



CLEVELY NAMED DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE ONTARIO JUNIOR 'A' LACROSSE LEAGUE

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ONTARIO – Ontario Junior 'A' Lacrosse League (OJALL) Commissioner Mark Grimes announced today the appointment of Bob "Beav" Clevely as the league's first Deputy Commissioner.

Clevely is no stranger to the league, having served as President and/or General Manager of the Orangeville Northmen from 1991 to 1996, and then again from 2007 to 2019. He has served on many lacrosse related boards, and was the Senior Vice President of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) before his retirement in 2016.

"Bob Clevely is the definition of a builder," said OJALL Commissioner Mark Grimes. "His knowledge and experience will be a huge asset as we move our league forward. He has been a tremendous advisor and I am excited to work alongside him."

Focusing his keen sense of building for the future, Clevely was a key participant in resurrecting Orangeville Northmen's dormant Junior 'B' program in 1989, assembling a team of players who had not played for a few years and successfully won a Founders Cup during their first year in operation. They won a second National Championship in 1990. Encouraged by this early success, Clevely moved the team up to the Junior 'A' ranks. During his involvement with the program, the Northmen were Minto Cup Champions in 1993, 1995, 1996, 2007, 2008, 2012, and 2019.

Clevely served as the Assistant General Manager for the Toronto Rock from 2004 to 2006, winning an NLL Champions Cup with the team in 2005. He served as a member of the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame Board of Directors from 1994 until 2002. In 2014, Clevely was inducted into the Orangeville Sports Hall of Fame along with his wife Fiona. He was inducted into the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2015 and Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2017. In 2019, Clevely received the Thomas "Tip" Teather Trophy, presented to the person considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the sport of lacrosse in Ontario.

ABOUT THE OJALL

The Ontario Junior 'A' Lacrosse League (OJALL), founded in 1933, is a Canadian junior men's box lacrosse league based in Ontario, Canada. The OJALL currently consists of eleven (11) teams located in southern Ontario and is widely considered the most competitive junior men's box lacrosse league in the world.

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