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SMALL BUT MIGHTY NOVA SCOTIA WINS BIG AT PAST WINTER OLYMPICS



Since 1968,
Nova Scotia
has sent nine homegrown athletes to the

Winter Olympics, with two more joining the list this year. Although this list isn't long, four of these outstanding individuals have helped Canada bring home five medals, proving that Nova Scotia can win big despite its small numbers.

Three of Nova Scotia's past Winter Olympic medalists are inducted in the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame: Al MacInnis (top left) with a gold medal for hockey, Fabian Joseph (bottom left) with two silver medals in hockey, and Rob McCall (pictured with Marie Bowness) with bronze for figure skating. Sidney Crosby (bottom right) rounds out the list of medal winners with a hockey gold after scoring the golden goal at the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver.

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MacInnis gave the province its first claim to Winter Olympic gold in 2002, when Canada's men's and women's hockey teams swept the podium with a double gold-medal victory. The two teams captured gold again in 2010 on home turf, with Crosby securing the Canadian men's victory over the US by scoring the winning goal 7 minutes and 40 seconds into overtime.

While MacInnis' and Crosby's Olympic stories are still fresh in the minds of many, it has been 20 years since Fabian Joseph led the men's hockey team to its second silver in just a two-year time span. After scoring multiple goals at the 1992 Games in Albertville, France, Joseph not only joined the men's team again for the 1994 Games in Lillehammer, Norway, but was also named captain, leading them to another silver medal.

Rob McCall was a household name in the 1970s, after his national and international ice-dancing career took off with fellow Nova Scotian and skating partner Marie Bowness. With multiple junior and senior titles under his belt and Bowness retiring, McCall teamed up with BC skater Tracy Wilson in 1982. The pair attended two Olympic Games, bringing home bronze from their second Olympic competition at the Calgary Games in 1988. Their winning free dance routine was choreographed to the song "Maple Leaf Rag."



*Above: Sarah Conrad at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy.
Right: Sidney Crosby at the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver.*

The other Nova Scotians who have had the honour of competing at the Winter Olympics are Robert Boucher (speed skating, 1968) and Sue Holloway (cross-country skiing, 1976), both of whom were multi-talented athletes and also competed in the Summer Olympics; NSSHF inductee Paul MacLean (hockey, 1980); and snowboarders Trevor Andrew (1998, 2002) and Sarah Conrad (2006, 2010).

OLYMPIC PRIDE ON DISPLAY

The Hall of Fame will be celebrating the 2014 Winter Olympics with new items on display for Hall visitors. Two-time Olympian and former national and Nor Am Cup champion Sarah Conrad has generously loaned some of her Olympic snowboarding apparel and memorabilia to the Hall for an exhibit that will run throughout the Games and rest of the winter. A 2014 Team Canada hockey jersey will be among the other items featured in the display.



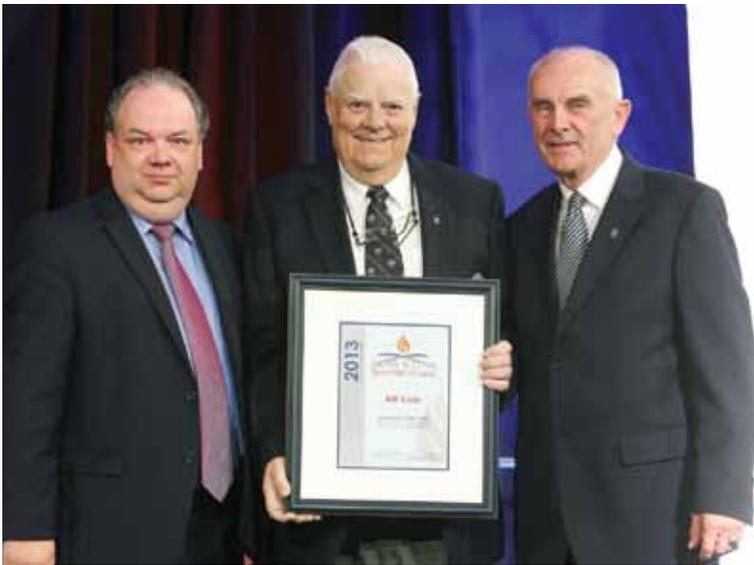
NOVA SCOTIA'S NEWEST MEDAL CONTENDERS

At the 2014 Sochi Games, Nova Scotia will have a record attendance for athletes, with three gold-medal hopefuls competing in three different sports. Sidney Crosby returns to Team Canada as captain of the men's hockey team, Alex Duckworth takes to the slopes as a member of the snowboarding team, and Luke Demetre joins Canada's bobsledders as an alternate.



INDUCTION NIGHT 2013 IS FIRST-CLASS SUCCESS

More than 900 people filled the WTCC November 2, 2013, to see six new members inducted to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame. The large audience welcomed athletes Lawrence Hafey and John Hatch, the 1985 Kentville Wildcats baseball and 1981 Acadia Axemen football teams and builders Tak Kikuchi and Steve Fairbairn.



Representatives of the night's sponsors also took part in the award distribution, and Ian Thompson – associate publisher with presenting sponsor The Chronicle Herald – took to the podium to congratulate the new Hall of Famers, recalling instances when the honoured guests had made headlines with their achievements. Egg Films' superb video tribute to the inductees captured career highlights and peer testimonials that kept the audience entranced.

The event, hosted by Bruce Rainnie in his 14th year as master of ceremonies, brought loud applause and boisterous cheers for each inductee. Rainnie generated laughs and poignancy with his insightful questions of each member and welcomed Hall of Famers from inductions past to present the new inductees with their awards on stage.



Top: Bill Kiely receives the 2013 Volunteer of the Year award from Kevin Sanford of The Chronicle Herald (left) and Hall CEO Bill Robinson (right).

Centre: Tak Kikuchi is interviewed by CBC Sports Broadcaster Bruce Rainnie.

Bottom: Hall of Famer Steve Konchalski presents John Hatch with his induction pin.



St. Francis Xavier basketball sensation John Hatch travelled all the way from his home in Switzerland for the induction ceremony and commented on the great turnout for the event: "People have come out from X tonight in numbers to support this, and that was the kind of spirit we had."

"It was great to be inducted with teams tonight because that's what it's all about," added Hatch in his interview with Rainnie. 2013 marked the first time that two teams were inducted in the same year.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS: METRO CENTRE MANIA

SAINT MARY'S VS ACADIA

Halifax Metro Centre continues to celebrate 35 years of hosting great sporting events, and the Hall continues to remember the local teams that helped shape Metro Centre's history.

A program from Halifax Metro Centre's grand opening on February 17, 1978, advertises two major sporting events on February 19. First, the Saint Mary's Huskies and Saint F.X. Xmen would "baptize the Metro Centre to Atlantic Conference University Men's Basketball," followed by a hockey game between the American Hockey League's Nova Scotia Voyageurs and Hershey Bears.

In March of that year, Saint Mary's and Acadia men's basketball teams met in a sold-out CIAU championship game that saw Saint Mary's defeat Acadia 99-91 in front of 11,000 spectators, the biggest crowd to ever attend a Canadian university basketball championship (or a Metro Centre event!).



SPORT HALL AND METRO CENTRE COLLABORATE FOR NEW EXHIBIT

To cap off its 35th anniversary celebration, Halifax Metro Centre has asked the Hall of Fame to assist with a display that will showcase 35 years of exceptional sport events. Metro Centre will be creating a wall of graphics on the Mezzanine level by the Carmichael Street entrance, and the Hall will be assembling an exhibit in the same location using pieces from our collection.



Figure skater Marie Bowness: Together with Rob McCall, she was Senior Dance Champion of Canada.

Halifax Metro Centre has hosted such memorable events as the World Junior Hockey Championships and the World Figure Skating Championships; housed AHL teams like the NS Voyageurs, the Halifax Citadels and the Nova Scotia Oilers; welcomed annual events including the AUS basketball championships; and, served as the stage for Hall of Famers—such as ice dancing partners Rob McCall and Marie Bowness—in the prime of their careers. These events will be represented in the display, which is scheduled to open in late winter or early spring.



NEW INITIATIVES EXPAND “FUTURE HALL OF FAMERS” EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mark Smith, an international softball star, winner of four Pan Am gold medals and two World Championships, and a 2002 inductee in the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, shared his struggles and achievements with a hushed audience of Grade 8 students from Uniacke District School December 11, 2013.

The students won a draw held by the Hall of Fame at teachers’ conferences last fall that provided complimentary bus transportation to the Hall to enjoy the Future Hall of Famers program.

The 37 students who hung on every word of Mark’s story comprised one group of more than 14,000 youth who received free education programming from the Hall of Fame in 2013. Hall Program Coordinator Sarah Conn travelled to schools across the province in addition to offering presentations at the Hall’s Metro Centre facility.



“Listening to Mark say that it wasn’t given to him on a plate and that he had to work—that’s what they need to hear—that it’s not just privileged people who get places,” said Uniacke District teacher Helen Anderson. “I wish they were that quiet when I was teaching.”

Mark is one of the many guest speakers who assist with the Future Hall of Famers program, which will be very busy throughout February and March. The program has scheduled visits at over 30 schools, in addition to on-site presentations. Presentations will also be tailored to incorporate the Olympics, featuring guest speakers such as two-time snowboarding Olympian Sarah Conrad.

The Hall has extended the reach of its education program by distributing curriculum-based activities to over 500 teachers of English, healthy living, social studies and other subjects in Grades primary through 8 at four different teachers’ conferences in October. These lesson plans and presentation booking information can be found online at www.nsshf.com.

Sarah Conrad with students at William King Elementary School, Herring Cove, NS.

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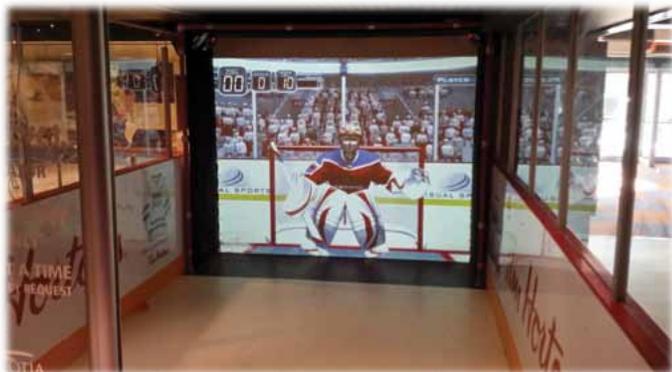


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Tim Hortons RENEWS SPONSORSHIP

The TDL group has signed a second three-year sponsorship agreement with the Hall of Fame for naming rights to the Hall's popular multi-sport simulator, which allows visitors to have a fun and unique virtual sport experience. As part of the Hall's partnership with the TDL group, the Future Hall of Famers education program has been a regular feature at the Tim-Hortons-sponsored summer camps held in Tatamagouche each year.



As part of the Tim Hortons Children's foundation, the Tim Hortons Children's camp offers a fun and educational experience for children from economically disadvantaged homes. The Hall of Fame supports this program by bringing our interactive education presentation, including Hall of Famer and sports hero guest speakers, to these camps as part of our summer programming.

LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER PASSES AWAY

Joan Shoveller, a dedicated volunteer at the Hall for almost 25 years, died suddenly at age 80 January 4. Joan had been part of the Hall of Fame Induction Night team, served many hours as a host at Hall events and assisted at the Hall during open hours. Known by many inductees for her welcoming smile, Joan was always ready to greet each event guest with a kind word and take a moment to catch up with an old acquaintance. She ran the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament raffle for many years and received the Volunteer of the Year Award in 1998. Her late husband, Rod, a noted sport official, was inducted as a builder in 1991, shortly before his passing.



NEW STAFF MEMBER JOINS HALL TEAM

On February 1, Katie Wooler joined the Hall of Fame staff as the museum and communications coordinator. A Dalhousie masters graduate, Katie previously worked with the Hall as a summer student and part-time employee on contract. Her primary responsibilities will be to manage the museum collection, organize exhibits and assist with creating material for the Hall's website and print publications.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE HALL

THE GOLD CLUB: NETWORKING AT ITS BEST



Looking for a unique and exclusive networking group? The Hall of Fame offers the best in corporate networking with our high-end Gold Club events. Membership is transferable, limited to 100 members, and offers amazing value and entertainment with six annual events. Most events provide an extra ticket to bring that special guest or client. The Opening Members Wine Reception will be held at the Hall on February 26, 2014, and is an excellent opportunity for potential members to discover what Gold Club is all about.

Contact Karolyn Sevcik at 902-404-3321 or by email at karolyn@nsshf.com for more information.

ANOTHER YEAR OF GREAT EVENTS

Hall of Fame Golf Tournament – A popular annual event, there are still spots available for teams or individuals for the 2014 tournament taking place at the New Ashburn Golf Club on June 25, just prior to the PGA Web.com event.

Induction 2014 – Mark your calendars for another memorable night on Saturday, November 1, 2014, when the Hall will welcome a new class of honoured inductees. The 2014 inductee class will be announced this June.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY



Long-time Hall of Fame volunteers Molly and Judd Wilson, both previous recipients of the Volunteer of the Year award.

The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame is looking for event supervisors. Our event supervisors are dedicated volunteers who help run game day operations when the Hall is open before and during Metro Centre events. If you are a sports fan, or simply a people person, this is a great opportunity to gain volunteer experience in a fun and exciting sport environment.

Volunteer hours are flexible, and volunteer shifts average only 3-4 hours in the evening or on weekend afternoons. To learn what a typical night of volunteering entails, or to set up an interview, contact Shane Mailman at 902-404-3339 or by email at shane@nsshf.com.



The Hall boardroom is perfect for business meetings and intimate dining experiences.



HRM mayor Mike Savage speaks in the Hall of Fame theatre at a media event for the Canadian Curling Association.

LET THE HALL HOST YOU

With a state-of-the-art facility and central downtown location, the Hall of Fame is the ideal location for many business, charity, and media events. With a beautiful executive boardroom complete with big-screen television and conference call hook-up, along with a large theatre space with full multi-media options, the Hall is a popular choice for facility rentals. Contact Karolyn Sevcik at 902-404-3321 or by email at karolyn@nsshf.com for more information.



The Hall theatre can easily accommodate banquet-style seating.



Hall of Famer and former NHL star Mike McPhee presents at the BMO Hockey Heroes launch for the Heart & Stroke Foundation.



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