

## *Cherished Hall Friend and Inductee, Pat Connolly, Passes Away*

**P**at Connolly, a long-time broadcaster and journalist, was involved with the Hall of Fame from its early years after Sport Nova Scotia was charged with cataloguing and caretaking the artifacts of the original Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1975.

By 1979, when plans were in place for the first induction ceremonies in 1980, Pat chaired a committee to review and grandfather entry of earlier named Hall of Famers and work with that committee to prepare a new slate of deserving athletes, builders and teams. He also served on the original Board of Directors of the Hall in its early years.

From 1980 until 1999, Pat was master of ceremonies of Induction Night, working with the late Dr. Sandy Young to make the ceremony memorable for each new member of the Hall.

Pat also chaired the provincial selection committee for 20 years, retiring in 1998. His well-merited selection as a builder soon followed in 1999. Because of his stellar earlier commitment, Pat received the Hall of Fame Volunteer of the Year Award in 1989.

His journalism career started in 1943 when, at age 16, he was a Halifax Herald correspondent in his beloved Cape Breton. Soon after, he joined CJC radio in Sydney as an announcer and quickly assumed the role of hockey play-by-play man for Sydney Millionaires senior hockey team. In 1952, he moved to Halifax to replace Danny Gallivan as the voice of sports at CJCH Radio and then had a nomadic career that took him to CBC-TV Halifax as its first sports host in 1955, to Chatham and London, Ontario as a sport broadcaster, and then briefly back to Sydney before joining Arnie Patterson at CFDR Radio in Dartmouth where he

broadcast Nova Scotia Voyageur and Nova Scotia Oiler American Hockey League games from 1971 to 1987. A year later, he commuted back and forth to Sydney as the CJC radio voice of the Cape Breton Oilers before retiring from broadcasting.



With a vast storehouse of knowledge and a gift for putting the right words together, Pat turned back to his earlier roots as a writer, preparing sport and general columns for the Chronicle Herald and Halifax Daily News.

He was constantly called upon to emcee banquets and press conferences and other events, sporting and community – and did virtually all of them willingly and, in most cases, without compensation.

The Hall was a beneficiary of his largesse as he hosted several Hall of Famer Luncheon club events, was media host at the Digby Golf Classic for many years and wrote articles for the annual Hall of Fame Magazine. With a memory that amazed everyone, Pat was a source for the Hall of Fame as a consultant on sport history and helped identify names on photographs on dozens of occasions.

Pat was a long-time Atlantic Canada representative on the Canadian Sport Hall of Fame selection committee and also served on that organization's Board of Directors for a number of years. He dabbled in politics, too, running as a Liberal for a Dartmouth seat in a provincial election.

Hall of Fame CEO Bill Robinson described what Pat meant to the Hall and to Nova Scotia sport.

“Pat Connolly was a great friend and volunteer of the Hall of Fame for over 40 years. He was a true ambassador of

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# *Education Program Continues to Inspire Our Youth*

## *“Hall of Famers Engage in Speaker Series”*



*Five Bridges Junior High students in Hubley listen to 2010 Hall of Fame soccer inductee Cindy Tye during a special presentation with Olympic bronze medalists, Diana Matheson and Rhian Wilkinson, of the Canadian 2012 Women's National soccer team.*

“Future Hall of Famers” education program kicked off 2013 by organizing and hosting an educational speaker series for grades 4-9 throughout January and February.

To make the series meaningful for the students, we contacted several of Nova Scotia’s athletically gifted Hall of Famers and sport heroes to present inspiring and motivating messages to Nova Scotia youth. These presentations had a very positive response, with schools contacting us for appearances from as far as Sheet Harbour and Musquodoboit Valley.

Andrea Fader, Grade 6 teacher at Sir Charles Tupper Elementary School, said the program was wonderful for her students.

“The students were always engaged and eager to hear what presenters and guest speakers had to share and it was a privilege to have an elite Nova Scotian athlete visit our school.”

We are fortunate that so many members of our Hall of Fame and several of our sport heroes are willing and able to speak to our youth about what motivated them to succeed and discussed overcoming challenges to become world-class contributors to sport.

These Hall of Famers and sport heroes included inductees

Ricky Anderson, Mickey Fox, and Steve Giles, plus three-time Olympian Karen Furneaux and two-time Olympian Sarah Conrad.

Inductees Will Njoku and Art Hafey, and father and son builder duo Leo and Gus Fahey, took part in presentations when the NSSHF visited areas in Amherst and Pictou County.

During the winter months, our presentations were enhanced by appearances from Olympic bronze medalists Diana Matheson and Rhian Wilkinson of the 2012 Canadian Women’s National Soccer Team. Rhian and Diana travelled with us to William King Elementary and Five Bridges Jr. High, sharing their stories of success and failures while representing Canada on the world circuit. The two were introduced by former National soccer team member and Hall of Famer Cindy Tye.

Nova Scotia’s athletes are exceptional role models and mentors for our youth. They are living proof of what happens if you are determined and committed enough to make your dreams come true.

One of our main goals in 2013 is to continue to encourage our Hall of Famers and Nova Scotia athletes to become ambassadors of our education program by sharing their success stories of receiving an education, leading a healthy





*Hall of Fame boxing inductee Ricky Anderson speaks with Halifax Central Junior High students during a presentation at the Hall of Fame.*

lifestyle, staying away from drugs, and never giving up on your dreams, in sport and in life.

**Our program is offered free of charge!**

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*Hall of Fame members told their stories of challenge and accomplishment at River John Consolidated School. From left: school principal Bill Chisholm, builder Leo Fahey, Hall of Fame program coordinator Sarah Conn, athlete Art Hafey, and builder Gus Fahey.*



*World kayak medalist Karen Furneaux speaks to classes at Forest Ridge Elementary School in Barrington, NS.*

*Olympic bronze medal paddler Steve Giles, inducted in 2012, has been a regular presenter in the Education Program. Youngsters are impressed with the stories of how he overcame challenges to achieve his life's dream.*



## *Manulife Donates \$10,000 to Education Program*

**M**anulife Securities recently made a significant donation of \$10,000 to support the Hall of Fame's "Future Hall of Famers Education Program". Stephen Doane, Regional Director, Atlantic, stated, "Manulife is proud to be associated with the education program that reaches out to our Nova Scotia Youth with important lifestyle messages. At the Hall Induction Night, I saw the video of the program being presented and knew we had to be part of that exciting venture."

*(l-r) Manulife Securities, through Regional Director Atlantic, Stephen Doane, made a major donation to the Hall of Fame Education program. Beneficiaries will be students like Skyler McNeil and Storme McNeil, Halifax, who heard a positive message from Olympic medalist and Hall of Fame inductee, Steve Giles, at a Hall session.*



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## *Don Loney Selected by Canadian Football Hall of Fame*

**D**on Loney, who entered the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1981 as a builder, has been elected to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

Loney, who passed away in 2005, is one of six new members elected to the Hall and will be inducted posthumously in ceremonies in Edmonton late in the Fall.

During his 17-year tenure as head coach at St. Francis Xavier University, Loney led his team to a 133-31-2 record, nine conference titles, four Atlantic Bowl Championships, six Jewett Trophy Championships, and one Canadian College Bowl Championship.

Known as the Father of Maritime Football for his



contribution to development, Loney joined the Navy in 1953 after an eight-year career as a professional player with Toronto and Ottawa during which time he won two Grey Cups. In the Navy, he coached Stadacona Sailors (7-0) and Shearwater Flyers (17-2 in two seasons) of the Nova Scotia Football League in the developmental years of Canadian football in the province.

Don was a key player in the formation of the Atlantic Bowl and the Canadian College Bowl, the forerunner to today's Vanier Cup for the Canadian

Interuniversity Sport football championship.

He is also a member of the Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and the St. Francis Xavier University Sport Hall of Fame.



## *Mickey Fox – 2012 Volunteer of the Year*

**M**ickey Fox has been an inspiration to many, for his skills as a basketball player.

He's been an inspiration to thousands of students through a teaching career that spanned 30 years after his graduation from Saint Mary's University.

Today, he's inspiring even more students as a key member of the Hall of Fame's Education team that speaks to school groups at the Hall and in schools throughout the province that the New York City native has adopted as his own. Mickey's key message that he has taken to hundreds of students in Nova Scotia is "You only fail if



*Mickey Fox, center) received the 2012 Volunteer of the Year award from Kevin Sanford, left, promotions manager, The Chronicle Herald, as Hall CEO Bill Robinson looks on.*

you fail to try and reach for your dreams as I did.”

He's also inspiring future basketball stars and their coaches as the technical director of Basketball Nova Scotia

Mickey was inducted to the Hall of Fame as an athlete in 2009 and as a member of the 1972-73 Saint Mary's men's basketball team in 1998.

With an ever-present smile and a friendly demeanor, Mickey willingly gives of his

time to create positive experiences for the Hall and its endeavors – deserving recipient of the Chronicle Herald Volunteer of the Year Award for 2012.

## *In Memoriam*

**S**everal members of the Hall of Fame have passed away in the last 12 months.

**Frank “Danky” Dorrington** was 80 when he died March 11, 2013 in his hometown of New Glasgow. Inducted to the Hall of Fame in 2007, Dorrington was a star of senior hockey in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, winning championships and team and league MVP awards wherever he played. His career peaked in Newfoundland with Corner Brook Royals where, in 12 years starting in 1961, he scored 349 goals and tallied 529 assists for 878 points — more points than any other player in the league's history. As playing coach, he led the Royals to four championships. In 1973, Frank Dorrington Day was declared by the town of Corner Brook, making him the only athlete so honoured.

**Fred Dyke** was 89 when he passed away June 28, 2012 in Coldbrook, Kings Co. He was the last surviving member of the 1951 Glooscap Curling Club team from Kentville that won the MacDonald Brier Canadian Curling championship in Halifax. Team members were: Wally Knock (lead), Fred Dyke (second), George

Hanson (mate), and Don Oyler (skip). The team was inducted in 1980.

**Bob Kaplan** died at age 96 on February 12, 2012 in Halifax. Inducted with his brother Herman as a builder in 1990, Bob launched the Dartmouth Arrows of the H and D Baseball League in 1947 and continued to sponsor teams in that venerable league for a decade afterwards. He and Herm combined for a total of 130 years of enthusiastic building within their communities, starting in the 1930s.

**Alf LeJeune**, a Sydney native, died at 67 in Grantham, New Hampshire on October 17, 2012. Inducted to the Hall as a builder in 1990, Alf refereed 725 National Hockey League games between 1968 and 1980.

**Lionel Jackson**, who died at 84 on December 20, 2012 in Halifax, spent six decades around Nova Scotia rinks, handling equipment, assisting trainers, taking care of the benches and whatever else was needed. He worked the dressing rooms and benches of the Nova Scotia Voyageurs and is part of the 1971-72 Voyageurs team in the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

# Nova Scotia Sport Milestones

A new feature will highlight great moments in Nova Scotia sport. Hall of Fame Curator Tinisha Stilling has selected anniversary sporting events that show the major impact individuals and teams have had on the province's sporting life.

## 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY – 1953

*The Halifax Atlantics, winners of the Eastern Canadian Senior Hockey Championship.*



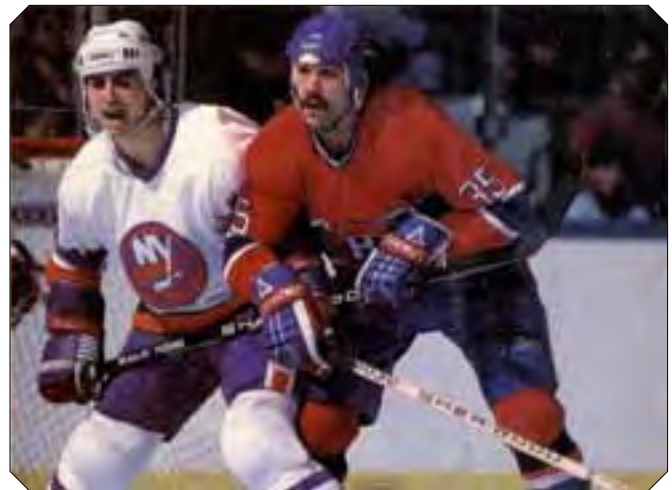
## 35 YEAR ANNIVERSARY – 1978

*Saint Mary's defeats Acadia in basketball for the national title by a score of 99-91 at the Halifax Metro Centre.*



## 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY – 1983

*Paul Boutilier (l) wins the Stanley Cup with the New York Islanders. Photographed with fellow Cape Bretoner Mike McPhee, who also won the Stanley Cup in 1986.*



## 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY – 1973

*Lowell MacDonald, of New Glasgow, wins the NHL's Bill Masterton Memorial trophy, for the player who best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to the sport of ice hockey. Lowell played 10 seasons with Pittsburgh Penguins.*



## 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY – 1973



*September 24, 1973 – Clyde Gray of Three Mile Plain, Nova Scotia, fights Jose Napoles for the World welterweight title at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto.*

## 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY – 1988

*Rob McCall, of Dartmouth, and his partner, Tracy Wilson, become the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian ice dance team to medal at the Calgary Olympics.*



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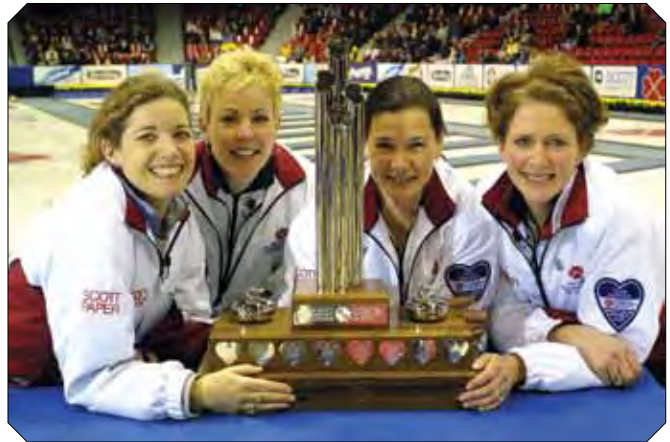
## 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY – 1993

*Cape Breton Oilers wins an AHL Calder Cup*



## 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY – 2003

*Colleen Jones wins fifth of six Canadian Curling Championships*



## 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY – 1993

*St. F. X. University X-men win their first CIAU basketball championship*



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our Nova Scotia sport heritage. He touched so many people by his newspaper writings and his amazing broadcasting voice. With never a bad word to say, he always saw the good in sports and people.”

Joel Jacobson, who has authored a biography of Pat Connolly that will be available in the fall, calls his long-time friend a “giant among media folk in Atlantic Canada. He was a raw rookie as a hockey broadcaster in 1948, having



*Pat Connolly and revered athlete and sport official Red Storey reminisce at the Digby Golf Classic.*

never called a game, but soon his smooth voice and expert delivery of only the facts became known to vast audiences in the region. He had a wonderful way with words, both spoken and written. Yet above all, he never spoke kindly of everyone, with a constantly upbeat mood. He found the best in everyone. He had the respect of everyone in the sport fraternity and offered similar respect to everyone he encountered. He was a true gentleman.”



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