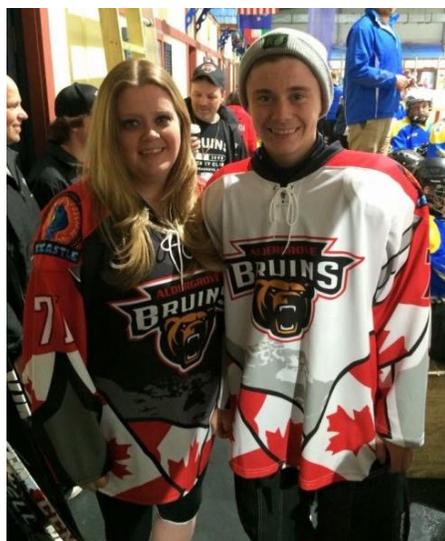




Fred Heslop Minor Hockey Week Awards



Lindsay Thorley – Aldergrove Minor Hockey Association

Nominated by: Sarah Flann

Lindsay Thorley is the most dedicated and compassionate hockey volunteer Sarah Flann has encountered in the nine (9) years she and her family started playing. She is a hard working mother of three (3) who has served on the Aldergrove Minor Hockey Association (MHA) Executive Board for several years. Aldergrove MHA is a small community and Thorley is its heart and soul. Most hockey folk inside and outside the Association know Lindsay!

Sarah first met Lindsay back in 2010 when her husband convinced her to manage the hockey team he was coaching. At the time, Lindsay was new to hockey, yet she took it on and was a natural born team manager. “Back then I didn’t know Lindsay, but when I asked her for help she didn’t hesitate and jumped right in,” said Sarah. “There was a family that had suffered a house fire and their twin daughters were clinging to life in Children’s Hospital. When I asked Lindsay if we could dedicate a game to the girls to raise money, she jumped right into it!” A pink stick game was organized and raised over \$1,200. With Lindsay’s help, the ladies reached out to other teams and Associations, challenging them to have a pink stick games as well. In the end, over \$14,000 was raised!

That year, their team was awarded with the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association President’s Award. Lindsay accepted the award on behalf of the team and moved the entire crowd to tears.

Today, Lindsay is the team managers manager and also manages two (2) hockey teams. She has developed an extensive manual for her managers and always makes time to assist them, despite some 17 hour days! At a time when many parents step back from volunteering for their teenagers’ activities, Lindsay has stepped up. When asked why she does it, it’s always the same answer; “it’s for the kids.”

She has been a driving force in Aldergrove MHA’s involvement with the Pee Wee International Hockey Tournament. In 2013, Lindsay chaired the committee and took the Aldergrove team to New Zealand. While her children are now too old to participate in the games, Lindsay is still a fantastic support system for the current committee. As a result of participating in the tournament, many children and their families have made strong friendships around the globe.

This year, Lindsay welcomed her “kiwi” son, Mason, with open arms. His family wanted him to have the “Canadian hockey experience” and without hesitation, Lindsay agreed to have Mason live in Canada with her family for a year. Mason’s Midget team is one (1) of the teams that Lindsay manages.

With having a very busy work schedule, three (3) kids, an additional “kiwi” son and many volunteer commitments, Lindsay still makes time to watch her niece, nephews and friends kids hockey games. Lindsay Thorley is the ultimate hockey mom and volunteer!

The Fred Heslop Minor Hockey Week Awards recognize five (5) individuals who have made significant contributions to BC Hockey, their Association and community. These are people who have enhanced hockey programs, gone beyond expectations and have made remarkable achievements.

The awards are named after past BC Hockey President and long-time volunteer, Fred Heslop. His involvement with BC Hockey spanned two (2) decades, serving the membership on the Executive Committee (now Board of Directors) from 1992 – 2006. The Trail, BC native served in many different roles including Officer at Large, Vice President, President and was chair of numerous committees. In 2007, BC Hockey awarded him the highest honour when he was presented with the Diamond Stick Award. Fred passed away in late 2013, leaving a legacy behind him.



Nominations for the Fred Helsop Minor Hockey Week Awards are accepted during Minor Hockey Week in January, with the recipients being announced during National Volunteer Week and recognized at the BC Hockey Annual General Meeting.

National Volunteer Week pays tribute to the millions of volunteers who share their time and talents with community organizations across the country. The week of celebration is a wonderful way to shine the spotlight on volunteers who share their time to make their community a better place.

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