

## **U11 Wayne Lunn Division**

**Wayne found his dream career in 1983 as Manager of the Newport “Brooklyn” Rink; a career that spanned 29 years. He was a founding member Newport Rink Commission, and later chaired the commission. Wayne spent countless hours canvassing for funds needed to construct the original Newport Rink. Wayne lived at the rink. In the summers he was not only a building caretaker but also was known to call bingo there to raise funds. In the winters he was happy to work long shifts as he enjoyed all the chats with players and spectators, watching all the players (young and old) while feeding his passion for hockey. In addition to his work at the arena, Wayne enjoyed coaching Newport Minor Hockey and, of course, spectating his own children and then his grandchildren. After his wonderful 29-year career as Manager, he crossed the hallway to join his wife in the rink canteen where they continued there until the rink roof collapsed. However, that was not the end; Wayne continued his involvement with the rink commission and was determined to support the rebuild of what is now known as the GFL Newport Rink. He was of strong opinion that the facility was to remain there to support the Village of Brooklyn and the surrounding communities. He worked alongside many other dedicated volunteers to ensure a new rink was built. He was proud of those efforts and remained an active member of the commission until he passed.**