

# **RICHARD O'BRIEN YOUTH HOCKEY AWARD**

**FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

**TO THE YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAM**

**OF EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN**

**Dick O'Brien was responsible for the construction of both artificial ice rinks in Eau Claire. He spent many hours acquiring funds, approximately 2 million dollars, and designing the facility.**

**He helped start two varsity high school hockey programs.**

**Without the rinks there would be no college hockey in Eau Claire. Northwestern Wisconsin, as well as Eau Claire benefited from his love for the game. He served in many community projects and coached youth hockey as well as being president**

**of the Eau Claire Youth Hockey organization in 1973. He was inducted into the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame on**

**September 15, 1990.**

**The first recipient of the award, in 1973, was**

**The Hobbs Foundation and District 1**

**Vocational & Technical School**

**Some other winners since then have been Richard O'Brien,**

**Denny Zacho, Carol Bowe, William Mitchell,**

**Darryll "Porky" Madson, Tom Price, Jim Rolbiecki,**

**Fran Koller, Rob Fadness, Pat & Jana Hughes Family,**

**Steve & Judy Kurth**

**Nominations are being accepted now!**

**Just grab the form from the website, complete it, and send it in.**

**Recipients are traditionally announced at the last North vs.**

**Memorial varsity hockey game in February.**