



***HAWKS ATHLETIC CLUB***  
***2019 - 2020***  
***PLAYER RECOGNITION AWARD***

***CELESTE SHUMATE***

We are pleased to present the Hawks Player Recognition Award for Novice NW277 team to ***Celeste Shumate***.

During the 2019/20 season, Celeste consistently demonstrated her true passion, love and dedication to the game, to the team, and to herself. Celeste was frequently one of the first players to the rink, eager to be with her teammates and share her love of the game! You could see the determination in her eyes, along with a big smile beaming through her helmet. Her passion and perseverance was evident through all of her actions, both on and off the ice.

Celeste has an inner desire to improve, has an exceptional work ethic and a positive attitude, which made her a pleasure to coach. She strived to develop as a player, a goalie and a teammate; giving 110% at practices and in games. It was amazing to watch her skills develop over the season--- not just in one area but in MANY! The development of her technical, individual and team play skills was astonishing. In addition, she consistently demonstrated respect, good sportsmanship and fair play; showing her commitment, control and values. Celeste possess both physical and mental athleticism, which will continue to grow due to her focus, hard work and attitude.

A quote by John C. Maxwell stated, "*a leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way*", something that Celeste did all year long. As a team, we also spoke of being a leader to include: trying your best, doing your best, being the best "you" (even if no one is looking), open to learn and grow, supporting *others* to be the best they can be, and foster 'team'. Even at the age of 7 years old, Celeste's natural leadership skills were noticed. Though her voice was soft, her actions spoke loud and clear; she lead by example and her impact by just being "her" made a significant impact on our team.

The team goals (as identified by the players) were to learn new things, make friends, do our best and have fun! Celeste modeled many of these things and created opportunities to make the others happen. She valued her teammates as much as they did her, and it showed! She was observed always thinking of others, from a simple gesture of offering to pass them their water bottle, listening and joining in with excitement as they talked about an awesome play, making a game plan how to get someone a pass on the next shift, or to help flip a negative to a positive in a tricky situation. Everyone loved to play with her as she filled her line mates with excitement, drive, ideas of things to try, true "teaming" and FUN! Celeste was able to shift or spark things in players that even us coaches couldn't do!

It was amazing to see Celeste's growth and development as player, her contribution to the team, and the impact she had on those around her. Celeste's "love of the game", combined with heart, drive, skill, and leadership, made her an ideal recipient for the Player Recognition Award on our team. Congratulations Celeste! It has been a privilege having you on the Hawks Novice NW277 team for the 2019/2020 season.

**Novice - NW277 Hawks**  
**Kim Fraser - Head Coach**