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## **MEMBERS HONOURED BY CABO**

There are three awards that CABO may present annually.

The most prestigious is the Ted Earley Memorial Award which may be received by only one nominee each year. The criteria are as follows:

- *Nominee is recognized as a superior floor official;*
- *Nominee will have a significant number of years of service as an active official with national and international exposure;*
- *Nominee will have performed varied forms of service to the basketball community, both provincially and nationally;*
- *Nominee will have served in administrative and leadership roles, both provincially and nationally;*
- *Nominee will have contributed in both interpretive and educational capacities.*

There is also the CABO Executive Award of Merit. In any given year, this award may be presented by the CABO Executive to an individual who has made a significant contribution to CABO. It is not necessarily awarded annually and there could be more than one recipient any given year. This award was not presented this year.

The third is the John A. (Wink) Willox Award which may be received by only one candidate from each province in a given year. The criteria are as follows:

- *Good floor official by local standard;*
- *Significant length of service to the basketball community;*
- *Various forms of service to basketball organizations;*
- *Contributions to basketball in an administrative role.*
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This year, there were five people recommended by their respective province for the Willox award.

## **BILL DENNEY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA RECEIVES THE TED EARLEY AWARD**



**CABO president Morgan Munroe (right) presents the Ted Earley Award to Bill Denney (left)**

### **Career Highlights**

- **Active Basketball Official for 34 years 1967 - 2001.**
- **Celebrating 50 years in Basketball Officiating.**
- **Local and Provincial Educator, Assignor and Evaluator for 35+ years**
- **National Assignor / Evaluator since 2003. Assigned to 17 National Championships from U15 to U Sports Women.**
- **FIBA Official 1983**
- **Local and Provincial Executive member ... currently Director of Officials Development for the BCBOA**

### Officiating Experience

- International (Jones Cup) 1983
- World Police and Firemen's Games (3 on 3 Championships 2009)
- Canada West / U Sports (Provincial and Regional Men's Championships)
- U Sports Women's Provincial and National Championships)
- CCAA Men's Provincial and National Championships
- Senior Men's National Championships
- Junior Men's National Championships
- High School (Multiple Provincial Boys and Girls Championships)

### Awards

- BCABA (now Basketball BC) – Award of Merit 1995
- Wink Willox Provincial Award 1997
- Wink Willox National Award 2001

### Memberships

- GVBOA (1967 – Present ... Life Member)
- SurDel BOA – (Life Member)
- BCBOA – (1967 - Present ... Life Member)

### Memorable Experiences

- West Van - Argyle Provincial High School Boys Championship Game 1980
- Representing Canada at the Jones Cup in 1983
- FIBA Card 1983

### People of influence

Bill says that Wink Willox and Paul Deshaies are the two persons who were the biggest influences in his on and off-court basketball career.

**CONGRATULATIONS BILL !!**

# **WINK WILLOX AWARD RECIPIENTS**

## **PHIL GRIFFITHS OF NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR**

**Mr. Griffiths has distinguished himself on and off the court provincially and nationally over a 23 -year career that continues today.**

**Phil Griffiths began his officiating career in 1994 in St. John's. Phil worked hard on his game for the next five years which culminated in attaining an NABO "A" rating in the spring of 1999. He has worked every Senior Men's and Women's league play within the St. John's Metro area, has worked all senior tournaments within the province, and has been a strong advocate for the development of young officials at the minor level, mentoring young officials when called upon to do so.**

**Phil was a member of the Newfoundland University Panel from 2005-2010, working both Men's and Women's games at Memorial University.**

**On the National Level, Phil worked four championships;**

- Juvenile Girls in 2001(Bronze Medal game),**
- Midget Girls in 2002,**
- Juvenile Girls in 2006 (Gold Medal game) and**
- Canada Games Women in 2009.**

**Administratively, Phil was involved in the SJABO and served as its President from 2005-2007. In 2008, he was elected to the office of Vice-President with the Provincial Association, a post he held for one year. Phil was heavily involved in the board of the Newfoundland- Labrador High School Athletic Federation, where he was Vice-President of Administration for several years, and was the liaison between NABO and the School Sport Federation during that time.**

**Phil is a member of the NABO evaluation panel. He has a common-sense approach in dealing with officials being evaluated. He is perceived as being a "fair" evaluator and those he has evaluated give him praise for thorough and constructive feedback. This comes, not by chance, but from Phil's many years in dealing with the public as a former teacher and school administrator.**

**NABO recognizes his generous contribution to the development of basketball officiating in our Province and for his work as an administrator both locally and provincially.**

## **GREAT JOB PHIL !**

## **JONATHAN HUNT OF NOVA SCOTIA**

This official fell in love with officiating at a young age while watching his father umpire the best fastball played in the province. In his younger years, this official was a top high school basketball player, winning many championships, under the coaching of Roger Caulfield and is now one of Roger's top university panel officials.

He started his officiating career 26 years ago as a natural progression after his playing career at the CCAA level. This official is certified at a Level 5 of the National Official Certification Program. He served as Vice President of NSBO from 1997 to 2000 and as President from 2001 to 2004. During his tenure as President, he managed NSBO during a time of significant changes in rules and transition to 3-person officiating at the women's AUS level.

In his local area, he was often selected as "Official of the Year" as well as "Partner of the Year" which speaks volumes of his leadership skills and impact on the development of basketball in the Province of Nova Scotia. In addition, he was chosen, on a yearly basis, to officiate the championship game at the High School Play-offs.

### **Experience:**

- University/college panel since 1996; crew chief since 2002
- Internationally (FIBA) certified 2004 - 2015
- Serves as a provincial/local evaluator/clinician since 2004
- NBL Canada referee and crew chief since its inception – 2011

The following is a breakdown of this official's most significant milestones in officiating:

- 9 U Sports Final 8 championships (3 women's/6 men's)
- 13 AUS Conference final appearances (3 women's/10 men's) – gold medal game each time
- 2011 FIBA U19 Women's World championships
- 2010 FIBA U17 Women's World Championships
- 2010 PBL Playoffs and All Star game
- 2007 Pan Am Games (Rio, Brazil) – crew chief for men's semi-final;
- 2005 World Student Games (Izmir, Turkey) – men's gold medal match;
- Selected to NBL Canada Finals each year

This official epitomizes the criteria for the Wink Willox Award with his many years of high performance and selfless dedication to the game.

## **WELL DONE JON !**

## **MICHAEL MURRAY OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

Mike Murray officially began refereeing in 1990. His class schedule enabled him to officiate 100 plus games each season at the mini and Middle School levels. The experience that he gained from these games allowed him to progress quickly to the High School levels and from there to the Collegiate and University levels.

Mike earned his Level 2 rating in 1992 and has been a permanent fixture working end-of-season High School Regional and Sectional tournaments ever since. He has also worked 11 NBIAA Championship games in the Final 8/12 High School tournaments, with his first assignment coming in 1995. Mike earned his Level 3 in 1994. He has worked ACCA games for the past 23 years and has been an AUS official for the past 22 years. Her has represented New Brunswick regionally at 5 ACAA Championships and at 7 AUS Championship tournaments. Nationally, Mike has received assignments to the 1997 Canada Games, the 1999 Junior Nationals, the 2003 and 2008 CCAA Men's Championships, the 2009 U Sports women's and 2011 U Sports men's Championships. As well, Mike has officiated in the former PBL and the now NBL.

Administratively, Mike has played many different roles. He has served as Chairperson of the local zone, which also included a seat at the Provincial level as a member of the NBAABO Board of Directors. Over the past 20 plus seasons, Mike has been involved in the local zones Rules and Mechanic's clinics, annually teaching sessions to both new and returning officials. For the past 12 years, he has served on the University Board Committee, which selects the New Brunswick officials who work at the AUS men's and women's level.

More recently Mike has found evaluating, mentoring and providing feedback to officials to be most rewarding. While continuing to be an active official at a high level, he has mentored many up-and-coming officials within the zone, as his experiences at the Regional, Provincial and National levels have been invaluable in helping those who aspire to follow in his footsteps.

Mr. Murray's past and continuing contributions as an evaluator, mentor, administrator and official places him in a position of being a very deserving candidate for recognition.

**EXCELLENT MIKE !**

## **DAVE CUTLER OF ONTARIO**

Dave recently retired from the Durham Region Board of Approved Basketball Officials (DRBABO) after more than 30 years as an official. Dave was a member of IAABO for 25 years.

Dave was a long-time crew chief for the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association panel. He officiated at numerous local and provincial high school championships and local high school and rep basketball tournament finals.

Dave served in several executive positions with DRBABO. He recently concluded 2 years of service as president and was for many years the vice president of the Association. Over the years, Dave was a member of different components of the Association's structure, including the Review (Discipline), Constitution, and Development committees.

Dave mentored numerous local officials, many of whom have refereed or are refereeing at the highest levels in Ontario, or have been selected to officiate at provincial championships or national tournaments.

Dave is a recipient of the Basketball Ontario Recognition Award for his service to the sport as a coach and an official. For several years, Dave was a high school and rep coach in the Durham region. He was a distinguished coach of both the Durham College Men's and Women's basketball teams. Under his guidance, the women's team was OCAA champions in 1983-1984 and 1984-1985 and silver medalist in 1986-1987. The men's team obtained a Final Four placement in 1987-1988. For nearly 20 years, Dave was the Director of the Durham College Summer Basketball Camp. Dave is a member of the Durham College Sports hall of Fame.

Dave has demonstrated exemplary commitment to officiating and to the service of the DRBABO membership over a long career.

**BRAVO DAVE !**

## **WANDA VANDERVELDEN OF ALBERTA**

**Wanda began to officiate basketball in 1989. In 1993, she became the President and Assignor for the Mountain View Officials Association. She really seems to enjoy those positions as she is still President and co-assigns games for her area.**

**She began officiating ACAC, both men and women in 1996. In those days, a rural official first had to be noticed and then had to travel to Calgary to get games. She had the good fortune of doing multiple ACAC playoffs and attending three CCAA tournaments.**

**Wanda did one term on the ABOA executive. Olds High, where she teaches physical education and serves as athletic director, was in the process of planning and building a new school and complex so she unfortunately could not fill another term.**

**Attending camps led to her most rewarding experiences. She has been staff at clinics and camps (West Coast Conference, Canada West, Prairie Dog and Next Level Camp). She continues to serve as an ABOA Evaluator to assign and observe at Provincial Championships, including being an ACAC observer. Her approach is really no different than how she likes to ref. She only hopes that to help referees grow as so many great people have contributed to her experiences and growth. She is a believer in that how we react to the many challenges and adjustments to change can be tremendous character builders, if we allow them to be.**

**After working U Sports for 12 years, she had to pull away from the panel to do justice to her administrator's duties. An extremely difficult decision, because she would miss those many friends she says she had the honour to work with. She is very grateful to have worked one U Sports Championship and many Canada West playoffs.**

**She continues to work with amazing people at the ACAC, Varsity, Jr. Varsity and Jr. High level and enjoys each age and level. After 29 years, she still enjoys being on the court with the athletes.**

**WAY TO GO WANDA !**