



2018

Recognition Banquet

Celebrating 25 Years!

June 2, 2018 London, Ontario

A Note from the President

WELCOME TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH SEASON OF ALLIANCE HOCKEY!

Our organization is proud of all we have achieved over the years. Many thought at inception that we would not last for very long but here we are today, 25 years later! On behalf of the Executive Committee and Staff, I would like to welcome everyone to our 25th anniversary celebration!

ALLIANCE Hockey is driven by volunteers and it would not be possible to operate without you! To all of the volunteers past, present and future; **thank you** for providing the necessary life experiences that our young people strive for. Volunteers who generously provide direction, leadership and values for the participants are setting them up well for the future - this is what it is all about! One day, we hope that those participants may also experience the gratification they may receive from giving back to our great game.

From the Initiation Program to House League to Representative Hockey, ALLIANCE Hockey is constantly working to provide the best possible hockey experience to all Members and we will continue to do so for many years to come.

We hope you have an enjoyable evening and that you have a chance to look back at the last 25 years of ALLIANCE Hockey with pride and satisfaction of a job well done!

Once again, thank you all for supporting our anniversary weekend and for your contributions to ALLIANCE Hockey!

Sincerely,



Dan Gibbons
President, ALLIANCE Hockey

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Welcome & Introductions

Honourary Life Members

Bill Appleby
Tony Foresi

Howard Burleigh
Linton Holmes*

Sam Ciccolini
Barry Petrachenko*

Bert Clifford*

Presidents - Past & Present

Howard Burleigh, 1993 - 1995
Jim Liabotis, 1998 - 2002
Charlie Ward, 2005 - 2008*
Harry Blinkhorn, 2012 - 2016

Bill Appleby, 1995 - 1998
Bill Bowman, 2002 - 2005
Tony Foresi, 2008 - 2012
Dan Gibbons, 2016 - Present

Executive Directors - Past & Present

Barry Petrachenko, 1993 - 1999*
Tony Martindale, 2003 - Present

Jason Bonnyman, 2000 - 2002*

2017-18 Executive Committee

Dan Gibbons, President
Brian Matuch, Sr. Vice President
Gerry Potter, Region 1 Vice-President
Keith Woods, Region 3 Vice-President
Jennifer MacDonald, Region 5 Vice-President
Larry Moreland, Chairperson of Rec Council
Marshall Copp, Technical Director, Referees

Harry Blinkhorn, Past President
Alan Webb, Treasurer
Ray Kosumovic, Region 2 Vice-President*
Carl Chapman, Region 4 Vice-President
Thom Foster, Chairperson of Rep Council
David Miller, Chairperson of Appeals*

AGM Special Guests

Mike Stubbs, Master of Ceremonies, Global News Radio-980 CFPL, Voice of the London Knights
Tom Renney, Chief Executive Officer, Hockey Canada
Kevin Figsby, Director, Program Delivery, Hockey Canada
Tyler McGregor, Canadian Paralympian, Hockey Canada
Andy MacRae, CPA, CA, CBV, Pettinelli, Mastroluisi
John McCutcheon, Secretary-Treasurer, OHF
John Neville, Third Vice-President, GTHL
Sue Shepherdson, Third Vice-President, NOHA

ALLIANCE Hockey Staff

Tony Martindale, Executive Director
Sue Hishon, Coordinator - Registration
Chad Houben, Coordinator - Officiating

Jill White, Manager Membership Services
Tracy Pauli, Coordinator - Finance
Tyler Tolton, Coordinator - Coaching

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*Unable to Attend

ALLIANCE Hockey Regional Honour Roll

The ALLIANCE Hockey Honour Roll recognizes those Associations who hosted events across ALLIANCE Hockey during the 2017-18 season.

Region 1

Hamilton Huskies Hockey Club

ALLIANCE Hockey Minor Bantam AAA Face Off - September 23-24, 2017

Chedoke Minor Hockey Association

Bring a Buddy to the Rink, September 29, 2017

Hamilton Minor Hockey Council

Canadian Tire First Shift - Fall 2017
Try Hockey - February 2018

Rosedale Minor Hockey Association

Bring a Buddy to the Rink, November 4, 2017

Mount Hamilton Minor Hockey Association

Bring a Buddy to the Rink, November 5, 2017

St. Catharines CYO Minor Hockey League

Canadian Tire First Shift - Fall 2017
Canadian Tire First Shift - Winter 2018

Region 2

Cambridge Minor Hockey Association

Toyota Hockey Challenge, November 19, 2017
OHF Bantam A Championships, April 12-15, 2018

Kitchener Minor Hockey Association

Try Hockey, November 2017
Toyota Hockey Challenge, November 19, 2017
OHF Peewee AA Championships, April 12-15, 2018
OHL Gold Cup - May 2-6, 2018

Waterloo Minor Hockey Association

ALLIANCE Hockey Midget AAA Face Off - September 30 - October 2, 2016
Toyota Hockey Challenge, November 19, 2017

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Region 3

Elgin Middlesex Hockey Alliance

ALLIANCE Hockey Bantam AAA Face Off - September 15-17, 2017

Greater London Hockey Association

Canadian Tire First Shift - Fall 2017

Canadian Tire First Shift - Winter 2018

2018 ALLIANCE Hockey MD Championships - April 12-15, 2018

Region 4

Brantford Minor Hockey Association

Bring a Buddy to the Rink, November 4, 2017

Dodge Caravan Kids Cup Family Day - February 19, 2018

2018 ALLIANCE Hockey House League Select Championships - April 5-8, 2018

Brantford Church Hockey League

2018 ALLIANCE Hockey IP Festival - April 7-8, 2018

Woodstock Minor Hockey Association

Minor Midget AAA Face Off #2 - December 1-3, 2017

ALLIANCE Hockey AAA All-Star Weekend, December 2-3, 2017

Just Try It! Program, March 14, 2018

2018 ALLIANCE Hockey House League Championships - April 12-15, 2018

Region 5

Windsor AAA Zone

ALLIANCE Hockey Minor Midget AAA Face Off - September 22-24, 2017

Sun County AAA Minor Hockey Association

All-Ontario Pee wee AAA Championships - April 9-12, 2018

ALLIANCE Hockey Interesting Facts

- The ALLIANCE Membership is larger than eight (8) Hockey Canada (HC) Branches (Provincial Governing Bodies).
- During mid-season, ALLIANCE teams will participate in approximately 2,500 games in one week or 10,000 in a month!
- The ALLIANCE Hockey has two main Operating Committees: Representative Council and Recreational Council.
- The ALLIANCE Hockey Office has 6 full-time Staff Members.
- Pavilion (AAA) League: Named after the Kitchener Pavilion; the location that used to house the KMHA Office and where numerous meetings were hosted leading up to the formation of ALLIANCE Hockey.
- Constellation (AA) League: Named after the Regal Constellation Hotel in Toronto where the OHF AGM was hosted in 1993.
- Bristol (A) League: Named after the now defunct Bristol Hotel in Toronto where the OMHA AGM was held in 1993.

Current Structure of ALLIANCE Hockey

ALLIANCE Hockey is a member of Hockey Canada (HC) and the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF).

The ALLIANCE Hockey membership consists of twenty-three (23) Member Associations with just under thirty thousand members. The ALLIANCE membership is made up of the following Associations:

Brantford Church Hockey League
Burlington Junior Cougars
Cambridge Minor Hockey Association
Elgin Middlesex Hockey Alliance
Hamilton Huskies
Huron Perth AAA Zone
Lambton AAA Hockey
Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association
St. Catharines CYO MHA
Stratford Rotary Hockey League
Waterloo Minor Hockey Association
Woodstock Minor Hockey Association

Brantford Minor Hockey Association
Burlington Lions Optimist Hockey Association
Chatham-Kent AAA Zone
Greater London Hockey Association
Hamilton Minor Hockey Council
Kitchener Minor Hockey Association
London Jr. Knights
Sarnia Hockey Association
Stratford Minor Hockey Association
Sun County AAA Minor Hockey Association
Windsor AAA Zone

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ALLIANCE Hockey Milestones

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|--------------|--|
| June-93 | Howard Burleigh named first President |
| July-93 | Recognized as a Member of OHF and Hockey Canada |
| Aug-93 | Barry Petrachenko hired as the first General Manager |
| Aug-93 | Introduced House League Championships |
| Oct-93 | First AGM held October 16, 1993 at Nichols Arena, London, ON |
| May-94 | Bill Appleby named President (second in history) |
| Aug-94 | Introduced House League Select Championships |
| Feb-96 | Introduced Seeded League (AA/A), 1996-97 Season |
| Mar-98 | 1 st team(CMHA) travels to Tomakomai, Japan (Toyota-sponsored event) |
| Jun-98 | AGM held at the Oakwood Inn, Grand Bend, ON June 13, 1998 |
| Jun-98 | Jim Liabotis named President (third in history) |
| Feb-00 | Jason Bonnyman hired as Executive Director |
| Mar-00 | Introduced ALLIANCE Hockey website |
| Apr-01 | Introduced Minor Development Championships |
| Jun-02 | Bill Bowman named President (fourth in history) |
| Jan-03 | Tony Martindale hired as third Executive Director |
| Feb-05 | Creation of Representative and Recreational Council and Presidents' Committee Meetings |
| Jun-05 | Charlie Ward named President (fifth in history) |
| Jun-06 | AGM returns to Grand Bend, ON for AGM |
| Jun-07 | Tony Foresi named President (sixth in history) |
| Sep-07 | Creation of Midget Programming Committee |
| Sep-07 | Creation of Midget AAA Face-Off event (Hamilton) |
| Sep-09 | Creation of Minor Midget AAA and Bantam AAA Face-off events |
| Jun-12 | Harry Blinkhorn named President (seventh in history) |
| Dec-12 | Creation of All-Star Weekend (Minor Midget AAA) |
| May-13 | OHL Gold Cup replaces the Under 17 Camp |
| May-13 | Creation of Team ALLIANCE U16 |
| Sep-14 | Creation of Minor Bantam AAA Face-off event |
| Dec-15 | Expansion of All-Star Weekend to include Bantam AAA and Midget AAA |
| Jun-16 | Dan Gibbons named President (eighth in history) |
| Sep-16 | Stratford Rotary Hockey becomes a member |
| Mar-18 | Burlington Jr. Cougars becomes a member |
| 17-18 season | 25 th Anniversary Season |

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Golden Pin - Recognition

An important component of this evening's celebrations will be recognizing and honoring individuals from ALLIANCE Hockey Member Associations who have contributed to the promotion, coordination and maintenance of ALLIANCE Hockey consistently over the last 25 years(1993-2018).

ALLIANCE Hockey Member Associations were encouraged to nominate individuals who appropriately meet the eligibility criteria during the 2017-18 season.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Minimum of twenty(20) years of consistent service to ALLIANCE Hockey and the local minor hockey association over the last twenty-five (25) years (1993-2018)
- An individual who has served ALLIANCE Hockey in developing and/or maintaining ALLIANCE Hockey programs.
- Eligibility includes Team Coaches, Managers, Trainers; Association Board or Executive Members; Administrators; Volunteers; Tournament Organizers; and others etc.
- Deceased nominees are eligible

ALLIANCE Hockey appreciates all of the Associations who assisted in this special recognition through their submissions. The list below is a reflection of the names submitted and we thank all of these people for their outstanding years of contribution to minor hockey!

| Original &/or Current MHA | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | RECOGNITION CATEGORY |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| BLOMHA | Rick | Dawson | ALLIANCE 25 Years |
| BLOMHA | Larry | Fennell | 25 Years |
| BLOMHA | Ted | Kalas | ALLIANCE 25 Years |
| BLOMHA | Rich | Katchanoski | 25 Years |
| BLOMHA | JD | Pettit | 25 Years |
| BLOMHA | Frank | Zicari | 25 Years |
| Brantford MHA | Chris | Blank | 21 Years |
| Brantford MHA | Bob | Coyne | 22 Years |
| Brantford MHA | Gary | Crawford | 20 Years |
| Brantford MHA | John | Harker | 20 Years |
| Brantford MHA | Josh | Ion | 20 Years |
| Brantford MHA | Kevin | Murray | 21 Years |
| Brantford MHA | Jim | Ryan | 21 Years |
| Brantford MHA | Scott | Wright | 21 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Ericka | Andrade | 25 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Doug | Biggs | 23 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Sam | Currie | 21 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Al | Findlay | 25 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | John | Fullerton | 20 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Lynn | Gare | 25 Years |

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| Original &/or Current MHA | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | RECOGNITION CATEGORY |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cambridge MHA | Terry | Hussey | 20 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Larry | Kitzman | 20 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Chris | Korec | 23 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Roxanne | Kuhn | 21 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Sam | Kunuram | 20 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Wayne | Mears | 25 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Serge | Mitchell | 20 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | John | Morton | 25 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Cheryl | Podger | 25 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Marla | Renouf | 20 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Blair | Skilton | 20 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Alex | Thies | 23 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | John | van Breda | 21 Years |
| Cambridge MHA | Wayne | Whitehead | 25 Years |
| Elgin Middlesex HA | Ron | Horvat | 24 Years |
| GFEMHA | Reg | Malott | 20 Years |
| GFEMHA | Doug | Sauer | 20 Years |
| GHLA - Oakridge | Pat | Caron | 20 Years |
| GHLA - Oakridge | Bob | Caron | 20 Years |
| GHLA - Oakridge | Lee | Ross-Hayton | 20 Years |
| GLHA | Howard | Burleigh | Founding Partner |
| GLHA | Jim | Liabotis | Past President(98-02) |
| Hamilton Huskies | Stephanie | Higson | 20 Years |
| Hamilton Huskies | Yosh | Kitamura | ALLIANCE 25 Years |
| Hamilton Huskies | Gary | McFarlane | ALLIANCE 25 Years |
| Hamilton Huskies | Mike | Spadafora | 20 Years |
| Hamilton Huskies | Gail | Stevenson | 25 Years |
| Hamilton Huskies | Jim | Stevenson | 25 Years |
| HMHC | Gerry | Potter | 25 Years |
| HMHC | Joanne | Altenburg | 25 Years |
| HMHC | Marylou | Carrigan | 25 Years |
| HMHC | Robert | Cober | 25 Years |
| HMHC | Ross | Firmin | 25 Years |
| HMHC | Ron | Greenway | 25 Years |
| HMHC | Fred | Hamilton | 25 Years |
| HMHC | Peter | Martin | 25 Years |
| HMHC | Doug | Russell | 25 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Armstrong | Armstrong | 27 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Rogers | Bill | 24 Years |

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Kitchener MHA | Harry | Blinkhorn | ALLIANCE 25 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Fedy | Bob | 31 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Bill | Bowman | Past President (02-05) |
| Kitchener MHA | Brian | Hilliker | 27 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Dave | Pink | 22 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | David | Sutherland | 20 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Don | McDonald | 25 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Tim | Forsyth | 36 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Gaynor | Graham | 20 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Tom | Graham | 37 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Jim | Grandy | 23 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Larry | Kruse | 23 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Tony | Martindale | ALLIANCE 25 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Patricia | Armstrong | 27 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Paul | Edwards | 26 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Ralph | Westfall | 25 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Randy | McCarten | 20 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Rick | Feddema | 22 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Rod | Dunkel | 31 Years |
| Kitchener MHA | Patrick | Doherty* | 50+ Years |
| London Bandits | Graham | Babbage | 20 Years |
| London Bandits | Jack | Boyce | 25 Years |
| London Bandits | Gary | Chenier | 20 Years |
| London Bandits | Art | Putzer | 25 Years |
| London Bandits | Nancy | Putzer | 25 Years |
| London Bandits | Greg | Schaus | 20 Years |
| London Jr Knights | John | Caldarozzi | 25 Years |
| London Jr Knights | Kevin | Gardner | 20 Years |
| London Jr Knights | Pauline | McCallum | ALLIANCE 25 Years |
| London Jr Knights | Brad | Ostrom | 25 Years |
| London Jr Knights | Jim | Vatour | 25 Years |
| Richmond Hill-Vaughan MHA | Sam | Ciccolini | Founding Partner |
| Sarnia HA | John | Desotti | 23 Years |
| Sarnia HA | Paul | Douglass | 20 Years |
| Sarnia HA | Wayne | Scarrow | 25 Years |
| Sarnia HA | Ruth Ann | Windover* | 24 Years |
| Sarnia HA | Lloyd | Windover* | 22 Years |
| St. Catharines CYO | Mike | Fegan | 25 Years |
| St. Catharines CYO | George | Gadula | 25 Years |

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| Original &/or Current MHA | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | RECOGNITION CATEGORY |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| St. Catharines CYO | Rick | Jones | 25 Years |
| St. Catharines CYO | Mark | Kotyk | 25 Years |
| St. Catharines CYO | Brian | Matuch | 22 Years |
| Stratford MHA | Bert | Clifford | Life Member |
| Stratford MHA | Dennis | Groves | 25+ Years |
| Stratford MHA | Jack | McNaughton | 25+ Years |
| Stratford MHA | Bob | Zimmer | 25+ Years |
| Sun County AAA MHA | Dan | Gibbons | Current President (16-) |
| Waterloo MHA | Steve | Ahlberg | 20 Years |
| Waterloo MHA | Thomas | Anstett | 36 Years |
| Waterloo MHA | Bill | Appleby | Founding Partner |
| Waterloo MHA | Peter | Carr | 21 Years |
| Waterloo MHA | David | Gaiser | 25 Years |
| Waterloo MHA | Luke | George | 34 Years |
| Waterloo MHA | Bob | Hergott | 33 Years |
| Waterloo MHA | David | Miller | 36 Years |
| Waterloo MHA | Tim | Robb | 20 Years |
| Waterloo MHA | Johnson | Yeung | 33 Years |
| West End MHA | Linton | Holmes | Life Member |
| West London | Tony | Foresi | Past President (08-12) |
| Woodstock MHA | Pat | Langdon | ALLIANCE 25 Years |
| Woodstock MHA | Alf | Langdon* | 20 Years |

*Deceased

Thank You!

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Contribution - Recognition

The ALLIANCE Hockey Executive Committee are recognizing a select group of people for their consistent commitment and service to ALLIANCE Hockey over the last 25 years.

The selection criteria was based upon a number of factors including (but not limited to) committee participation, program management, event contribution, etc. in the areas of development; coaching, player and officiating, sport builder, scheduling, etc.

Consistent service of a minimum of 25 years was also a considering factor for recognition.

The following people have provided extremely significant contributions to minor hockey and we are honoured to recognize their efforts this evening with commemorative ALLIANCE Hockey jerseys:

HARRY BLINKHORN

RICK DAWSON

TIM FORSYTH

TOM GRAHAM

TED KALAS

YOSH KITAMURA

PAT LANGDON

TONY MARTINDALE

PAULINE MCCALLUM

GARY MCFARLANE

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HARRY BLINKHORN

Number of years involved with minor hockey: 34 years

Positions held in minor hockey: Rep team Manager/Trainer KMHA, Rep convener KMHA, Director of Rep hockey KMHA, Senior Vice President KMHA, ALLIANCE Region 2 Vice-President, ALLIANCE Senior Vice-President, ALLIANCE President, ALLIANCE Past President, OHF Minor Council Chair, OHF Director.

First Minor Hockey Association: Kitchener Minor Hockey Association

Favourite memories of ALLIANCE Hockey: For me nothing will replace the summer of 1993 and all the efforts to get ALLIANCE Hockey up and running. The meetings at the KMHA office and the fellowship developed by those people working so hard to make what we were told was the impossible happen.

What ALLIANCE Hockey means to you: ALLIANCE Hockey to me means respect, a willingness to listen to players, parents, coaches and all those involved and working to make their concerns heard.

Outside of hockey: Married to my supportive wife Pat with 4 Children, 6 Grandchildren & expecting our first Great Grandchild this year.



RICK DAWSON

Number of years involved with minor hockey: 48 years

Positions held in minor hockey: Coach, Convenor, Director, President with BLOMHA, ALLIANCE Region 1 Vice-President.

First Minor Hockey Association: Burlington Lions Optimist Minor Hockey Association

Favourite memories of ALLIANCE Hockey: Being one of the Original Associations that formed the ALLIANCE. Attending Hockey Canada Annual Meetings across Canada. Our Annual General Meetings and Golf Tournaments/Socials. Seeing the growth of ALLIANCE Hockey within the OHF.

What ALLIANCE Hockey means to you: ALLIANCE hockey is a "Family".

Outside of hockey: Two boys who are both married and living in Ottawa. One granddaughter, Ily.



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TIM FORSYTH



Number of years involved with minor hockey: 41 years

Positions held in minor hockey: Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer with KMHA, WMHA & CMHA (House League, Select, "A" "AA" "AAA"), Coordinator Kitchener/Lancaster USA Hockey Exchange, HTCP Instructor OMHA, NCCP Coordinator for Region 6, NCCP Instructor/Facilitator/Evaluator for OMHA/ALLIANCE, Technical Director for ALLIANCE, Under 17/18 Program Evaluator/Trainer ALLIANCE, Midget Trainer ALLIANCE, OHF National Coach Mentorship Master Course Conductor, KMHA I.P. Coach Mentor for Pre-Tyke & Tyke Program, Hockey School Group Leader.

First Minor Hockey Association: Kitchener Minor Hockey Association

Favourite memories of ALLIANCE Hockey: The years I was Technical Director for ALLIANCE Hockey. I loved the monthly meetings we had at the Queens Hotel in Stratford. I loved the times we spent in Woodstock with Pat doing the Under 17/18 Program and all the friends we made. The 1990's teaching NCCP Coaches Clinics using acetate overheads and VCR tapes projected on the hockey association's administrator's TV that he brought in from his home. Teaching clinics with Don McKee, Wayne Gowing, Jim Jenks, Peter Jones and other great instructors. The ALLIANCE NCCP Facilitator refresher courses and golf tournaments held in London. The friendship over the years of Tony Martindale, Jill White, Chad Houben and Tyler Tolton. My fondest memory is being involved with such a great organization watching its birth in 1993 to its present day status.

What ALLIANCE Hockey means to you: The ALLIANCE has always been a class act in my book and has always treated all of their Minor Hockey Associations with fairness and respect.

Outside of hockey: Married to Darlene for 8 years. 3 grown children; Cheryl, Angela and Brad and I have 4 grandchildren; Addison, Avery, Brooklyn & Charlie.

TOM GRAHAM



Number of years involved with minor hockey: 37 years

Positions held in minor hockey: Coach, Convenor, VP on KMHA board for 9 years, President of KMHA for 18 years

First Minor Hockey Association: Kitchener as a Volunteer and I played hockey in a number of Associations in Toronto.

Favourite memories of ALLIANCE Hockey: The First AGM, the first time KMHA hosted the AGM, helping to form the ALLIANCE, meeting a number of great people involved in the ALLIANCE.

What ALLIANCE Hockey means to you: Means every centre has a voice.

Outside of hockey: Married 37 years with three children and two grandchildren.

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TED KALAS



Number of years involved with minor hockey: 40 years

Positions held in minor hockey: Coach, Convenor, Director and Scheduler.

First Minor Hockey Association: Burlington Lions Optimist Minor Hockey Association

Favourite memories of ALLIANCE Hockey: I can remember that initial meeting in Kitchener when Blomha first joined the Alliance. The structure was so refreshing from where we were coming from.

What ALLIANCE Hockey means to you: The ALLIANCE is structured to make hockey enjoyable for the player. House League and Rep hockey have an equal say.

Outside of hockey: Married for 45 years to Judi with 3 sons and 3 lovely grandchildren (all male) future hockey players! My wife and I enjoy travelling to our homes in Florida and Greece.

YOSH KITAMURA



Number of years involved with minor hockey: 45 years

Positions held in minor hockey: Many positions; Coach, Convenor, Technical Director, General Manager, President (and janitor!), etc.

First Minor Hockey Association: Hamilton Police Minor, currently President of the Hamilton Huskies

Favourite memories of ALLIANCE Hockey: Forming the ALLIANCE 25 years ago and watching it grow to where we are today. Waiting in a parking lot to see if we were accepted into the OHF. Many happy memories at ALLIANCE events and our AGM's.

What ALLIANCE Hockey means to you: I am proud to be one of the founding members of the ALLIANCE and how we are truly a grassroots organization where the care and interest of the children is our number one priority.

Outside of hockey: Married for 51 years (as of September) to Chris and truly grateful to her for all these years of supporting the (thousands) of hours I have dedicated to pursue my passion. Hockey is an important part of our family life - children and grandchildren and I am so proud of all of them.

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PAT LANGDON



Number of years involved with minor hockey: 39 years

Positions held in minor hockey: President of minor Mothers for 1 year, on the board for 16 years and then the remaining time as General Manager for the Association.

First Minor Hockey Association: Woodstock Minor Hockey Association

Favourite memories of ALLIANCE Hockey: Helping with the Under 17 camp and all the great people that I work with.

What ALLIANCE Hockey means to you: I see that they are not afraid to try something new for all the Associations and if it doesn't work, they work to make it right. Everyone tries to work together to make hockey the best sport around.

Outside of hockey: Married for 44 years to Alf with 2 kids; Sue Ann, son-in-law Jason and Bob. 4 grandkids; Courtney, Joey, Madi and Cassidy.

TONY MARTINDALE



Number of years involved with minor hockey: 29 years

Positions held in minor hockey: General Manager Kitchener Minor Hockey 14 years, Executive Director ALLIANCE Hockey 15 years, Program Coordinator Kitchener Hockey School 15 years.

First Minor Hockey Association: Kitchener Minor Hockey Association

Favourite memories of ALLIANCE Hockey: Involvement in the creation of the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario 25 years ago. Watching Grass Roots Hockey and seeing kids grow and development and reach their goals.

What ALLIANCE Hockey means to you: ALLIANCE Hockey is all about Friends, Family and Creating Fantastic Memories.

Outside of hockey: Married to Sandi for 29 years with one daughter, Gabriele who is entering 3rd year at Western University.

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PAULINE MCCALLUM



Number of years involved with minor hockey: 36 years

Positions held in minor hockey:

LMHA, Board Member, Treasurer, Greater London Hockey Association, President, Greater London Hockey Association, Scheduler, Greater London Hockey Association, Treasurer, ALLIANCE Hockey, Convenor, ALLIANCE 17 Camp, Scheduler, London Jr Knights, Executive Assistant, London Jr Knights.

First Minor Hockey Association: OMHA sanctioned LMHA (London Minor Hockey Association) under Greater London.

Favourite memories of ALLIANCE Hockey: Scheduling with Tony Martindale, who was the scheduler with Kitchener Minor Hockey! Although it was a lot of work to get the ALLIANCE up and running, a few of us volunteered our summers creating a constitution, securing officials and scheduling our first league of games. I remember spending the whole weekend in Terry Moore's (from Cambridge) back yard scheduling our first games. The original 6 of the ALLIANCE (Cambridge, Hamilton, Kitchener, London, Richmond Hill, and Waterloo), had amazing volunteers who did a ton of work in year 1 to get our season off the ground and on the ice.

What ALLIANCE Hockey means to you: For all the right reasons the ALLIANCE was formed. The original 6 organizations attended many meetings at the Pavilion in Kitchener to discuss our strategy in consideration of the news the OMHA wanted to pull out of Hockey Canada. The original 6 representatives worked very hard to convince the OMHA members to not pull out of Hockey Canada, but when the vote was taken (at the OMHA AGM held at the Bristol in Toronto) and the membership decided to pull out of Hockey Canada, the original 6 pulled out of the OMHA. Representatives from the original 6 attended the OHF AGM held at the Constellation in Toronto, to present our case for direct membership. Our presentation was outstanding thanks to Howard Burleigh (London) and Bill Appleby (Waterloo), and membership was awarded the same day. This is how we named our league Pavilion, Bristol and Constellation.

Outside of hockey: Married for 2 years to Jim McClelland, Grandmother of 4.

GARY MCFARLANE



Number of years involved with minor hockey: 48 years

Positions held in minor hockey: House League Coach, Referee, President, Rep Level Coach, Convener, Board Member, Tournament Scheduler, Webmaster, Communication Committee Member upon ALLIANCE formation Coach Clinic Facilitator, U17 Regional Camp Coach, Evaluator, Head Evaluator, Association Board Member, IP Working Group, Director of Operations Team ALLIANCE U16, OHF HP1 Coach Developer.

First Minor Hockey Association: Eastwood Coaches Association

Favourite memories of ALLIANCE Hockey: As a coach being on a team that won 3 consecutive ALLIANCE Championships with the '85 age group, spending weekends at the U17 Regional Camps, ALLIANCE AGM celebrations and fireside chats with the St Catharines CYO group.

What ALLIANCE Hockey means to you: Opportunity is all you can ask for in life and the ALLIANCE has given me much opportunity to grow, develop and make meaningful contributions to the game we all love in many, many ways.

Outside of hockey: Married to Sandy for 44 years with one daughter, a son and 5 grandchildren.

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Honoured Guest - Tyler McGregor

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FOREST, ONT.

TEAMS

2018 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES - CANADA
2018 NATIONAL SLEDGE TEAM TRAINING CAMP - CANADA
2017 WORLD SLEDGE HOCKEY CHALLENGE - CANADA
2017-18 NPT SERIES VS. KOR - CANADA
2017-18 NATIONAL SLEDGE TEAM SELECTION CAMP - CANADA RED
2017 IPC WORLD PARA HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP - CANADA
2017 INTERNATIONAL PARA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT - CANADA
2016 WORLD SLEDGE HOCKEY CHALLENGE - CANADA
2016 IPC PAN-PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP - CANADA
2016 WORLD SLEDGE HOCKEY CHALLENGE - CANADA
2015 INTERNATIONAL ICE SLEDGE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT - CANADA
2015 IPC SLEDGE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - CANADA
2015 WORLD SLEDGE HOCKEY CHALLENGE - CANADA
2014 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES - CANADA
2013 WORLD SLEDGE HOCKEY CHALLENGE - CANADA



HOCKEY CANADA BACKGROUND

Won a gold medal with Canada at the 2017 International Para Hockey Tournament in Turin, Italy ... Won a silver medal with Canada at the 2016 World Sledge Hockey Challenge in Charlottetown, P.E.I. ... Won a silver medal with Canada at the 2016 World Sledge Hockey Challenge in Bridgewater, N.S. ... Won a gold medal with Canada at the 2015 International Ice Sledge Hockey Tournament in Turin, Italy ... Won a silver medal with Canada at the 2015 IPC Sledge Hockey World Championship in Buffalo, N.Y. ... Played in a three-game series vs. the United States in March 2015 in Indian Trail, N.C. ... Won a bronze medal with Canada at the 2015 World Sledge Hockey Challenge in Leduc, Alta. ... Won a bronze medal with Canada at the 2014 Winter Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia ... Played in a three-game series vs. the United States in January 2014 in Indian Trail, N.C. ... Won a gold medal with Canada at the 2013 World Sledge Hockey Challenge in Toronto, Ont. ... Won a gold medal with Canada at the Four Nations Tournament in Sochi, Russia ... Won a gold medal with Canada at the 2013 IPC Sledge Hockey World Championship in Goyang, Korea ... Played in a three-game series vs. the United States in February 2013 in Rockland, Ont. ... Played in a three-game series vs. Norway in January 2013 in La Baie, Que. ... Won a silver medal with Canada at the 2012 World Sledge Hockey Challenge in Calgary, Alta. ... Played for Canada's National Sledge Development Team in a three-game series vs. the United States in Charlotte, N.C. in April 2012 ... Played for Canada's National Sledge Development Team in a three-game series vs. the United States in Amherstburg, Ont., in January 2012.

HOCKEY BACKGROUND

Started playing sledge hockey in 2011 with the London Blizzard ... Lists Greg Bignell as his favourite coach ... Won Bantam League Championship on 2008.

PERSONAL

Had leg amputated after being diagnosed with cancer... Volunteers with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and ChildCan... Holds numerous track and field records at his elementary school... Nominated for the Mark Messier Leadership Award... Played in the first Road Hockey to Conquer Cancer for Princess Margaret Hospital in 2011, dropping the puck with Scott Morrison and Don Cherry... Plays the guitar... Son of Dean and Trudy... Has one sister, Meagan.

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