



The North Hills Amateur Hockey Association, parent organization to Pittsburgh Viper Hockey and Esmark Stars AAA Hockey, will honor the memory of former board member Bernard “Bernie” Woodrow with a special ceremony and banner presentation on Sunday, March 4, at 11:00 a.m., at the Pittsburgh Ice Arena in New Kensington, PA.

The ceremony will take place prior to the Esmark Stars AAA U18 game against the U18 AAA Pittsburgh Predators. That game immediately follows the U16 game between the Stars and Predators

Also that weekend, Pittsburgh Viper Hockey will be hosting the Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey League (PAHL) Championships at the 18U AA, 18U A Minor, 16U AA and 14U A Minor levels, with championship games scheduled for Sunday.

Woodrow, who passed away on Feb. 7, following a brief hospital stay, had served as a board member and treasurer of the North Hills Amateur Hockey Association for many years. His two grandsons, Shad and Wyatt, both played hockey for the Vipers program. Both Bernie, and his wife Carole, served the organization in administrative positions with the program both during and after their grandson’s tenure with the program.

Woodrow’s dedication to the Vipers and Stars program was undeniable, but so to was his commitment to the overall amateur hockey community in the western Pennsylvania region.

“As a lifelong educator who prided himself on helping kids move forward ... in both the classroom and on the ice,” Dave Kosick, General Manager of the Esmark Stars offered, “Bernie’s influence and help was felt by many.”

In addition to the presentation, the Stars and Vipers will unveil a scholarship program that will award a player from both the Vipers and Stars programs with an educational scholarship.

“We want to honor Bernie’s legacy to our program as he touched ours,” said NHAHA president Heather Ruffner. “We want to honor his memory, both the on-ice and off-ice components, recognizing both education and hockey.”

For those interested in making a donations to the Bernie Woodrow scholarship fund, checks (made payable to NHAHA) can be forwarded to:

Esmark Stars AAA Hockey
104 Broadway Drive
Carnegie, PA 15106

All donated funds will be utilized towards the scholarship fund.