating certification, as well as marketing and events. After the success he realized in this role, Bob moved on and became the President and CEO of Hockey Canada, spending 16 years in this role which saw Canada accumulate over 70 international medals, but more importantly, under his tenure there was consistent minor hockey enrollment, with over 600,000 players being a part of minor hockey programming across the country.

Elsewhere, Bob was elected vice-president of the International Ice Hockey Federation Council in 2012, and later became the vice-chairman of Oilers Entertainment Group in 2014 before being named the Chief Executive Officer of Oilers Entertainment Group in 2015, where he oversaw the construction of Edmonton's new state-of-the-art rink and entertainment facility.

Bob has been honoured with an induction into the BC Hockey Hall of Fame in 2004, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013, a BC Sports Hall of Fame induction in 2014, an OHA Gold Stick Award in 2014, an Order of Hockey in Canada Award in 2016, and now he becomes a BC Hockey Life Member.

LIFE MEMBERS

2021-22 INDUCTEE

Bill Ennos

We are pleased to welcome Bill Ennos as a BC Hockey Life Member. Bill joined BC Hockey in 1980 and has been an integral part of the organization for the past 42 years. Bill joined as a program coordinator, and nine years after joining the organization he succeeded Bob Nicholson as Development Coordinator before taking on the role of Associate Director.

In his playing days Bill played for the Vancouver Nats of the WCHL before suiting up for the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds team, where he later took on the role of assistant coach with the program.

In 2008, Bill was recognized with BC Hockey's Life Members' Executive Award, which is presented to an amateur hockey administrator who has made an outstanding contribution to the development and growth of amateur hockey in the province.

Bill has put in countless hours with BC Hockey for many years and has been a major contributor to the growth of the game in the province. He was a leader in developing the BC Junior Olympic Program and its transition into the Best Ever Program of Excellence.

In 2014 Bill was honoured with an induction into the BC Hockey Hall of Fame in the builder's category, exemplifying just how important his impact was to the game of hockey in B.C.

In 2018, Bill received the BC Hockey Diamond Stick Award, presented to someone for showing outstanding service to hockey for a period of not less than 10 years in duration who has rendered meritorious service to BC Hockey or its member. Congratulations on becoming the newest BC Hockey Life Member Bill.

DIAMOND STICK AWARD

The BC Hockey Diamond Stick Award is awarded for outstanding service to the game for a period of not less than 10 years duration by any person in the province who has rendered meritorious service to BC Hockey or its member.

2021-22 RECIPIENTS

Frank Lento

For Fernie B.C.'s Frank Lento, his contribution to the game of Hockey in BC is immense. Frank Lento was Chair of the 2010 Bid Committee for Ice Hockey, being a driving force in bringing the 2010 Olympic Ice Hockey Competition to Rogers Arena in Vancouver.

Frank worked with the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) as the Director for Hockey Canada and was involved in NHL negotiations leading up to the league's participation in the Nagano Olympics. He has spent time on the board of directors for Hockey Canada and his impact on the game in Canada stretch further than just the borders of B.C...

He also is a past president of BC Hockey, and was inducted into the BC Hockey Hall of Fame as a builder in 2010 and is also already a BC Hockey Life Member. Frank's expertise and his ability to participate has helped make a serious difference as a volunteer throughout his many different ventures in hockey, despite spending over 40 years as a teacher and an administrator in the school district of southeast Kootenay. Frank has continually proven he is a person who will do anything for the game of hockey and the people who play it.

2021-22 RECIPIENTS

Tom Renney

Tom Renney has worked his way through the ranks of professional hockey over his more than three decades working in the sport. Starting with the Trail Smoke Eaters and moving to the Columbia Valley Rockies in the KIJHL Tom then began working with BC Hockey. After his time with the organization, he moved on to coaching the Kamloops Blazers, before starting his career in the National hockey League.

Tom Renney worked with four National Hockey League teams throughout his 18-year stint in the league assuming roles such as head coach of the Vancouver Canucks, assistant and head coach with the New York Rangers, head coach of the Edmonton Oilers, and associate coach with the Detroit Red Wings.

Renney was also an assistant and head coach with Team Canada's World Junior and men's national teams, leading them to seven medals behind the bench, including a silver medal at the 1994 Olympic Winter Games and a gold medal at the 1994 World Hockey Championships. On July 15, 2014, Tom Renney was named the Chief Executive Officer of Hockey Canada and has assumed that role ever since. He has overseen 28 medals in international competition, including nine golds.

Past Recipients of the Award

2020-21	Laurie Wishart, Victoria
2018-19	Bill Oehlhausen, Okanagan Falls
2017-18	Bill Ennos, Victoria
2014-15	Al Matthews, Victoria
2013-14	Bob Nicholson, Penticton
2011-12	Bill Greene, Armstrong

NOTE: For the years that are not listed, the award was not presented.

CHAIR OF THE BOARD AWARD

The Chair of the Board Award is awarded to an individual team, league or an association that has brought honour to BC Hockey through an outstanding humanitarian endeavor.

2021-22 RECIPIENT

Mike Rispin

Mike Rispin has been an integral part of Williams Lake Minor Hockey Association throughout his time on the William's Lake board. He has helped encourage, promote, and grow hockey in the community, with a specific growth on the female game, and over the last 10 years Williams Lake MHA has grown to be one of the strongest female programs in the province.

Although the last two and a half years have seen a fair share of challenges for everyone across the province when it comes to getting on the ice and staying on the ice, Mike has done all he can to ensure kids in Williams Lake are given the opportunity and can play the game they love. Through his time with Williams Lake Minor Hockey Association, he has always said one thing "it's all about kids on the ice."

Past Recipients of the Award

2020-21	Harold Bloomenthal, Victoria
2019-20	Dr. Bonnie Henry, Victoria
2018-19	Vancouver Pee Wee Spirit
2017-18	Fort St. John Pee Wee Flyers
2016-17	Myles Mattila, Quesnel
2015-16	Bailey Monteith, Kamloops
2014-15	Jack Edwards, Summerland
2013-14	Juan de Fuca MHA
2012-13	Sunshine Coast MHA
2011-12	Kelowna MHA

LIFE MEMBERS' EXECUTIVE AWARD

The Life Members' Executive Award is an award presented by the Life Members of BC Hockey to an amateur hockey administrator who has made an outstanding contribution to the development and growth of amateur hockey.

2021-22 RECIPIENT

Margie Moss

Margie Moss joined the Okanagan Mainline Amateur Hockey Association as their female director in 2004 and has held the role until 2021. She was the team manager of her daughter's Kamloops Minor Hockey Association team and after her daughter graduated, she took on this larger role with OMAHA so she could continue to help grow the female game in the Okanagan and across the province. Last year she became a Life Member with OMAHA.

Throughout her career she has stressed the importance of growing the female game at the association level. She has been a part of the BC Hockey Female Development committee and more recently, the BC Hockey Female Task Group.

Margie has set up multiple female development camps throughout her time working in hockey and has always has the growth of the female game at the forefront of her mind. Therefore, she has earned the 2022 Life Members' Executive Award.

Past Recipients of the Award

2020-21	Leann Smith, Cranbrook
2019-20	Gary Mizuno, Surrey
2018-19	Lee Holland, Prince George
2017-18	Karen Jacobson, Vancouver
2016-17	Not Presented
2015-16	Al Matthews, Williams Lake
2014-15	Nigel Shackles, Richmond
2013-14	Gladys Hewson, Maple Ridge
2012-13	Chuck Campbell, New Westminster
2011-12	Nonie Miyazaki, Merritt

INDIGENOUS IMPACT AND LEGACY AWARD

The award will be presented to an individual, team, league or Association that has demonstrated a commitment to increase Indigenous inclusivity and participation in the sport of hockey.

2021-22 RECIPIENTS

Joe Quewezance & Shane Gottfriedson

From 2011 to 2017 Joe Quewezance and Shane Gottfriedson served as the coaches for Team BC's male team for the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships. Joe served as the head coach while Shane was the team's assistant coach.

In 2011, the responsibility of the provincial program was transferred to I-SPARC, which appointed Joe and Shane to their roles on the coaching staff and the provincial oversight committee. The program underwent a major rebuilding process, which included a province-wide promotional campaign and the design and delivery of a multi-day provincial camp and selection process.

In 2013, under their leadership the male team won its very first national title. Over their seven-year tenure, the male program won two national championships along with one silver and two bronze medals. While the success of the male program five podium finishes in their seven-year tenure, represents the extraordinary coaching skills of Joe and Shane, it is their ability to create a positive team environment and build cohesion among a group of young players under the intense pressure of a national championship, which best embodies their leadership abilities.

Away from the rink, their roles on the provincial oversight committee were integral to the program's growth and successes. Their life-long commitment to Indigenous hockey, their lasting impact on the Team BC program, and the positive influence they have had on the players participating in the program makes them deserving recipients of BC Hockey's Indigenous Impact and Legacy Award.

Past Recipients of the Award

2020–21	Charles Ghostkeeper, Northern BC
2019–20	Nak'azdli Whut'en, Fort St. James
2018–19	Ryneld Starr, Hazelton

FRANK SPRING AWARD – MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

The Minor Hockey Association (MHA) of the Year Award is recognized by BC Hockey in honor of Frank Spring, past President and Life Member of BC Hockey. It is awarded annually to the Minor Hockey Association judged to have made an outstanding contribution to its community by providing properly organized programming where a player can learn the basic skills and the fundamentals of sound hockey.

2021-22 RECIPIENT

Kerry Park Minor Hockey

Kerry Park Minor Hockey Association is one of the smaller associations on Vancouver Island, but they have had a significant impact on-and-off the ice this season. Thanks to the demanding work of their Board and their volunteers, they were able to obtain the services of high-level coaches that helped the association reach new heights for player development.

One of the highlights of this season for Kerry Park was taking on the challenge of running the Bauer First Shift program, which helped 30 participants, the maximum number allowed for an association of their size, receive equipment, and take to the ice for six separate sessions.

On October 17, 2021, Kerry Park hosted a free skate for the girls within their association with the Shawnigan Lake School's CSSHL Female varsity team in celebration of World Girls Hockey Weekend. This event was a fantastic opportunity for the younger females that attended, but also a great chance for the older girls in attendance to provide mentorship.

Kerry Park Minor Hockey Association exceeded the expectations of a smaller association and made a significant impact on their local area and the hockey community that surrounds it.

Past Recipients of the Award

2020–21	Whitehorse MHA
2019–20	Surrey Female MHA
2018–19	Sunshine Coast MHA
2017–18	Vancouver FHA
2016–17	Mission MHA
2015–16	Fort St. John MHA
2014–15	South Okanagan MHA
2013–14	Thompson Cariboo MHA
2012–13	Kelowna MHA
2011–12	Richmond Ravens FHA

ERNIE GARE AWARD – BC HOCKEY COACH OF THE YEAR

The Coach of the Year – Ernie Gare Award is awarded to BC's top coach who shows leadership to players, demonstrates skill development and has a sound philosophy. This award is given in memory of the late Ernie Gare of Nelson, BC.

2021-22 RECIPIENT

Devon Sandvold

Devon Sandvold has been coaching for over 17 years and started coaching the U18 AA Tier 1 Central Zone Rockets in 2017. This season Devon and the Rockets capped off the regular season going undefeated (20-0-0), before following it up with a 4-0-0 record in the OMAHA playoffs to claim the District Championship. When the team arrived to the BC Hockey U18 Tier 1 Championship, their momentum continued as they went 5-0-0 in tournament play to claim the Championship banner.

Devon makes sure his players have their priorities straight, ensuring they focus on their family and schooling first and hockey second. His team is often complimented on the road for their great behaviour and the respect they show in every rink or restaurant they enter. The players and parents on the Rockets commend Devon for how much he cares about each individual player both on-and-off the ice. One of his players even said, "Having played for Devon for the last three years of my minor hockey career I can easily say they were the best years of not just hockey, but of my life."

Past Recipients of the Award

2020-21	Coty Haikonen, Gibsons
2019-20	Nigel Creightney, New Westminster
2018-19	Katie Yuris, Trail
2017-18	Ian Birnie, Victoria
2016-17	Gary Bowsher, Langley
2015-16	John Batchelor, Burnaby
2014-15	Phil Greiff, Coquitlam
2013-14	Mike Squire, Parksville
2012-13	Ken Koshey, Trail
2011-12	Eric Blais, Kelowna

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Official of the Year Award is given to an official who exemplifies dedication and support for the BC Hockey Officiating Program, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada Rules & Regulations. The recipient also combines leadership and ability, both on and off the ice.

2021-22 RECIPIENT

Grace Barlow

Grace Barlow is a product of the Prince George Minor Hockey program and had a 2021-22 season that can only be described as exceptional.

The officiating accolades for Grace include IIHF licenced opportunities at the International University Sport Federation World Games in Lausanne, and an invitation to the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship, both of which were a first for a BC Hockey female official. Nationally, Grace was assigned to the Canadian National Women's Team vs. Professional Women's Hockey Players' Association All-Stars series. Regionally and domestically, Grace officiated the U18 Female AAA Pacific Regional Championship, the BCEHL U18 Female AAA Championship Final and had an extensive playoff run through the Canada West (U Sport) women's hockey playoffs including the finals.

Grace also made her Referee debuts within BC Hockey's officiating High-Performance program at the Junior B level and was assigned as a Referee as part of the first all-female Junior A officiating crew in Canada, during a BCHL regular season game on October 17. She completed the season by officiating 22 Junior hockey games and was just recently invited to participate in the NHL Exposure Combine in Buffalo, NY this coming August.

Off the ice, Grace was a contributor to mentorship of other officials within the Female High-Performance program and served as an officiating coach at U18 T1 Female BC Hockey minor championships in Richmond. Grace is the epitome of what an exemplary official is.

Past Recipients of the Award

2020–21	Mark Pearce, North Vancouver
2019–20	Danika Kroeker, Prince George
2018–19	Brett Mackey, Cloverdale
2017–18	Ward Pateman, Kelowna
2016–17	Nathan Vanoosten, Vancouver
2015–16	Brett Iverson, Richmond
2014–15	Bevan Mills, Surrey
2013–14	Nick Bilko, Langley
2012–13	Mike Campbell, Cloverdale
2011–12	Riley Friesen, Duncan

BC HOCKEY SAFETY AWARD

The BC Hockey Safety Recognition Award is awarded annually to acknowledge outstanding service by a volunteer who has devoted their time to assist the Safety and Risk Management Program in BC Hockey.

2021–22 RECIPIENT

Anne Deitch

Anne Deitch has volunteered with Burnaby Minor Hockey Association since the early 1990s where she has held roles such as an Executive Member and Administrator. Anne was also named a Life Member with Burnaby Minor Hockey Association to honour her countless hours of work and effort she gave to the association over the years. She has been an active contributor to BC Hockey since 1999 where she acted as the Branch Safety & Risk Management Coordinator.

In 2013-14 Anne Deitch was awarded the Safety and Risk Management Award from Pacific Coast Minor Hockey Association. Anne was also presented with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013 by Premier Christy Clark which is presented in recognition of an individual's outstanding leadership and contributions to BC communities.

Anne has been a champion of gender equity and safety throughout the years for BC Hockey. The word 'no' is not in her vocabulary as she was always around to lead a program or lend support. Anne also won the Safety award in 2007 and with tonight's honour becomes the only two- time winner of an individual award in BC Hockey history.

Past Recipients of the Award

2020–21	Robyn Hucik, Sparwood
2018–19	Dr. Stu Gershman, Victoria
2015–16	Dr. Shelina Babul
2013–14	Squamish MHA

NOTE: For the years that are not listed, the award was not presented.

DEVELOPMENT AWARD – COACHING

The BC Hockey Development Award for Coaching is for service to the National Coaches Certification Program in British Columbia. The purpose of this award is to annually acknowledge outstanding service by a volunteer who has assisted in growing BC Hockey's coaching program.

2021–22 RECIPIENT

Whitney Juskiewicz

Whitney Juskiewicz is a trained Coach Evaluator and has completed nine Development 1 field evaluations throughout the 2021-22 season. She is also a trained Clinic Facilitator and throughout the year she facilitated two We Are Coaches clinics. These We Are Coaches clinics are female only, facilitated by female coaches, for female coaches.

Whitney was registered as a coach for five teams in 2021-22, including assistant coaching roles with the BCEHL's Valley West Giants U18 AAA team, Langley Minor Hockey Associations U15 A1 Tier 1 team, U13 A5 Tier 4 team, and U11 A1 team. She was also an instructor at Windsor Secondary School in the Hockey Canada Skills Academy. In the 2022-23 season she will take on an assistant coaching role with Team BC's U18 Female team ahead of the 2023 Canada Winter Games in PEI.

She holds all levels of coaching training and was selected to participate in Hockey Canada's Women's Master Coach Developer program. She was also a participant in the National Hockey League's Coaches Association's Female Coaches Development Program.

Past Recipients of the Award

2020–21	Robin Deitch, Burnaby
2019–20	Brendan Hutchinson, Smithers
2018–19	Jordan Moore, Whitehorse
2016–17	Rick Schievink, Port Alberni
2015–16	Jim Weicker, Duncan
2012–13	Dr. Peter Moyls, Kamloops

NOTE: For the years that are not listed, the award was not presented.

MIKE LANDUCCI DEVELOPMENT AWARD – OFFICIATING

The Mike Landucci Development Award – Officiating is awarded annually to the BC Hockey volunteer who demonstrates an outstanding level of leadership and mentorship to officials. This award is given in memory of the late Mike Landucci of Fort St. John.

2021–22 RECIPIENT

Cody Gessner

Cody Gessner has been an official in British Columbia since 1998. He has worked his way through minor hockey programming and became a mentor to young officials early in his career. Cody took over as Referee-In-Chief for Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association in 2016 where he still works to this day. Cody began facilitating classroom time, once a month, to help younger officials learn and master the rules of the game. He even went as far as painting a blue line along the floor of Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association's meeting room.

Cody hosts 2-3 ice times a month teaching the young officials in Nanaimo. He is usually found at one of the rinks in the association every weekend, checking in to make sure staffing is full for each game and the officials feel supported. The selflessness he shows towards the officials in his Association is why he is a worthy recipient of the Mike Landucci Development Award – Officiating.

Past Recipients of the Award

2020–21	Dan Hanoomansingh, Vancouver
2019–20	Darren Mahaffy, White Rock
2018–19	Brett Rafferty, Burnaby
2017–18	Dairobi Paul, Vancouver Female
2016–17	Shawn McCaskill, Abbotsford
2015–16	Doug Swaine, Kamloops
2014–15	Trevor Boudreau, Surrey
2013–14	Jacqui Harrison, Campbell River
2012–13	Cam MacBean, Terrace
2011–12	Casey Rodusek, Parksville

Hockey Canada Officiating Awards

Hockey Canada Most Improved

Jakin Charbanneau, Greater Vernon MHA

Hockey Canada Most Promising

Owen Lohmeier, Okanagan MHA

Hockey Canada Most Deserving

John McKenzie, Kitimat MHA

Fred Heslop Minor Hockey Week Awards

Awarded to honour BC Hockey Members who have given outstanding service and who have devoted a volunteer effort and service to a minor hockey program in British Columbia and Yukon.

Dylan Martini, Oceanside MHA

Jodie Atkinson, Dawson Creek MHA

Kurtis Lindsay, Tumbler Ridge MHA

Lori-Ann Williams, Salmon Arm MHA

Tiffany Rybachuk, Elk Valley MHA

BC Hockey Scholarships

BC Hockey Scholarships are awarded annually by the BC Hockey membership to recognize and enhance the opportunities presented when furthering one's education.

Recipients of the Scholarships

Excellence & Extraordinary Scholarship

Sage Jull, Capital Region Female MHA
& Katherine (Katie) Liu, Burnaby MHA

Jim Stirling Scholarship

Samantha Kingcott, Capital Region Female MHA

Bruce Allison Scholarship

Alex Oh, Richmond Jets MHA

Jeff Butler Scholarship

Nathan Chu, Richmond Jets MHA

Ted Hargreaves Scholarship

Esther Boelema, Greater Vancouver Comets

District Scholarships

Lower Mainland	Alicia Zhan
Okanagan	Brooke Wandler
Vancouver Island	Rory Sinden
North Central	Madigan Riplinger
West Kootenay	Nathan Medeiros
East Kootenay	Madison Roe
North East/Yukon	Alyssa Maynard

Officiating Scholarships

Andon Maynard, South Okanagan MHA

Blake Moore, Port Alberni Bombers

Bryn McColl, Vancouver Thunderbirds MHA

Ferdinand Tesang, Coquitlam MHA

Joaquin Mattick, Grand Forks MHA

Taylor Knott, Quesnel MHA

Vancouver Canucks Alumni Scholarships

Darcy Rota

Ryan Torok, Langley MHA

Willie Mitchell

Theodore St-Denis, Peninsula Panthers

Cesare Maniago

Jake Maniago, Greater Trail MHA

Dan Hamhuis

Shawn Fisher, Quesnel MHA

Doug Lidster

Mason Ouchi, Summerland Steam

BCEHL: Wilsons Transportation Scholarships

Nicholas Noren, Okanagan Rockets

Malika McDonald, Vancouver Island Seals

Telus Legacy Scholarships

Mitchell Lennox, Cariboo Cougars

Karsyn Niven, Northern Capitals

Vancouver Foundation: Yallouz/Thibeault Scholarship

Julia Clauzel, Fraser Valley Rush