

## 2021 Pickleball Association of Ontario Awards

### **MESSAGE FROM THE VOLUNTEER AWARDS CHAIR**

On behalf of Pickleball Ontario and the awards committee we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Ambassadors, our Club Directors and Reps, and all of the unnamed member volunteers; we know it takes a village.

**WE THANK YOU ALL - Pamela Joslin**

Here are the awards, including our definition of each award, the nominators, the recipient, and a brief summary of the recipient's contribution.

Congrats to all.

### **Wayne Roswell Builder Award**

This person was one of the original builders of pickleball in Ontario. They initiated a program(s) in their region (city) which has resulted in the rapid growth of pickleball. Their enthusiasm and positive energy has encouraged others to become involved in the development of the sport. They were a founder of a pickleball association in the province, which helped increase participation in the sport.

**Jeff Morgan's** work has been focused on young players and new Canadians. He runs the battle of the Paddle High School Pickleball Championship and the 'Net Warriors Challenge' for students.

The past 10 years have been busy for Jeff; he directed the first-ever summer Pickleball Experience at Olympia Sports Camp and has presented at the; OFSAA Women's Sports School, OFSAA Coaching Symposium, CIRA Conference, Canadian Intramural and Recreation Association Conference, Ontario Physical Literacy Summit, Retired Teachers of Ontario Conference, Hamilton District School Boards 's 'Let's Move' Conference, City of Hamilton Recreation Conference, Brock University's Faculty of Education, and the City of Hamilton 'Teach the Teacher'

Jeff was instrumental in the design and construction of twelve courts at Confederation Beach Park. Recognizing his past decade of work, building the game, Pickleball Hamilton granted Jeff a lifetime membership and named a volunteer award in his name.

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Left to Right

Derek the nominator with JEFF MORGAN as he receives congratulations from Fiona Mac Gregor PAO past president.

### **Merri Lee Ambassador Award**

This volunteer ambassador has been a positive influence and has greatly impacted the way that pickleball has grown in their community. This person has not only shown leadership but has also increased awareness and participation of pickleball in their region. They have acted as a liaison between Pickleball Ontario and their own community.

**Brian Bell** has applied for government, town and ParticipACTION grants and with these funds he has purchased nets, paddles and balls. He also secured indoor play in the Community Center and at the local Military Base. Brian recruited volunteers to build a Facebook page for his group to stay connected he gives free logo bags, and lessons to anyone interested and is also working on organizing a Youth Pickleball Club. Along with these commitments Brian organizes tournaments with fun prizes and has made participation not only an enjoyable physical activity but a wonderful social club too!

**Brian you have done a wonderful job and have greatly impacted the way pickleball has grown in your community. On behalf of Pickleball Ontario and all those you have inspired. THANK YOU.**



Brian's Meaford Pickleball group helps him celebrate.

He receives his award from past president Fiona Mac Gregor

## **Community Award**

The Community Award recognizes an individual who inspires others to actively participate in pickleball. This volunteer has given much of their time and effort to create or maintain programs in their community. Their leadership skills and positive inclusive attitude fosters a fun and enjoyable learning experience for all.

**Chuck Burgoyne** plays, ponders, instructs, improves, corrects, repairs, encourages, builds and monitors daily events. AND gives voice and sense to club concerns and meets confidently with town officials to get things accomplished. Chuck looks to the future, seeing opportunities and visions of growth and improvement for club members. He has offered many workshops and beginner classes and cultivates camaraderie, and self challenge in a fun competitive environment

**Chuck you have inspired members of your community to become actively involved in pickleball through your inclusive, fun, enjoyable learning experiences. On behalf of Pickleball Ontario and all those you have inspired. THANK YOU.**



Kim Porter and Gil Metcalfe representing **Pickleball Ontario** present **Chuck Burgoyne** with the Pickleball Ontario **COMMUNITY AWARD** in recognition of his many valued contributions to growth of pickleball here in WASAGA BEACH.

## **Official Award**

This individual has demonstrated a positive influence as a dedicated, skilled official, in refereeing pickleball at local, regional, or provincial tournaments. They are recognized by their peers as having given countless hours to improve the professionalism of pickleball as a qualified referee.

In pandemic lock downs, **Daphne Micallef Reid** travelled to safer parts of Ontario to be assessed for her level 2-referee status, and kept current with the new rules for 2021 by taking the multiple on line tests.

Daphne is a member of Pickleball Ontario's Referee Advisory committee, SHE edits the Best Practices Referee Handbook and also edited the Steps for Training booklet written by Karen Hill for the Ontario Referee trainers.

Daphne is a Pickleball Ontario Referee Trainer in her Region **and** is looking forward to setting up referee training clinics, for tournaments in Ontario.

**Daphne Pickleball Ontario recognizes you for your positive influence as a dedicated skilled official and the training you bring to the sport. THANK YOU**