

2017 INDUCTEES



Mike Lebel – COACH

“Mike Lebel has always delivered uncompromising excellence in leadership, coaching, volunteering and being a part of the executive with the Soo Minor Baseball Association”.

- Founded the Soo Black Sox, The Great Lakes Baseball League, and the Northern Elite Baseball League. “In doing so, Mike has given the Sault youth the opportunity to play, learn & grow in a safe, friendly and competitive environment spanning Ontario & Michigan”.

Served as the president of the Soo Minor Baseball Association for over 25 years.

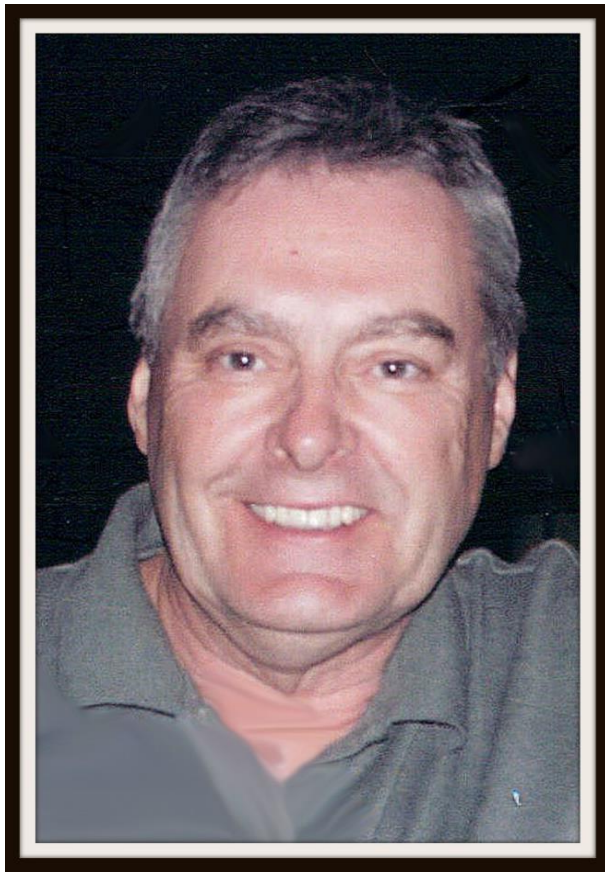
“Throughout his coaching career, he has guided several successful provincial baseball championship teams from Sault Ste. Marie spanning from 1987-2010.

- Pioneer, builder, coach, and volunteer in our community and an instrumental figure for the Sault Ste. Marie baseball community.

Accomplishments:

- Founder Great Lakes Baseball League
- President of Soo Minor Baseball for 25 years
- Coached 6 Provincial Baseball Championship Teams from Mosquito to Junior & 4 Finalist Teams
- Players Coached have gone on to play University, College and Professional Ball.

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Alex Mitchell – Sports Writer & Editor

Alex Mitchell can be defined as one of Sault Ste. Marie's greatest sports writers and editors. He thrived at reporting, and documenting the local sports culture. Mitchell is recognized for his unswerving commitment to the local sports scene. Working at the Sault Star, Alex Mitchell worked to ensure fair coverage and that all teams and sports were represented equally.

Alex was an instrumental leader in sports reporting and has played an important role in the development and success of many sport editors and columnist's today. In particular, Alex guided and mentored other sports journalists: Peter Ruicci and TSN's National Commenter Bob McKenzie. Being an active member in the sports community, Alex Mitchell was also a devoted committee member of the

Hockey Hall of Fame for fifteen years. Alex has been an exceptional member and journalist in the Sault Ste. Marie sports culture.

Accomplishments:

- Sault Star Sports Editor and Sports Writer
- Sports Writer for the Sault This Week in 1974
- Freelance Writer for Tankard Times During Sault Brier 1990
- 15 Year Committee Member of the Hockey Hall of Fame
- Life Long Sports Enthusiast

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Brian Mealey – COACH

What started with a small DIY rope tow and ski hill with his brother in White River, inspired Brian Mealey to pursue skiing education as a profession for 46 years. Brian Mealey has coached more alpine skiing athletes to provincial and national championships than any other coach in Canada. Training at Ontario's best kept secret (Searchmont Ski Resort), he put Northern Ontario skiers on the map.

He is highly recognized and known for his creative approach to using the terrain and combination changes that closely match the course sets in Europe, a skill that few Canadian coaches have mastered.

Notably, he played a role in the development of Olympic winners Mac and BJ Marcoux, former National Team Candidate Lise-Marie Acton, as well as her sister, Olympic hopeful Brigitte Acton. He was also involved in training Division I Skiers such

as Lauren and Amy Lattimer, as well as many other successful skiers such as Kristen Timusk, Bob Real, and Sarah Burke. Additionally, he guided his son, John Mealey, to the World Cup circuit and to win a Canadian downhill championship. Furthermore, Brian has mentored many instructors to pursue coaching. One of whom, Kip Harrington, who is one of the World's most respected coaches with more than 10 years as Canadian Ski Team coach and World Cup Tech Team head coach. Brian Mealey has proudly represented Sault Ste. Marie and Northern Ontario, and has made an international impact with his expertise.

Accomplishments:

- 46 Years of Coaching Alpine Skiing in Sault Ste. Marie
- Head Coach of the Searchmont Ski Runners/SooSki Runners/Soo Ski Racers 1967-2012
- Coached: Lise Marie & Brigitte Acton, Steve Roch, John Mealey, Laurent & Amy Lattimer, Kristen Timusk, Bob Real, Sarah Burke, Mac & BJ Marcoux.
- Mentored Kip Harrington, a past World Cup Tech Team Head Coach and Head Coach Alpine Ontario.

