



Mark Bernotas Water Polo Foundation

In loving memory of their son and brother, Bob, Diane and Evan Bernotas have established a foundation in Mark's name.

Mark was a loving son, brother and friend who lived his life to the fullest. As an active participant in many community sports, he reserved his greatest passion for Water Polo. Whether as a player, coach or avid fan, his life revolved around the pool.

The Bernotas family have created this foundation to help encourage young athletes with an interest in water polo to participate in the sport. Their main objective is to provide a bursary to an individual who has developed a passion for water polo while perhaps participating in the summer pool recreational experience.

The bursary will be given to a DDO cadet level male player who demonstrates interest, potential to excel in the sport and who may choose not to participate due to the costly commitment. The U16-cadet level of water polo has the largest group of players that develops competitive skills and passion for the sport. It is often at this age that young athletes will determine whether they will continue to pursue their training in the future. The cadet level of water polo tends to be very expensive as the teams must travel quite a bit to various parts of Canada to compete. This is an additional expense to registration, uniforms, etc... and proves to be very challenging for many families.

Mark Bernotas was part of a team that won a National Championship while he was a cadet player. The Bernotas family would like to be able to help an athlete have the opportunity to experience the same wonderful achievement and life experience.

Please complete the attached application form and return it to the attention of Scott Smith, Head Coach, DDO Water Polo.

Once all applications are reviewed you and your child may be contacted for an interview.

Best of luck to all applicants!!!

The Bernotas Family