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R.16.5 RICK F. ALBERT MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is to be presented to a person or association which has been instrumental in the area of development within the NOHA.

The award can be given to an individual involved in Coaching, Refereeing, Training or the Initiation Programs, one who has developed a program which has been incorporated to the benefit of hockey or a person who has dedicated a great deal of time and effort to development within the NOHA.

This award could also be presented to a hockey association who through its efforts during a hockey season has furthered the advancement of development within the NOHA.

Nominations will be accepted from any member in good standing of the NOHA up to March 15th, and recipient will be selected by the development committee.

Announcement to be made at the NOHA Annual Meeting.

Rick was born December 14th, 1932 in Blind River, where he played his Minor Hockey. In the early 1950's Rick left for the Timmins Area where he would play his Junior Hockey with the "Porcupine Combines". While with the "Combines", Rick played on two Northern Ontario Championship teams. Rick then journeyed to the States where he played Pro Hockey in such places as Washington and Milwaukee. Here he met and made a long lasting friendship with the NOHA's Nick (the Rocket) Rukavina. Rick also played some minor league baseball. Rick decided in 1956 to return home to the Blind River Area and soon found himself in Elliot Lake working for Rio Algom Ltd.

Rick continued his hockey playing and was a member of Blind River Intermediate Northern Ontario Championship teams. Rick also became involved in officiating during this time and traveled the North Shore Area with people such as Albert Shamas. In 1970 Rick entered the Coaching Field when he became involved with Elliot Lake Team Legion PeeWee's and became an integral part of Elliot Lake Major Hockey.

During his journey through the NCCP Program reaching to Level V, Rick became one of Northern Ontario's biggest promoter of the National Coaches Certification Program. Rick started instructing in the Program and was always willing to share his knowledge of Hockey and any new drills or tips he picked up at Hockey Seminars throughout Canada.

Rick worked hard at promoting the NCCP Program and also acted as the Northern Ontario Co-ordinator. Rick continued his coaching during this period and also in the early



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1980's was instrumental in the forming of the Northern International Hockey League which included Elliot Lake, Soo Canada, Soo Michigan and Marquette in the beginning.

Rick among his many other projects in hockey served as Commissioner of the NIHL and promoted the growth of this league to other centres to include bantams with the original Atom and Pee Wee's.

Rick continued his work in Hockey in Elliot Lake with his Team Legion Pee Wee's and instructing at the NCCP Level Clinics right until the end of his time.

Those who knew Rick are sure that if there are any Hockey Teams in Heaven, Rick will be behind the bench coaching one of the teams.

On October 18th, 1988, Rick F. Albert left us, and for those that came in contact with Rick we are better people for having known him.

PAST WINNERS

- RICK F. ALBERT, Elliot Lake, Ontario1989
- JACK WALKOM, North Bay, Ontario1990
- DON SHEPHERDSON, New Liskeard, Ontario.....1991
- ERIC PARLOWE, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario1992
- DOMENIC DeFELICE, Schumacher, Ontario1993
- ROBERT ALLEN, Naughton, Ontario1995
- KAPUSKASING MINOR HOCKEY1996
- GEORGES ALBERT, Blind River, Ontario.....1997
- BRENDA TORRESAN, South Porcupine, Ontario1998
- KEN VAIL, Kapuskasing, Ontario1999
- DON MICHAUD, Sturgeon Falls, Ontario.....2000
- KEN MILLER, North Bay, Ontario.....2001
- ALEX MAIR, Kapuskasing, Ontario.....2002
- TIM FOSTER, Astorville, Ontario2003
- Sudbury Minor Hockey Initiation Program2004
- PAM HULL, Rayside Balfour.....2005
- SCOTT KILE, North Bay, Ontario2006
- CATHY GIFFEN, Val Caron, Ontario.....2008
- GUY LOSIER, Hearst, Ontario.....2009
- MIKE (SPYKE) PINTAR, Schumacher, Ontario.....2010
- MIKE MULRYAN, Timmins, Ontario.....2011
- MITCHELL CLARK, Richards Landing2012