

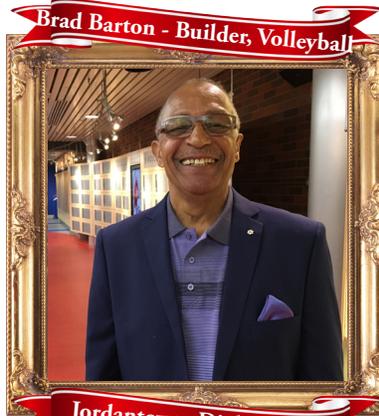
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Amy Cotton - Judo



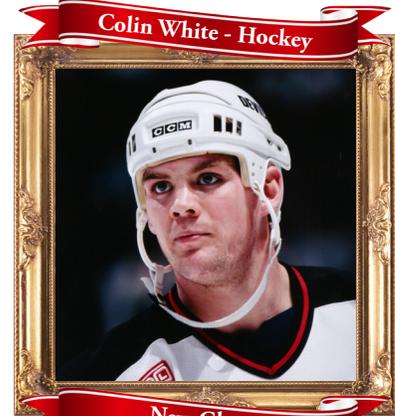
Judique, Cape Breton

Brad Barton - Builder, Volleyball



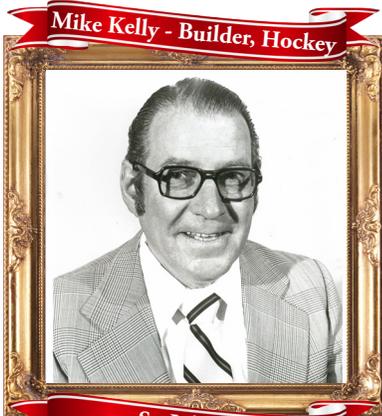
Jordantown, Digby County

Colin White - Hockey



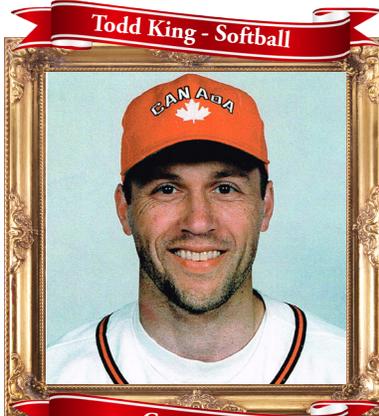
New Glasgow

Mike Kelly - Builder, Hockey



St. John, NB

Todd King - Softball



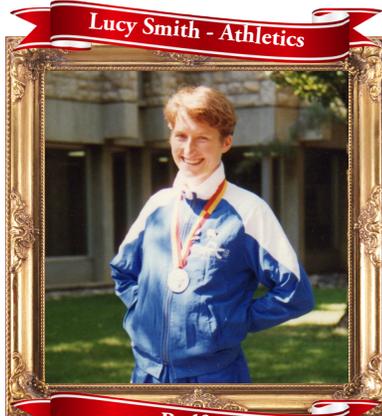
Grand Lake

Sarah Baker - Multi-Sport



Seabright

Lucy Smith - Athletics



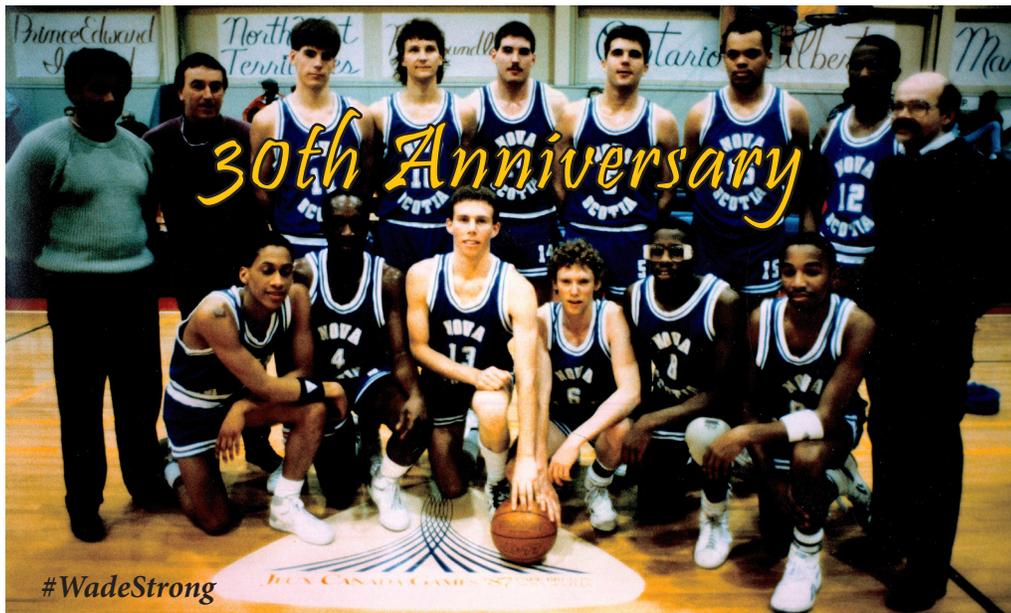
Bedford

1977 Cheema Canoe Team



Cheema Aquatic Club, Waverley

Induction Tickets Are On Sale Now!
Induction Night Nov. 10 ♦ Call 902-404-3343 To Purchase.



1987 Canada Games Basketball Team 30th Anniversary

Back row, l-r: Mark Parker (Assistant Coach/Manager), Canada Games volunteer, David Brown, Stephen Woodman, Grant MacDonald, Kevin Veinot, Scott Borden, Jason Wilson, Bev Greenlaw (Coach). Front row, l-r: Wade Smith, Charles Ikejiani, Keith Donovan, Peter Leppard, James McQuaid, Augy Jones.

In 1987, the Nova Scotia Canada Games men's basketball team came together with a shared sense of mission.

"We had a group of core players that had been together for two summers. We picked up five new players in the fall of 1987," says team member Augy Jones. "[Coach] Bev Greenlaw made it clear from the beginning that we had the talent to win the Canada Games. It was the outside media that was surprised once we began the round robin, beating teams by quite a few points."

The team finished first in its division, earning a spot in the medal round. Then this skilled group of athletes beat British Columbia convincingly 116-86 in the semi-final.

"We were a true TEAM, in the deepest sense of that term," says Coach Greenlaw. "We'd lost Peter Morris, an outstanding team leader, from the previous summer due to his birthdate. Some other players were unavailable, so our remaining core regrouped and committed to sacrifice personal concerns to achieve something unique, together. We played hard and unselfishly; nobody cared who scored, as long as Nova Scotia scored."

Moving on to the championship game marked the farthest that a Nova Scotian team had ever gone in the Canada Games. They faced a talented Quebec team in the final and, in front of 1,200 cheering fans at Breton Education Centre, captured the gold, with a 91-76 win. Winning the gold medal was a fantastic finish to their 6-0 record in front of a proud home crowd.

"Cape Breton put on a tremendous, community-oriented Canada Games, and it was beyond an honour to be fortunate enough to capture the gold as one way to say 'Thank You' to all the wonderful people who contributed to the event," says Greenlaw.

With 2017 marking the 30th anniversary of this one and only Canada Games gold medal win for Nova Scotia's men's basketball team, all eyes are on this year's buzzworthy team as they hope to repeat a victory at the 50th anniversary Canada Games in Winnipeg and honour the memory of their coach, 1987 team member Wade Smith, who passed away on June 2.

"Wade would have been our most talented player as he had spent the last three summers with the junior national team, yet he accepted his role and blended in smoothly with our talented group," says Jones.

"Wade Smith earned his teammates' instant respect, with his talent, wit, welcoming nature and willingness to do what the team needed to achieve competitive excellence," says Greenlaw. "Wade was a key member of our 1987 team, but nobody could foresee the heights to which he took his personal quest for excellence in his life's work. In his life, Wade emerged – genuinely – as everything he could be. It is simply, profoundly true that he lived his life with love, attentiveness and care, purposefully, in the service of others and his community."



Bruce's Corner

with Executive Director **Bruce Rainnie**

So, one month down and with good health and good luck, hopefully about 191 to go! An exceptionally knowledgeable and patient staff, a supportive Board, and a former Executive Director never too busy to take my calls—all have combined to make a steep learning curve all the more manageable.

For me, the most exciting and rewarding part of my first 30 days was the chance to meet and converse with the distinguished people who comprise the induction class of 2017.

The NS Sport Hall of Fame has two overriding guiding principles: 1) To honour and preserve the legacies of Nova Scotians who have made a significant contribution to sport in the province and 2) to make sure these stories are told to Nova Scotia youth, so that they may see what can be accomplished with hard work and a liberal dose of humility. When children in this province look at the 2017 inductees, they will realize that greatness can be achieved no matter gender, race, hometown, physical disability or socioeconomic standing. I know we say this every year, but what a truly exceptional group on the cusp of entering the Hall!

Which reminds me—if you've never been to a NS Sport Hall of Fame Induction Night, do yourself a favour. Circle the day, date and time—**Friday, Nov. 10, 7:00pm**. You'll be glad you did—it is one of the outstanding nights on the NS sport calendar.

Please call or drop by and say “hello.” And stay tuned for a couple of exciting new Hall initiatives coming your way very soon.

I'll leave you with a bit of sports trivia. Until next time...best wishes...

Name the MLB legend who finished his career with 3,630 career hits. Consistency personified, he had 1,815 at home, and 1,815 on the road. (Answer at bottom of page.)



Find out soon what this logo will be used for...

Hall of Fame to Enshrine Eight New Inductees on Nov. 10



On Thursday, June 1, the Hall of Fame held a media conference to announce that Induction Night 2017 will take place at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax on Friday, November 10. Bruce Rainnie will return as host.

The inductees include the following inspirational individuals: judo Olympian and Pan Am medallist **Amy Cotton**; internationally certified volleyball official and former Canadian Volleyball Association Referee in Chief **Brad Barton**; New Jersey Devils defenseman and two-time Stanley Cup winner **Colin White**; Halifax Junior Canadiens co-founder and guiding force for the Nova Scotia Voyageurs **Mike Kelly**; national, Pan Am and world champions softball MVP **Todd King** (left); Para Pan Am and

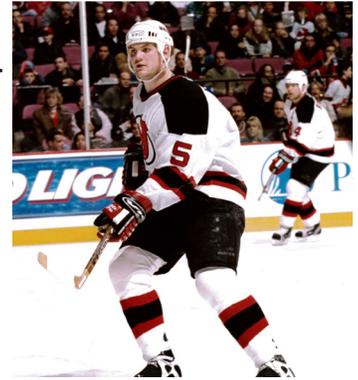
Paralympic medallist in javelin, swimming and wheelchair basketball **Sarah Baker**; and, national and international champion in cross-country, duathlon and triathlon **Lucy Smith** (right). Joining this outstanding inductee class is the **1977 Cheema Canoe Team**, whose talented roster of paddlers won Nova Scotia's first ever national championship.

Tickets are on sale now. Call 902-404-3343 to purchase. \$40 for adults, \$10 for students, children 12 and under are free.



Did You Know?

- ◆ **Colin White** (right) became one of only five players to have their jerseys retired by the QMJHL Hull Olympiques.
- ◆ **Amy Cotton** has 11 senior national medals and 13 World Cup medals in judo.
- ◆ **Todd King** is inducted in the Canadian Softball Hall of Fame.
- ◆ **Lucy Smith** beat everyone to the finish line while facing 100 km/h winds at her first ever CIAU championships.
- ◆ **Sarah Baker** (left) was the only female player on the Nova Scotia Flying Wheels wheelchair basketball team.



◆ Since the **1977 Cheema Canoe Team** created a turning point for Nova Scotia paddling, the province has dominated the national canoe sprint scene ever since.

- ◆ **Brad Barton** has received the Order of Canada for his work in the volleyball community.
- ◆ **Mike Kelly's Voyageurs** were the first AHL team in the Atlantic Provinces.

Find out all the details about this year's inductees' amazing stories by joining us for Induction Night on Friday, November 10 and visiting www.nsshf.com.



The Hall of Fame's Future Hall of Famers education program stayed busy throughout the weeks of work-to-rule with several new initiatives. Students who participated in an activity contest were invited to the Hall for Believe to Achieve Day with Olympic gymnast Ellie Black (left) and boxing inductee Ricky Anderson. We also visited five retirement homes in the Halifax area, (with curling inductee Penny Larocque, centre) and attended the MSVU Girls 2017 Conference with paddling inductee Karen Furneaux (right) and Ellie Black.

Remembering our Hall of Famers



◆ **John Brophy** (top left) passed away at age 83 on May 23, 2016. Brophy's outstanding hockey coaching career included over 1,000 pro coaching victories.

◆ **Wayne Smith** (bottom left) passed away on November 27, 2016 at age 66. Smith had a stellar 12-year CFL career, despite having never played high school or college football.



◆ **Alfred Caulier** passed away at age 85 on October 15, 2016. Caulier was a member of the 1957 Dominion of Canada Champion Shearwater Flyers football team.

◆ **Jack Gibson** passed away on October 12, 2016 at the age of 90. Gibson was a member of the 1948 Maritime Champion Sydney Millionaires hockey team that made it to the Allan Cup finals.

◆ **David Kiley** passed away at age 87 on March 17, 2016. Kiley was a member of the 1961 Maritime Champion Amherst Senior Ramblers hockey team that was also an Allan Cup finalist team.



"Bill White was an iconic sports personality and a wonderful human being."—**Robert Cunningham**

Read more of Cunningham's touching tribute to former Hall of Fame Board Chair

Bill White on our website (www.nsshf.com).