

## 2008 CRHL Banquet

Thank you all for coming out tonight to celebrate yet another great CRHL season. Thanks to those of you that came out all season to support the Canadian Restaurant and therefore helping to create this party tonight! I would also like to thank all of our sponsors. MCS, North End Sports, and Tim Horton's for purchasing jerseys. Paris Sports Center for donating our zero balls this season. Eschelon Sports who supplies our league with wheels and bearings at a great discount and the Canadian Restaurant for our player of the game gift certificates during the regular season.

Tonight we look back on the season and those individuals as voted on by you the players who have won awards for their accomplishments.

It has been a great season for the CRHL. We introduced a new name the Canning Roller Hockey League and unveiled a new logo for the league. Our deepest rookie crop was on display this season and brought in some youth and exciting speed to the game. Two new captains Sam Goodfellow and Matt Comeau were introduced to the league. Goodfellow captained his Gold Rush team to an impressive 12 and 3 record and Comeaus Silver Bullets made it all the way to the Finals after a challenging regular season.

The All Blacks, White Lightning and Teal Steel were up and down all season but each managed to put together some streaks and good games together to set the tone for next season.

The Orangemen started the season with some tough losses but it was not long before they came together and prepared themselves yet another chance to hoist the Canning Cup. My hats off to you guys for accomplishing the three peat!

All in all, it was a great season that showed any one of the six teams could have won the championship! It continues to be exciting to see how the league improves each year on and off the floor. So before we get started with the awards and I hand this over to Hilly and DD, I would like to say thank-you for keeping it fun and competitive and more importantly for helping establish the CRHL as a flagship to Four Season Sports Roller Hockey. It is because of all of you that more people will want to play the sport of roller hockey.

Tonight we will hand out awards for:

Most Improved Player  
2 Way Player  
Best Defenseman  
Most Sportsmanlike  
Top Goalie  
Role Player  
Rookie of the Year  
CRHL Achievement Award  
Most Points  
Most Goals  
MVP Playoffs  
MVP

This year we have changed things up from in past seasons when winners would receive an individual trophy. This year winners will receive a hat with the CRHL logo and their name will appear on a league plaque for that individual award. Each year we add a couple more plaques until we have all 12. Our hope is to have them on display at the rink in one of the trophy cases dedicated to just the CRHL.

So tonight we ask that all winners come up receive their CRHL hat and have their picture taken. We do have multiple winners this year. Those individuals will receive a hat and a hoodie for their accomplishments.

*Let's get started...(winners marked in bold)*

**Most Improved** – This award is presented to the player who has shown the most improvement from last year to this year. Or if they did not play in the league last year, we looked at from the beginning of this season to the end.

The nominees are: Bevan Wells, Joe Pickering, Brandon Jacusiw, **Sean Durand** and Jay Chanthavong

**2 Way Player** – This award is presented to the player that shows the best combination of offensive and defensive capabilities. Very close between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 31% of the votes to 29%.

The nominees are: Aaron Plant, **Todd Bowler**, Sam Goodfellow, Sean Durand and Chris McCormick

**Best Defenseman** – This award is presented to the leagues best defenseman during the regular season.

The nominees are: Brad Boakes, Jon Zombeck, **Brock Murray** and Mike Read

**Most Sportsmanlike Player** – This award is presented to the leagues most gentlemanly player during the regular season. This player displays the best ability to manage their emotions playing a game that sometimes challenges how they react to given situations that take place on the floor. This was a close race with the winner receiving 23% of the votes and 2<sup>nd</sup> place earning 21%.

The nominees are: **Warren Gallant**, Rob Lee, Kevin Lee, Bevan Wells and Scott Speelziek

**Top Goalie** – This award is presented to the leagues best goalie during the regular season.

The nominees are: Chris Brown, **Mark Robb**, Dan Dimeo, Aaron Hill, Darryl Dempsey and Todd Gallant

**Role Player** – This award is presented to the player that best demonstrates an ability to be versatile and adapt to any given situation they are presented with. Often this player will take on a role to shut down the opposition.

The nominees are: Aaron Plant, **Sam Goodfellow**, Matt Kerr and Mark Jennings

**Rookie of the Year** – This award is presented to the leagues top rookie during the regular season. I would like to say that this year's rookie crop will go down in the CRHL books as the best to date. The winner came away with 25% of the votes and 3 players were tied in second with 19% each.

The nominees are: Dave Norman, Kyle Chaney, Matt Kelly, **Mark Robb**, Dan Dimeo and Milan Mesich

**CRHL Achievement Award** – This is a new award this season and is being presented to two individuals that have demonstrated a level of consistency over the years in the CRHL that has played key roles within their teams.

One individual has been in the top 10 in scoring every year since starting in the league in 2004. Only in 2004 was this player not in the top 5 in scoring.

The other individual has an uncanny ability to adapt to any situation they are presented with in a game because of their understanding of the game of roller hockey and how it's played.

These two players have been nominated for awards over the years and just missed winning each year by a small percentage. They are key players in this league and tonight we honour them both.

## **Matt Kerr and Aaron Plant**

**Most Points** – This award is presented to the player who led the league in points during the regular season. He had been absent from the league for a couple seasons but came back and started where he left off.

With 41 Goals 30 assists for 71 points in 13 games played this year's winner is **Justin Read**.

**Most Goals** – This award goes to the player in the league who scored the most goals during the regular season.

With 41 goals just edging out second place winner Aaron Plant at 37. This year's winner is **Justin Read**.

**MVP Playoffs** – This award is presented to the player that leads their team during the playoff run for the Canning Cup.

This year's winner is no stranger to the finals. Making it there the last three seasons on the way to his third straight championship. This year's winner is **Brad Boakes** of the Orangemen. Brad led his team with 8 Goals and 6 assists for 14 points in 3 games.

**MVP Regular Season** – This award is presented to the leagues most valuable player as voted on by you the players. This player demonstrates an ability to lead his team both on and off the floor. The MVP is an honour bestowed upon the best performing player who is most appreciated by his teammates and opponents.

The nominees are: Aaron Hill, Brad Boakes, Brock Murray & Justin Read

This year's winner earning 40% of the votes is **Brock Murray**.

Ok guys before we wrap up the presentation of the awards on behalf of Darryl, Hilly and I thank-you all for your support of the CRHL and we look forward to another great season next year! And remember if you are looking to play in the winter keep in touch with me so that I can get you involved in some Sunday morning action and tournaments.

The food will be served now.