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2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION NIGHT

On Friday, November 15, the 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Night will take place at the Halifax Convention Centre. Five athletes and two builders will be celebrated for their outstanding contributions to Nova Scotia sport, including another Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame first!

These inductees include arguably Nova Scotia's greatest female basketball and soccer players, the most beloved player ever to compete with the Halifax Mooseheads, the province's biggest rugby star, two incredibly dedicated builders and promoters of local sport, and our first ever Special Olympics athlete. A force to be reckoned with in the sport of power lifting, highly decorated Special Olympics athlete Jackie Barret will make history joining the Hall of Fame this year.

Barrett will be inducted with the all-time leading scorer for Canadian women's university basketball, Justine Colley; varsity and national team soccer superstar Suzanne Muir; Mooseheads legend and NHL player Jody Shelley; and, the record-holder for the most caps as a Canadian rugby scrum half, Morgan Williams. In the builder category, long-time Little League coach, baseball manager and community hero Henry Boutilier, along with international basketball official and mentor Roger Caulfield, will also be inducted on November 15.

The evening will be hosted by Hall of Fame CEO Bruce Rainnie. As master of ceremonies for the 21st consecutive year, Rainnie is excited to showcase this distinguished class of inductees with his friendly and entertaining interview style.

Tickets for the 2019 Induction Night are on sale now at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame. Call 902-404-3343 to place your order.

Here is a closer look at the Nova Scotia sport heroes who we will be honoured as the newest class of Hall of Famers on November 15:

Athletes

Jackie Barrett, Power Lifting, Spryfield: Barrett has dominated Canadian Special Olympics power lifting competitions throughout his career with 20 gold medals, and he has represented Canada well at the World Special Olympics competition with an incredible 13 first-place finishes. In his final year of competition (2015), he set three Special Olympics world records, lifting 277.5 kg, 297.5 kg and 697.5 kg in the squat, deadlift and triple combination events respectively. In the same year he also became the first Special Olympics athlete to be nominated for the Lou Marsh Award as Canada's top athlete.

Justine Colley, Basketball, East Preston: Colley has the distinction of being the all-time leading scorer in the history of CIS women's basketball. Her impressive play earned her two CIS National Player of the Year awards and she led the Saint Mary's Huskies to four consecutive

AUS championships and CIS silver and bronze medals. She was also a two-time AUS MVP, four-time All-Canadian and five-time AUS first team All-Star, while playing more than 40 games with the Canadian national team.

Suzanne Muir, Soccer, Dartmouth: Muir was named AUS Rookie of the Year during her time playing with the Saint Mary's Huskies women's soccer team. Her standout skills also earned her two AUS MVP awards, five-time AUS All-Star status and two-time All-Canadian honours. Twice named Athlete of the Year at Saint Mary's University, Muir went on to play with Canada's national women's team from 1992 to 1999. She played with the national team at the 1995 and 1999 World Cups.

Jody Shelley, Hockey, Yarmouth: Shelley honed his skills with the Yarmouth PeeWee, Bantam and Midget AAA hockey teams before scoring a spot on the Halifax Mooseheads as a "walk-on" player in 1994. Two years later he became team captain and led the team to within one win from a berth in the 1997 Memorial Cup. Easily the most popular player in Mooseheads history, Shelley went on to have a 14-year NHL career. He played in over 625 NHL regular season and playoff games with the Columbus Blue Jackets, the San Jose Sharks, the New York Rangers and the Philadelphia Flyers.

Morgan Williams, Rugby, Cole Harbour: Williams is, without a doubt, the most accomplished rugby player Nova Scotia has ever produced. With the Rugby 15's team, he has represented Canada 58 times—a record for a Canadian scrum half—including three World Cup appearances. He captained the team several times, including at the 2007 World Cup. He has also played in three World Cups and two Commonwealth Games in Rugby 7's, representing Canada on the Sevens Worlds Circuit. Williams played the highest level of professional rugby in both France and England—a level that no other Nova Scotia-born player has attained.

Builders

Henry Boutilier, Baseball, Glace Bay: Boutilier has four decades of coaching experience, beginning with the first Little League baseball team he coached in 1979. Already inducted with the 1987 Glace Bay Colonels Little League team, he coached and managed the Colonels to the Canadian Major Little League Championship in 1987, 1988, 1991, 1994 and 2003. For these five years the team attended the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, finishing fourth in 1988 and 1991. Between 1982 and 2015, Boutilier managed the Colonels to 19 Maritime championship and 24 provincial championship titles. He also managed the Cape Breton Dodgers to Canadian Big League Championship titles in 2009 and 2010.

Roger Caulfield, Basketball, Springhill: Caulfield has 32 years' experience as a basketball official at the provincial, national and international levels. Within the AUS alone he has officiated over 1,000 games and 24 championship tournaments. He also officiated at 22 CIS championships, including 18 final games. Internationally, he has represented Canada at 125 FIBA-sanctioned games and four World Championships. He established the Atlantic Basketball

Officials Camp and coordinated over 60 clinics across Nova Scotia, while also founding Caulfield's Camp of Excellence, which has run every summer since 2011, and is attended by young officials from all four Atlantic provinces.

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