

## Andy and Claude Cloutier

Anyone who knows the Cloutier twins know of their extreme dedication to the OHA and especially to hockey and the Chippawa RiverHawks organization.

17-years ago Andy and Claude joined the RiverHawks, jumping right into the middle of managing the equipment for the team.

Seldom seen alone, the Cloutier twins are more often than not, seen enjoying each-others company over a coffee in the arena. Their dedication to being equipment managers with the RiverHawks has been an asset that no one in the organization takes for granted. They are in the arena daily, making sure sweaters and the dressing room is ready for the next practice or game. Each away game for the past 17 seasons has been overseen by the Cloutier's who ensure that jerseys, first aid equipment, water bottles, sticks and everything else is ready to get to the opposing teams arena.

This season, the brothers are mentoring a student with Special Needs from EL Crossley Secondary School as their Assistant Game Day Equipment Manager to help build his job skills.

Andy and Claude have made many friends over the years in the Niagara Region. In any arena in the Region, during any Junior B or Junior C game, the brothers can walk into that arena and immediately someone will come over to talk to them.

In their younger days the twins played hockey for the Niagara Falls Junior B team 53-years ago to be exact. The brothers will often joke that Claude was the tough one on the ice and Andy was the peace maker.

Both of them still to this day will volunteer their time to helping out with the Al Reid Old Timers Hockey Tournament as Convenors, as well as other tournaments around the Niagara region.

Volunteers like Andy and Claude Cloutier are rare commodities. The Chippawa RiverHawks are lucky and thankful to have them behind their bench each and every night.

It gives the OHA great pleasure to present the OHA Presidents Letter to both Andy and Claude Cloutier for their many years of contribution and acts of support which have enhanced the operations of the Chippawa RiverHawks and the OHA.

I would now ask that OHA President Brent Ladds please present both Mr. Andy and Claude Cloutier with the OHA Presidents Letter. Thank you for all of your hard work.