

## WINSTON AULD

It's simple for most Canadians, hockey is our passion, it's in our hearts, flows through our veins and is constantly on our minds. The game means so much too so many of us; it's truly a staple in our daily lives.

Giving back to the game they love so much are the many men and women who volunteer their free time to ensure younger generations enjoy their time on the ice.

It is the volunteers in hockey communities throughout Canada that make the game what it is, they give Canadians something to be proud of and they do it with class, honour and pride.

Tonight's honoree's OHA career began as a player with the Stamford Junior B Bruins in 1961. Playing on that team for three seasons he was a constant call up for the Niagara Falls Flyers Junior A club.

After his junior career ended he played intermediate hockey for the Port Colborne Sailors and it was on this team where he won the OHA Championship in four games against the Forest Lakesiders in 1965.

He took on an active role with Old Timers Hockey shortly after that championship win. In 1986 he was inducted into the Old Timers Hockey Hall of Fame in Ottawa as a Builder, Coach, Player and Manager. To this day he continues to be heavily involved in Old Timers Hockey in the Niagara Region running the OHA Adult Recreation Tournament and the famous Al Reid Old Timers Hockey Tournament.

In 1985 He was invited to a meeting regarding the new Chippawa Merchants Junior C Hockey Club that was just purchased by some gentlemen interested in bringing the OHA into Chippawa. During the meeting it became apparent to everyone around the table that his hockey knowledge would prove beneficial to the organization. Believing that he was the right man for the job, the ownership immediately made him the team's General Manager and recruiter, titles he held for the past 25 years.

Since 1985 he has also sat on the Chippawa Board of Directors and has been active in fundraising every year for the team. Ownership changed over the years and the Merchants became the Riverhawks, but he continued year in and year out with the organization, dedicating himself to the team and the community of Chippawa. In 2001, his Riverhawks became the Schmalz Cup champions which they won in five games against the Belle River Canadians.

This season he has taken on a different role with the team as the clubs Vice President of Hockey Operations. Still in the arena daily, his new title has not changed his outlook or dedication to the Chippawa Riverhawks organization.

Happily married to the love of his life Elaine for 47 years he credits her for putting up with his other love, hockey. The two of them raised three children together and now enjoy spending time with their nine grandchildren.

Tonight it gives the OHA great pleasure to honour Winston Auld in recognition of his many years of personal sacrifice and dedication to the OHA and the Chippawa Junior Hockey Club.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please join us in recognizing a great friend and contributor to hockey within this area, the OHA and the Niagara Region.

I would ask OHA President Brent Ladds, OHA Board of Directors Member Lyle Killens and Niagara District Hockey League Jr C Convenor Ron Park to please step forward and present the OHA Crystal Puck Award to Mr. Winston Auld. Thank you Winston for everything that you've done for the game and the Association.