

## SRJH AWARDS

**Team Level Awards; Most Inspirational, Sportsmanship, Most Improved**

**Most Valuable Player: MVP**

### **Jim Wentworth Most Valuable Player Awards**

*The Jim Wentworth Most Valuable Player Awards were established in 2000 in recognition of a former President and long time club member, Jim Wentworth tragically passed away in early 2000 while still serving as club president. Jim had two sons who played in the club from squirt level through the midget level and Jim and his wife Rachel were long time volunteers and supporters of the club. The hockey club awarded Most Valuable Player trophies for the first time for the 1999 – 2000 season and these trophies were renamed in honor of Jim Wentworth for the 2000 – 2001 season. These awards are presented each year to the travel team players that have been judged by their coaches to be the most valuable player or players on the team.*

*Winners are selected from each travel team, each season and the winners receive a trophy engraved with The Jim Wentworth Most Valuable Player Award designation.*

**Club Level,** (selected from travel team award winners by head coaches)

- **Most Inspirational:**
- **Sportsmanship:**
- **Most Improved:**

### **Josh Fuchs Most Inspirational Player Award**

*The Josh Fuchs Award was first established and awarded by the Santa Rosa Junior Hockey Club for the 1995 – 1996 season. The award was funded by the SRJHC in memory of Josh Fuchs. Josh played for SRJHC for a relatively short time, from 1991 to 1995. He obviously made an impression on those he skated with and those he skated for. He was twice selected to go to the elite California Select Sixteen during that time. This award is for the player who wears his heart on his sleeve, the sleeve of his hockey jersey. It is for the skater who exudes his love of hockey out every fiber of his being; the one who won't commit a penalty because he doesn't want to get off the ice; the one who rolls up socks and wraps them in duct tape so he can play knee hockey in the hallway of the house; the one who shoots tennis balls at the garage door (until his family goes crazy) to practice his shot; the kid who works his hardest to keep his grades up so he will be able to play hockey; the one who gets up at 4:30am to make practice at 5:30, or sleeps after school (even if he is 16) so he can make a late night practice and still get up in the morning for school. It is for the one who will play on whatever team he can get on, just so he can play. It is for the player who encourages his teammates to keep trying, no matter what, who suffers in loss, but NEVER gives up; who looks at his weak points and always tries to improve. He doesn't have to BE the best; he just has to DO his best! Josh started playing hockey two months after he turned four and played until he was tragically killed in a car accident in Alaska, on his way home from a morning hockey practice. He NEVER stopped loving, or living for hockey from the moment he stepped onto the ice. This award is for the skater who follows in those footsteps.*

### **Murray Shortt Sportsmanship Award**

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***The Murray Shortt Award was first established and awarded by the Santa Rosa Junior Hockey Club for the 1993 – 1994 season. This award is given to the player who is judged by all of the club's coaches, to best demonstrate sportsmanship in their approach to hockey. The award was funded by the family of Murray Shortt in memory of his contributions to junior hockey and the youth of Sonoma County. Murray Shortt -- "Mr. Hockey" -- was a highly successful coach of youth hockey for over 35 years in California and Michigan. Since the beginning of hockey in Santa Rosa, Murray worked with youth hockey players as coach and President of SRJHC. In addition, he ran the Snoopy Hockey School with NHL instructors, and for 18 years he was the Tournament Marshall for the world famous Snoopy Senior World Hockey Tournament.***

### ***Wiegand Most Improved Player Trophy***

***The Wiegand Trophy was first established and awarded by the Santa Rosa Junior Hockey Club for the 1970 – 1971 season and is the oldest perpetual trophy awarded by the hockey club. This trophy is given to the player who is judged by the coaches to be the most improved hockey player for the season. The trophy was funded by Ellis and Pat Wiegand as a way to recognize those players who made the most improvement in their skills during a season. Ellis Wiegand was a long time referee who started refereeing with our hockey club in 1969. The trophy remains as a tribute to Ellis and recognition of his devotion and contribution to youth hockey in Sonoma County.***