



**MEL QUIST, EVERETT REALTY IN LAKE CITY
NAMED 2004 REALTOR® OF THE YEAR FOR
PAUL BUNYAN BOARD OF REALTORS®**

The Board of Directors happily received and approved the nomination for Mel Quist as 2004 REALTOR® of the Year for Paul Bunyan Board of REALTORS® (PBBR) at their July 29th, 2004, meeting.

Mel will be recognized and honored by his peers at the September General Membership Meeting to be held at Noon on Thursday, September 16th, 2004, at Mr. John's Restaurant in Lake City. He will also be recognized and honored at the Grand Assembly during the Michigan Association of REALTORS® Annual Convention and Expo being held at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday night, September 19th, at the Lansing Center, along with the other local REALTOR® association recipients of the REALTOR® of the Year Award.

Mel was nominated by fellow agent, Kathleen O'Toole of Everett Realty in Lake City who states she is "... privileged to nominate [her] friend and colleague, Mel Quist, as REALTOR® of the Year for PBBR." She goes on to say, "Mel is a professional dedicated to the real estate community, as well as the community we live in. He proves his commitment to both communities with his generous gift of time and spirit, and deserves to be recognized for his service and leadership."

Mel has been a member of Paul Bunyan Board of REALTORS® since 1996, shortly after becoming licensed as a real estate sales agent. He has been an associate broker with Everett Realty since 2003. During this time, Mel has served on the Professional Standards Committee, Multiple Listing Service Committee, Bylaws Committee, acted as a State Delegate and has served two terms as President of the Board. Mel is also a member of the REALTORS® Land Institute, which is the only branch of the REALTOR® family focused on land brokerage transactions specializing in farms and ranches, and other land classifications.

Outside of the real estate profession and association leadership service, Mel offers his time and talent locally as current President of the local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Ducks Unlimited member for over 20 years, is a past President of the Missaukee Conservation Club and their current Treasurer. He serves as Deacon and Treasurer for Falmouth Christian Reformed Church.

Mel is husband to Carol and father to Mel, Jr. (13) and Jared (11). He is an avid hunter, and takes great delight in training his special hunting dogs - Ranger, his Nova Scotia Duck Troller, Greta, a German Shorthaired Pointer and Monty, his Chocolate Lab puppy. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University in Earth Sciences and Biology. Prior to his career move to real estate, Mel worked for Missaukee County Soil Conservation District.

And as if Mel wasn't able to find enough ways to fill up his free time outside of his career in the real estate profession, community service and devotion to his family, he operates and works on the family farm with his father, Ivan Quist, and works at the livery at Smithville Landing north of Lake City in the summer months.

Sally Baker, Executive Officer for Paul Bunyan Board of REALTORS®, says, "Mel is a pleasure to work with. As an elected officer of the board, he is thoughtful, fair-minded, and conscientious of representing the members he was elected by."