



Leaside Girls Hockey
League (LGHL)
Honours Ian Shaw,
12-year volunteer
supporter of League

This year, after volunteering for 12 years, one of Leaside Girls Hockey League's biggest supporters, Ian Shaw, has stepped down from the Board of Directors.

He began volunteering for the League in 1989, when his oldest daughter began to play. At the time, Leaside Girls Hockey League consisted of three levels of girls house league: junior, intermediate and senior - a total of 12 teams.

Ian began as an Assistant Coach in '89, and from that point, served in various capacities - Manager, Trainer, and Coach for many of the Leaside Girls' teams. Ian was part of the League at a crucial time for girls' hockey, and helped to ensure that Leaside was not left behind. He supported the security and development of LGHL - both House League and Select - by advocating for fair play; organizing drills and skill building practices; supporting and arranging for certified trainers and coaches; and pursuing and attaining equal ice time for the league.

In 1990, Ian Shaw accepted the task of Convenor of House League. He facilitated the original house league tournament in addition to his efforts in fostering the Select division, and basically carried the League on his shoulders. It was Ian who introduced the Select Team status to the Leaside Wildcats Tournament. If it weren't for him, there would not be a Select Leaside Tournament (although this is the 22nd year for the Leaside Wildcat's Tournament, it's the 9th Wildcats Tournament for Select Teams).

Ian stood as President of LGHL beginning in 1991, and worked with Ken Luk, David McFadden, and Georgina Rainer to incorporate the League. In 1993 when LGHL did become incorporated, Ian Shaw was elected the first official President of the League, a position he held until the 1999/2000 season.

During his tenure as President, Ian was extremely supportive of house league and competitive divisions and provided overall guidance for the Select Teams; assisted with the recruitment of volunteer coaches, trainers and managers; helped with assessment/finalization of the team categories and registrations; negotiated the acquisition of ice contracts; created and maintained the ice schedule, and represented Leaside at North Metro.

Today, Leaside Girls Hockey League boasts a 5-tier 20-team house league with an additional 11 Girls' Select Teams.

Many of the girls in competitive and house league will recognize Ian by sight in his referee uniform, something he started doing about 4 years ago and still does today, refereeing about 12 hours a week.

We wish him all the best, and we still look forward to seeing him at the rink, in any capacity.

In appreciation,

On behalf of the Leaside Girls Hockey League
Board of Directors

*Thank you
Ian Shaw!*