

Barry Trood inducted to Ontario Hall of Fame

Shelburne Junior C Vets General Manager, Barry Trood is being honoured with his induction into the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a new member for 2015 and is recognized for his achievements as a builder in the sport.

Barry began his career in lacrosse as a player with the Chingacousy Minor Lacrosse Association before joining the Brampton Excelsiors club.

He played at the Junior and Senior level for both the Excelsiors and the Owen Sound North Stars.

After finishing his playing year, Barry naturally gravitated to coaching and taking part in executive roles in the sport.

This included being a member of the executive of the Clarkson / Mississauga Lacrosse Association and becoming a founder and convener of the Mississauga Soft Lacrosse League in 1983.

Moving to Bolton, Barry founded the Caledon Bandits Minor Lacrosse Association in 1984 and served as president until 1988 and coached numerous teams. He started the Caledon Bandits Junior B, serving as president as well as GM and coach.

After the team folded in 1988, he went back to work with the Caledon Minor Lacrosse Association from 1989 to 1993.

The Bandits Junior B program was revived in 1992, eventually becoming the Halton Hills Bulldogs with Barry serving as GM, president, and coach until 1999.

In 1999, Barry working on creating a minor lacrosse program in Shelburne with the plan to create a Junior C club for players moving up the ranks. The result is the Shelburne Vets.

He has continued to champion both the Minor Vets and the Junior C Vets as president and GM. He was instrumental in building the structure of the Ontario Junior C League and continues to serve as its Chairman in 2015.

Barry is a recipient of the OLA Merv Mackenzie award as the person having done the most to promote lacrosse in the province in 1985 and won the prestigious Thomas Teather Memorial Award in 2009 for his promotion of the game.

The Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame was established in 1992 and is located at the Welland Canals Centre in St. Catharines, Ontario.

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