



The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame Honouring Excellence



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Education Program Makes a Big Splash With Karen Furneaux as Spokesperson!



Karen trains to earn a spot in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China

Karen Furneaux, Canada's leading female sprint kayaker, two-time world champion and two-time Olympian, has officially been announced as the Hall's spokesperson for the Future Hall of Famers Education Program.

Named by The Chronicle Herald as one of ten most influential people in Nova Scotia sports, Karen Furneaux is the perfect role model for youth having made her dreams come to life with hard-work, determination and self-belief. Through her personal stories of success, Karen encourages youth that anything is possible if you put your mind to it.

"Karen relates to youth and they relate to her," says facility manager, Shane Mailman. "She is a high profile athlete, she's been everywhere lately, The Herald, The Daily News, the cover of The Coast...She has dreams and by setting goals and following through with them she continues to accomplish everything at

the highest level. This is the message we want to pass on to Nova Scotians. Karen's a perfect fit."

Karen's involvement is just one of the many improvements to be made to the Hall's Education Program based on the pilot program that ran from March 1st to August 30th, sharing the message to over 1000 youth that "If they can do it...you can too." The goal is to give youth a first-class educational experience in a way that makes learning fun.

With a target market of grades 6-9, the Hall is currently developing tools tailored to this audience such as professional videos highlighting the sport careers of Nova Scotians, a section of the website dedicated to the Education Program with a Karen Furneaux fan club component and off-site presentations. The newly revised Education Program is scheduled to launch in January 2008 with special visits from Mrs. Karen Furneaux herself.



Karen inspires youth to reach their goals during the pilot Education Program that ran from March 1st to August 30th

Call Now to Book Your Class Trip!

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Hall of Fame Inducts Nine New Hall of Famers



What a success! The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame Induction Awards Ceremony was truly a night to be remembered. Host Bruce Rainnie took the crowd of 800 through a historic journey, reflecting on the phenomenal sport careers of nine spectacular individuals who have contributed so greatly to sport in Nova Scotia.

The nine newest members to be inducted into the Hall of Fame are Don Koharski, NHL referee; Stan Hennigar Jr., multi-sport hero; Charles Smith and Fred Lake, baseball legends of the 1900's; Dick MacLean, influential builder of boxing in Canada; Frank Dorrington, Maritime hockey star; Steve Konchalski, 32 year coach of the StFX basketball team; Penny LaRocque, Canadian curling champion; and Wendell Young, two-time Stanley Cup winner.

Throughout the ceremony each inductee had their moment in the spotlight as their inspirational life stories were shared containing surprise video clips from their friends and families. And although some were more modest than others, each inductee accepted their welcome into the Hall of Fame with great pride.

An exquisite reception followed the ceremony where the inductees had the opportunity to celebrate their induction into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame with their loved ones.

The 2007 Induction Ceremony was a wonderful evening and will go down in history just as these outstanding sport heroes.



Who Do YOU Think Should Be in the Hall of Fame?



The Hall of Fame honours excellence and it's up to **YOU** to identify that excellence. It is the Hall's objective to recognize "those individuals who have obtained the highest standard of achievement as athletes and builders," but **YOU** are the one that gets to fill that criteria.

The Hall accepts nominations for the categories of Athlete, Builder and Team. You can find the nomination forms and guidelines for nominations at the Hall of Fame office, on the website under the 'Inductees' category at www.nsshf.com, or you can call to have the forms mailed to you.

The nomination form asks that you fill in standard biographical information on the person or team you are nominating. Achievements, career highlights, records, honours and awards are some areas to consider when providing information on your candidate. Your nomination is to be submitted to the Hall of Fame by January 31, 2008.

After the nominations are submitted to the Hall they are forwarded to the Selection Committee. Made up of six regional chairpersons, the regional committees carefully review all nominations and provide recommendations to the provincial committee for final review and voting.

Remember, the nomination process begins with **YOU**. Be a part of the team in "honouring excellence!"

Hall Attendance Soars With Record Breaking Numbers



82,000 Visitors!

The Hall of Fame has proven to be a must-see attraction as the new state-of-the-art facility has captured the attention of **82,000** visitors from September 16, 2006 to September 15, 2007.

The appealing exhibits, big screen TV, surround sound, internet kiosks and, of course, the sport simulator, all create an atmosphere desired by every sport enthusiast. And it will only get better when the IIHF World Hockey Championships come to the city in May with special Hall exhibits and activities.

Come check out the Hall of Fame and keep the attendance record going! The Hall is opened from Monday to Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and during all Metro Centre events. The Hall also offers its space for corporate events, school trips and tours so call now to book a date!



Al MacInnis Enters Hockey Hall of Fame



Port Hood native Al MacInnis is leading the way! He is the first Nova Scotian ever to be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

During the weekend of November 9th-12th, 2007, along side of hockey legends Ron Francis, Jim Gregory, Mark Messier and Scott Stevens, Al MacInnis joined the group of 348 inductees who have been honoured with such a title.

Al began his legendary career playing in the Juniors where he won a Memorial Cup championship and received the Max Kaminsky Trophy as the Ontario Hockey League's best defenceman while playing with the Kitchener Rangers.

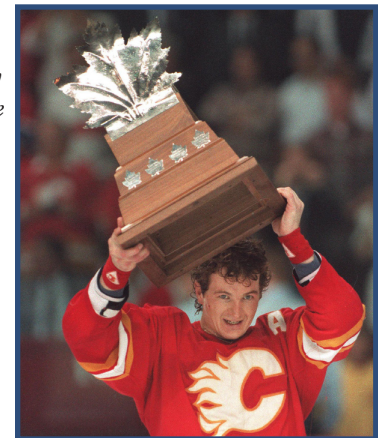
He advanced to the NHL in 1984 to play for the Calgary Flames. It was then that his famous slapshot was first discovered, which later became known as the hardest slapshot in the NHL. With the Flames, Al earned the Conn Smythe Trophy as most valuable player of the playoffs and won the club's first Stanley Cup.

After thirteen seasons with the team, Al moved to the St. Louis Blues where he was awarded the Norris Trophy as the league's top defenceman. Following an eye injury in 2003-04 and the lock-out in 2004-05, Al announced his retirement from the game in September 2005, leaving the league as one of the few defencemen to record over 1000 points.

Although Al is no longer on the ice, his contribution to hockey continues. In 2006, he was appointed vice president of Hockey Operations by president John Davidson.

"To the people of Nova Scotia — you were my neighbours, my classmates, my relatives, my friends. You were good people. To represent you as the first person from Nova Scotia to be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame is a privilege of the highest degree. My place in this Hall is your place as well."

*- Al MacInnis
2007 Hockey Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony*



Born: July 22, 1963

Hometown: Port Hood, Nova Scotia

Position: Defence

NHL seasons: 23 (1981-82 to 2003-04)

NHL Teams: Calgary Flames, St. Louis Blues

Regular season games: 1,416

Regular season goals: 340

Regular season assists: 934

Regular season points: 1,274

Regular season penalty minutes: 1,511

Playoff games: 177

Playoff goals: 39

Playoff assists: 121

Playoff points: 160

Playoff penalty minutes: 255

Stanley Cup championships: Calgary Flames (1989)

NHL awards: Conn Smythe Trophy (1989), Norris Trophy (1999)

NHL First All-Star Team: 1990, 1991, 1999

NHL Second All-Star Team: 1987, 1989, 1994

International awards: 1991 Canada Cup (gold),
2002 Winter Olympics (gold)

Great Moments... Past and Present



Star Team's 50th Anniversary

In 1957, quite possibly the best football squad in this province was assembled—The Shearwater Flyers.

Formed in 1948 at the Shearwater Naval Air Station, the Flyers began competing in the Halifax and District Football League, which soon became the Nova Scotia Football League. But it wasn't until 1957 when the Shearwater Flyers really took flight.

Under the wings of coach Harvey 'Moose' Mills, the Flyers smashed just about every record this side of the St. Lawrence winning the Nova Scotia Football League title. The team piled up 389 points that season with StFX coming in second with only 115.

The Flyers went on to win the Maritime Football Championship by beating the Mount Allison University Mounties. Following the defeat, they broke the Brantford Tiger Cats winning streak of 25, therefore earning the Eastern Canadian Championship.

Their success won them a chance at the Dominion Intermediate Football Championship against the Fort William Redskins where they played for a crowd of 5,000. Being the first Maritime team to do so, the Shearwater Flyers won the Canadian Championship.

That same year, the Flyers became the first to have two players break the 100 point barrier and to have three running backs run for an all time high of 2.647 metres.

In celebration of the team's 50th anniversary, the Shearwater Flyers travelled from as far as the US to reunite with their fellow teammates at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame this past October. At the reunion, the Flyers were honoured with DVD's of game footage and interviews, a team picture, and certificates from the federal government recognizing their achievements and stature as one of the best football teams ever to come out of Nova Scotia.

Hall Staff Visit Hockey Hall of Fame



On November 26 and 27, Hall of Fame staff members visited the Hockey Hall of Fame to meet representatives to discuss partnership opportunities for the upcoming IIHF World Hockey Championship including facility development and educational programs.

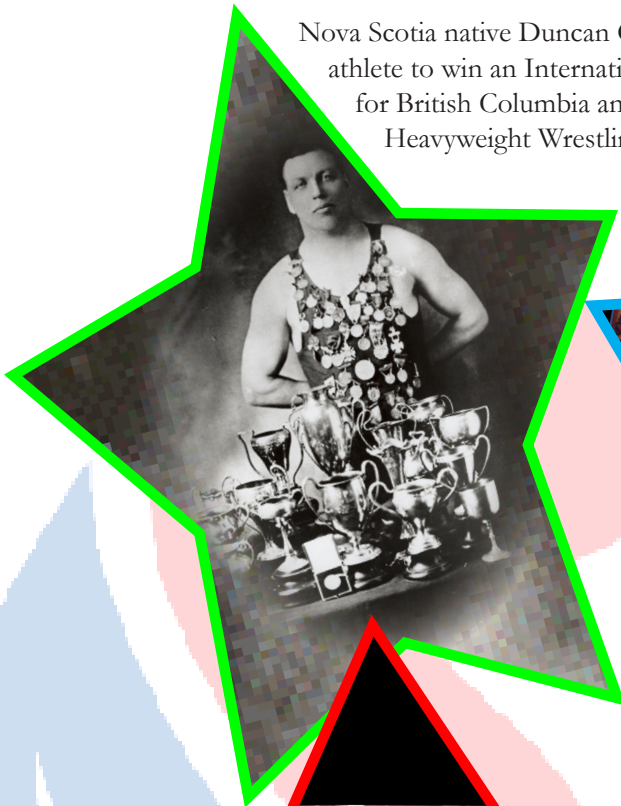
Pictured above is executive director, Bill Robinson; facility and communications manager, Shane Mailman; and administration and special events coordinator, Karolyn Sevcik with the Stanley Cup in the Grand room at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Exciting announcements on this partnership and the World Hockey Championship will be announced in the New Year.

Did You Know...

Nova Scotia native Duncan Gillis was the first athlete to win an International Games medal for British Columbia and he was Canada's Heavyweight Wrestling Champion.

Hall of Famers Graham MacIntyre and David "Duckie" Webber took home the province's first and only senior golf team title.



(Left to Right)- Michael Mahaney, Ducky Webber, David McDonald and Graham MacIntyre



(Left to Right)- Gordie Howe, Kevin Morrison, Norm Ferguson and Bobby Hull

Hall of Famers Kevin Morrison and Normie Ferguson played together at the 1974-75 World Hockey Association All-Star game with NHL legends Gordie Howe and Bobby Hull.



Hall of Famer Mark Smith is just as successful in his softball coaching career as his playing. As head coach of Canada's national softball program, he has led his teams to win one Pan American Games title, a junior world bronze medal and a world championship silver medal.

2007 inductee Wendell Young shows of his championship rings at the Hall of Fame as he is the only hockey player to win all four major North American hockey championships (IHL Turner Cup, AHL Calder Cup, OHL Memorial Cup and the NHL Stanley Cup).



In 1951, Kentville, Nova Scotia's Don Oyler, George Hansen, Fred Dyke and Wally Knock formed the first curling team to score a perfect 10-0 at the MacDonald Brier.

Great Deals at the Hall!

Whether doing your Christmas shopping or spoiling yourself, the Hall has got some deals for you. Savings are as much as 50%! Call now to order your Hall of Fame merchandise (Hst included)!

Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame Winter Jacket



Retail Price-\$139.00

ONLY \$70.00!

Stormtech-Your choice of black or royal blue

Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame Spring Jacket



Retail Price-\$98.00

ONLY \$55.00!

IZOD-Women's: Black
Men's: Blue

Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame Golf Shirts



Retail Price-\$60.00

ONLY \$35.00!

Micro Fibre-Crew neck and collared, your choice of red or black

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- Receptions
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- Hosting
- Product Launches
- Retirement Parties
- Media Conferences
- Trade Shows
- Workshops

Facility Details:

- Size: approx 4,500 square feet
- Meeting for up to 25 people
- Theatre Seating: approx 60-80
- Reception set-up: approx 250



We Provide All-Inclusive at No Extra Cost!

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- High definition big screen (8 x 10ft) with projector connected to: DVD, VCR, CD, Laptop
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- Fully functional computer with internet and capability for:
 - ~ PowerPoint presentations
 - ~ Picture slideshows
- Three internet kiosks
- Lapel and hand-held microphones
- Conference phone

Also for your Benefit:

- On-site personnel for any questions or concerns
- Technical supervision & assistance upon request
- Assistance with facility set-up
- Tables & chairs
- Easels & flip charts
- Podium
- Catering coordination & assistance upon request
- Sport simulator, a fun way to unwind during or after any event!



Not only can we provide you with a great facility in the perfect location that includes a unique atmosphere of our sporting legends and heroes, but our rates are unmatched. You will be supporting our rich sport heritage while having that special event. It's a win-win situation!



Testimonials:

"The facilities of the new Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame offer both an inspiring and unique setting for corporate functions."

Don Mills - President and CEO, Corporate Research Associates Inc.



"We had a very important client presentation and wanted a venue that was not the standard hotel meeting space or boardroom. We were looking for something that was still a professional space but that offered a bit of uniqueness as well as could accommodate the AV and technical requirements we needed. The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame was a great place for this presentation and our client loved the setting."

Scott Hickey- Account Director, Bristol Group

"Our staff awards night was a huge success — due largely to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame venue. Our people were entertained and the Hall staff were incredibly helpful facilitating our event."

Kevin Bezanson - President, Cleve's Source For Sports



"Our employees are still raving about the great night at the Hall of Fame. To have our recognition night and dinner at the Hall was perfect."

Jamie Baillie-President and CEO, Credit Union Atlantic



For more information on our facility rentals please call 404-3339 or email sporthalloffame@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 sport heroes of the past and present!

**HALL OF FAME HOURS
OF OPERATION**

Weekdays 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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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