

## **Sterling Johnston Builders' Award – 2020 Presentation (Taken from the Minutes of the 2020 AGM)**

*Tonight we have a very special presentation to award.*

*The Sterling Johnston Builders' Award is presented in recognition of a member's outstanding contribution to the Club. This is not necessarily an annual award, but rather an award given out when someone is truly deserving of the recognition.*

*A little history of the award:*

*Sterling Johnston was a valued member of the Club and of the Board of Directors for over 30 years. He was involved in the planning and execution of many projects that enhanced the Club and its reputation. In 2012 a new Club award was set up in Sterling's honor to recognize other special members who have made noteworthy and substantial impacts on Picton Golf & Country Club.*

*The Sterling Johnston Builders' Award honors members who have made significant contributions to the growth, development and reputation of The Club. It pays tribute to members who, through their actions and selflessness, have helped build and shape this Club into the Club that we are proud to call our own.*

*This year we recognize a member whose commitment to the Club was second to none. We are honoured that the 2020 Sterling Johnston Builders Award goes to Steve Ward.*

*No one knew the club better than Steve. His relationship with Picton Golf & Country Club goes back more years than we can count. He generously gave of his time and talents to ensure our Club was the best it could be. Steve was an integral part of the Club's expansion to 18 holes, re-defining the old 9 and designing an additional 9 holes to shape the championship course we know today. Steve served many terms on the Board of Directors, offering his vast knowledge of golf course management and serving as the consistent voice of reason. Steve's dedication and support to Picton Golf & Country Club was unparalleled.*

*Taking from Scott MacLeod of Flagstick Magazine;  
"There was no place that he (Steve) had more impact, professionally and personally than his home club, Picton GC. Steve contributed a seasoned voice."*

*I personally did not know Steve long, but while serving together on The Board, I came to appreciate his passion for the game and for our Club. It was an honor to know him.*

*Today we present the Sterling Johnston Builder's Award in Steve's memory and in his honour. We always knew that someday Steve would be the recipient of this award. We just did not expect it to occur so soon.*

*In addition, once we complete Steve's last project which is our new practice area, we will be naming and dedicating this facility in his honour.*

*We are very pleased that Kathy and Casey are here to accept the Award on Steve's behalf.*

**Casey accepted the award in honor and memory of her Father and remarked that it means more to her Mother and to her than we can imagine. She said that Picton Golf & Country Club was her Father's greatest passion. She said Steve was always planning, starting or finishing projects for the course. She said that he was always invested in the success of the Club without thought of anything in return. She and Kathy are honored that the Club has recognized Steve and his contributions through this award.**