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Hall of Fame Campaign Reaches \$1,000,000 Target



Executive Director, Bill Robinson and Capital Campaign Chairman, Dr. Bill Stanish pose at the entrance of the new Hall.

The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame capital campaign was launched in 2005 with a goal of raising \$1,000,000 to build a new provincial Hall of Fame facility and establish an endowment to ensure province wide educational programs.

Under the direction of Dr. Bill Stanish, Chair of the capital campaign, the \$1 million campaign goal was reached this past spring. "I am extremely proud of the individuals, companies and community



Dr. Stanish and project coordinator, Floyd Gaetz take a look at their final product.

groups from across Nova Scotia that supported our efforts. The Hall of Fame is an organization dedicated to promote excellence in sport achievement in a manner that transcends age, gender, race and social background, for the good of all Nova Scotians."



Runner, Adrienne Power presents Mr. Robinson and Dr. Stanish with a cheque for \$10,000 from the RBC Foundation.

The new state of the art facility opened in September 2006 with over 50,000 visitors in the first six months. The Hall of Fame is open daily and during all Metro Centre events. The construction of the facility is paid for and the education program is expected to be launched by the fall of 2007.

Hall of Fame Chair Fred MacGillivray stated, "People like Dr. Stanish, Dugger Mc Neil, Neil Roberts, John Keizer, and Don Mills have thankfully stepped forward to support us. It has been overwhelming to have so many individuals who believe in the importance of our Nova Scotian sport heritage."



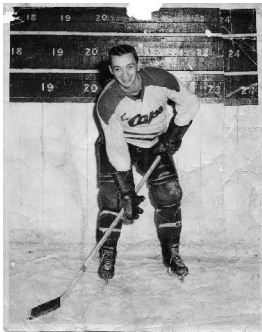
The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame

Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame Names 2007 Inductees

The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame has named the 2007 inductees in the athlete and builder categories. The athlete inductees are Frank Dorrington, Stan Hennigar Jr., Fred Lake, Penny LaRocque, Charles Smith and Wendell Young. The builder inductees are Don Koharski, Steve Konchalski and Henry Richard MacLean. Join us for the 2007 Induction Awards Night on Friday, October 19th at the World Trade and Convention Centre. Tickets go on sale in September.

Here are the stories of the 2007 inductees:

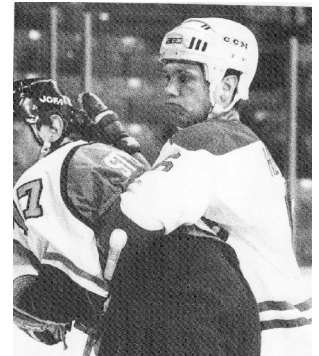
Frank Dorrington, New Glasgow - Athlete, Hockey



In the 50's, Frank "Danky" Dorrington was a star of senior hockey in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. His stellar hockey career led to many victories and MVP awards. "Go Danky Go!" could be heard for miles in Corner Brook, Newfoundland during Dorrington's professional career with the Corner Brook Royals. In 1969, he was voted Athlete of the Year in Corner Brook and in 1973, Frank Dorrington Day was declared by the Mayor and Town Council of Corner Brook, making him the only athlete so honored. He was loved by his fans, and in 1985, he was voted best import player ever to play in Newfoundland. Dorrington's number 17 was retired in 1973 and hung from the rafters in the old hockey arena Humber Memorial Gardens.

Stan Hennigar Jr., Halifax - Athlete, Fastball

Stan Hennigar Jr. was a natural born athlete, and did not focus his energy merely on the fastball diamond. Throughout the 80's Hennigar Jr. was a busy man, and was able to create a name for himself in three sports. Three years in a row (81-83), Hennigar Jr. was on the 1st placed team in the country in Midget and Junior divisions. While Hennigar Jr. spent his summers on first base, he spent his winters in the rink, playing Major Junior, AHL and Senior A hockey. Still, his talent doesn't stop there; he also played university football with the St. Mary's Huskies.



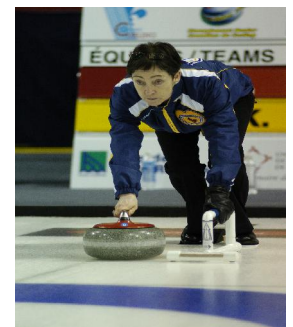
Fred Lake, Cornwallis - Athlete, Baseball



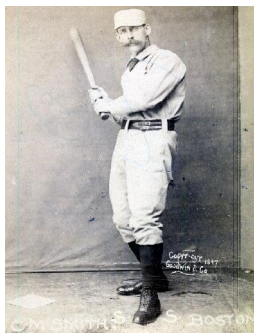
Fred Lake was one of the first Nova Scotians and Canadians to play in the Major League, between 1891 and 1910, winning two National League Pennants in 1891 and 1897. Of every Nova Scotian to play in the Majors, Lake has the 2nd most at bats and 2nd most games played; second only to another 2007 inductee, Charles Smith. After his playing career, Fred's love of the game kept him around to manage three seasons in the Major Leagues. He is the only person ever to manage both the Boston Red Sox and the Boston Braves. Lake passed away in 1931.

Penny LaRocque, Halifax - Athlete, Curling

Canadian Curling Champion Penny LaRocque has many other championships under her belt. She's won 19 provincial championships including five Women's Championships, five Mixed Championships, seven Senior Women's Championships and two Senior Mixed Championships. 1983 was a big year for LaRocque, winning the Canadian Women's Championship, and placing 3rd at the worlds. Her work with a curling rock has earned her many titles, but it is her competitive drive and wonderful sportsmanship that have earned her Miss Congeniality awards and six sportsmanship awards at the National level.



2007 INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED



Charles Smith, Digby - Athlete, Baseball

Charles "Pop" Smith is the best Nova Scotian to ever play Major League Baseball. Smith played over 1,000 Major League games, with nine different teams. Although he was never known for his batting average, The Sporting News said Smith "knows every point of the game, is thoroughly familiar with the tricks of the business[and] is quick to take advantage of every play that will help his side win." He holds every offensive record for a Nova Scotian in the Major Leagues, and has been declared "finest Canadian-born 2nd baseman" by the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. Smith is also ranked in the top ten of games played (8th), hits (8th), runs scored (6th), tripples (4th), and stolen bases (3rd) as a Canadian in MLB. Smith passed away in 1927.

Wendell Young, Halifax - Athlete, Halifax

Two-time Stanley Cup winner, Wendell Young is the only hockey player ever to win all four major North American hockey championships (IHL Turner Cup, AHL Calder Cup, OHL Memorial Cup and NHL Stanley Cup). After a stellar hockey career as a player, Young was the goaltending coach for the Calgary Flames from 2001 to 2003, then returned to the Chicago Wolves, to serve as goaltending and strength and conditioning coach. Young is very well-known in Chicago for giving back to the community, and the game of hockey. Along with his great hockey achievements he has been recognized as the IHL Man of the Year and PHPA Man of the Year in 2001 for his community service.



Don Koharski, Dartmouth - Builder, Hockey



For the past 29 years, Don Koharski has been one of the top officials in the National Hockey League, refereeing over 1500 NHL games. Through his hockey official training camps, he has allowed at least three others to reach the NHL along with him. He has refereed 235 play-off games, 11 Stanley Cup finals, Canada Cup finals in 1987 and 1991, and NHL All Star games in 1992 and 2000. In 1996, Koharski was recognized for refereeing his 1000th NHL game, and in 2006, he was honoured for his 1500th game. He is currently the NHL's second most senior official behind referee Kerry Fraser.

Steve Konchalski, Antigonish - Builder, Basketball

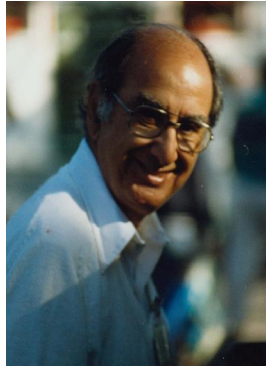
Steve Konchalski is the well-known basketball coach for St. Francis Xavier University, coaching there for 32 years. He has led his team to the playoffs 31 times, earning nine league titles. Out of 13 National Tournament appearances, Konchalski has earned three National CIS Canadian Championships, and Atlantic University Sport has named him Coach of the Year six times ('82,'90,'99,'00,'02,'05) and was named CIS Coach of the Year in 2001. For 16 years Konchalski was the National Men's Assistant Coach, and for four years he played the role of Head Coach. Konchalski coached the Nova Scotia Junior Men's team for three years, including the 2001 Canada Games team.



Richard "Dick" MacLean, Halifax - Builder, Boxing

For over 30 years, Dick had a phenomenal impact on the sport of boxing in Nova Scotia and Canada. He began as the Director of Citadel Amateur Boxing Club and later became the Director of the National High Performance Centre for Atlantic Canada and then took the position of President of the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association for five years. Richard was also instrumental in bringing the World Cup of Boxing to Canada hosted in Montreal in 1981. Throughout the 80's MacLean attended five Commonwealth Games, three Olympic Games, and three World Championships as a representative of Canada.

Hall of Fame Loses Good Friend



On May 20th, 2007 Tommy Sweet passed away peacefully at Camp Hill Veteran’s Memorial Building at the age of 88. Tommy Sweet was best known for his family restaurant, Diana Sweets, in Halifax which he ran from 1938 until 1975. It was a popular

hang-out spot for university sport jocks.

Tommy’s love of sports history and people led him to become a resource officer and long time volunteer at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame. Tommy took a special interest in educating children about Nova Scotia’s rich sport heritage. He was a great ambassador of the Hall, always promoting Nova Scotia’s sport heroes.

Tommy enjoyed many sports during his lifetime, but his true passion for baseball allowed him to be involved at all levels; player, manager and coach.

He was known by many as the “Candy Man,” always with a pocket full of candy and bubble gum to share. Tommy gave much to others, never hesitating to reach out to anyone in need.

A good friend and a great guy who will be missed by all.

Oldest Hall of Famer has Past Away

At age 94, Robert “Bobby” Beaton was the oldest living member of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.



Bobby was born on June 19, 1912 in Port Hood, Cape Breton. He was a great hockey

player and coach, travelling to Europe in the early 1930’s to play in Europe. During the 40’s and 50’s, Bobby coached many hockey teams in the Pictou and Truro areas. Although his hockey skills were top notch, he was better known in the boxing ring.

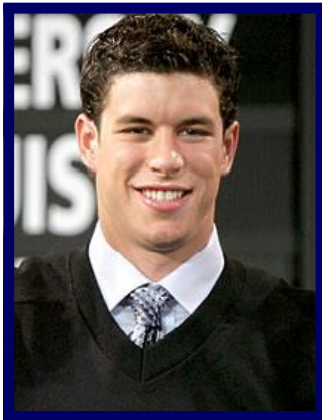
A fine fighter in the 1930’s (twelve professional bouts - all wins - nine by knockouts), Beaton turned to refereeing in 1935 and continued until 1977. He handled over 500 main events, 38 Canadian Championships and three British Empire Championships. Beaton was credited with introducing the “three judge” system in 1954 in Pictou County, which was adopted throughout the U.S. and Canada. He was a member of the Nova Scotia Boxing Authority. Mr. Robert Beaton was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a Builder-Athlete in 1980.

On June 11, 2007, Bobby passed away with his family by his side.

Upcoming Events

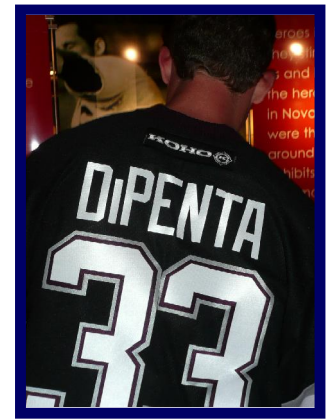
- 12th Annual NSSHF Golf Tournament September 20th
- 2007 Induction Night October 19th

Did you know...



Both the young sensation Sidney Crosby and recent Stanley Cup winner Joey DiPenta grew up in Cole Harbour?

DiPenta stopped by the Hall of Fame in August? Here he is sporting his Ducks jersey during his visit.

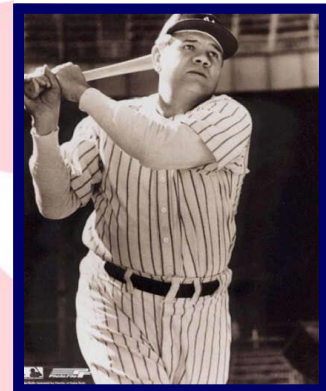


Freddie Cameron, of Amherst, Nova Scotia, winning Marathon Race at Boston, April 19, 1910
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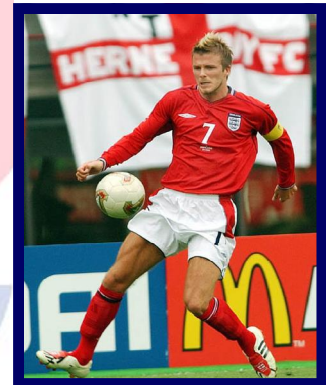
Johnny Miles was not the only Nova Scotian to win a Boston Marathon. Freddie Cameron won the 14th Boston Marathon on April 19th, 1910 at the age of 23?



In the 1980's, grandfather of Kiefer Sutherland, from the hit tv series "24," donated an authentic, signed Babe Ruth baseball to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame?



Ante Jazic, the highest level soccer player to come out of Nova Scotia, plays for L.A. Galaxy with teammate David Beckham?



The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame 12th Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 20th, 2007

12:30

Oakfield Golf & Country Club

SOLD OUT!

For more tournament information: 421-1266 or halloffameevents@eastlink.ca



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007

RECEPTION 6:30 - INDUCTION 7:30

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WORLD TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE

ADULTS \$20

STUDENTS \$5

CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

For ticket information: 404-3321 or halloffameevents@eastlink.ca

Come check us out!

Take a crack at our Tim Hortons Sport Simulator, watch sports memories in our Nova Scotia Power Theatre section and view our sports heroes of the past and present!

**Hall of Fame Hours
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Weekdays 11:00 am to 4:30 pm
During all Metro Centre Events
(through the Mezzanine level entrance)

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

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