

## *New Inductees Excited About Fall Ceremony*



*New Hall Inductees attended a media conference in June.*

*FRONT ROW: Ian Mosher, Kentville Wildcats player Peter Goucher; Acadia Axemen player Keith Skiffington; Builders: Steve Fairbairn, Tak Kikuchi; Acadia Axemen players Quentin "Snoopy" Tynes and Scott MacLean.*

*BACK ROW: Kentville Wildcats Monty Mosher and Bill Young, Acadia Axemen coaches Tony Stewart, Dan Palov and Dave Hirsch, Acadia Axemen players Don Clow, Stuart MacLean and Bob Trainer, and Kentville Wildcats player Dave Harris.*

**T**wo builders, recently elected to the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, had typical responses when introduced at a June 10 media conference at the Hall.

"Why me? I didn't do anything special. There are so many who have made (me and this sport) relevant to a broad number of people."

Gymnastics coach, judge, administrator and club developer **Tak Kikuchi** was shocked, he said, when he received the call informing him of his selection.

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**Steve Fairbairn** was equally humble. The man who helped grow snowboarding in Nova Scotia to the point that provincial snowboarders have competed in four consecutive Olympic Games starting in 1998, praised those working with him to make the sport important.

Athletes to enter the Hall at a November 2<sup>nd</sup> event at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax expressed typical awe at being included among so many fine athletes who have been inducted since the first ceremony in 1980.

Those also being inducted in November are boxer **Lawrence Hafey** of New Glasgow; St. Francis Xavier University basketball star **John Hatch**; and two teams – **Kentville Wildcats senior men's baseball team**, who won a national championship in 1985; and **Acadia Axemen football squad**, who, as underdogs, won the Canadian College Bowl in 1981.

The intriguing story of the **Wildcats** started in the early 1970s when a group of young men from the Kentville area played minor baseball together. By 1977, as teenagers, they formed a senior team, finished second at nationals in 1981 and then offered to host nationals in 1985. They won their way to the final, trailed 6-0 in the eighth inning of the title game, and made a miraculous comeback, in front of 4,500 roaring hometown fans, with six runs in the home eighth and the winning run in the bottom of the ninth to become the first Nova Scotia team to win a national baseball championship.

The **Axemen** raced through the 1981 regular season undefeated and whipped Mount Allison in the conference championship game. Even after a 40-14 rout over Queens in the Atlantic Bowl, Acadia went to the College Bowl, in Toronto as 22-point underdogs to defending champion Alberta, the Axemen hung tough but trailed 12-11 with 2:15 left in the game.

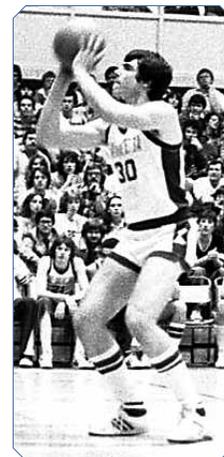
A 73-yard march was capped by AUS Rookie of the Year Quentin "Snoopy" Tynes rushing for 19 yards to the two, from where, on the next play, he bulled his way into the end zone for the winning touchdown in an 18-12 win.



**Hafey** was Canadian welterweight champion in 1985 during a career that saw him fight 73 times (48-23-3) he fought some of the world's best including world champion Wilfred Benitez at Madison Square Garden, taking the champ the distance before losing a decision. Unlike today's fighters, who pick and choose opponents

and are idle for long periods, Hafey once had four bouts in 27 days, winning two and taking two world champions the distance in the others.

**John Hatch** is the all-time leading scorer in St. Francis Xavier University basketball history with 2,968 points in just four seasons between 1980 and 1984. He is a three-time consecutive AUAA Most Valuable Player, three-time consecutive CIS 1st Team All-Canadian, and the only X-Men to ever receive the All-Canadian honour on three occasions.



Hatch is also second all-time in rebounding at St. FX with 1,478. He represented Canada at the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games, where his team placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively. John also won gold with Canada at the World University Games and played professionally in Switzerland for 7 years.

**Kikuchi** has been with the Canadian team at two Olympic Games, five world championships, two Pan-Am Games and two Commonwealth Games. He has coached Olympians Chris Burley, Richard Ikeda and David Kikuchi. Tak coached at Acadia (1973) and Dalhousie (1973-76) universities, and developed three gymnastics clubs in the province, including ALTA in Halifax, the home club of current Olympian Ellie Black. Tak has judged at the local, national and international level for more than 35 years.

In 2010, he was awarded Gymnastics Canada's Lifetime Membership award, and has been named coach of the year at various times by Sport Nova Scotia, Gymnastics Nova Scotia and Gymnastics Canada. He's also a member of the Acadia University Sport Hall of Fame.

**Fairbairn** might be considered the "father" of snowboarding in Nova Scotia. He introduced a new sport to the hills of the province and helped develop national champions and Olympians through his involvement as a coach and administrator. Steve also started the Canadian Association of Snowboard Instructors, growing it from a handful in 1992 to over 20,000 today.

Induction Night, with CBC news and sports broadcaster Bruce Rainnie as Master of Ceremonies, will be Saturday November, 2<sup>nd</sup> at WTCC in Halifax. The Chronicle Herald is presenting sponsor. Tickets will be available shortly at the Hall of Fame.



## *Lionel Jackson Leaves a Legacy*

Lionel Jackson, inducted to the Hall of Fame with the 1971-72 Nova Scotia Voyageurs hockey team in 1997, had a long-time love affair with the Hall until his passing in December 2012 at age 84 and he expressed it tangibly after his death.

He derived tremendous pleasure from seeing people with whom he worked, on baseball and hockey benches and in dressing rooms, inducted into the Hall. His affection and legacy for the Hall will endure with his donation of \$100,000, which will greatly assist education programs and artifact collection at the Hall.

Though he made his living in the Halifax shipyards and as a stevedore, Lionel spent six decades handling equipment, assisting trainers, taking care of the benches and whatever else was needed, mostly as a volunteer. He worked with Nova Scotia Voyageurs, Nova Scotia Oilers and Halifax Citadels and later for visiting QMJHL teams. Local baseball teams of the 1940s and '50s benefitted from his expertise.

Dean Hopkins and Dean Dachyshyn, former NHL and AHL players who settled in Nova Scotia when they retired, became part of Lionel's family when they arrived and in later years.

"As newcomers settling here, we needed him to be family to us," said Hopkins, "and I think he needed us as much."

Lionel was a confirmed bachelor who lived with his sister Agnes until her passing about seven years ago. After that, he spent countless hours with the Deans, visiting their homes on holidays, becoming close with their children, and being assisted with life decisions.

"Lionel had great advice from his lawyers and financial people," said Hopkins.

Lionel's generosity spread to Phoenix programs for at-risk youth and to charities such as Hope Cottage and Turning Point for homeless men. He often told the Deans that if he hadn't found sports as a positive outlet, he could have been



*Lionel Jackson drops the puck at a Mooseheads game on Lionel Jackson Night with Dean Hopkins (l) and Karolyn Sevcik (r).*

an outcast like many of the young people seeking help at Phoenix.

"Lionel would stress how important it was for young people to find sport as an outlet like he did. He'd say, 'You don't have to PLAY sport to be part of it.'"

Hopkins said Lionel's first "real" job at the shipyards came because Lionel worked hard and efficiently with Halifax Shipyards baseball team and was recognized by the company manager.

"When he was 14, Lionel worked the dressing room for the Montreal Junior Canadiens during a Nova Scotia tour. Lionel told me, 'Coach Marty Barry offered me a job with the Canadiens' organization but my folks said no. I always felt I would have been head equipment guy there one day.'"

Of Lionel's charitable nature, Dachyshyn said, "He did so much under the radar. He had a soft spot for kids. When his shift was over, he'd take quarter rolls of tape, a broken hockey stick (which he'd repair) or even uneaten pizza and give it those who needed it. He was always thinking of others. It was never about Lionel."

Hopkins concluded, "He always said he was fortunate to have the life he had, and he credited most of that to sport."

## Hall Helps Kids Discover Their Best

The Future Hall of Famers Education Program had a major impact on about 700 young minds through the summer with five visits to the Tim Hortons Children's Camp in Tatamagouche.

Many Hall of Fame members and future inductees spoke to awed youngsters about setting and reaching goals and achieving dreams. Special sport heroes included: Hall of Fame basketball star Mickey Fox, world champion kayaker and Olympian Karen Furneaux and Canadian Champion and Olympic gymnast Hugh Smith.

During the 2012-2013 school year, the education program reached over 13,000 youth province-wide, with plans underway to increase school visits and hosting at the Hall of Fame in the 2013-14 year. "We hope to significantly increase the



*Karen Furneaux and Sarah Conn, (front row, right middle) thrilled a large group of campers at the Tim Horton Children's Camp in Tatamagouche with presentations about the Sport Hall of Fame.*

education program's reach by appearing in each region at least twice," said Conn.

## New Van Supports Education Program

The Hall of Fame introduced a 2013 Dodge Caravan in May that will serve a double purpose.

The brightly decorated vehicle, with pictures of prominent Nova Scotia Hall of Fame members and athletes on its sides, will promote the Hall of Fame and provide assistance to the education program.

With the Hall's education mandate to reach out to all areas of Nova Scotia, the van will support staff in its effort to visit schools, camps and recreation programs as well as take the Hall to many special events.



*Karen Furneaux, a featured speaker in the Hall's Education Program, poses with the new van at the Hall's June Golf Tournament.*

# Hall News & Notes

## Phoenix Night of Champions

Fifteen Nova Scotians sporting Stanley Cup rings visited the Hall of Fame during celebrations surrounding Night of Champions, a fund raiser for Phoenix Youth Programs.

Five members of the Hall of Fame – Dave Andrews (2006), Paul MacLean (1995), Al MacNeil (1980, 1997), Mike McPhee (1999) and Wendell Young (2007) – shared

stories. Also spreading inspirational messages for youth were: Dennis Bonvie, Sidney Crosby, Joey DiPenta, Brad Marchand, Al MacIsaac, Nathan MacKinnon, Jon Sim, Colin White and Darrell Young.

The Hall of Fame was the site of a media reception prior to the Metro Centre event along with a sponsors' reception.



*Nova Scotians who have won Stanley Cup rings in various team roles throughout their careers attended a gala Phoenix Night of Champions fundraising event at Halifax Metro Centre in July. They were joined by the NHL Number One draft pick in 2013, Colorado Avalanche's Nathan MacKinnon, who helped Halifax Mooseheads win the Memorial Cup in 2012-13.*

*Back: (L to R): Al MacIsaac, Jon Sim, Brad Marchand, Wendell Young, Colin White, Joey DiPenta, MacKinnon, Dennis Bonvie, Andrew MacDonald, Mike McPhee. Front: (L to R): Paul MacLean, Dave Andrews, Sidney Crosby, Alistair MacNeil, Darrell Young*



*Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby, a Stanley Cup champion with Pittsburgh, enjoyed his display at the Hall of Fame prior to the Phoenix Night of Champions.*



*Stanley Cup winners spoke at the Phoenix Night of Champions at Halifax Metro Centre. They attended a sponsor's reception at the Hall of Fame prior to the event. From left: Mike McPhee, Dave Andrews, Paul MacLean, Al MacNeil and Wendell Young.*

## Mills Re-elected Board Chair



the Hall's financial structure.

Don Mills enters a second term as chair of the Hall of Fame's board of directors after being re-elected at the annual meeting in June. Mills, a Halifax pollster and business executive, has been effective in his first year, spearheading the education program to new heights while ensuring the on-going success of

## Furneaux Named to Hall Board



Canadian Olympic paddler Karen Furneaux has been elected to the Hall's Board of Directors as of June 2013. Karen, a long-time supporter of Hall activities, specifically the education program, will oversee that program in her board role.

## Canada Goal Hero Visits Hall



**P**aul Henderson who scored the dramatic winning goal in the 1972 Canada-Soviet Super Series, was a guest at the Hall while in Halifax to film an episode of a television program.

Henderson

joined Canadian comedian-actor Gerry Dee, star of CBC-TV's Mr D, at the Hall August 1<sup>st</sup> where scenes from a Mr. D episode were filmed. The show resumes its on-air schedule in January.

## Raptors Back Education Program

**P**art of the proceeds from a Toronto Raptors intra-squad game at Halifax Metro Centre at noon October 5 will again support the Hall of Fame's education program, a tradition begun last year when the NBA squad held part of its pre-season camp in Halifax.

A voluntary donation of \$10 per ticket is suggested for admission to the game with tickets available at AML Rogers outlets in the area. Last year's game attracted over 8,700 fans, raising \$56,000 for designated charities, including the Hall of Fame which received over \$14,000.

The two-day visit is part of the Raptors' travelling training camp. "It's our way of giving back," said Raptors' coach Dwane Casey. "We're going to do a lot of things for the community while we're there."

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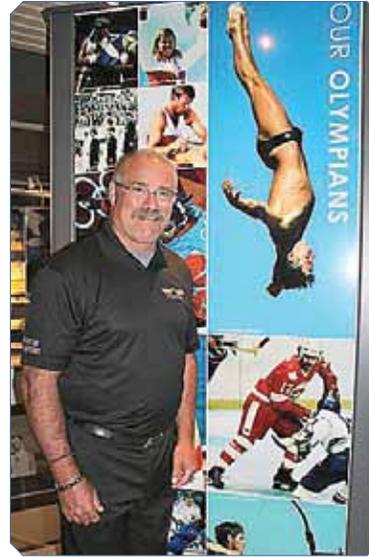
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## MacLean Named NHL Top Coach



*Paul MacLean visited the Hall of Fame during Phoenix Night of Champions.*

**H**all inductee Paul MacLean (athlete 1995) was named winner of the Jack Adams Trophy as the coach of the year in the National Hockey League.

Leading the Ottawa Senators to a surprising seventh-place finish during the regular season (25-17-6), the Antigonish product who starred at Dalhousie University and the Canadian national program

before going pro, unexpectedly took the Sens to the playoffs.

MacLean has had a lengthy coaching career after 10-years as a player with Winnipeg, Detroit and St. Louis during which he scored 324 goals. Completing his second year as head coach in Ottawa, MacLean was an assistant in Anaheim and Detroit before moving to Ottawa in 2011.

## Bowness Resurfaces in Tampa Bay



**J**ust a week after being let go as assistant coach by Vancouver Canucks, Nova Scotia Sport Hall-of-Famer Rick Bowness (athlete 1997)

was hired in a similar role by Tampa Bay Lightning. A Halifax native, Rick has had a long coaching tenure in the NHL and it was not surprising he was quickly snapped up by another organization. Bowness has been head coach with Winnipeg, Boston, Ottawa, New York Islanders and Phoenix. He was an assistant coach with the Canucks for the last seven years.



## New Exhibits at the Hall

*These two goblets and inkwell were won by track inductee Arthur Brady in the 1880s. They are some of the oldest trophies in the Hall's collection. A number of artifacts have recently come out of storage and are now featured in the Hall's new exhibits, including Arthur's trophies.*

## NovaMuse

Don't forget, our entire collection can be viewed at [novamuse.ca](http://novamuse.ca)



*The Tim Hortons sport simulator is one of the major interests of children and adults when they have a tour or visit to the Hall of Fame.*

## 2013 INDUCTION NIGHT TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

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