

Induction Night Just Weeks Away

The biggest night of the year for the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame is fast approaching.

Saturday, October 8th at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax, seven new members will be inducted to the Hall of Fame, being recognized for their outstanding performance as athletes or builders.

“This is the night we spend months planning so men and women who have meant so much to sport in this province can be properly recognized,” said Bill Robinson, chief executive officer of the Hall of Fame. “It is an event that highlights their careers, showing our usual audience of close to 1,000 people, plus all Nova Scotians through the media, what major contributions have been made.”

Athletes being inducted this year include: the Colleen Jones curling rink (with Nancy Delahunt, Kim Kelly and Mary Anne Arsenault, alternates



A locker with new inductee Will Njoku's sports equipment is now on display at the Hall of Fame, flanked by gear of Al McNinnis and Bruce Beaton.

Lainie Peters and Mary Sue Radford, and coaches Peter Corkum and Ken Bagnell), basketball stars Will Njoku and Steve Pound, hockey standout Cam Russell and medal-winning paddler Mike Scarola.

Builders entering the Hall are boxing referee and executive Hubert Earle and basketball coach Carolyn Savoy.

“This is as strong a field of inductees as we have had – world champions, national champions, a Stanley Cup finalist, athletes who have competed for Canada internationally – and all examples of what hard work, perseverance and, of course, athletic ability, can bring,” said Robinson.

Tickets for Induction Night, which will be hosted by renowned CBC broadcaster Bruce Rainnie, are available at the Hall of Fame by calling 404-3321 or emailing Hall of

Fame Events <halloffameevents@eastlink.ca>

Hall News and Notes

Gerry MacMillan, inducted as an athlete in 2004, added to his remarkable golf championship total wins with a one-shot win in the 2011 Nova Scotia Men's Senior at Lingan in Sydney August 5. It was his first senior title, after finishing second in the last two years, the first years he was eligible to play in the 55+ event. MacMillan won seven Nova Scotia Amateur crowns, was second six times, and this summer, represented the province in his 20th nationals.

He also won four mid-amateur and one junior provincial title.

Golfer **Kathy Power**, inducted in 2004, took her fourth Nova Scotia Senior Women's Championship in the last five years at Osprey Ridge Golf Club in Bridgewater. Power won 14 Nova Scotia amateur titles and was runner up eight times, as well as winning two junior championships.

Summer Fun and Education Through the Hall

The ears of a youngster in Berwick perked up as he listened to Hall of Fame education coordinator Leah McInnis talk of an inductee from his home town.

Burns Wesley Pierce, she told the school group, was a distance bicycle racer in the heyday of the sport in the early 1900s. He held records in amateur and professional long-distance and endurance racing. When she mentioned that he lived very near the school, in a distinctive red brick house at 107 Foster Street, a boy called out, "That's my house. That's where I live."

Leah was later told by the teacher that the 12-year-old boy was excited for days afterward, telling his friends, and anyone who would listen,



Snowboarder Sarah Conrad poses with a Tim Hortons camper. Hall of Famer Mickey Fox signs autographs for adoring campers after a presentation.



that the famous cyclist lived in HIS house.

Leah has made presentations, with the help of Hall-of-Famer Mickey Fox and Olympic athlete Sarah Conrad, to groups throughout the province. Fox and Conrad have been at the Tim Hortons Camp in Tatamagouche to speak with children from across the region. Leah has been from one end of the province to the other, showing artifacts and visuals in presentations from Digby to Sydney. More importantly, she has emphasized to the audiences the importance of a healthy lifestyle and the inspiration and motivation that produced Nova Scotia's sport heroes.

Leo Fahey Senior Hockey Hero

Leo Fahey was inducted to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame as a builder in 2003 for the myriad sport contributions he made in his beloved Pictou County and beyond.

Yet some people wondered if Leo Fahey should have been recognized for his athletic feats during an active and successful career in hockey and baseball.

A Leo Fahey highlight came to light recently regarding a game-winning goal at the Sydney Forum in March 1946.

The Cape Breton native was playing for New Waterford Strands in the third game of a best-of-three series with Sydney Millionaires for the Cape Breton Senior hockey championship. The 21-year-old won the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League (CBSHL) scoring title that year.

All three games were played at Sydney's indoor artificial ice

rink, making things more difficult for the Strands, facing the always-hostile Sydney Forum crowd.

Fahey scored once in a 5-4 opening game overtime loss. In game two, Fahey scored as New Waterford won 2-1.

Game three, with 4,000 people in the rink, was a lulu. Fahey had a second-period goal to give his club a 3-1 lead but with less than two minutes left in the game, took a minor penalty and the Millionaires scored twice during the man advantage (in those days, the offending player didn't return after a goal was scored) to tie the game.

The first 10-minute OT saw each team score once. Sudden death started and the teams played on and on—an additional 83 minutes, a total of 153 minutes of hockey—until Fahey scored, giving the Strands the only championship ever won by New Waterford in the CBSHL.

Hockey Player, Former Board Member Pass Away

James McLean, known as Big Jim when he played with the 1960-61 Amherst Ramblers, died in Sydney July 22nd at the age of 74. Jim was a standout on a team that had a 32-7-1 season before advancing to the Eastern Canadian Allan Cup finals. The team was inducted in 2008.

Marge Theakston, 73, died in Bridgewater July 1st. Marge was an athlete through life but in her later years

in Bridgewater was heavily involved in charitable work, including chairing the *Hit It For Health* golf tournament that, in the last four years, raised over \$100,000 for the South Shore Regional Hospital. She served on the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame Board of Directors during the 1980s.

Digitization Project in the Works

The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame is working on an exciting digitization project which will make Nova Scotian sport heritage more accessible to the public in the province and world-wide to study and enjoy their heritage online. About 3,000 photos of artifacts have already been put online and can be accessed by the public through the Artifacts Canada database. A link to this site is available on the Hall of Fame's website, under "Collections" through which visitors can explore information on such things as sport equipment, trophies, athletes and builders.

The Hall of Fame is part of the Association of Nova Scotia Museums, which is working on a new public database, estimated to be available in about a year. With added and improved features, such as better genealogical

research abilities, more photos and links to online content, including videos, it will be much more user-friendly and interactive than Artifacts Canada. The Hall of Fame is working hard on this project aiming to have a photograph of each artifact by the time its new public database arrives.

Highlights of the improvements made to the collection over the last year:

- Over 2,000 artifacts have been catalogued, bringing the total number of artifacts in the collection to over 7,000.
- Forty per cent of the collection has been photographed and is accessible online.
- Work has started on a new public database to provide better access to Nova Scotia's rich sport heritage.



Left, new to the collection is a softball bat and gloves belonging to Jean Guest of the Arcade Ladies softball team that dominated city and Maritime softball in the 1940s. At one time the team one 60 games in a row. The team was inducted in 1999.



Nova Scotia received the Jack Pelech Award (above) for best combining competitive performance, good sportsmanship and a spirit of fair play, cooperation and friendship at the Canada Games. The award is determined by ballots received from the Chef-de-Mission from each province and territory. The trophy, currently on display at the Hall, is a soap stone carving of two Inuits wrestling.

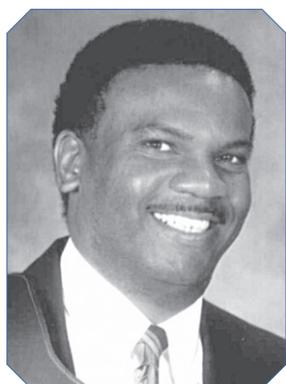
The 2011 Canada Winter Games brought recognition to Nova Scotia's athletes, administrators and volunteers. The team captured the Centennial Cup (r) awarded to the provincial or territorial team that shows the most improvement in final standings from the previous Winter Games.



This Ink Stand Trophy, presented in 1888, was won by original Hall of Fame inductee (1980), Arthur Brady, was unique among beautiful trophies and prizes presented in that era. A track & field star, Brady, won this trophy for finishing first in a 200 yard race. Brady worked as a jeweller and for the newspaper that would later become The Chronicle Herald.



Where Are They Now?



Ricky Anderson's dreams have taken him a long way. He discovered he had a talent for boxing and moved to the top of the amateur boxing world. After winning a gold medal in the North American Championships and two silvers in world championship competitions, he turned pro, captured the Canadian welterweight title and was inducted to the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame. He became a member of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 2003. While boxing, Ricky earned a university degree in sociology. Ricky is now a Drug Prevention Specialist. He's also president of Go Ricky Motivational Services and a sought-after speaker. He is married with two sons. His passion is helping people turn their dreams into reality.

Mike McPhee has carved out a great business career since retiring from hockey in 1997 after 11 years with Montreal (one Stanley Cup), Minnesota and Dallas. Inducted to the Nova Scotia Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility in 1999, Mike scored 199 goals during his NHL career. He planned for his future from the time he entered university in 1978 when he earned a BSc in Civil Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy NY, before playing professional hockey. In his final years in Dallas, Mike earned an MBA at the University of Dallas in 1996. Today, he's a financial planner with National Bank in Halifax. When not spending time with his family, Mike devotes much time to volunteer work.



Marie (McNeil) Bowness is a former Canadian Ice Dance Champion with partner Rob McCall, competed at two world championships, and won the Canadian Senior Dance Championship in 1978. She became a Hall of Fame inductee in 1996. Marie has been coaching in the metro area for over 25 years.

In her early coaching years, Marie conducted seminars throughout Nova Scotia on skating skills, presentation, motivation, off-ice conditioning and choreography. She has been a national coaching representative, a team leader on the international level, a Canada Games coach and, over the past nine years, has been a Technical Specialist for Ice Dance on the international circuit. Marie has also taught power skating to hockey players from minor leagues to NHL.

Dave Andrews, entering his 18th season as president of the American Hockey League, received the "Ace Bailey Good Guy" award in late March for his continued support of the The Ace Bailey Children's Foundation, "bringing smiles to children in memory of Ace."



Ace Bailey, a former NHL forward and a scout for Boston Bruins, lost his life September 11, 2001 when the plane out of Boston in which he was flying was sabotaged by Al Kaida terrorists.

Andrews, inducted as a builder into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 2006, was honoured for the AHL's continued support of the Ace Bailey Children's Foundation. In addition to receiving some hardware of his own, Andrews also brought along the Stanley Cup and the Calder Cup for viewing at the event.



2009 athlete inductee **Mickey Fox**, a Halifax school teacher, gives back to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in a very big way. He has spent many summer days travelling to the Tim Horton Camp to speak to the children about his career, facing challenges, trying one's best even if does not measure total success, and living a good life. He often

takes time after the Hall's education presentation to play some basketball with the kids, giving them tips and showing his still-sharp shooting eye.

Fox was a four-time All-Canadian and five-time AUS All-Star as a student-athlete at Saint Mary's University where he was named Athlete of the Year in 1973. He led the Huskies to the national basketball championship in 1973 and 1979.