

2014 BC Hockey Awards Banquet

BC Hockey announced the 2014 BC Hockey Award winners at the 95th annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre in Penticton, BC. Nine (9) awards were handed out to deserving individuals in a variety of categories. Your lower mainland award winners are :

Cam Kerr (North Vancouver) - Development Award – Female High Performance

Cam Kerr began his involvement with the Female High Performance during its inception in the early 80's and was the first person to hold the title of Female High Performance Branch Coordinator. Cam played an integral role in laying the foundation for the Female High Performance Program. His work did not go unnoticed as Hockey Canada retained him as a Regional Scout. This past February, he worked with our Olympians as part of the team staff contingent in Sochi, Russia.

Squamish Minor Hockey Association – BC Hockey Safety Award

The Squamish Minor Hockey Association made international headlines this past season when a picture of one of their arena signs went viral. Hockey is a sport we all enjoy and parents need to remember that these are kids playing and officiating and not to take it so seriously. These are kids. This is a game. Parents should cheer for everyone. The referees are human and you and your child to not play for the Canucks. Squamish Minor Hockey Association ensures all team staff have a full understanding of their safety roles through certifications, classes and scenarios. A communication flow chart was established to ensure a quick line of communication to the proper person to deal with any issue quickly.

Nick Bilko (Langley) – Official of the Year

Nick Bilko is a level 4 Referee and Linesman who is a product of the Langley Minor Hockey Association and primarily officiates in the BC Hockey Above Minor Program as a linesman in the WHL, CIS and BCHL and referee in Junior B. Nick had a successful season in 2013-2014 by being selected to officiate in several Provincial and National Championships. As a Referee at the Junior B level, Nick participated in both the Cyclone Taylor Cup and the Keystone Cup. In his capacity as a Linesman, Nick officiated the WHL Playoffs in addition to being selected as a linesman at the Royal Bank Cup in Vernon and was the lone BC representative at the CIS National Championships in Saskatoon.

Gladys Hewson (Maple Ridge) – Life Members' Award

For over 30 Years Gladys Hewson has been a volunteer with the Ridge Meadows Minor Hockey Association. Holding many positions within the Association, ranging from registrar to sitting on the Finance Committee or Discipline Committee, her continued focus has been to make hockey more affordable for families. Her primary goal has always been to have children play minor hockey. She was always there for each and every child that played minor hockey in Ridge Meadows.

Debbie Adam - Minor Hockey Week Award.

The purpose of the award is to honor 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.