

Stellar Class Inducted in Hall

Each year for the past 11 years, Bruce Rainnie has said, first privately to an audience of a couple, then publicly to several hundred, “This is the finest group of inductees I have ever seen.”

The Hall of Fame Induction Night Master of Ceremonies echoed those thoughts again November 7, 2009 as he so very capably presented eight new inductees to an audience whose attention was grabbed by the remarkable feats of these five athletes, two builders and one team.

You see, these superb honorees embody what is good about sport, what makes playing games so important to so many. Through the years, the athlete inductees impressed how well those games can be played. The builder inductees proved the importance of leadership having an impact far beyond the playing arena.

The Class of 2009 was all class.

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New members of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame were inducted November 7, 2009 in Halifax. (Front row) Gordie Smith, Bruce Beaton, Jody Hennigar, Gus Fahey, Brian Heaney, Mickey Fox, and, representing the late Roy Clements, sons Brett and Gary. (Back row) Members of the Acadia Axemen 1977 CIAU Basketball Champions: Ted Upshaw, Liz Raaymakers-Popowich (manager), Norman Whynot, Bruce Hunt, Steve Johnson, Tony Aker, Bruce Toigo, Alan Oliver, John Archibald, Gordie West, John Townsend, Peter Justason (trainer), and Robert Upshaw. (Induction photos by Nick Pearce)

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The individual athletes – Bruce Beaton (*football*), Mickey Fox (*basketball*), Brian Heaney (*basketball*), Jody Hennigar (*softball*) and Gordon Smith (*golf*) – could be described as the best to have played their respective sports in this province. They all reached levels beyond most other inductees to this honoured Hall.

The Acadia men's basketball team of 1976-77 earned the greatest championship available to it – a national title. The builders – Roy Clements (*soccer*) and Gus Fahey (*multi-sport and education*) – made such superb

contributions to their sports and communities that recognition was merited as highly as any other builder ever named to the Hall.

It will be difficult to match such a stellar group of inductees but, as Nova Scotian athletes and builders continue to star on the national and international scene, someday, probably sooner than later, Bruce Rainnie will again be able to say, "This is the finest group of inductees I have ever seen."



Robbie Upshaw of the 1977 Acadia Axemen men's basketball team makes a point when questioned by emcee Bruce Rainnie.



Gary and Brett Clements stand by the empty chair their late father, Roy, would have occupied as he entered the Hall of Fame on Induction Night.



"C'mon!! I didn't do all that, did I?" thinks Gordie Smith as his golfing feats are highlighted.



Bruce Beaton chuckles at a funny anecdote during his Induction.



Two Hall of Famers – newly inducted softball star Jody Hennigar (l) and softball coach and athlete, Mark Smith, discuss their favourite sport at the post-event reception.



Bruce Rainnie queries builder Gus Fahey about the myriad things he accomplished.



Floyd Gaetz (middle) was named Sport Hall of Fame 2009 Volunteer of the Year. Presenting the award were The Chronicle Herald promotions manager, Kevin Sanford, and Bill Robinson.



Mickey Fox presents Brian Heaney with his inductee pin.

Two Nova Scotian Athletes Compete at Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics

Dartmouth's Sarah Conrad and Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby will be mining for gold at the Winter Games in Vancouver.



Conrad, a snowboarder, will make her second Olympic appearance, after competing in Turin, Italy, four years ago. Sarah wrote the following in her blog January 25 after learning she made the Olympic team.

"I placed 4th in the World Cup this weekend in Stoneham. Unfortunately it didn't meet the qualifications to be considered an Olympic qualifying event for our team due to a lack of international competition. I landed my safe run in my first run, then fell on my next run, enabling the Chinese riders to sweep the women's podium. I just missed the podium so I'm a bit disappointed but I've got a couple more contests before the Games to change that. Going to the Olympics in my own country has been a huge goal of mine since Vancouver won the bid, seven years ago. It's been a pretty drawn out qualification process, but I ended up on top, so it was well worth it."



Crosby, captain of Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins of the NHL, will make his Olympic debut for Canada in men's ice hockey. One of the NHL's current greats, Crosby will be making his fourth appearance with a Canadian national team.

In 2003-04, while playing at Shattuck St. Mary's High School in Minnesota, Crosby was selected to the Under-18 team that finished fourth in Slovakia. A year later, while with Rimouski of the QMJHL, Crosby became the youngest player to ever score a goal in the World Junior Championships. He returned to the Canadian Junior team in 2004-05

and won a gold medal in North Dakota.

His NHL career has been storybook. He won the scoring title and MVP award in 2007. In 2008-09, he led the Pens to the Stanley Cup and late in the year, was named Canada's Male Athlete of the Year by Canadian Press and winner of the Lou Marsh Award as selected by a panel of sports writers.

Sidney Crosby (middle) holds the World Junior Hockey championship cup after helping Canada win in North Dakota in 2004-05.



Nova Scotians at Past Winter Olympics

We're in the midst of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, a time to celebrate the achievements of Canadian athletes competing on their home soil.

While Montreal hosted the Summer Games in 1976, the Winter event has been held only once before in Canada, in 1988 in Calgary. That year, Canadians won five medals – two silver (*Brian Orser and Elizabeth Manley in figure skating*) and three bronze (*two by skier Karen Percy and one in pairs figure skating by Dartmouth's Rob McCall and his ice dance partner, Tracy Wilson of Port Moody, B.C.*)

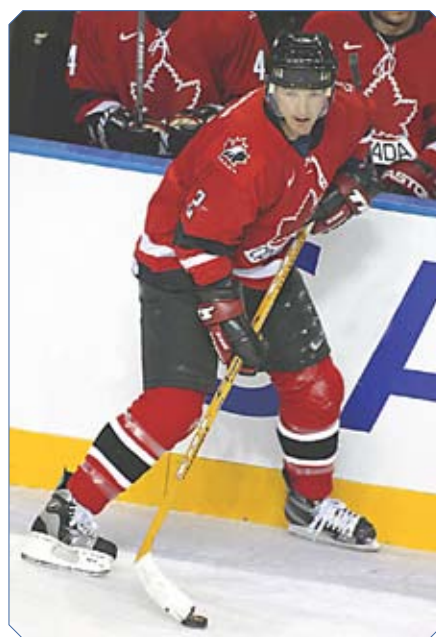


Robert McCall and Tracy Wilson acknowledge applause from the home crowd in Calgary as they receive their 1988 bronze medals in figure skating ice dance.

Nova Scotians have a proud record of medal achievement at Winter Olympics, including the McCall/Wilson bronze in 1988.

Port Hood's **Al MacInnis** won gold in 2002 in Salt Lake City with the Canadian men's hockey team and a hockey bronze four years before in Nagano, Japan.

Sydney's **Fabian Joseph** won a pair of silver medals, each time with the Canadian men's hockey team. He captained the team in Albertville, France, in 1992 and Lillehammer, Sweden, in 1994 (*the year the IOC switched the Winter Games from the same year as Summer to its current format of holding Summer and Winter Olympic Games two years apart*).



Port Hood's Al MacInnis was a standout defenceman for Team Canada at two Olympic Games. The 2008 inductee to the Sport Hall of Fame has a locker of memorabilia on display at the Hall.

More Nova Scotia Winter Olympians:

1968 – Grenoble, France – Robert Boucher, Halifax, long track speed skating

1976 – Innsbruck, Austria – Sue Holloway, Halifax, cross country skiing

1980 – Lake Placid, N.Y. – Paul MacLean, Antigonish – men's ice hockey

1984 – Sarajevo, Yugoslavia – Rob McCall, Dartmouth – ice dance figure skating

2002 – Salt Lake City, Utah – Trevor Andrew, Falmouth – snowboarding

2006 – Turin, Italy – Sarah Conrad, Dartmouth – snowboarding



(left) Trevor Andrew, Falmouth, was a Canadian Olympian in 1998 and 2002 and has become noted for his 13-foot McTwists on the halfpipe. He started skateboarding when he was just seven years old, developing a love for snowboarding soon after. At 16, he moved to Whistler, B.C. to pursue a professional career in the sport. After blowing a knee in 2004, Trevor started a music career as lead singer of his own band and now has his own record label. His music has been heard on his snowboarding DVD's.

(right) Sydney's Fabian Joseph played on two Canadian Olympic hockey teams. The picture shows Joseph, inducted to the Hall in 2002, battling Swedish hockey star, Peter Forsberg, for puck possession. Many of Joseph's hockey artifacts are on display in a locker at the Hall of Fame.



Paul MacLean of Antigonish, a Hall inductee in 1995, played with Canada's Olympic Team in Lake Placid, N.Y., in 1980. He had a lengthy and successful NHL career as a player and currently is an assistant coach with Detroit Red Wings.

NS Hall Head Among Five Nova Scotia Football Hall Honorees

Bill Robinson, executive director of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, was one of five inductees to the Nova Scotia Football Hall of Fame in mid-November.

Robinson, a member of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame as quarterback of the 1973 Saint Mary's Huskies national university champion football team, was honoured along with athletes Paul Brulé, a record-setting running back with St. Francis Xavier University in the 1960s and Bob Cameron, an Acadia University quarterback and kicker, who played 20 years in the Canadian Football League and set numerous punting and place kicking records.

Also inducted was builder Mike Tanner, long-time coach at Queen Elizabeth High School in Halifax whose teams won many city and provincial titles, and is now head coach at Citadel High, along with referee Rudy Lauzon of Halifax, a pioneer and leader in officiating in the province.



Richard MacLean (l), president of Football Nova Scotia presenting to Bill Robinson. (Photos courtesy Scott Kirkpatrick Photography)

Robinson won Vanier Cups with the Huskies in 1973 and University of Western Ontario in 1974, was MVP of the Atlantic Football Conference three times in his four years at SMU, and played four years in the CFL with Ottawa between 1975 and 1978. He joined the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame as executive director in 1983.

(l to r) Football official Rudy Lauzon, Halifax; builder Mike Tanner, coach, Citadel High, Halifax; Bill Kiely, accepting on behalf of athlete Paul Brulé, St. Francis Xavier University; athlete Bob Cameron, Acadia University and Canadian Football League; athlete Bill Robinson, Halifax, Saint Mary's University. FNS president Richard MacLean in background.

Volunteering at Hall Rewarding

There are perks to being a volunteer at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

Besides meeting wonderful people, helping them find out about their family and friends who are inductees in the Hall, and spreading the word about Nova Scotia's stellar athletes and builders, a few hours a week may result in seeing Metro Centre sporting events such as Moosehead hockey games and Rainmen basketball games on the Hall's big screen through Metro Centre SilverVision.

Men and women are needed to host visitors at the Hall prior to and during events at Halifax Metro Centre. A four or five hour shift begins two hours before a sporting event start time and continues through intermissions. The Hall opens two to three hours before a concert and closes when the concert starts.

To volunteer, contact Shane Mailman at 404 -3339 or sportalloffame@eastlink.ca.

Hall Helps Sport Groups Raise Important Funds

As the doors to the Halifax Forum Bingo Hall, open, people in line rush to get good seats so they'll have easier access to collect their bingo prizes.

Imagine if 100 of those people have been recruited by your organization. Or even 75. Or 50 perhaps.

YOU and YOUR SPORT TEAM, CHARITABLE GROUP OR ASSOCIATION can benefit, with absolutely no commitment – other than bringing bodies to the Forum on any of the nights in which the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame is involved.

Monday, Thursday and Saturday are the Hall's nights to run the bingos. If each person you bring buys a minimum of \$15 in bingo cards, YOUR GROUP will receive \$10. Your organization can choose whatever night it wants. Have your people show up with pre-distributed coupons (*you don't have to pre-sell or collect money*) and then your group rakes in the dough.

What a great way to earn money for that team trip, equipment, closing banquet or whatever end you choose – and people have a fun night out at the same time.

Some groups have brought as many as 100 people and made \$1,000 for their organization. It's easy,



all while entertaining a bunch of folks in a way that might be exciting.

Did we say that up to \$40,000 is offered nightly in prizes? Did we say the Bingo Hall is air-conditioned, non-smoking and licensed with a full-service canteen? And did we say you have no responsibility in running the Bingo. Professionals do that every night. You just show up, buy bingo cards and play.

"This helps us help groups," says Shane Mailman, a Hall employee who sits on the Forum's Bingo Management Team. "Yes, the Bingo draws more

people this way, but we provide the opportunity for YOUR GROUP to help itself with a sure-fire fundraising method. There's no minimum number of people to be brought."

For more information and to book a night, contact Shane at 404-3339, e-mail sporthalloffame@eastlink.ca, or visit the Hall website at www.nsshf.com.



Hall of Fame Hockey Nuggets

Hockey is usually foremost in the minds of Canadian sport fans, whether during the season (*runs from September to August, doesn't it?*) or in hot-stove time when player moves, new draft picks, woulda and shoulda are discussed.

As the interest in Olympic hockey in Vancouver jumps a thousand fold, even among the most casual observers who become instant experts, can (*will?*) we win gold? If so, buttons will burst with pride. If not, teeth will gnash from coast to coast.

Let's take a brief look at some Nova Scotians who have made their marks at the highest levels of hockey.



William ('Bill', 'Red') Stuart was a valuable defenceman with the Stanley Cup champion Toronto St. Pat's in 1922. Considered a high-scoring defenceman, Stuart amassed 30 goals and 17 assists during his four years in Toronto. Born in 1900 and an Amherst resident

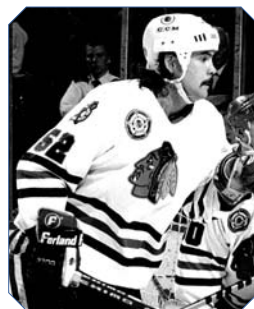
from his very early years, Bill played senior hockey in Springhill for only a year before coaches in the NHL scouted him. Just a few months later he was using his talents in the NHL. When he retired as an active player, Bill came home to Nova Scotia where he coached the Halifax Wolverines to wins at the Allan Cup and Canadian Amateur Championships in 1935.

In 1969-70, Sydney's **Norm Ferguson** set a NHL rookie scoring record with 34 goals while playing with California Golden Seals. And finished second to Fredericton's Danny Grant, playing with Detroit, for Rookie of the Year in the league. Two years later, he moved to the newly-formed World Hockey Association where he averaged 31 goals in six years and played in two All-Star games. He ended his career with Edmonton Oilers (*NHL*) in 1978.

Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame members Kevin Morrison (second from left) and Norm Ferguson (second from right), are flanked by hockey superstars Gordie Howe (l) and Bobby Hull (r) at the 1974-75 WHA All-Star Game.



Paul MacLean, of Antigonish (*see picture page 5*) had an 11-year NHL playing career after leading Dal Tigers to the CIAU final in 1978 and playing for the 1980 Canadian Olympic team. With St. Louis, Winnipeg and Detroit, the forward scored 324 goals, going over 30 eight times, and 673 points in 719 games. After retiring, he coached in minor hockey but has been an assistant in the NHL for the last several seasons, most recently with Detroit Red Wings, with whom he won a Stanley Cup in 2007-08.



Cam Russell of Dartmouth is the coach and general manager of Halifax Mooseheads. Dartmouth-raised, Russell was a big, tough 6'4", 200 lb. defenceman with Chicago Black Hawk for eight years and one with Colorado, playing 396 NHL games.



Glenn Murray of Bridgewater had a stellar career with Los Angeles Kings and Boston Bruins, scoring 337 goals and 651 points over 16 years as a professional. His career high was 44 goals with the Bruins in 2002-03 and playing in the All-Star games of 2003 and 2004. He represented Canada

at the World Championships in 1998.

Curling in the Spotlight

As the Canadian Men's Curling Championship is a month away from being played at Halifax Metro Centre, let's look at the accomplishments of women curlers from Nova Scotia.

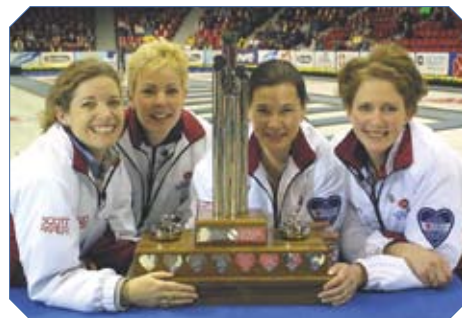


Penny LaRocque delivers a crucial shot.

Canadian curling champion Penny LaRocque has won 19 provincial championships, including five women's, five mixed, seven senior women's and two senior mixed championships. In 1983, LaRocque won the Canadian women's title and placed third at the worlds. Her incredible performance in 1983 enabled her to win the Sport Nova Scotia Team of the Year Award. Her competitive drive and wonderful sportsmanship have earned Penny Ms. Congeniality and Sportsmanship awards at the National level. She

entered the Hall of Fame in 2007.

Colleen Jones' curling team of the Halifax Mayflower Club won five Canadian women's championships in six years, four in a row between 2001 and 2004, the first team ever to accomplish the four-in-a-row and the only team ever to win five titles. Skip Jones (left in picture below), who is a member of the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame, also won a Canadian women's title in 1982 and was on the 1993 and 1999 Canadian Mixed championship rinks. Yet it was her team of Kim Kelly, Mary Anne Arsenault and Nancy Delahunt that combined to win all those titles, and went on to take two world championships, too – in 2001 and 2004.



Nova Scotia Female Athletes Star on National Stage

Kathy MacCormack Spurr, from North Sydney, and now living in Halifax, was a member of Canada's national women's basketball team from 1985 to 1992 after earning all-Canadian status while playing at Dalhousie University. An all-round athlete, Kathy was on Nova Scotia's Canada Games water polo team in 1983, and on a Canadian Life-Guarding championship team in 1985. She joined the Hall in 2001.

In the midst of the 2010 Winter Olympics, it's a given to recognize a Nova Scotia athlete who made Canada's Winter and Summer Olympic teams. Sue Holloway, born in Halifax and now residing in Ottawa, won silver and bronze medals in kayaking at the 1984 Summer Olympics, her third summer games. In 1976, she became the first woman in history to compete in both summer and winter games as she was a cross-country

skier in Innsbruck. She finished seventh and 32nd in her two events. Today, married to Canadian high jumper Greg Joy, Sue has facilitated more than 100 lifeskill workshops and has presented at conferences around the world. She was a broadcaster at the 1988 Seoul Summer Games, developed and coordinated special events for Canada's Olympic teams in Barcelona, Lillehammer and Salt Lake City. Because of her charitable work in Ottawa, the city honoured her with the Key to the City and named a park named after her.



Sue Holloway

In Memoriam

Four Hall of Fame members have passed away since mid-October 2009.

Clyde Roy, 89, died December 20, 2009, in New Glasgow. A pitcher with Stellarton of the H&D Baseball League, he was inducted as an athlete in 2003.

Luigi Centa, 80, died January 2, 2010 in Halifax. He was a member of the 1950-51 St. F.X. hockey team that was inducted in 1992.

Garnet Brown, 79, died January 7, 2010 in Halifax. He was a fine baseball player, but was inducted to the Hall as a builder in 1980 for his major contribution to sport as the province's first Minister of Recreation.

Moe Kiley, 62, died January 13, 2010 in Antigonish. He entered the Hall in 2001 as a member of the Thorburn Mohawks junior softball team of 1963-65.

Coach K Sets All-Time Wins Record

Steve Konchalski, St. Francis Xavier University men's basketball coach, inducted to the Hall as a builder in 2007, set a career-wins record for CIS coaches in November.



Konchalski, in his 35th year as men's coach at X, earned his 735th win November 6th in a 94-83 road victory over University of Prince Edward Island. Konchalski, who passed Jerry Hemmings of Brandon for the all-time mark, is a member of Canada Basketball's Council of Excellence and a former Senior Men's National Team coach.

Hall of Famer Honoured

Wendell Young (*inducted in 2007*) has received many honours and won many awards in his lengthy hockey career.



Yet the retirement of his number by the Halifax major midget team, for which he tended goal starting in 1978-79, must stand high on his highlight list.

Former teammates, family and many fans attended the ceremony, prior to a game between Halifax Titans (*formerly Young's team, Halifax McDonalds*) and Dartmouth Subways at the Halifax Forum January 30,



and saw the goalie's jersey raised to the rafters. The Hall of Fame was at the ceremony with a special exhibit showing Wendell Young's hockey artifacts.

Young is the only hockey player to be on teams that won the Stanley Cup (*NHL*), Calder Cup (*AHL*), Turner Cup (*IHL*) and Memorial Cup (*CHL*). Now 46, Young is general manager of the Chicago Wolves of the AHL.

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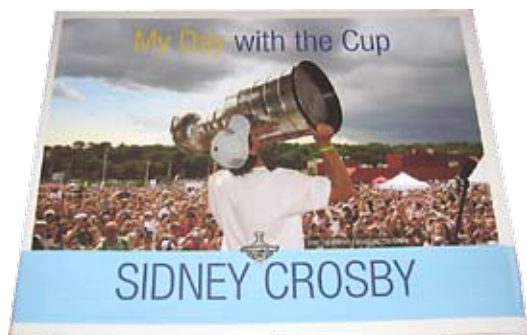
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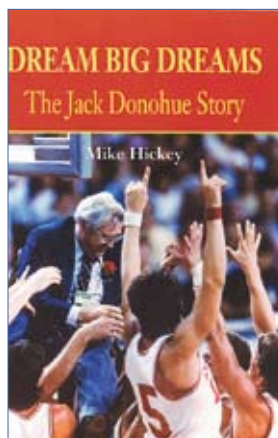
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