**WKMHA Award Recipients 2019/2020**

At the conclusion of each season WKMHA hosts an Award Ceremony in the month of June to recognize deserving individuals for their efforts during the season

Award recipients and their families are traditionally invited to attend a ceremony that includes award presentation, refreshments and door prizes

Unfortunately, for the 2019/2020 season, WKMHA is unable to host the Award Ceremony due to COVID-19 restrictions

**All Award Recipients** will have a plaque with their name on it available for pick up in the WKMHA office once we are able to reopen to the public

We would like to congratulate the following Award Recipients:

**Lenore Hewlett Award** – This award is named after Lenore Hewlett, who ran the concession for many years alongside Bonnie Michie. She was at the concession when Westside MHA was formed. This award is presentedfor service and dedication to West Kelowna Minor Hockey.

This year the Lenore Hewlett Award is presented to **Theresa Stewart**

**Ian Snow Memorial Trophy** – This award is in memory of Ian Snow. Ian was a goalie, goalie coach, teacher and a member of Westside MHA executive. He passed away of cancer. This award is given to the goalie who best exhibits skill and sportsmanship at the Pee Wee Rep (Tier 2) Level

This year the Ian Snow Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Elijah Henson**

**Chad Ochitwa Award**

 This award is in memory of Chad Ochitwa, who passed away in a car accident on his way to a hockey game. This award isgiven to the best defenseman in the Pee Wee Rep (Tier 2) Level

This year the Chad Ochitwa Award is awarded to **Kaden Woodcox**

**Jonathan Neitsch Memorial Trophy**

While Jonathan’s time with us was far too short, he left a lasting mark on our community and everyone he touched.

When he was only four years old, Jon was diagnosed with cancer. After a major operation and months of treatment, he began playing hockey as a six-year old, following in the footsteps of his lifelong hero, and big brother, James.

His coaches and teammates remember Jon for his polite and caring nature. Even at a young age, he showed a level of maturity and determination well beyond his years. Jon was not the biggest or the most vocal player in the dressing room, but he grew to be the most respected. And more often than not, Jon was the “go-to-guy” when his team was down a goal.

Jonathan enjoyed life to the fullest and was cancer free until, unexpectedly, it returned when he was 13. But that’s also when the real fighter in Jon emerged. Through all his operations and treatments, major surgery in New York and countless trips to Vancouver, Jon showed us what true courage, kindness, humility and grace are all about.

Our community united together in support of Jon and his family by hosting “Faceoff for a Friend.” On August 19, 2007, a full house watched as current and NHL stars played alongside many local junior players in the first event ever to take place in Royal LePage Place.

One of Jonathan’s proudest moments came on January 25, 2010, when he carried the Olympic torch in the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay. He later asked that the torch be shared with everyone in the community to inspire others as it did him. He also wanted everyone to know how much he and his family appreciated the thoughts, prayers and support given by so many.

Jonathan Alford Neitsch is survived by his loving parents, Alford and Margaret, and by older siblings, James and Katelyn.

This award is given to the player with the most passion and desire to succeed despite all odds, at the Bantam Tier 2 Level

This year the Jonathan Neitsch Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Noah Weir**

**Chuck Parr Memorial Trophy**

Chuck played hockey as a goalie for many years in the Ottawa area and after moving to Westbank in 2001 played in numerous leagues in the Kelowna area.

He loved the game and camaraderie associated with the sport. It is the wish of his family that the generous contributions from family and friends go towards helping young players develop and nurture their passion for hockey similar to that which Chuck enjoyed most of his life.  This trophy is now part of his legacy. This award is given to the goalie who best exhibits skill and sportsmanship at the Bantam Rep (Tier 2) Level –

 This year the Chuck Parr Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Jacob Jeffrey**

**Simran Sahota Memorial Trophy** – This award is in memory of Simran Sahota. Simran was a member of Westside MHA for 12 years, playing hockey, coaching and officiating. He loved to help others, and played hockey to “have fun”. The Simran Sahota Memorial Fund was also set up by Simran’s family, to support new players to Westside MHA requiring financial assistance. This award is presented to the best all round defenseman at Midget Rep (Tier 2) Level –

This year the Simran Sahota Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Shane Whitley**

**TEAM AWARDS FOR BANNER WINNERS**

Every year OMAHA presents banners to the league winners and the playoff winners. League winners (and 2nd place in league in Midget and Bantam) attend the OMAHA District Championships. This year WKMHA had 1 banner winning team!

Atom Development C with Head Coach Bill Burden finished the season with 3 tournament wins, finished 1st in league play and won the League Playoff Banner. Congratulations to the players and bench staff on a terrific season!

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**Team Awards for Most Dedicated, Most Improved and Most Sportsmanlike players from each division:**

**Atom Recreation:**

**Most Dedicated**

Team #1 - William Marshall

Team #2 - Connor Rositch

Team #3 - Nate Steele

Team #4 - Nico Giusto

**Most Improved**

 Team #1 - Grady Cochrane

 Team #2- Connor Vaudry

 Team #3 –-Vaulten Anthony

 Team #4- Sam Murdock

**Most Sportsmanlike**

 Team #1 - Connor Scheidl

 Team #2 - Makena Sawyer

 Team #3 - Jayden Spaeth

 Team #4 - Rylund Coldwell

**Atom Development A:**

Most Dedicated – Max Heg

Most Improved – Nolan Williams

Most Sportsmanlike –Nathan Royan

**Atom Development C:**

Most Dedicated - Cash Liddicoat

Most Improved - Eric Wagner

Most Sportsmanlike - Ethan Deadmarsh

**Pee Wee Recreation:**

**Most Dedicated**

 Team #1 - Jaden Thompson

 Team #2 - Cohen Vodarek

 Team #3 - Brody Goodwin

**Most Improved**

Team #1 - Tiernen Pillipow

Team #2 - Kaden Gramlich

Team #3 - Kyler Barry

**Most Sportsmanlike**

 Team #1 - Sam Weir

 Team #2 - Logan McLean

 Team #3 - Wyatt Hall

**Pee Wee Tier 3:**

Most Dedicated - Dylan Bell

Most Improved - Cody Wilson

Most Sportsmanlike - Parker Davis

**Pee Wee Tier 2:**

Most Dedicated - Charlie Grant

Most Improved – Mackenzie Edwards

Most Sportsmanlike – Delainey Walton

**Bantam Recreation:**

**Most Dedicated**

Team #1 – Tait Carter

 Team #2 – Tyson Cartlidge

 Team #3- Alec Wark

**Most Improved**

 Team #1 - Alex Dawson

 Team #2 - Thomas Matter

 Team #3 - Rogan Sweeney

**Most Sportsmanlike**

 Team #1 – William Scott

 Team #2 – Dylan George

 Team #3 – Onno Reuvers

**Bantam Tier 3:**

Most Dedicated – Kaden Clegg

Most Improved – William Brown

Most Sportsmanlike – Tye Fleming

**Bantam Tier 2:**

Most Dedicated – Ethan Rishaug

Most Improved – Jack Bouck

Most Sportsmanlike – Brayden Mandau

**Midget Recreation:**

**Most Dedicated**

 Team #1 – Daylen Weder

 Team #2 – Ethan Daoust

**Most Improved**

Team #1 – Dylan Smith

Team #2 – Connor Luchka

**Most Sportsmanlike**

Team #1 – Connor Martens

Team #2 – Alex Dawson

**Midget Tier 3:**

Most Dedicated – Kale Mistal

Most Improved – Hunter Tse

Most Sportsmanlike – Lukas Neigel

**Midget Tier 2:**

Most Dedicated – Ren Dollovoet

Most Improved – Timothy Nickson

Most Sportsmanlike – Austin Jeffrey

**3rd Year Midget Recognition**

At this time we would like to recognize all of our 3rd year midget players who are moving on from minor hockey.

**Midget Recreation:**

Josh Berg Ethan Daoust

Tye Dollovoet Nicholas Gowing

Connor Martens Addison Poulsen

Colby Thomas

**Midget Rep:**

Sam Dixon Ren Dollovoet

Chase Eising Matthieu Gaucher

Jaxon Gibbings Brydan Jackson

Kale Mistal Liam Stewart

Ethan Thygesen

Congrats guys! We wish you all the best and hope to continue to see you at the rink!

**COBBS Announcement**

Each year West Kelowna Minor Hockey awards two $400 bursaries through COBBS (Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society). Grade 12 students apply for these bursaries at their high school and the presentations are made at the student’s graduation ceremony.

This year’s winners are **Sam Dixon and Colby Thomas**

**Officials Awards:**

**Bill Wylie Memorial** – This award is in memory of Bill Wylie who passed away in a tragic car accident while returning home from officiating a Kootenay International Junior Hockey League. Bill was the Referee in Chief for WMHA from 1999-2002. Bill began his hockey career at the age of 5 then traded his stick in for a whistle in 1993. Bill was passionate about his work, helped the younger officials and his ultimate goal was to officiate in the NHL. This award is presented to the official who has shown dedication to the game of hockey, support for fellow referees & true passion for his/her position as referee –

This year the Bill Wylie Memorial Trophy is awarded to **Kevin Watters**

**Most Promising Official** – Awarded to the official who demonstrates a willingness to learn and improve the skills of an official and who shows poise and control under pressure – **Liam Loewen**

**Most Improved Official** – Awarded to the official who demonstrates an overall improvement over last year in positioning, signals, skating ability, penalty call selection and judgment – **Grace Munson**

 **Rep Coach of the Year**

James Eccles- Peewee Tier 2 Head Coach

**House Coach of the Year**

Shawn Cartlidge- Bantam Recreation Team 2 Head Coach

**Initiation/Novice Coach of the Year**

Jason Hromadnik- Novice Team 2 Head Coach