

Stars Will Shine on Induction Night

Another star-filled roster of athletes and builders will be inducted to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame November 3, 2012 at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax.

Leading the parade of athletes is Olympic bronze medalist **Steve Giles**, a paddler from Lake Echo. Joining him will be hockey all-star **Glen Murray**, Bridgewater, who had a 16-year NHL career, **Vince Horsman**, Dartmouth, pitched for three teams in a five-year major league baseball career, and Dartmouth-born **Julie Barton**, a champion table tennis player who, at age 14, was the youngest player ever to represent Canada at the World Championships.

King of Donair Men's Soccer Club, Halifax, national senior champion in 2001, is also being recognized in the athlete category. Entering the Hall as builders are **Jack Graham**, Halifax, who has served Tennis Nova Scotia, Tennis Canada and the International Tennis Federation in many executive capacities, and the late **Howard Jackson**, Bridgetown, a long-time volleyball coach and official at the local, national and international levels.

Bruce Rainnie, television news host at CBC Charlottetown and an accomplished sport play-by-play man, color commentator and event host, will be master of ceremonies for the 13th time in what promises to be an evening filled with joy, humour, many memories and heartfelt words.

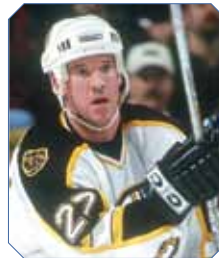
STEVE GILES



Steve Giles is a world champion, and he has a gold medal from the 1998 Senior World Championships to prove it. During the 16 years he spent with Canada's canoe/kayak team, he competed in the Senior World Championships seven times, also winning two bronze – one in 1993 and one in 2002. These victories were all in single competitor events, as was Steve's gold-medal win at the 1999 Pan American Games.

Steve has represented Canada in not one, but four Olympic Games- 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004 – placing in the top eight each time. At the 2000 Games in Sydney, he claimed a bronze in the single canoe 1,000-metre event.

GLEN MURRAY



One of Nova Scotia's all-time greatest hockey players, Glen Murray was a first-round draft pick for the Boston Bruins (and 18th overall) in 1991. Glen went on to have a stellar 16-year career, playing in 1,009 regular season games and 94 playoff games with Boston, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles.

The right-winger's greatest offensive season was 2002-2003 when he scored 92 points (44 goals and 48 assists), finishing seventh in the NHL. He accumulated 651 regular season points, putting him in third-place for points scored by a Nova Scotian (Al MacInnis and Paul MacLean) in the history of the NHL. The two-time all-star also played in two World Championships (1998 and 2004), winning gold in 2004.

VINCE HORSMAN



Vince Horsman is one of only three Nova Scotians to have made it to the major leagues since the turn of the century. These three players played in 151 games. In his five years in the majors, spanning 1991 to 1995, Vince played in 141 games as a pitcher for Toronto, Oakland and Minnesota. His first season with the Oakland Athletics was his best. As a middle reliever Vince was 2-1 with a 2.49

earned run average in 58 games, helping the A's win their division and go to the playoffs.

Vince also spent 12 years in the minors with five of those at the AAA level.

JULIE BARTON



As a table tennis prodigy, Julie Barton had a career full of firsts for both Nova Scotia and Canada. These firsts started in 1985 when she won the Junior National Championships in the under 13 category. In 1987 she became the first Nova Scotian and the youngest player ever to make the national team, representing Canada at the World Championships at the age of 14. In 1988, at 15 years old, she became the Canadian Women's Singles Champion, making her the youngest competitor in history to hold both the junior and senior Canadian singles titles.

Over her 10-year career she represented Canada at the Worlds three times, won seven national championships (in senior, junior, singles and doubles competition) and won two bronze medals at the 1991 Pan Am games.

2001 KING OF DONAIR MEN'S SOCCER CLUB

In 2001, King of Donair became the first Nova Scotia club team to win a national club championship at any level. They took the National Club Championship title without suffering any losses.

After crushing Saskatchewan 5-1, King of Donair faced British Columbia's Victoria Gorge FC in the championship title game. Victoria Gorge was undefeated and had not been scored upon in its pool, but the Halifax players soon destroyed that record, finishing with a 4-1 victory over the BC team.

The Canadian Soccer Association listed Halifax King of Donair as the third most successful team in the history of the championships, and five of the team members were named Nova Scotia Soccer League all-stars. That year, they also won the Premier Division of the Nova Scotia Soccer League with 11 wins and three draws in 14 games.

Members of the 2001 team included the following: Mike Hasiuk, Tim Mullen, Carl MacGillvray, Dzevad Imocanin, Colin March, Jay Robinson, Ian Clark, Ewan Lyttle, Mesut Mert, Vinnie Mert, Blake Geddis, Rob Adams, Trevor Reddick, Gray Zurheide, Mike Brabent, Brian Wishart, Dan Fournier, Glen Sullivan, Peter Lawrence, Mark Gardiner, Eduardo Farias, Tim Stephenson, and coaches George Iatrou and Tony Eghan, managers Angelo Cianfaglione and Mourad Farid, sponsor Vagelli Panopolis, owner Nick Garonis and founder George Athanasiou.

BUILDERS

JOHN (JACK) GRAHAM



Jack Graham has built tennis locally, nationally and internationally for over 30 years. In 1981 he received the highest level of teaching designation from the US Professional Tennis Registry, which, at the time, was the largest organization in the world that certified tennis coaches. Starting as development coordinator for the Nova Scotia Tennis Association, he later became president of the association from 1995-2001.

During the three years he spent as Chair of Tennis Canada, he was responsible for revamping the entire Development Program and for opening training centres in Montreal and Toronto. In 2009 Jack became the first Canadian to be elected to the International Tennis Federation board of directors and he was re-elected in 2011.

HOWARD JACKSON



Howard (Howie) Jackson was still playing volleyball when he decided to become an official in 1970. When he received international level certification in 1983, he was one of only 12 Canadians to hold that accreditation at the time.

Howard went on to officiate in a number of major international competitions including the World University Games and the Pan American Games. As a member of Volleyball Canada's National Referee Committee he was a supervisor and evaluator, becoming instrumental in the development of Canadian referees.

Over the course of 40 years, Howard made a significant impact in volleyball as an official, coach and educator at national and local levels as well. He coached at the Canada Games and at Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent Universities, leading clinics and development camps for many years. Also an accomplished track and field competitor and official, Howard was inducted as an athlete to the Bridgetown Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.



Tickets for Induction Night will be available in September at the Hall of Fame.

Education Program Reaches Thousands

With summer here, Program Coordinator Sarah Conn is full speed ahead, travelling throughout the province presenting the Future Hall of Famer's Education Program.

Sarah travelled to the South Shore, Chignecto regions near Pictou County, Truro and Debert, and as far as the Cape Breton region visiting schools in the Sydney, Albert Bridge and Louisbourg areas. We have been able to reach over 4,000 students in the past five months, and exposed the Hall of Fame to just under 3,000 students during the Truro Milk Sport Fair put on by Sport Nova Scotia.

"We believe it's important for our program to reach regions that do not have the opportunities or resources (to directly visit the Hall of Fame) that many urban and metropolitan schools do," Sarah comments. "With school budgets being reduced, our program is a great resource for schools because we go around the province free of charge educating students and youth about Nova Scotia's sport history and heroes."



Sarah Conn, Program Coordinator, upper left, presents the education program to Sherwood Park Education Centre students in Sydney.

At one presentation a student asked her, "What are your goals in life?", a question she encourages them to ask of Hall of Fame speakers.

She admits being caught off guard at this unexpected question, but says it was easy to answer.

"I told him, 'I loved giving back to my community and interacting with the public,' and that's exactly what I am doing! I am educating the youth across the province and providing them with information on our sporting history/ heroes, but also providing examples of great role models, giving them a sense of possibility, showing they are capable of setting goals and are able to overcome challenges along their journeys and endeavors in life."

Moving forward, we are trying to involve more Hall of Fame Inductees in the presentations. The youth look up to these sport heroes as great role models and are eager to hear their sport stories and find out exactly how sport has influenced them over the years.

Sarah acknowledges, "When we are on the road, it is particularly exciting for local inductees to come out and talk to the youth. Most of the younger crowd usually recognize who they are and are able to make great connections during the presentations. We also find it has a greater impact on the messages we are trying to deliver the youth."

With the school year coming to an end, Sarah will continue the Hall's education program, take the program to summer camps across the province, and plan for the fall school year.

If your group is interested in setting up a presentation, contact Sarah Conn at nsshf.education@eastlink.ca or phone 902.404.3343.



2011 builder inductee Carl 'Bucky' Buchanan talks to students from Thompson Junior High in North Sydney, Cape Breton.

One of the thrills of the program, according to Sarah, is hearing the excitement in the students' voices and witnessing the expressions on their faces when she presents.

"We have done our job when students leave the session believing dreams do come true and they accept that anything is achievable if they're focused and work hard at it."

She adds, "Every day at work is filled with enthusiasm and excitement. I love connecting with the youth and sharing stories with them. It provides youth with an open mind and positive outlook in life. Students leave the presentation with a sense of motivation, ambition and drive."

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Record Number of Nova Scotians Head to London

The list of Nova Scotians going to London for the 2012 Olympic has reached 12 athletes with another five possible additions as Canadian trials continue.

In addition, five provincial athletes have qualified for the Paralympics being held in London starting August 30.

The following have their tickets punched to London for the Games starting July 27: paddler (C-1) Ryan Cochrane, Windsor; kayaker (K-2) Jason McCoombs, Dartmouth; marathon runner Eric Gillis, Antigonish; Custio Clayton, Dartmouth, boxing; Amy Cotton, Judique, judo; Danielle Dube, Glen Haven, sailing; and swimmer David Sharpe, Halifax.

Track and field athletes Jenna Martin, Adrienne Power and

Geoff Harris have a shot as do young gymnast Ellie Black and paddler Mark de Jonge.

Just more reasons for Nova Scotians to rise early each morning to watch the Summer Olympics on television (*four hour time difference between here and London*).

Rower Tracy Cameron qualified but recently announced her retirement from competitive rowing.

Swimmer Devin Gotell, Antigonish; sailor Paul Tingley, Halifax; the reigning gold medallist in his category, and wheelchair basketball player Jamey Jewells, Donkin; are slated to be part of Paralympic Team Canada. Track athletes Jackie Marciano, Halifax, and Phil Poulin, Cole Harbour, qualified at the Canadian trials.



Nova Scotia has a rich history in Canadian Olympic lore. Many items are on display in a special showcase that will be visible at the Hall through the London Olympics in July-August. Among the artifacts shown are David Kikuchi's white Canada jacket and leather handgrips used by the gymnast at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics; Steve Giles' singlet and jersey number from Sydney 2000 and his paddle from Atlanta 1996; swimmer Nancy Garapick's gold medal from the 1980 Canadian Olympic Trials and her Olympic swim cap (Canada boycotted the 1980 Olympics); an English-Spanish phrase book from Mexico City 1968, owned by track athlete Debbie Miller Brown and signed by American track icon Jesse Owens; rower Todd Hallett's uniform hat from Barcelona 1992; two silver medals won by Fabian Joseph with the Canadian Olympic hockey team in 1992 and 1994; and a gold coin from Vancouver 2010, presented to each Provincial Premier and donated to the Hall by Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter. Also shown are pictures of Nova Scotians in action. On the backs are shown maps of the countries in which the athletes competed and a list of Nova Scotia athletes who participated in those Games.

Cycling Displays at the Hall

We have recently installed the penny farthing (right) in the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, displaying it on the platform outside of the theatre. This installation highlights a bike exhibit, revisiting Nova Scotia's rich cycling history through artifacts, photos, and the stories of our cycling inductees.

The penny farthing is arguably the most eye-catching piece in the collection. Bikes have made a noticeable comeback over the past few years, with cycling clubs and events springing up across the province. Although today's cyclist



may not be able to imagine careening along while perched on a penny farthing bicycle, the fundamental technology of the cycle still offers a practical, efficient, and sustainable mode of transportation and recreation.

Bicycle mania reached Halifax in the 1880's and 1890's. The penny farthing was embraced by young men and cycling became a social trend, with groups of cyclists meeting at the Public Gardens and Point Pleasant Park for evening rides. The city's official bicycle club was Halifax Ramblers, known today as the Nova Scotia Ramblers Bicycle Club.



Left: Cycling medals and trophies from decades ago are on display to highlight a very popular sport in Nova Scotia.

The Dexter, Josenhans and MacMillan Sailing Team

With Tall Ship fever running rampant throughout the province, and the Olympics just around the corner, it's the perfect time to revisit a proud part of Nova Scotia's Olympic sailing heritage:

When **Glen Dexter**, **Andreas Josenhans**, and **Sandy MacMillan** decided to pool their financial resources and purchase a boat in 1973, little did they realize they were launching an effort that would see them sail into world championship waters. By competing in the 1976 Olympics, the team became the first Maritime crew to win Olympic sailing trials. Only four years later, with Olympic Games competition behind them, the trio captured the World Sailing Crown at Hanko, Norway. The

following year they finished second in the world event, and, in 1979, they again won the world title.



It was the team's championship performance in Norway that made Canadian yachting fans realize the quality of the Nova Scotian crew. The recognition they earned themselves culminated when the 28-year-old Haligonian, **Dexter**, and Lunenburgers **Josenhans**, 30, and **MacMillan**, 29, were inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

The men were also provincial champions from 1974 to '76 and captured the Canadian title in both 1975 and '76. They were inducted to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1983.

Bruce Rainnie Writes a Book

(Editor's admission: Bruce is a great friend of the Sport Hall of Fame who has, eagerly, been emcee for Induction Night for the last 12 years and host of many other Hall events).

Bruce Rainnie has created a memoir of stories from a 25-year broadcasting career that will amaze you with the people he's met and interviewed and literally bring you to tears with laughter at some of the situations into which he's gotten himself and from which he's eased out.

Right Place, Right Time is filled with stories of characters in his life, (PEI TV weatherman Boomer Gallant and Hockey Night in Canada's Don Cherry among others) told with Bruce's eye-twinkling charm. He gives colourful impressions of athletes and others, past and present, as he talks of the road he's travelled from early days in Dartmouth hosting a cable television interview show to arriving at the top of the heap as an Olympic broadcaster with CBC.

Bruce relates his "discovering" Sydney Crosby as he did the first-ever interview with the future Hockey Hall-of-Famer when Sydney was a 14-year-old playing midget hockey in Dartmouth. His interview was with a mature, insightful young man who has become a role model for hockey players everywhere in the way he signs autographs, and greets everyone, particularly kids, with a smile and straight look-in-the-eye.

"He's the same at 25 as he was at 14," Bruce says, "composed, bright, always saying the right thing at the right time and always with respect for others and the game he loves."

He tells of interviewing Heather Moyse, a Prince Edward Islander, who Bruce calls "one of the finest athletes I've ever met."

Below: Bruce Rainnie signs his book 'Right Time, Right Place' for Bob Shaw.



Heather won a gold medal in bobsleigh at the 2010 Olympics, was named best in the worlds at the Rugby World Championships a year before, and is now taking on a new sport, cycling. Plus she has personality and looks that make her a total package.

Bruce has been in small-town broadcasting in Yarmouth where he honed

his skills for five years, moved to Halifax when CBC TV needed a news host and is now in Charlottetown as host of *Compass*, the highest-rated supper time newscast on the Island. He's also a key player in CBC-TV's sports family, covering curling, equestrian events and, when the CBC owned Olympic rights, being a play-by-play man for several sports.

Told in conversational language as though you're listening to Bruce speak, his tales of good friend, and often sidekick, Boomer Gallant, make you laugh out loud, even though you're alone reading the book. The duo is arguably the most easily recognized people on PEI and is unafraid to perform antics and play tricks on each other.

Bruce's affection for Boomer is shown as he dedicates the entire proceeds from this book to the Canadian Cancer Society and the PEI Cancer Treatment Centre in honour of Boomer's wife Mae, who died of liver cancer five years ago, within two weeks of being diagnosed.

Buy the Book! You won't regret it.

Right Place, Right Time (\$27.95, Acorn Press) is available at book stores everywhere. It's reached sixth place on the Globe and Mail Top Non-Fiction books in Canada.



Bruce Rainnie with his best-seller, *Right Place, Right Time*.

Young Athletes Wow Gold Club Members

While used to speaking in front of small groups of media, the three young Nova Scotian athletes – a Canadian 2012 Olympic nominee, an Olympic hopeful, and a junior hockey star – showed no fear of facing an audience of close to 100 men and women in question and answer sessions.

Unflappable CBC Charlottetown news anchor Bruce Rainnie, who has hosted all eight dinners, made the guests feel at ease with a blend of humour and a penchant for interviewing.

ELLIE BLACK, Halifax, a 16-year-old gymnast was facing a high school exam the next day. “I have to be smart about what I have to do in the time I have to do it,” she said. “Time management is very important (when you’re training 20-22 hours a week and combining school with gymnastics.”



She drew laughs when she admitted she started her chosen sport “late. I was six or seven. Kids usually start at four. Learning new things and being different from other sports made this attractive to me. I loved the new challenge.”

Black, who was the first Nova Scotian woman to win a world event (in a European meet in March), is now the first Nova Scotia woman to compete in gymnastics at the Olympics.

DAVID SHARPE, 20, a third-year Dalhousie University physics student and record-setting varsity swimmer, qualified for the Olympics in 200 butterfly.



“I love competition. I love swimming,” he said. “No Nova Scotia able-bodied male swimmer has ever made

the Olympic team and only two female swimmers, (Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Famers) Nancy Garapick (1976) and Marie Moore (1984) have been there. I won’t go to London just to swim. I need to perform at the highest level (to be happy with my performance)”.

Sharpe started swimming when he was six years old, trying gymnastics at the same time. He chose swimming, and now devotes dozens of hours a week to training and competing. It’s paid off with dozens of medal performances for the Dal Tigers (he is also a member of Halifax Trojans Swim Club) including a gold medal in 200 fly at the tough Canadian Interuniversity Sport nationals in 2012. He also won two bronze medals there.

Halifax Mooseheads star **NATHAN MACKINNON** said he dreamed of being a Moosehead from the time he was a kid watching the hometown team in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. He admitted to feeling little pressure representing Halifax. “The people want me to do well and I take the city’s energy and put it on the ice.”



He praised his parents for not putting pressure on him to do well after he showed extraordinary skill as a pre-teen. “They just gave me the opportunity to focus,” says the 16-year-old, who is being projected as a high, and maybe even number one, NHL draft pick in 2013.

When asked about comparisons between him and fellow Cole Harbour native Sydney Crosby, Nathan said, with maturity, “You don’t believe it. If you think you’re as good as Sydney Crosby, your world will come crashing down. He’s someone you admire.”

Nathan said the sport brings him joy. “It excites me. I look forward to playing every day.”

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