

Association Volunteer of the Year 2021-22 SEASON



TONY HARVIE

During Tony's term as President of BVHS, he facilitated a boundary change and dealt with 2 years of Covid restrictions, refunds, etc. Tony did a fantastic job keeping the association on track and is a well-respected member of Bow Valley.



PAM VEGA

Pam Vega started out as a trainer in the 90's with the CBHA and is now on the Board of Directors. She is part of the Executive as well as a team Director and Equipment Coordinator. With the increase in teams, Pam had her patience and organization in check to outfit all members while keeping tabs on her own team. With the new teams came many questions and more time spent at the rink. We want to thank Pam for what she does for the CBHA, she is a true team player and a dedicated volunteer!

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CLAUDIA DOUGLAS

It has been a pleasure for our Board of Directors and our Administrator to work with Claudia for the 21/22 season! Claudia is a champion for our association and our hockey community. She is a positive contributor on our social media and in our managers TeamSnap chat. When our equipment room opened to give jerseys away, she jumped right in line to get jerseys for all of her team parents to wear at games!

The manager's job is not always an easy one and this season our managers were given an extra challenge when asked to learn, implement, and follow the new Covid Protocol. Claudia was diligent in making sure her team was following the protocol safety and doing everything they could to keep the kids on the ice!

The glowing nominations we received for Claudia showcase the positive impact she had on her team this season:

- Claudia has gone over the top with her communication to the team, her commitment to providing the team with the best season and experiences she could create and her unwavering support to helping out our fellow teammate after going through a tragic experience.
- Claudia often checks in with our families individually to see how they are doing when she knows there are personal family struggles occurring or when players have been stuck at home due to quarantine requirements. Claudia has been friendly, personable and supportive towards all the players and family members throughout the season.
- I don't think I could fully write out how she has continued to be the backbone of our team over the last 7 months. She has always ensured the kids had what they needed, created memories that will stick with us forever as a family and as a team and cultivated a group of families who are supportive, helpful and caring toward one another.
- Claudia Douglas has been truly amazing, a great person to get to know and I am very thankful she agreed to be our Team Manager.
- I can not speak enough about Claudia Douglas as the U9 3 Gold as the most outstanding team manger we've ever had. She has done the most amazing job representing Blackfoot and helping lead and take care of every family on our team

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JODIE BALDWIN

Jodie has been a member of our Board for two years, and before that she was an Age Group Coordinator, Tournament Coordinator, Manager, you name it. She was incredible this year, overseeing practically all off-ice operations for 50+ Community teams while also juggling volunteers, special events, equipment, apparel and now hosting the U13 Female B Provincials



CHRIS HALL

The Crowfoot Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our volunteer of the year for the 2021/22 season is **Chris Hall**. Chris has a dedication and commitment towards Crowfoot that is outstanding and multi-faceted. In the last five seasons he has been instrumental as an Age Division Coordinator for our Bantam/Midget/U18 teams. His leadership during the Evaluation process then extends to reffing and mentoring young referees for this and any age group as needed. He is Crowfoot Hockey's IT expert who oversees daily operations and runs our virtual AGMs. He created an internal live stream video system for CMHA during the 2021 Evaluations as we managed COVID restrictions. His coaching resume is also extensive. From a 2010 start in Timbits, he has coached his three boys at every age division, rostered 19 times. Thank you Chris for all that you put into Crowfoot Minor Hockey, you are appreciated.

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The Glenlake Minor Hockey Club is proud to nominate Tara Holmes as the Hockey Calgary Volunteer of the Year for the 2021-2022 season.

Tara came onto our board in 2019 with a focus on health and safety. She was instrumental in setting up and communicating the concussion presentation by Dr. Adam Kirton, throughout our organization.

As we began planning for the 2021-2022 hockey season, it was agreed that our goal was to give the kids as normal a season as possible. A huge part of making that happen was accomplished by Tara. It has been Tara's tireless efforts leading up to and throughout the season, at times under extremely tight deadlines, that were instrumental in helping us accomplish this goal. Tara worked closely with Hockey Calgary, our executive, administration, and membership to understand, implement and execute policies, regarding an often-polarizing topic, that helped the children have a great year. She was in constant communication with our parents, coaches and managers, other associations, and Hockey Calgary to ensure that information and clarification was provided on a timely basis.

We are grateful for Tara's contributions to Hockey in 2021-2022 and reiterate our desire to acknowledge her as the Hockey Calgary Volunteer of the Year.

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JULIE IVEY

Julie has been an integral volunteer for the NWCAA this season. Her commitment to the sport and players does not go unnoticed. Julie's passion for helping others and respectful demeanor have left lasting impressions on those she has supported this season.



MARCO COLONNA

Marco Colonna has been a long-time member of the BRBHA Board of Directors and has volunteered in various positions at Bow River since his two boys started playing hockey. Over the past several years, Marco has been the only Board member who has actively gone out and sought large sponsorship deals for Bow River. He has pitched a partnership with Bow River to numerous local businesses and successfully obtained a local storage facility contract. His efforts have saved Bow River thousands of dollars. Marco has spent countless hours volunteering with goalie evaluations and committees. Marco helped coordinate in-person and ultimately virtual goalie coach and player training last season. He has helped arrange goalie summer camps and in-season clinics. Marco has volunteered his time to oversee our Bow River jerseys. Almost every year, it seems, Marco has some new and exciting ideas for the jerseys. The logos we currently wear are entirely the result of Marco's efforts. The younger Bow River kids won't know this, but there has been a long-standing tradition of some U18 teams purchasing a 3rd jersey. Every year Marco has come up with some new look for these jerseys.

Marco helped source a volunteer coach who has come into Bow River and taken on a head coach role with our U18 BC1 team for the past several seasons. In addition, this past season, we struggled to find a parent willing/able to step up for one of our U11 teams, and Marco went out and tracked down another volunteer who has come into Bow River to HC the team. Marco has actively helped create a Bow River volunteer spirit legacy even from individuals who previously had no Bow River connections.

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BRUCE SWAN

Knights Hockey Club would like to nominate Bruce Swan for the Hockey Calgary 2021-22 Volunteer of the year. Bruce Swan is the Vice President On Ice at Knights Hockey Club. Bruce has volunteered in minor hockey in various roles for over the past 15 years such as, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Age Group Coordinator, Director, VP and President. Throughout this season Bruce has gone above and beyond what is expected of a volunteer. Starting back in late August prior to the season starting Bruce helped to coordinate and attended the KHC Development Camps and U11 Pathway Skates. Bruce played a huge part in implementing guidelines to provide a Covid-19 safe environment for our players, coaches and volunteers during evaluations and moving into the regular season. Moving in September there wasn't a day you didn't see Bruce at the rink. Bruce was a huge part of the KHC Evaluation process for all age groups from U7-U18. It wasn't uncommon for Bruce to be at the rink 7 days a week and for at least 18 hours a day on the weekends until evaluations were completed for all age groups.

Even though Bruce has no children left playing in community hockey, not only is he on the KHC Board of Directors, he volunteered to head coach one of our U15 teams as nobody would step up. This speaks volumes of his dedication to the players and to Knights HC. People seem to forget community hockey requires numerous volunteers in order for the association and teams to have success. Bruce is always more than willing to help out whether it be for a player, team or the association. Throughout the season, every time KHC hosted an event be it the Snack Drive, Veterans Food Bank Drive, Stand Up Speak Out Feature Games, EMHW and play-offs, you could be guaranteed you would see Bruce at the rink cheering on the Knights!!! When it comes to Mental Health wellness, it was very important to Bruce that we offer support to the coaches, players and their families. Bruce made it his mission to ensure we hosted webinars for our coaches and families on how to deal with mental health wellness, players with ADHD and other conditions. Once again, above and beyond what is expected of a volunteer. KHC is so lucky to have Bruce Swan. Every association needs more people like Bruce!!!

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WARREN EKDAHL

Warren is perennially our most passionate volunteer and was a clear first choice as our volunteer of the year this season. He was the U15 eval coordinator and assistant coach on U15 BC 3 Black this season. He has been a division evaluation coordinator for about 8-9 years and spends countless hours dedicated to the process. His son played for the Northstars this season, yet he still put his name down to coach. But he doesn't only show up at the rink, he spends hours and hours off-ice on video sessions to improve the team. Lastly, Warren also runs our 3v3 program at the end of each March. Again, even without his kid participating, he coordinated the player sign-up, scheduled all the ice times, and sorted out the teams so each player would maximize their experience.



MIKE GOOD

Mike has been a tireless, energetic long-time volunteer with the Warriors. He has served in numerous capacities ranging from a long-standing coach, various roles on the evaluations teams and last but not least coach director. Mike has been a coach whilst both of his boys played hockey with the NW Warriors and he continues to volunteer when his last son moved on to quadrant. Dr. Good is one of the first people to put up his hand whenever there is something we need assistance with. The kids love him because he is just a big kid at heart and he epitomizes what we look for in a coach and volunteer. Big shout out to Goodie for all the years he has been helping out.

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DOUG PALINKAS

Doug is always the first to throw up his hand to do anything the association needs - not just for his son's teams but for any team in the association. He will scorekeep, work a penalty box, drive all over the city to drop and pick things up, he will move boxes, and he is genuinely interested in all Northstar teams and kids. Any association would be lucky to have him as part of their group. We appreciate all the support he gives us as well as his always positive attitude. Thank you Doug!!.



LAURIE QUINN

Laurie is a hard working member of the CRAA team and has been volunteering for the last 5 years for the Royals. She has tirelessly helped out in so many areas: Conditioning camps, Blueline, Spring Camps, the U18AA Showdown, cooking and feeding coaches during evaluations each year, was a U13AA Director and is the current Ice Director.



DAVID HUNTER

David has been our U13 Age Division Coordinator for the past 5 years. During which time he has dedicated countless hours to helping grow our U13 program, including being at the majority of U13 games offering encouragement to players, coaches and parents alike. David brings a seemingly unshakable positive attitude to both the association and the game of hockey.

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MARK BRODDLE

The Saints are pleased to present the Volunteer of the year award to Mark Broddle in recognition of his tireless efforts and outstanding leadership in hockey.

Mark has been with The Saints since its inception in 2012 and previous to that with PSA, in this time Mark has made an immeasurable impact in the lives of many players as a passionate advocate of fair play and leadership within our sport.

Never one to shy from a challenge, he has held the role of Coach and Assistant Coach almost every season since. Because of these efforts, Mark is well respected by both his players and peers. Mark is more than just a coach to our athletes. He becomes a friend to each and every one.

The Saints thank you for your time, dedication and the positive impact you have made.



COREY LEA

Corey is the Head Coach of our U15 BC3 team and been involved right from the beginning of the season. He participated on the Evaluation Committee and was a huge help throughout our evaluation process. Along with all the timeless preparation of practices and extra development he did for his team, he also did an unbelievable job setting up and managing the new CoachThem and The Coaches Site platform we implemented as part of our development program this year. He worked with other coaches to help them get the most out of these resources.

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PAUL CHARLEBOIS

Paul Charlebois' passion for, and dedication to Minor Hockey is evident in the countless hours that he volunteers for the Southwest Hockey Association. His commitment starts in the summer as the lead organizer and on-ice facilitator for Prep Camps put on for each of the various age groups in advance of evaluations. He spends the month of September at the hockey rink, leading on-ice evaluations, and actively assists with player evaluations in the stands. Paul is the Head Coach of the U7 SW SR 2 team, and an Assistant Coach for the U11 SW 1 team. He received multiple nominations from both the kids that he coached, and parents, for & making hockey fun. Looking to maximize his impact, Paul joined the SW Board of Directors in 2019 as the Assistant Director of Development; moving up to the Director of Development this 2021-22 season. Paul's ultimate goal was to put together an attractive and competitive program that would further develop the kids within our Association. Paul designed and drove the implementation of the first ever Academy Program for U9, U11 and U13; while also creating a Power Skating Program for U7 and U9. The goal of the Academy Program was to create an offering that is enticing, and which would compete with alternative elite programming; as a means to retain kids in the community program. In addition to providing those supplemental programs, Paul also restructured the Association Development Program. This Program is offered to all SW teams from U7 up to and including U18. Furthermore, there were monthly Goalie Development Sessions available for U9 to U18 goalies, and Defence specific Camps (Blueliner Camp) offered to U13, U15 and U18.

Paul does not seek out praise for the endless and selfless hours that he volunteers to the association - he simply looks to give back to the community and to share his passion for the game of hockey; all the while providing an opportunity and the means for the kids in our association to develop.

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COLIN GRIERSON

Colin was not only instrumental in driving the total revision of Springbank's bylaws, he independently took on the task without hesitation. His dedication and professionalism allowed SMHA's board to not get bogged down in procedure and paperwork which allowed them to focus on the association and the running of our Minor Hockey program for the season. Colin is currently SMHA's Secretary and also dedicates his time as a volunteer Assistant Coach on his son's U11 team.



GIGI DOUGLAS

Gigi has been a core volunteer for Trails West for many years now. Gigi has served as the Age Group Coordinator for at least one age group for over 10 years. The AGC is a time consuming job, especially during evaluations that chases many away from the role after one or two years. Gigi has performed this duty faithfully and tirelessly. In addition to performing the AGC role, Gigi has been team manager for one of her boys every single year they have been in hockey. The clincher for Gigi is the fact that she picks up all the little duties around the association that someone needs to do, but are hard to find takers for. This season, we were without a tournament coordinator and were having difficulty recruiting volunteers due to residual Covid affects. Gigi took the role over, planned and executed a very successful Trails West Cup over Thanksgiving weekend under the backdrop of other tournaments being cancelled, schedule changes, and participant uncertainty. To aid us one more time, Gigi has accepted the role of coordinating our U15 and Couture Cup events in April which is a very popular year end event for our older age groups that is making a return after two year hiatus. Gigi has picked this event up and has it progressing with renewed excitement. Gigi is truly a core cog in keeping our association going.