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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. This year was especially challenging with the uncertainty of the season, not being able to meet face to face and all the additional challenges that Covid put in front of us.

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 U15 “AA”, one U15 “AAA”, two U16 “AAA”, one U16 “AA”, two U18 “AA”, a U18 “AAA” and two U21 “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



The 2020/2021 season has been a very different and challenging hockey season! However, I am extremely proud of how our community came together to develop, implement and adapt COVID-19 protocols to keep our kids playing the game they love in safe ways – right up until the

government shut us down in November. It has not been the year any of us envisioned.

Thank you to our Royals membership for your support throughout this extraordinary time, and for entrusting the Board and myself to guide the CRAA as we navigated the uncertain times. We will continue to follow the recommendations on a go forward, and nimbly adapt our protocols as required to keep kids on the ice.

The global pandemic has highlighted the strength and resilience of our hockey community. Together, we will get past COVID-19, and move forward towards 2021/2022 with a focus on programming and increased opportunity for our kids to play hockey.

Respectfully,

**Dale Peters**

President

Calgary Royals Athletic Association







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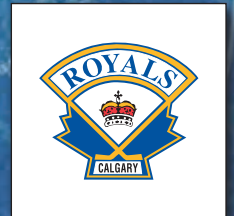
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Your support allows our scholarship program to continue and provides vital funding for deserving student athletes for their post-secondary education. With your support of a Calgary Royals player, you are contributing to the development of a young man's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

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