

BLUELINE COMMITTEE • 2019 - 2020

Congratulations to all our Royals teams and families for all the hard work that has gone into this year's edition of the Blueline. Once again, we have had an excellent year with returning advertisers as well as many first-time advertisers entering our pages with their support.

Thank you to all the Team managers, coaches and parents for their efforts that have been put into getting this yearbook to the publisher. Thank you to Bob Hart of Hart Photography for all the team photos and to the Royals parents for the action photos featured throughout the Blueline. Your talents help to make our yearbook memorable each year.

I would like to commend the coordinators of each team for their efforts in getting the orders and copy to myself and for going the extra mile to make this the great production it is.

Thank you to Doug Kletke and his team from Oil City Press and especially Christine Schultz and Fathima Jamaldeen for all the many dedicated hours that she has put into getting our book put together; for all your help, support with the coordination for which has made the production go smoothly from start to finish.

Thank you to all our advertisers for without you this book would not be possible. Thank you for your support as your advertising has given our yearbook the professional touch that you see here.

This year's Blueline Committee consisted of:

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CALGARY ROYALS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MISSION STATEMENT

“Commitment to maintain a leading edge quadrant hockey program designed to focus, promote and encourage the development of players and coaches, through skill development, with positive attitudes towards sportsmanship, education and citizenship.”

Prior to 1966, “AA” hockey in Calgary was sponsored exclusively by the Calgary Buffalo Hockey Association. In the mid 1960’s a group of energetic hockey men in South West Calgary reached the conclusion that the growth of the city justified the formation of a separate association to promote “AA” hockey in the South West area. The leaders of this group were Joe Kryczka, Bill Blyth, Ted Steele and Stan Jaycock. These gentlemen were instrumental in forming the South West Athletic Association which operated as an unincorporated association from 1966 to 1969. During this period the Association sponsored one team in each of the Bantam, Midget, Juvenile and Junior B categories.

The Association was incorporated under the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta in 1969. The activities of the Association have expanded with the growth of the city and it now sponsors three Bantam “AA”, one Bantam “AAA”, two Minor Midget “AAA”, two Midget “AA”, a Major “AAA” and two Junior “B” teams.

The success of the Association over the years has been largely due to the outstanding leadership provided by its Presidents including; Wilf Godfrey, George Dunn, Don Quinn, Bill Shearer, Laurie Schmidt, Bob Arkley, the Honorable Mr. Justice Bill O’Leary, Ron Onishenko, Don McCallum, Ken Morris, Bob Venables, Ray Ference, Bruce Bierwagon, Bob Wilson, Clive Marsh, Attila Szabo, Kris Katsaounis, Dave Freeborn and Mark Josefchak [current president]. The dedication and hard work of these men and women has contributed to the success of the Association and also to the advancement of “AA” and “AAA” hockey in Calgary. There have been many Directors whose tireless efforts have contributed a great deal to C.R.A.A. hockey, including the late Emile Dupont and Rusty Basarab, Gordie Moore, Ron Johnson, Martin Vernon, Clint Reynolds, Doug Cook, Bob Sinclair, Bill Salt, Derek Gould, Ken Hindmarch, Scotty Jones, Dan Mulvenna, Jim Morris, Brent Siddons, Gary Soroka and Lee Morris. The C.R.A.A. [aka CRAA] formerly known as SWAA has been fortunate in attracting volunteers, coaches, and managers of the highest caliber.

The Association has been active in supporting progressive change in “AAA” and “AA” hockey. It was instrumental in the formation of the “AA” hockey council which supervises “AA” hockey as the delegate of the Minor Hockey Association of Calgary. It has actively supported the concept of tiering by age, so that players compete with others of approximately the same level of physical and mental development. The Association also took an active part in the formation of the Southern Alberta Major Midget Hockey League and the Alberta Major Midget Hockey League as well as the concept of forming a Major Midget team in each quadrant to participate in those Leagues. The Association has instituted a club concept whereby all team colours and insignia are standardized, resulting in better identification as well as savings in the cost of uniforms and jackets.

The aim of the Association has been and will continue to be the overall welfare of the players in its system. We are proud of the many fine young players who have participated in our system over the years and we would like to think that they have received some benefit from their connection with us.

The Association appreciates the contributions made and the dedication over the years by its team sponsors, directors, coaches, managers, parents and players.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



As we celebrate our 50th Year of Operation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who came before us as they set the stage for five decades of exceptional hockey. On behalf of the Executive and our Board of Directors, we’re honored to carry the torch and continue our Royals legacy.

To all the players, the parents, the sponsors and the volunteers, I thank you for your participation and for continuing to build our program toward the benchmark program in Alberta. We are truly blessed to have had such great foundations and we have built upon those to lead by example in today’s hockey market.

A pivotal part of the Association is the CRAA Blueline as it provides the much needed financial support for our players. The support for the Blueline and our other fundraising efforts provides all the players an opportunity to play hockey at the quadrant level. It can and has also provided support for our scholarship program and other programs that benefit our players. It also provides a keepsake for the players and their parents as well as advertising opportunities for the players sponsors. Without these fundraising efforts and the support of our community, we would not be the Association that we are.

The Blueline magazine profiles all the current Royals teams and players who are part of this year’s Royals organization. This year, we again thank all the people involved with making the magazine a reality. Special thanks is given to Sandra Young, the Blue Line coordinator and Jill Cameron, our Administrator. These individuals and their team volunteers, ensure the magazine gets completed with the right pictures, articles and sponsors, and at the Royals Gold Standard level.

It takes hard work, dedication, and commitment to develop young people with positive attitudes. Thank you to all the people involved. Our team is a winner once again.

Cheer loudly and proudly. Be respectful of the players, referees, parents and other spectators as we all continue to respect our Royals standard.

I look forward to seeing you all at the rink.

Respectfully,

Dave Freeborn

President

Calgary Royals Athletic Association





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Front (L to R): Laurie Quinn, Jill Cameron, Tom Geib, Dave Freeborn, Dale Peters, Diana Hartford, Sandra Young

Calgary Royals Athletic Association Scholarship Fund

Your support allows our scholarship program to continue and provides vital funding for deserving student athletes for their post-secondary education. With your support of a Calgary Royals player, you are contributing to the development of a young man's education, character, leadership and sportsmanship.

The Royals continue to fundraise through various events to help facilitate the scholarship program throughout the season. However, your financial assistance is crucial to sustain this program into the future. It is our hope that these awards help athletes avoid financial burden and rewards them for the very traits that are so important to their future success both on and off the ice.

More information can be found at www.calgaryroyals.ca/scholarships/

Please consider a gift to the Royals Scholarship Fund.

