



Fred Heslop Minor Hockey Week Awards



Paul Willing – Vancouver Thunderbirds and Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association

Nominated by: Pat Willing
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Paul embodies all the attributes for this award and has gone above and beyond for decades with the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association (PCAHA). He has contributed to all aspects of the game for the past 34 years. A coach/manager, committee member, executive member, Association President and an active referee, he's done it all. He has been a PCAHA League Manager for over 20 years and a PCAHA Referee Assignor for over 10 years. His involvement in the officiating program included many years as a Hockey Canada Officiating Program (HCOP) clinic instructor, three (3) years as Lower Mainland referee committee member in the 1990's and four (4) years as a BC Hockey female officiating development representative, a Branch-wide position. Paul is currently assigning officials in two (2) different leagues and is mentoring a young new assignor in the female league. He is also serving as District Referee Development Coordinator. This year, as in many past years, he is also serving as Bantam "C" League Manager in the Presidents "C" League. He has provided outstanding service to his Association, PCAHA and the Presidents "C" League. Paul has mentored not only in assigning, but in officiating, and in the role and duties of Managing Director.

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 Heslop 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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