

## *Hall Hosts Sidney Crosby and Stanley Cup*

Maybe the Stanley Cup has a second home at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame. For the second time in 15 months, the Cup came ‘home’ when Pittsburgh Penguins captain, Sidney Crosby of Cole Harbour, brought the famed trophy to the Hall for a private reception during a home-town celebration of the Cup-winning championship by the Penguins.



*Sidney takes time to view his special exhibit at the Hall of Fame.*

was even able to take some quiet time to see the special exhibit that’s been on display since the World championships. He smiled as he saw old report cards, infant hockey wear, and many of the sweaters he wore as a minor hockey player in Cole Harbour.

“It was the first time I have seen the dryer I used in about six or seven years, Crosby said with a smile. “It was really neat to see it again.”

The dryer gained international recognition when it was featured on the Jay Leno Show during Sidney’s appearance in his rookie NHL season.

Sidney’s folks kindly assembled much memorabilia of young Sidney’s hockey career—from minor hockey days through the Quebec League and into the NHL—and loaned it to the Hall for public viewing.

Invited guests to the reception included representatives from NHL.com, ESPN, and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Phil Pritchard of the Hockey Hall of Fame, which is responsible for the Cup when it’s on the road, resolutely kept both eyes on the Cup.

The Cup resided at the Hall for a time during the IIHF Men’s World Championships in Halifax in May 2008.

The Crosby family continued its close ties with the Hall with the family and friends gathering Saturday, August 8, a day after the Stanley Cup Crosby parade and gala in Cole Harbour.

After several hours of that celebration, Sidney brought the Cup to the Hall of Fame. Dozens of neighbours, former hockey coaches and Sid’s extended family members joined the Crosbys—Sidney, dad and mum, Troy and Trina, and younger sister, Taylor—to see the Crosby exhibit, and have pictures taken with Sid and the Cup.

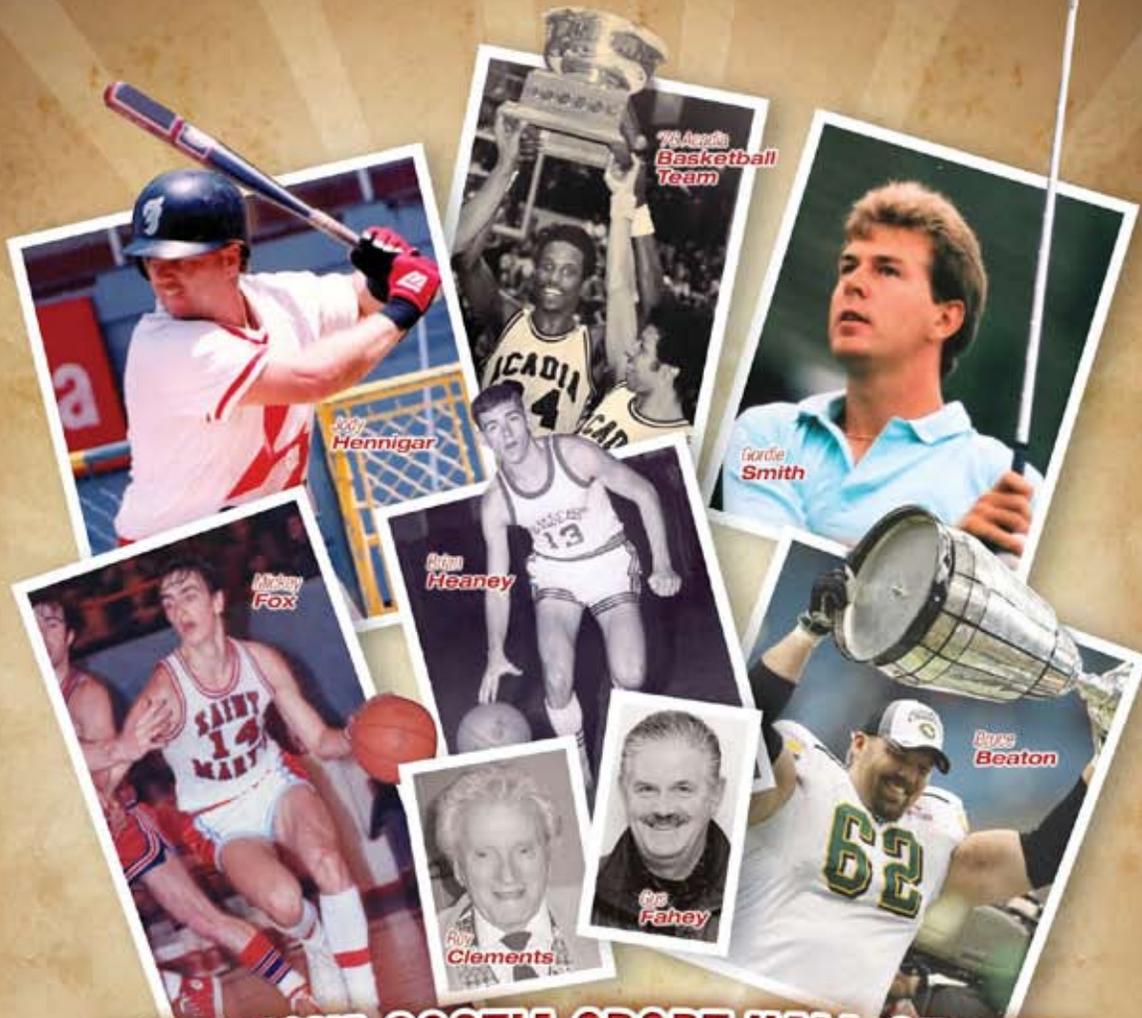
The Cup sat on the famous Crosby dryer for photo opportunities. Sidney



*The Crosby Family – Taylor, Sidney, Troy and Trina – pose with Stanley Cup on the famous dryer.*

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## 2009 NOVA SCOTIA SPORT HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

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# Sidney Crosby Day in Nova Scotia

Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby, captain of the Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins, brought the revered Cup home August 7 for a community parade and a celebration at Cole Harbour Place, the rink where he developed his early hockey skills.

Thousands lined the parade route through Cole Harbour to get a glimpse of the hockey star, riding atop a fire truck and embracing the Cup. Also in the parade were his two grandmothers and Penguin teammate, Maxime Talbot.

"It's unbelievable," Talbot said to Dan Rosen, NHL.com staff writer who recorded the two days of Crosby mania. "It's really, really special to be here and see this parade and how much this guy is respected and loved by everyone. You know what, he deserves it all. You see the look on their faces. He's the man here."

The celebration combined musical groups, speeches, a ground hockey game with Sid playing with a group of friends from his youth, and of course, autographs from Cole Harbour's favourite son.

The Cup attracts huge crowds, but, wrote Rosen in his NHL.com blog, "This has just been amazing, so much so that Phil Pritchard of the Hockey Hall of



Thousands of people visited the Hall of Fame display at Cole Harbour Place during Sidney Crosby Day celebrations August 7th.

Fame said he has never seen anything like it. And, Pritchard is one of the Cup Keepers who has brought

A proud dad and his two children, clad in vintage Pittsburgh Penguins uniforms, pose at Cole Harbour Place during Sidney Crosby Day. Behind them is a mural of hometown hero Crosby hoisting the Stanley Cup after the Penguins' win last June.



Thousands filled Cole Harbour streets to see Sidney and the Stanley Cup.

the Cup to countless players and been with them for their entire time celebrating with it."

Sidney reflected after the two days, "I didn't need to win a Stanley Cup to realize the amount of support I have here, but if anything it opened my eyes up to what it is and what level it is at. It's not a huge town, but if you look at the turnout (at Friday's parade in Cole Harbour) it's a lot more than the town, it's all the

surrounding areas. I expected it to be special, but I didn't think emotionally it would be like this. This was incredible."

The Hall of Fame was part of Sidney Crosby Day in Cole Harbour with a special Crosby exhibit, including the famous dryer, which was viewed by thousands.

## Did You Know...

1999 inductee Duncan Gillis from Port Hood, then living in British Columbia, won a silver medal in hammer throw in the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm. He was the Canadian flag bearer. Duncan was also the Canadian heavyweight wrestling champion in 1920 when he wrestled, and lost, in a match with a purse of \$25,000. With inflation, that would be almost \$270,000 today.

# Pat Connolly Retires

The golden voice may be heard less often. The nimble fingers may write fewer stories.

But though Pat Connolly says he's retiring he probably has something else up his proverbial sleeve.

Pat announced his retirement as the Halifax Mooseheads public address announcer in early August but said he'd continue to contribute to the organization "from time to time."

The legendary sports scribe and broadcaster was honoured by the Mooseheads and Halifax Metro Centre at a centre ice ceremony prior to the Mooseheads' season home opener September 18. Pat was recognized for lengthy service to sport, hockey and the Mooseheads, had his name raised to the rafters of Metro Centre and saw the media box high above Metro Centre Ice named "The Pat Connolly Press Box."

With long-time friend Bruce Rainnie emceeding the event, Pat received a well-deserved, lengthy standing ovation.

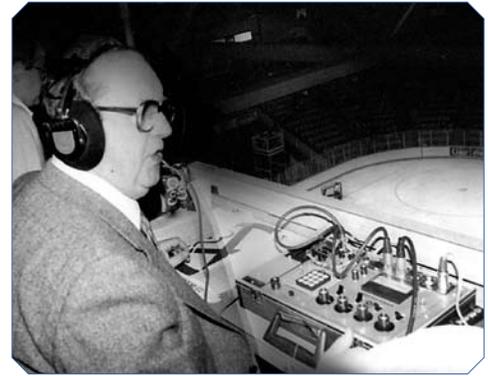
Pat has done much, seen more, and made a major contribution to hockey specifically, and sport in general, for more than six decades. He began his career as a print journalist in 1945 in his hometown of Sydney as the Cape Breton correspondent for the Halifax Herald, then moved to the Sydney Post-Record.



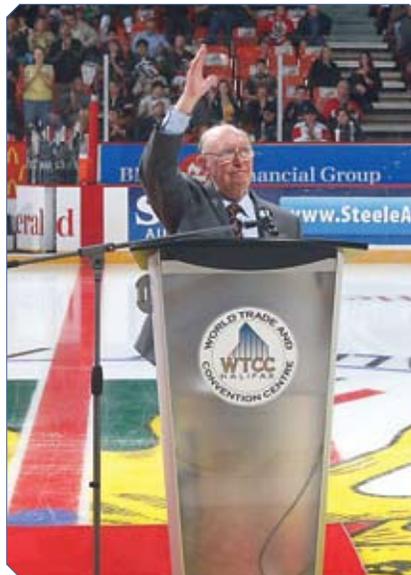
His pleasant pipes were first heard broadcasting hockey and other sports in 1948 at CJCB Sydney. A move to Halifax in 1952

*Pat on-air at CJCH Halifax in the early 1950s.*

took him to CJCH Radio where he replaced Danny Gallivan who had moved up to become play-by-play man for the Montreal Canadiens.



*Pat called hockey from high above ice level.*



*Pat Connolly waves to a huge crowd at the Halifax Mooseheads' home opener at Halifax Metro Centre September 18th. Pat is being applauded for long and memorable service to the Mooseheads and the Nova Scotia sport community.*

In 1954, Pat became the first television sports host for CBHT, CBC's Halifax outlet.

After working for various radio stations, Pat was the play-by-play man for the Nova Scotia Voyageurs, Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Oilers before assuming public address duties with the Mooseheads in the mid-1990s.

He was a sport columnist with the Chronicle Herald and the Halifax Daily News as well as penning pieces for many publications in Canada and the United States.

Pat served the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame as chair of the Selection Committee for 20 years as well as emceeding Induction Night many times. He was also a member of the

board and selection committee of Canada's Sport Hall of Fame for 24 years.

He has served on the board of governors of Saint Mary's University's steering committee for its sport hall of fame and is an honoured member of both the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame and the Cape Breton Sport Hall of Fame.

You can even call him "doctor". In 2006, Pat was given an honorary doctor of laws degree from Saint Mary's University for his involvement in the community.

# Unique Artifacts on Display

## PHIL SCOTT'S SHOES

The community of Barrington proudly boasts Phil Scott, who captured the world log rolling championship, not once but nine times, five in succession, on the professional lumberjack circuit.

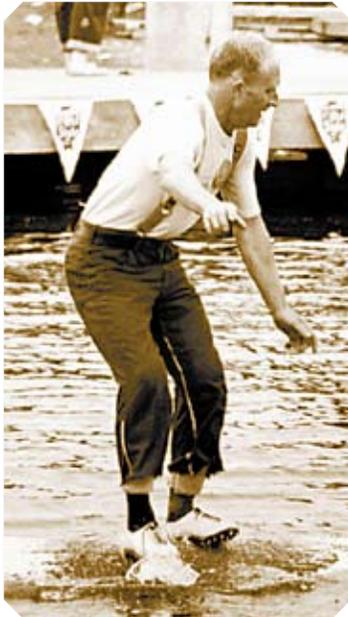
Phil got his start at an early age. While other kids were playing baseball, Phil was playing on the logs in the holding pond behind his father's sawmill. At seven, he won his first log-burling contest.

At 20, he broke into the big time at the world's largest lumberjack festival in Haywood, WI. He took a bus to Duluth, MN, then hitchhiked to Haywood. Once there he dumped the pros into the water, one by one, until he finally dumped reigning champion Ardiel Wickhelm of B.C. to claim the title on his first try.

Phil was a champ who never relaxed. Each winter, he practised on a dry mount log in his basement. For a few years he held the Canadian, North American and World Championships. He travelled to Japan in 1976 to win the Japanese championship, an event carried live on television.

Phil Scott, inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1987, continues to mesmerize thousands with his lumberjack circuit act.

See his shoes at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.



## CANADA GAMES TORCH

The 1969 Canada Games Torch is being proudly shown, the same torch that travelled from Ottawa to Saint Mary's University Stadium in Halifax 40 years ago to officially open the very first Canada Summer Games. The first Winter Games had been held in 1967 in Quebec City.



On August 13, 2009, the Hall of Fame, in cooperation with the 2011 Canada Games Host Society, spent the afternoon at the Halifax ferry terminal celebrating with a stellar showing of artefacts, video footage and slides.

As hundreds of people enjoyed the annual Busker's Festival, they also took advantage of a bright sunny day to remember some of Nova Scotia's finest sport moments.

## THE RED CAP SNOWSHOE CLUB TROPHY

The Red Cap Snowshoe Club was founded in 1874, making it Halifax's oldest local organized sports organization. The club consisted of 11 male members, whose slogan was "Are we or are we not?" to which they replied "We are!"



The club's purpose was not just to snowshoe. It was also a very social club. After each race the men would go back to their headquarters at the Costen House and eat and drink.



The men were very recognizable by their distinguished outfits—a knitted jersey, with white and blue spots accompanied by a

red sash, red hats with blue tassels, white knickerbockers, red stockings with white anklets and white gloves. The first captain wore white tassels and the second captain wore blue and white tassels.

# Day Camps Give Hall Busy Summer

As school resumed in September with teachers asking for reports on ‘What I did on my summer vacation’, more than 1,000 youngsters were able to say, proudly, “I learned about Nova Scotia’s great athletes, teams and builders.”

Children from more than 35 day camps and other youth groups visited the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame between mid-June and the end of August.

“The kids had an absolute blast!” stated Samantha Snow, the recreation coordinator for the Spryfield Boys and Girls club.

Among those visiting were several Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA camps, Dalhousie Daycamp, George Dixon Centre and East Preston Recreation Centre.

How did they keep busy? Shane Mailman, the Hall’s Facility and Communication Manager, says the kids received a live presentation about Nova Scotia Sport History and Heroes and were tested in a scavenger hunt to become even more familiar with the Hall.



*Youngsters listen to a presentation in the Hall of Fame Theatre.*



*A summer camper tests the Hall of Fame simulator.*

“And, of course, they all had to try the simulator to test their ability in shooting (pucks and basketballs), throwing and hitting (baseballs), and kicking (soccer balls),” he said.

More Hall tours are scheduled in the fall and winter as teachers realize the benefit of using sport to teach the history of Nova Scotia to their students.

To book a presentation for your class or group call 404-3339 or email [sporthalloffame@eastlink.ca](mailto:sporthalloffame@eastlink.ca)

## Fast Facts



Sydney’s Parker MacDonald, inducted in 1980, played on a line with Detroit Red Wing teammates Gordie Howe and Alex Delvecchio in 1962-63. Parker scored 33 goals that year, considered outstanding when the high water mark in the six-team NHL era was deemed 20 goals in a season. Parker was originally drafted by Toronto Maple Leafs.

Cape Sable Island-born Burns Wesley Pierce, inducted in 1980, held several bicycling speed and distance records in the late 1800s while living in Boston. He won a San Francisco 24-hour marathon by pedaling 467 miles without dismounting. He held the world middle-distance championship in 1898. In front of more than 20,000 spectators at another event, he cycled 20 miles in 37 minutes. After retiring he came home to Lockeport, then moved to Berwick for the rest of his life.



## Newsletter Editor

The editor of **ON THE GO** is renowned journalist, Joel Jacobson, who spent 25 years with the Chronicle Herald covering sports, city hall, business and, for 17 years, was a columnist who highlighted fascinating people in Nova Scotia. The Hall of Fame newsletter is always looking for interesting stories or tidbits from Nova Scotia sport history. Joel can be contacted at [jjacobson@eastlink.ca](mailto:jjacobson@eastlink.ca).



## *Inductees Named for University Sport Halls*

Acadia University in Wolfville and Saint Mary's University in Halifax have announced the 2009 inductees to their school's sports halls of fame.



At Acadia, Holly LeReverend-Smith, a former national champion varsity swimmer, and Dave Rode, a national championship basketball player, will be inducted October 17 along with the 1996 CIS national champion Axemen hockey team, and builders John Huard, a former two-time national champion football coach, and former Acadia president James Perkin.

Saint Mary's University will honour athlete Ken Clark, builder Doug Wright and the 1979 Men's Basketball team in a September 26 ceremony.



Clark starred on the Saint Mary's football team from 1970 until 1973. Wright has served as a coach and mentor with Huskies football and basketball teams since the 1970s. As national champions, the 1979 basketball Huskies receive automatic induction to the Saint Mary's Hall of Fame.

## *Colchester County Sport Hall of Fame Inductions*

Friday November 6, 2009 will be a momentous evening for the Truro Sport Heritage Society and Colchester County Sport Hall of Fame.

Five inductees will be added to the Heritage Society's Wall of Fame, which was established in 1984. The Colchester County Sport Hall of Fame facility opened in 2006 at the Marigold Centre in downtown Truro. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The 2009 honorees are: athletes Larry Archibald (basketball and track), John Mentis (hockey and baseball), Chris Matheson-Bernard (multi-sport) and Steve Morrissey (hockey, football and softball), and the 1945-46 Truro Bearcats midget Atlantic hockey champions.

The Society's annual Sports Awards Dinner, to be held March 4, 2010, publicly recognizes present-day athletes and members of the community who make an outstanding contribution to sport.

## *Bruce Rainnie to Host Again*

Ready to be entertained? Be at Induction Night November 7th to hear Bruce Rainnie, noted CBC sports play-by-play man and host of Charlottetown's evening news, handle the master of ceremonies duties.



*Bruce Rainnie*

Bruce's smooth delivery, ability to ask insightful questions, and his quick wit will bring the night to life. Bruce has been emcee for almost 10 years.

## *The Chronicle Herald Presents Induction Night*

The Chronicle Herald has been named presenting sponsor of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame Induction Night.

Nova Scotia's main daily newspaper, now with a strong on-line presence [TheChronicleHerald.ca](http://TheChronicleHerald.ca) has been a supporter of Induction Night since the first one was held in 1980.

"We're thrilled to have The Chronicle Herald with us in this capacity," says Hall executive director, Bill Robinson. "The paper has always been a friend to us and to have them as presenting sponsor makes our night that much more significant."

Pam Nauss-Redden, manager - media innovation at The Chronicle Herald, echoes Bill. "We've been part of this night since it started. We are pleased to support an event that profiles Nova Scotia's sporting achievements and as a provincial newspaper to provide the excellent coverage they deserve.

She adds, "Entering our Hall of Fame, we have Olympians, professional and highly qualified amateur athletes, and men and women who give unselfishly to build sport. We are so proud to be affiliated with an organization that honours the excellence these people show."

Induction Night will be held Saturday, November 7 at the World Trade and Convention Centre.

# Golf Tournament Great Success

Sunshine and comfortable temperatures at Oakfield Golf and Country Club greeted 135 golfers at the 14th annual Hall of Fame Golf Tournament Thursday, September 17.

Presented by MacDonald Chisholm Trask Insurance, the golfers played for gross and net prizes totalling over \$15,000.

The beneficiaries of the \$26,000 raised by the event are the thousands of annual visitors to the hall, primarily young people who learn from the educational programs these funds will assist in further developing.

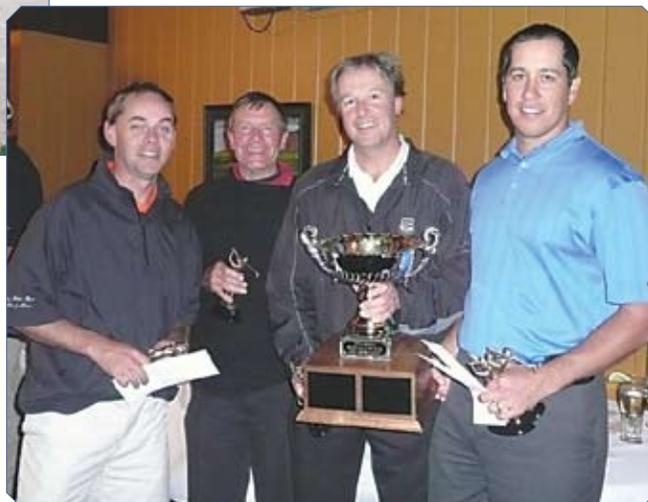


Enjoying a glorious day at Oakfield Golf Club during the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament are: Dugger McNeil, champion hockey player and coach; provincial title-holding golfer and curler, Peter Hope, (both inductees to the Hall of Fame); Jason Lohnes, director of golf at Oakfield; Elmer MacGillivray, member of the 1948 Saint Mary's juniors Hall of Fame hockey team; and Geoff Hope, son of Peter.



Paul Armstrong (left), Gerald Mitchell (right), and Phil McNeill (top) watch carefully as Rob Everist hits from a trap during scramble play at the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament. No one would admit it was his shot into the trap that had to be played. The ball eventually made it to the green.

THE WINNERS: The MacKenzie Investment team had a low gross score of -17 at the 14th annual Hall of Fame Golf Tournament. Members proudly showing the trophy are Dale Callaban, Gary Bliss, Jack Gorrill and Trevor Chow. Teammate Nigel Saywood is not shown.



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