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Current Honouree – Mr. Gary Cook



- ◇ Honoured member of the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame (2008)
- ◇ Driving force behind five Allan Cup Canadian Senior Hockey titles including four of those as general manager (1975 – 1984 – 1985 – 1988 - 1989)
- ◇ GM of three Colonial Hockey League championship teams (1992, '94, '95)
- ◇ Colonial Hockey League executive of the year (1995)
- ◇ GM of three SIJHL championship teams (2004 – 2005 – 2006)
- ◇ GM of Dudley-Hewitt Cup Central Canadian Jr. A champions (2006)
- ◇ Gary Cook SIJHL executive of the year award named in his honour

BIO—With a career covering six decades that included five Canadian, three professional and three Jr. A hockey titles, Gary Cook was a true Northwestern Ontario hockey icon who earned the admiration and respect of thousands of individuals who were fortunate enough to have met and known him.

From his days as a stick boy in the 1950s, right up until his passing in January of 2008, Mr. Cook dedicated himself to providing opportunities for people to participate and excel in hockey, making him a builder of sport in the truest sense of the word.

Serving on the training staff of the Port Arthur North Stars junior hockey organization throughout the 1960s, “Cookie” moved on to be the trainer of the Port Arthur Marrs side in their Memorial Cup finals appearance in 1967 vs. the Toronto Marlboros.



Making the jump to senior hockey, he started a 20-year affiliation with the Thunder Bay Twins acting as their trainer when they captured their first Allan Cup Canadian national senior hockey championship in 1975.

Following his move to the general manager position, the Twins grew into the dominant senior hockey side in Canada claiming Allan Cup crowns in 1984, 1985, 1988 and 1989.

The next step in his distinguished hockey career came as a founding member of the Colonial Hockey League where he served as GM and director of hockey operations of the former Thunder Bay professional franchise. Under his guidance his teams would go on to capture three Colonial Cup titles in four years. He would also earn league executive of the year laurels as well.

He would continue to stay involved in hockey putting his time and talent into the Superior International Jr. Hockey League where he served as GM on a trio of SIJHL championship clubs from 2004-06. One of his clubs would also capture the 2006 Dudley-Hewitt Central Canadian Jr. A title and an eventual semifinal berth in the Royal Bank Cup national Jr. A finals.

Mr. Cook was officially recognized for his lengthy hockey related service to the community of Thunder Bay when he was inducted posthumously into the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame in September of 2008.