

High school coach/convenor honoured by peers in region

BY MICHAEL HAYAKAWA
mhayakawa@yrmg.com

When Don Carmichael attended the recent York Region Athletic Association's annual general meeting he was involved in the athletic director's meetings, voted for the election of new executive members and sat in on the dinner and awards segment.

What the Stouffville resident and Unionville High School physical education head did not expect though, was to receive one of the citations handed out.

That being the Pete Beach Award.

Named in honour of Pete Beach, a former Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations director, the citation is a regional OFSAA honour given to an individual who organizes sports.

Voting was carried out by any YRAA member and through a YRAA awards committee.

As this year's recipient, Carmichael acknowledged he was caught totally off guard upon hearing his name called.

"I was very honoured and humbled to be presented with this award," he said. "Recognition from your peers and colleagues reinforces that your volunteer time with students is important and appreciated."

"I understand Pete Beach was quite a man... a coach, mentor and role model. I hope in some small way I've had a similar influence on students."

While Carmichael was this year's recipient, Steve Shantz, YRAA athletic co-ordinator, was quick to note there are some years when the award is not given out.

Carmichael though, was fully deserving of it this year, Shantz said.

Teaching for more than 30 years, Carmichael has been in York Region for 28, starting at Unionville from 1985 to 1988 before going to the then newly opened Milliken Mills Secondary School from 1989 to 1994.

Carmichael then headed north to New-

market High School from 1994 to 1996 and Sutton District High School from 1996 to 2000 before returning to Newmarket High School in 2000-01 and Sir William Mulock from 2001-13 before returning to Unionville where he replaced Rob Thomas as head of physical education this past academic year.

During his time in the YRAA, Carmichael has coached a variety of sports including: badminton, tennis, soccer, football, basketball and track and field.

In addition, he's served as a convenor for the YRAA badminton program during the last 13 years, and basketball before that.

He's also been part of committees that have run OFSAA championships in volleyball, basketball, badminton, and track and field.

With the YRAA hosting the OFSAA badminton championships next year, Carmichael said he will be involved.

When Carmichael isn't involved in school sports he spends his time on the Canadian Football League gridiron where he's been a longtime official, including working Grey Cup games.

Maloney also honoured at YRAA annual general meeting

Among other award recipients at the recent YRAA annual general meeting was Rick Maloney, who was posthumously given the Norm Menczel Award for involvement in sport in school and in the community and contribution to athletics.

A former basketball and football coach at St. Brother Andre Catholic High School, the former Stouffville resident passed away in early April.

Prior to his death, Maloney guided the St. Brother Andre senior boys' basketball club to the YRAA title and first-ever OFSAA appearance this year.

Friends remember Bob McNeil with golf day in Peterborough

The late Bob McNeil was fondly remembered last week.

Close friend Joe Infurnari organized a day for group of 24 men that travelled to the Baxter Creek club in Peterborough, which is owned by former Stouffville resident Grant Larmer's family.

The golfers wore shirts that said "Bob McNeil Golf Day 2013". Next year, they hope to make the event a fundraiser for a charity that was close to Mr. McNeil's heart.

Mr. McNeil, a Stouffville electrician and former pro hockey player who played junior hockey with Don Cherry for the Barrie Flyers, died in January.

He was 79.

Young goalies get help with equipment

The costs to outfit a youngster to be a hockey goalkeeper can add up.

Especially if they are at a young age.

But the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario and Richmond Hill-based Ontario Minor Hockey Association want to help ease the financial burden placed on parents through their Goalie Assist Program.

For the third straight year, the program will provide a set of goaltending equipment for youngsters between the ages of five to seven who are interested in trying the position.

Each kit is equipped with a set of youth pads, a catcher and blocker set, stick, chest protector and bag. Goaltending resources are also included to aid coaches in educating young goalies on fundamental skills.

Applications are available to download at www.omha.net until Sept. 1.

It's a Bright Idea...

to keep halogen and regular light bulbs away from anything that can burn. Place them where children and pets can't knock them over.

THE MARRIOTT GROUP

This message brought to you by the community service of The Sun Tribune

WHAT'S ON?

Discover York Region's premier website for **ALL THERE IS TO SEE AND DO IN YORK REGION!**

- Arts & Culture
- Dining & Wineries
- Attractions
- Golf & Country Clubs
- Shopping
- Farm Fresh
- Outdoor Recreation

VISIT yorkscene.com

Eat • Play • Stay Local

for more information contact: **905-726-3278** or email info@yorkscene.com

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A STAR!

Celebration of the *Arts*

WIN up to \$3,000!

showcase your talent, passion and dedication to the arts!

We are looking for applicants to participate in Celebration of the Arts 2013!

Completed applications due at 4:00p.m. on July 20th, 2013 at the Newmarket Theatre Box Office. For further details call 905-503-STAR (7827).

See website for details, dates & applications.
www.newmarkettheatre.ca or www.celebrationofthearts-yorkregion.com

Thanks to our Bursary Sponsors, without you we could not make dreams come true! Since 2001 we have awarded \$340,000 in bursaries to 237 winners.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS