



# Paul van Steen Sports Achievement Award

The Paul van Steen Sports Achievement Award was created by the Bridlewood Community Association (BCA) in 2009 in memory of a dedicated community member and volunteer who helped establish and support sports programs in Bridlewood across many age groups and levels. The goal of the award is to recognize excellence in competitive or demonstrative sport by a permanent resident of Bridlewood over the age of 16.



Paul Van Steen moved to Bridlewood in 1979 and helped establish the Bridlewood Spring Sports Program for children aged 5 – 12. This program offered an 8 week league of both soccer and softball. He also led the establishment of community run outdoor ice rinks throughout Bridlewood, organized winter carnival events (eg. cross country ski races, snow sculptures, broomball games), Bridlewood Canada Day activities and was a driving force behind the Bridlewood Men's Hockey league. He passed away suddenly in 2007 while renewing his hockey refereeing certification. Paul was also heavily involved with the Bridlewood Community Association and assisted with Park Development as well as coordinating the Outdoor Rink Program for many years. Paul's legacy lives on in the Spring Sports program which now serves over 750 children every spring, the Bridlewood Men's Hockey league which is a men's non-contact hockey league and the 9 volunteer-run outdoor rinks in Bridlewood.

The Paul van Steen Sports Achievement Award consists of a commemorative trophy to be inscribed with the winner's name each year and kept in the Eva James Community Centre display cabinet as well as a keepsake trophy and a \$250 cash award for the recipient.



## Selection Criteria

The award is open to any athlete over the age of 16 who currently exhibits excellence in representative or competitive sport. All candidates must have a Bridlewood address (including Emerald Meadows) as their primary residence. Leadership in their field and community involvement activities will also be considered.

Nominations will open on May 1<sup>st</sup> of every year and close on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please contact Margaret Kellaway at 287-0608 or [sports@bridlewood.ca](mailto:sports@bridlewood.ca) for more information

## **Previous Winners**

2013 Alec Jarvis Triathlete - 2nd in Ontario and 2nd in Ontario Summer Games in 2012

2012 Samantha Klus Triathlete - will compete in worlds in New Zealand in fall of 2012

2011 Lindsay Cook Baseball - has represented Ontario in 2 National championships

2010 Laurel Johnson Triathlete - competes in Ironman events all over the world

2009 Esther Akinsulie Olympic hopeful in Track for 2012 in London, England