

The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame

Honouring Excellence

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The New Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame... Six Months and Counting!

The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame has a new home in the Halifax Metro Centre and it couldn't be more perfect. With construction complete the new facility is causing a stir—and no wonder. The new location and facility opened last Fall on September 16th, opening night for the Halifax Mooseheads.



The first six months registered and amazing 50,000 visitors, as the Hall is open daily and during every Metro Centre event. Numerous groups have used the facility for meetings, media conferences, receptions and presentations. School groups are becoming more frequent visitors as the school program is being developed.



The state-of-the-art facility is second to none in Canada.

With approximately 4,500 square feet of space there's something for every sport enthusiast. Exhibits and displays have been updated, new graphics created and the theatre is ready to roll with great Nova Scotia sports moments. The interactive sport simulator offers visitors a chance to try their hand at hockey, soccer, basketball and baseball. Line ups are seen regularly at the sport simulator during sporting events, as kids take their best shot on the goalie or throwing the baseballs. Many of the kids are well into adulthood.



All these features have fallen into place with the theme "Celebrating Our Sport Heroes" in mind. The new Hall of Fame is a celebration of the rich sport heritage that our province has to offer. Throughout the Hall there are strong messages about our sport heroes, their hard work, dedication and success. Working to keep past successes vibrant and the dreams of Nova Scotia's future athletes



bright, the new Hall of Fame is sure to pave the way to honouring the next generation of sporting legends in our province.

Along with seeing many sports fans, our new facility has housed many special events since its opening last September; the announcement of the 2011 Canada Games being held in Halifax and promotional press conferences for the 2008 IIHF World Hockey Championships, just to name a few.

Some big names have stopped by to check out our facility and sport hero displays. The family of Sidney Crosby dropped by to admire their son's hockey locker display, and daughter of Muhammad Ali, Rasheda, took in our boxing display. World Champions Karen Ferneux and Steve Giles view our paddling section, featuring themselves and some of their sporting artifacts.



All in all, the first six months have been a busy but thrilling ride. The on-going challenge is to incorporate more information through exhibits, graphics, video development and our education program about our great Nova Scotia sport heritage and our heroes.

Major Sponsors Sign Up with Hall

Tim Hortons Sports Simulator

The NSSHF is now proud to have given a name to our sports simulator. It is now the Tim Hortons Sports Simulator. Thanks to Tim Hortons belief that serving the community means more than just coffee, we are able to continue to provide use of the simulator free of cost. The simulator allows children of all ages to try their hand



at baseball, basketball, soccer and hockey. During Mooseheads games the Hall is filled with children and their parents. The line-up for the Tim Hortons sports simulator stretches almost to the Mezzanine level doors with adults and children alike. This is a great way to entertain restless children during intermission, or challenge your friends to a hardest shot competition.

Nova Scotia Power Theatre

Nova Scotia Power is the proud sponsor of our incredible theatre section of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame. Our huge 10x10 big screen is compatible with cable television to view current sports moments, VCR and DVD to view classic sports moments of the past, the Silver-vision screen in the Metro Centre, to view sports magic happening right next door! The screen is also compatible with computer programming, allowing for meetings and presentations to be held in our facility. Our 7.1 Dolby Surround Sound and two-zone audio bring any sports footage to life. Seating is another integral part of any theatre experience, so come take a seat in our comfy sitting area, and bring 60 of your friends!

Events

The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame has recently been opened during some very exciting Metro Centre events including Skate Canada Championships, the ABA All-star game, and the ECMA's. During these events hundreds of people came through the hall to have a look at our exhibits and try out our Tim Hortons sports simulator.



Up Comming Events

Some exciting events comming up for the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame are the 2007 Induction Night and the 12th Annual Hall of Fame Golf Tournament.

Induction Night

Induction Night is always a great night to celebrate Nova Scotians amazing contributions to our sport history. This years Induction Ceremony will take place on October 19, 2007; tickets will go on sale in September. The inductees for 2007 will be announced to the public within the month of June, so keep your ears open!

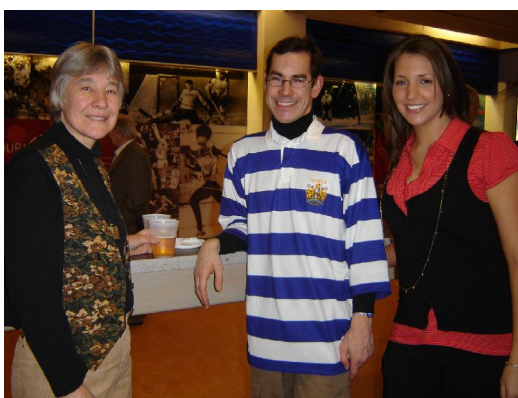
Annual Golf Tournament

The 12th Annual Hall of Fame Golf Tournament has been an event to look forward to for many years now. Held at the Oakfield Golf and Country Club, this tournament is a fun way to get out on the course with some friends or co-workers. This years tournament will be held on September 20th, beginning at 12:30.



Looking For Volunteers

The NSSHF is looking for athletes and fans who want a way to hold on to the excitement of their favourite sports during the off-season. The NSSHF is a facility dedicated to promoting sport excellence within Nova Scotia and this includes encouraging our future hall of famers.



Volunteers are needed during the day and for various events. This provides the perfect opportunity for fans of all kinds to help promote the sports they love.

Nominations Are In

The 2007 nominations for teams, builders and athletes into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame are now in. There were over 40 new nominations this year almost doubling last year's count, and close to 100 in total. The nominations will now go before a selection committee and the 2007 inductees will soon be announced. Thank you to all who submitted nominations. It is clear we have many of Nova Scotians to be proud of.

It is up to you, the public, to nominate who you think should be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Please note that the process is not just as simple as a nomination form. Once January 31st rolls around each year, the nomination period is over and regional selection committees review the nominations. After their review, it is then passed onto a provincial selection committee to decide that year's inductees.

Facility Rental

The Hall of Fame has begun renting its facility for meetings, receptions, fundraisers, presentations and media releases and there has been great feedback. We are proud to have recently hosted the media conference to announce that Halifax has won the Canada games bid for 2011 as well as several other high profile media conferences and corporate events.



New Education Program Pilot Underway

The new education program is still being tested and a final product is expected to be ready by September 2007. Olympic Gold Medalist Karen Ferneaux will be the spokesperson for this great initiative. There have been several groups of children through the Hall since January to test out the pilot versions of the program.

The program focuses on Nova Scotian athletes who have achieved international success. It is intended to teach children that these athletes achieved their dreams and they can too. There are also plans to develop an education package that could be sent to the schools so the teacher could work it into the curriculum.

Our Mission

To honour, promote and preserve the sport history of Nova Scotia.

Our Vision

To be the best provincial Sport Hall of Fame in Canada.

Story from the Past

Premiere Opens Sports Hall of Fame November 3, 1963

By J. Earle Pemberton

"It's a privilege to take part in this official opening," said Premier Robert Stanfield, as he cut the ribbon and declared "The Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame" open.

Premier Stanfield, in a brief speech before cutting the ribbon, said he hoped the hall would "serve as an inspiration" to today's youth and the youth of the future.

For the past 15 years, Mr. John E. "Gee" Ahern, editor, publisher, former mayor of Halifax, Member of the Legislative Assembly and president of "The Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame," had to put up a spirited fight to have a sports hall of fame established in Nova Scotia.

Long Cherished Dream

At 3:15 o'clock on the afternoon of November 3rd, the long cherished dream of Mr. Ahern was realized as the doors of the hall were open to the public.

Premier Stanfield congratulated Mr. Ahern on this special occasion. He added that it was wonderful to see such a vast collection of names and photographs of Nova Scotia athletes of former years enshrined forever in "The Hall of Fame", and hoped that it would encourage the sport stars of the present day on to higher achievements.

A Visit to the Hall of Fame

A visit to the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame, located in the Industrial Arts Building in the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, will be an inspiring and rewarding one.

The hall of famers include stars from baseball, hockey, football, boxing, track and field, rowing and many other branches of sports. The names of many stars of yesterday were not enshrined in the hall this year because of the special rule making those who performed before 1940 eligible. Those who were missed this year will be considered and voted on next year at the annual meeting.

A difficult task forced the committee when the original list had to be reduced but the board felt that the list approved was satisfactory for the official opening.

Nova Scotia Loses Two Great South Shore Hall of Famers

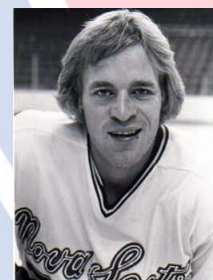
Miriam Penney

Miriam Penney was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1993 for her outstanding athletic ability in Golf and several other sports. She discovered golf at the age of 25. And after just six weeks of playing she won the Novice Division in the Nova Scotia Ladies Championship. She won the Bridgewater Club title 25 times, represented Nova Scotia eight times at Canadian championships, was runner-up in the provincial championship twice and won the Nova Scotia Ladies open in 1960.



Jerry Byers

Jerry Byers was one of the only Annapolis Valley born players to reach the NHL. Inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1990, Jerry was recognized for his remarkable skill in hockey. He was drafted thirteenth during the summer of 1972 and joined the Minnesota North Stars affiliate Cleveland Barons. He scored 31 goals and 47 assists in 62 games with New Haven of the AHL in 1973-74. He was also named to the second all-star team that year. He scored his first NHL goal with the Atlanta Flames and later skated with the 1977-78 New York Rangers. He returned to Nova Scotia as a member of the Voyageurs from 1979 to 1981. He then spent a couple of seasons in Austria in the European League.



Both Penney and Byers are outstanding athletes that all Nova Scotians should be proud of. We are grateful that we are able to keep their memories alive through the Hall of Fame so future generations will know what wonderful contributions they made to our sport heritage.

Some Speical Guests



Sidney Crosby's family stop by to check out their son's hockey locker display.



Rasheda Ali, daughter of boxing sensation Muhammed Ali, takes in our boxing display.

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Hall of Fame Hours of Operation

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