

## INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2018

2018 marks a  
Hall of Fame  
first...

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Anna Stammberger  
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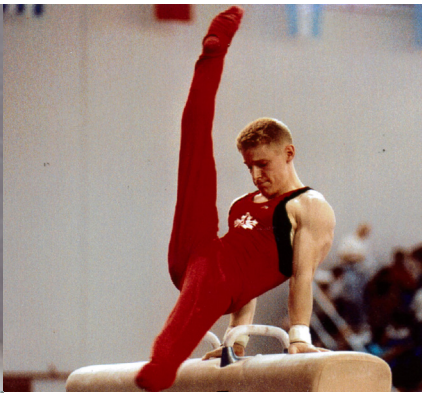


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2018

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*This year's inductees are Canadian champions, Olympians, Pan American medallists, long-time coaches and trailblazers—and one of them is a world record setter, a Nova Scotia icon and the first equine inductee to be enshrined in the NS Sport Hall of Fame!*

**Mary Beth Bowie**, Soccer, Halifax: A CIAU Rookie of the Year with Dalhousie University, Bowie (top left) had a four-season career with the national team, in which she competed at the 1999 FIFA World Cup, 2000 Algarve Cup and 2000 CONCACAF Gold Cup, with 13 international appearances and five starts.



**Kristan Burley**, Gymnastics, Truro: In 1991, Burley (top right) became the first Nova Scotian gymnast to be named to the national senior team, going on to represent Canada seven times at the World Championships. An Olympian in 1996, Burley is also a Pan Am and Commonwealth Games medallist.

**Somebeachsomewhere**, Harness Racing, Truro: Somebeachsomewhere (left) set world records for fastest mile by a two- and three-year-old, as well as the fastest race mile in history. Beach was only defeated once in the two years that he made headlines on the race track, for which he was named Canadian Sportsman Horse of the Decade.

**Anna (Pendergast) Stammberger**, Basketball, Charlottetown, PEI: Stammberger (bottom right) spent five years with the Dalhousie University women's basketball team, leading the team as Captain for two seasons and scoring over 1,000 points before attending the 1984 Olympics during her ten-year career with Team Canada.

**1978 Saint Mary's University Huskies Men's Basketball Team**: The team (bottom left) won the CIAU title after defeating Acadia 99-91 in front of 11,000 spectators at the Halifax Metro Centre, holding the record for most points scored in a final game until 2016.

**Thomas Doucette, Softball and Basketball, Middle Musquodoboit**: A Level IV certified softball coach, Doucette (bottom centre) was Head Coach for Canada's National Junior Men's team for seven years, as well as the Softball Canada Master Learning Facilitator for the Atlantic Region for 20 years.

**Margaret (Peggy) Gallant**, Soccer and Volleyball, Stellarton: A pioneer and advocate for women's sport, Gallant (right) has coached at all levels for four decades, including the StFX University women's soccer team for eight years.



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## Bruce's Corner

with CEO  
Bruce Rainnie

One of the most rewarding parts of my job here at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame is the annual opportunity to phone some of the province's greatest athletes and builders to let them know of their pending induction. The response is always a heartwarming mix of pride, delight and slight embarrassment. After all, that's the Nova Scotia way.

The Class of 2018 is a distinguished group and, for many reasons, it is a historic one. One of the biggest of those reasons is that, for the first time ever, the Hall will induct an equine athlete. Somebeachsomewhere of Truro was arguably the greatest harness racing horse who ever lived. He passed away earlier this year but left an endless list of awards, records, and race wins. We are pleased he is a member of our 2018 class. And in case you're wondering, there is precedent for a four-legged animal entering a provincial hall of fame. Both Big Ben and Northern Dancer are members of the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame (both are also members of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame). And as great as these two horses were, there is little doubt that Somebeachsomewhere is solidly in their class.

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 2018 inductees, they will realize that greatness can be achieved no matter gender, race, hometown, or socioeconomic standing. Our selection committee once again has given us a group of which we can be very proud.

Please mark the date for Induction Night 2018 – Friday, Nov. 2, 7:00pm, at the Halifax Convention Centre, and also make note of the dates and times below for other important events and programming that shouldn't be missed.

I'll leave you with a bit of sports trivia. Until next time...best wishes...  
Who was the first woman to work as a radio sports director in Canada?



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On Thursday, July 26, 2018, the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame will present a major event called One Night Only: The Top 15 to honour the Top 15 Nova Scotia athletes of all time and celebrate Nova Scotia sport.

Sponsored by Scotiabank Centre and media sponsor *The Chronicle Herald*, The Top 15 will be a one-night-only event at the Halifax Convention Centre, hosted by event emcee and Hall of Fame CEO Bruce Rainnie. The stories of the province's greatest athletes will all be shared at one incredible dinner. **Headlining the evening will be the athlete voted #1 in Nova Scotia history, Pittsburgh Penguins star Sidney Crosby of Cole Harbour.**

The other athletes scheduled to attend are curling legend Colleen Jones of Halifax, Hockey Hall of Famer Al MacInnis of Port Hood, Olympic medallist for canoeing Steve Giles of Lake Echo, international softball star Mark Smith of Halifax, Kayaking World Champion Karen Furneaux of Waverley, Canada's top gymnast Ellie Black of Halifax, Paralympic gold-medallist Jamie Bone of Dartmouth, and Olympic medallist for kayaking Mark De Jonge of Halifax.

**Proceeds from the event will be shared by the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame and The Sidney Crosby Foundation.**

Attendees will also receive a special gift, have the chance to purchase priceless collectibles on auction, and see a surprise musical performance by a Nova Scotia legend.

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