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Message from the Chair of the Risk and Safety Management Committee

Committee implements new safety initiatives for the upcoming season.

As we embark on another exciting season of amateur hockey across our country, the National Risk and Safety Management Committee continues to work on a number of initiatives which focus on the safety and enjoyment of this great game for all of our participants.

The integration of Speak Out into the Coach Stream Model will be piloted in several Branches this season. Our committee continues to support the work being done by the Parenting Committee and look forward to another successful year of promoting the vital role parents play in hockey. And, emphasis will be placed on campaigns which promote and educate our membership about the many resources and tools available to them.

In addition, the make-up of risk and safety has been evolving for the past several seasons, and now encompasses "conduct management." We continue to emphasize respect and fair play, and will be introducing strategies to promote positive interaction among all participants.

Have a most enjoyable hockey season.

Brent Dick
Chair, Hockey Canada Risk and
Safety Management Committee

Dr Mark Aubry Receives 2006 Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Award

Submitted by: Lois Kalchman



Safety is Dr. Mark Aubry's passion in the game of hockey.

Dr. Aubry, the Chief Medical Officer for Hockey Canada, is this year's recipient of the prestigious Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund Award given annually to a Canadian who has

made a significant contribution to the prevention of catastrophic injuries in sport.

Previous winners were kinesiologist Dr. Pat Bishop and neurosurgeon Dr. Karen Johnston.

"Mark Aubry has been a tremendous leader in the medical field for hockey worldwide," says Hockey Canada President Bob Nicholson. "Not only has he led the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) but he also serves as the medical consultant to Hockey Canada. "He is a true leader of the game," Nicholson said with obvious admiration for the dedication and time Aubry gives to the sport. "He spends tireless hours to try to make the game safe at all levels."

The 51-year-old physician exemplifies the ideals of Canadian life. He practices sport medicine in the Ottawa-Gatineau area, has been married to Anne-Marie for 26 years and has two grown sons, Philip, 24, and Patrick, 20.

"I consider the Pashby Award a great honour and the biggest highlight of my sports medicine career," he said. "It is not an easy accomplishment and usually an unattainable dream to be recognized for performing something we do as a 'hobby'."

Dr. Aubry loves the game of hockey. He played through the system up to Junior A and then university hockey. "I went into medicine and still wanted to stay involved in hockey," he said,

speaking of his dream to become the University of Ottawa hockey team physician, thereby combining his vocation and avocation. "It just grew," he said, still amazed at how his life unfolded.

"I wanted to treat injuries, and then the prevention aspect was a natural follow through. And somewhere, somehow I got involved with the IIHF," he said.

Dr. Aubry spoke of becoming the trainer on the teams for his two hockey-playing sons, a position that morphed into more than a decade of involvement with the Canadian Hockey Association — now Hockey Canada.

Aubry is pleased with the recent direction Hockey Canada has taken, including adopting the new playing rules set up at the 2006 annual general meeting. "We need to make the game safe," he said. "We are setting the tone with the new rules. Now the big challenge is to enforce the rules, and we will have more skillful players. And that should lead to fewer injuries."

Aubry seems to have a feel for the grassroots. "Now they have to educate those that enforce the rules," he said. "All of a sudden we will have more skill and speed front and centre instead of body checking and intimidation."

"This is a traditionalist's game," he said "It will take time."

Bill Pashby, the Chairman of the Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund, was very impressed when he finally met Dr. Aubry, whose nomination was hand-selected by a knowledgeable group of well-known Canadians before being approved by the Pashby Board of Directors. Bill Pashby recognized those same qualities in Dr. Aubry's passion and dedication to the world of sports that he so admired in his own father, Dr. Tom Pashby.

"I found Dr. Aubry to be a wonderful family man," Bill Pashby said. "He was proud of his sons, and it was obvious that they were proud of him."

"Dr. Aubry is a good physician who has gone that extra mile for the athletes, from the very young to the old...from minor, through to recreational and into the NHL."

The Pashby Award is on display at the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame. Dr. Aubry will attend this year's induction ceremony in November.

To find out more information about the Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Award, please visit www.drpushby.ca. 

2005–2006 Hockey Canada Safety Program Recognition Awards

The Hockey Canada Safety Program Recognition Award is presented to a volunteer in recognition of outstanding contributions to amateur hockey in Canada as a Safety Person. The award recognizes the vital role the Safety Person serves in enhancing the safety and well-being of all hockey participants, while instilling the values of safety, fair play and integrity in all participants.


Award packages were distributed to minor hockey associations across Canada to allow associations to recognize one volunteer Safety Person for their dedication and effort in promoting safety within their organization. The selection was based upon six criteria established by Hockey Canada:

1. Long-time volunteer safety person in amateur hockey.
2. Embodies the values of safety, fair play, integrity and fun in hockey and instills these values in all participants.
3. Recipient has completed the six-hour training program and is a participant or instructor in the Hockey Canada Safety Program.
4. Achievements outside the Hockey Canada Safety Program, e.g., CPR, First Aid, other educational programs.
5. Recipient of other recognition rewards.
6. Letters of recommendations from teams, employers, parents, players.

The following are some of the winners of the Hockey Canada Safety Program Recognition Award for 2005–2006:

- Rod Millar – Tyne Valley & Area Minor Hockey
- Ramona Swenson – Birch Hills Minor Hockey
- Daryle Lamb – Killarney Minor Hockey
- Kevin Ryan – Thompson Minor Hockey Association
- Paul Deveau – Powell River Minor Hockey Association

- Dale Colby – Radville Minor Hockey
- Mark MacDonald – Rimbey Minor Hockey
- Dale Renz – Weyburn Minor Hockey
- Erin Stanyer – Burns Lake Minor Hockey Association
- Mark Donohoe – Minnedosa Minor Hockey Association
- Jules Brousseau – St Paul Minor Hockey
- Howard Mitchell – Kerrobert Minor Hockey
- John Kore – VTMHA
- Susan Niehaus – Grande Prairie Minor Hockey Association
- Joyce Heath – Richmond Minor Hockey

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you for your involvement in promoting safety in your minor hockey association. 

Hockey Canada Safety Program

What does this program do for you?

The Safety Program plays an important role in improving the quality of play for all hockey participants. The program is an integral component of maintaining hockey as a safe and enjoyable activity for all concerned while stressing safety as the number one priority.

If you would like more information about the Hockey Canada Safety Program or how to become a Safety Person, please visit the Hockey Canada website at: www.hockeycanada.ca

Tatamagouche NS Scene for New Hockey Canada Safety Video

*Submitted by: Margie Nickelson
The Light Newspaper*

Back in July 2005, Tatamagouche resident Dwayne Semple, Supervisor of EHS Management in Pugwash NS, attended an education seminar in Ottawa.

An initiative that would see Hockey Canada come up with new video on Hockey Safety was being discussed at the meeting.

"The previous training video is about 10 years old and completely out of date and really needed to be revamped", said Dwayne, who is a Master Course Conductor with Hockey Canada.

"Called an Emergency Action Plan video, the video is used for training coaches and other hockey officials. It basically shows what to do if a player is injured and what procedure hockey officials use to get the player safely off the ice."

During the discussion regarding the new training video, Dwayne said he jokingly mentioned that since Nova Scotia's ambulance service was the only accredited one in Canada, it might be fitting to have the video made in Nova Scotia. (In 2004, Nova Scotia's ground ambulance system became the first Canadian ambulance service to become accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services. Nova Scotia's ground ambulance system is recognized as the best in Canada and one of the best in North America).

A couple of weeks after returning home from the seminar, Todd Jackson, Senior Manager of Safety and Insurance for Hockey Canada, called from Ottawa to discuss with Dwayne the idea of coming to Nova Scotia to make the video.

"I was really surprised, but very pleased," said Dwayne. "He wanted me to find a rink and get everything organized for the crew to come here to make the video and I was happy to do so".

Dwayne said he looked at some other rinks to see if ice time was available that would coincide with the time the video was to be made. "I finally decided on Tatamagouche," said Dwayne. "The rink was due to be shut down on the previous Sunday but the folks at the North Shore Rec Centre left the compressor on for a few more days in order to accommodate us."

Todd Jackson, along with Jennifer Spencer Manager of Video Service for Hockey Canada (Jennifer had just returned from the Olympics in Torino Italy) and Paul Carson, Director of Hockey Development for Hockey Canada arrived in the village. For the duration of the film making, arrangements were made for the visitors to stay at the Kennedy Lake Chalets, just outside Tatamagouche.

Realizing the main gist of the film is to show exactly the chain of events that take place from the time a player is injured and how to properly execute the procedure until an ambulance arrives, 19 hockey players, coaching staff and other local people acted in some special roles in the making of the new video.

Cast members from Tatamagouche included Dwayne, Lyle Eagles, Tim Colburn, Valerie Creighton, Brian Attrite, Adam Simple, Brad Smith, Seth Packard-Attrite and Richard Wilson, Pugwash.


"The video will be used for training coaches and other personnel involved in hockey right across the country" said Dwayne. "It is due to come out in August 2006 and will play a major role in the safety program for all Canadians that are involved in the sport."

When reached by phone at his home in Ottawa, Jackson said the experience for himself and his crew to shoot the video in Tatamagouche was very positive.

"The paramedics were fantastic, very obliging and excellent to work with" he said. "The staff at the North Shore Rec Centre were especially helpful and they gave us full use of the facility."



He said the local actors and others who were involved in the video making were great and the Tatamagouche Titan PeeWee Hockey team was very cooperative and patient.

"We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dwayne Semple and his team and to the citizens of Tatamagouche for the kindness and hospitality shown to us while making the new safety video." 

2006 RBC Local Hockey Leaders

Thirteen RBC Local Hockey Leaders were recognized in the Hockey Hall of Fame and each received \$10,000 towards grassroots hockey in their community.

RBC Insurance, with support from Hockey Canada and the Hockey Hall of Fame, recognized Canada's most dedicated hockey volunteers on March 6, 2006, as part of the third annual RBC Local Hockey Leaders program.

Thirteen RBC Local Hockey Leaders — one from each regional Hockey Canada Branch — will be recognized in a special display at the Hockey Hall of Fame. Each winner will receive \$10,000 towards grassroots hockey in their community and a signed Team Canada jersey. A banner recognizing the achievement will also be raised in the winner's local arena.

"RBC Insurance is very proud to reward Canada's 'behind-the-scenes' hockey volunteers," said Neil Skelding, President and CEO, RBC Insurance. "The efforts of these selfless individuals often go unnoticed and seldom result in trophies or awards, so we are proud to turn the spotlight on their efforts through the RBC Local Hockey Leaders program. Hockey is an important part of Canadian communities, and volunteers are the ones who keep it going."

"Each fall we team up with RBC Insurance and the Hockey Hall of Fame to search Canadian communities for those tireless hockey volunteers who go beyond the normal call of duty and inspire others," said Bob Nicholson, President, Hockey Canada. "This year we received more than 1,000 outstanding nominations for leaders who organize, administer, fundraise, coach and do whatever it takes to keep hockey vibrant in their communities."

RBC initiated the RBC Local Hockey Leaders program in 2003–2004 to recognize individuals who dedicate their time to hockey at the community level. To date, the program has donated more than \$300,000 to grassroots hockey initiatives across Canada.

"We applaud RBC Insurance for investing in Canadian communities through the RBC Local Hockey Leaders program," added Nicholson.

For more information and biographies on all of the RBC Local Hockey Leaders, please visit <http://rbclocalhockeyleaders.com>.

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Canada's Triple Gold Champions Honoured

The 2006 Canadian Hockey Foundation Celebrity Classic Gala Fundraiser and Golf Tournament was held in Toronto on July 10th and 11th 2006 to raise money for the Foundation's endowment program. This special two day event provided benefactors with a once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate Team Canada's recent gold medal victories while raising money to invest in the future of our game.

This year's honourees in attendance at the Canadian Hockey Foundation Celebrity Classic Gala on July 10th in Toronto were:

- The 2006 IIHF World Junior Champions, who won Canada's first back to back gold medals since 1996/1997 with a perfect record and won for the first time in Canada since 1995.
- The 2006 Women's Olympic Champions, the first ever repeat Olympic gold medalists in women's hockey.
- The 2006 Sledge Hockey Paralympic Champions, winning Canada's first ever Paralympic hockey gold medal.

The Gala on July 10th was hosted by TSN's Gord Miller at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto. Supporters attending the gala fundraiser were present for the championship ring presentation, and spent a memorable evening with the outstanding group of athletes.

The spectacular evening also included the inaugural presentation of the Clarkson Cup, by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, former Governor General of Canada, to the 2006 Women's Olympic Champions.


The following day, on July 11th the 2006 honourees joined sponsors and patrons for a golf tournament at the Club on Bond Head in Toronto.

The Canadian Hockey Foundation currently governs over three million dollars in endowment assets and manages over \$200 000 per year in annual gifts. To date, the Canadian Hockey Foundation has made over \$500 000 in grants



Bob Nicholson, Adrienne Clarkson and Cassie Campbell

to Hockey Canada supporting a wide range of activities; including athlete support, alumni recognition, and the creation of next generation hockey development programs. Major new initiatives include supporting the growth of female hockey nationwide and providing opportunities for new Canadians and underprivileged youth to participate in organized hockey.

For more information about the Canadian Hockey Foundation, please visit Hockey Canada's website at www.hockeycanada.ca. 


Hockey Canada Safety Program Launches New Curriculum

The Hockey Canada Safety Program Committee is launching a new curriculum for the 2006–2007 clinic year. The writing team, under the direction of Candice Alkins, has spent two years carefully reviewing the existing materials, adding updates and changing the format where necessary. Program participants will see enhancements to many of the topics that existed in the original program but will also see new topics added to the information.

As well as a new participants' manual, the Safety Program Committee is introducing a new Emergency Action Plan video and a new stretching video. These two programs will add to the new look of the Hockey Canada Safety Program and will be available in both DVD and VHS.

“It’s very important for a program like ours to take the time to re-evaluate every few years in order to keep the information up to date,” says Antoine Atallah, long-time Chair of the Safety Program Committee.

Initially launched in 1995, the Safety Program has been key in ensuring a safe environment for players, coaches and officials. It is the goal of this program and the members of the Hockey Canada Safety Program Committee that hockey be made as safe and enjoyable as possible. This is accomplished by providing designated safety people with the risk management and safety tools and information that allow them to implement effective injury prevention and risk management programs in which safety is the first priority at all times.

For more information about the Hockey Canada Safety Program, please visit our website at www.hockeycanada.ca. 


Hockey Canada Pilots New Speak Out! Integrated Approach

During the 2006–2007 season, several Hockey Canada Branches are piloting a new model that integrates Speak Out information into the existing coaching streams. This new approach will mean there is Speak Out education in Hockey Canada’s coaching, safety and officiating programs and that the information is specific to each of these volunteer groups.

The new model has broken down the existing Speak Out information into pre-class and post-class exercises that are reinforced with a 90-minute module within the National Coaching Certification Program.

This past July, a master facilitator session was hosted in Ottawa, Ontario. It included master facilitators from the coaching program as well as Speak Out facilitators. A significant portion of the training session was dedicated to training master facilitators and Speak Out facilitators on how to deliver the new Speak Out integrated approach. The Speak Out materials to be used in the delivery of the new model were also reviewed.

Following the pilot year, Hockey Canada will use feedback to make necessary adjustments, and identify next steps for this new approach.

Since Speak Out was launched in 1998, Hockey Canada has trained over 100,000 volunteers on how to prevent bullying, harassment and abuse. 



From the pond to the pros, success in hockey begins with respect. Players who respect self, teammates, opponents, coaches, trainers, game officials, administrators, parents and fans develop winning attitudes both on and off the ice.



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