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Poulstrup honoured for devotion to hockey

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When Finn Poulstrup decided to make his fledgling Red Dot Realty business the sponsor for the Intermediate Raiders' hockey games in the 1970s, little did he know what would follow.

Neither would the citizens and hockey supporters of Halton Hills.

The 62-year-old native of Denmark received the 33rd-annual Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award Monday night at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School.

Poulstrup's acceptance of the vice-president of fundraising position for the Raiders was just the start of a lengthy list of volunteering efforts that included being secretary for the world's largest Jr. A league and the founder of the newly-opened Halton Hills Sports Hall of Fame.

"That commitment by Finn has led to 35 years of volunteering in our community and the raising of hundreds of thousands of dollars for projects that make Georgetown an exciting place to live and play," said Bob Hooper, a close friend of Poulstrup's and president of those Georgetown Intermediate A Raiders' clubs.

Selling program advertisements and 50/50 draw tickets

for Raider home games were just a couple of money-generating tasks handled by Poulstrup that would lead Georgetown to its famous Hardy Cup Canadian Intermediate A championship run in 1982.

"We sold so many 50/50 tickets, you'd wake up in the middle of the night, selling tickets in your sleep," Poulstrup said.

"We had kids' nights, minor hockey nights, school nights, boy scout nights, family nights... If we had a game, we had a cause. Anything to bring the fans in and make a buck."

As well as coaching his two sons in minor hockey and serving as an on-ice official, Poulstrup went on to become president of junior Raiders' teams and moved on to an administrative position with the Ontario Jr. A Hockey League that ceased with his retirement last year.

It's also estimated that Poulstrup raised close to \$700,000 to help establish a home at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex for the Halton Hills Sports Museum & Resource Centre, which opened in December.

"In a real sense, this award is truly shared with all those people who made donations over the years. It's easy to ask for the money; it's another thing to give it, and I'd like to say thanks to all the businesses and people in the community who helped with these projects."

Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award winner for 2010, Finn Poulstrup (left) accepts the official portrait of himself from Georgetown Kinsmen Club president Iain Meldrum during Monday's 33rd-annual dinner held at Christ the King Secondary School.
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