

Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame

Echoes of Glory

Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and Museum

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WINTER 2023/2024 Newsletter

HALL OF FAME HAPPENINGS



Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame

2023/2024

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Join Our Team

2024 Membership Drive
Individual: \$25
Family: \$40
Business/Org: \$60



We celebrated our region's outstanding sports heritage at our **40th Induction Dinner & Ceremonies** proudly sponsored by **Tbaytel** and held at the Valhalla Inn on Saturday, September 30th. The evening welcomed the

Class of 2023 into the Hall of Fame which included athletes **Bill Seagris** and **Ryan Parent**, builders **Peter Gallagher**, **Jamie Kompon** and **Peter Young** and the **2010 Thunder Bay Queens-Esso Cup National Champions**. Thanks to Diane Imrie and Chris Ficek and Maverick Entertainment for producing our induction videos and to Bryan Wyatt for voicing them and Dallas Allaire for serving as our emcee. John Sims captured the evening in photographs and pianist Pat Towell and vocalist Denise Krawczuk once again entertained the crowd. See you on September 28th, 2024 at our 41st Induction Dinner & Ceremonies.

On Saturday, November 4th the Lakehead University Thunderwolves hosted their Twins Throwback Night celebrating the 5-time Allan Cup winning hockey franchise. We were thrilled to be a part of the celebration which included Twins alumni taking in the game and a visit from the Allan Cup trophy.

Names In The News

Staff News: Thanks to the hard work of our summer students, **Noah Biasiol** and **Xander Davis**, for their research and assistance.

Volunteer News: We extend our thanks to long-time Board member **David Pineau**, who represented SSSAA on our board for many years, and welcome **Jaimie Mintenko** as the new representative for Lakehead University.

2024 Ontario Volunteer Service Award recipients include -

Phil Jarvis (30 years), **Heather Houston** (10 years), **Sylvia Kayzer** (10 years). Congratulations!

Drop by for a visit - Tuesday to Saturday 12-5

Inductee In Memoriam

Ron Busniuk ('85/'95/'16) **Dick Hill** ('18) **Ron Lundin** ('85) **Greg Lotysz** ('91)
Lou Marcon ('00) **Connie Madigan** ('01) **Jack Masters** ('87)
John Pimenow ('85) **Chris Sharp** ('14) **Gordon 'Junior' Wilson** ('95)

Their legend will live on in the Sports Hall of Fame...



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International Sports Heritage Association (ISHA), Canadian Association for Sport Heritage (CASH), Canadian Museum Association (CMA), Ontario Museum Association (OMA), Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, Arts & Heritage Alliance (AHA), Superior Shores Gaming Association

Fundraising For Sports Heritage !



RBC Fred Bagnalo Memorial Golf Tournament

We were back on course at the Fort William Golf & Country Club in July marking the 36th year that golfers took to the links in support of sports heritage. A big vote of thanks to our 138 golfers, golf committee, volunteers, donors, sponsors and prize donors, who all helped to raise close to \$22,000 for the Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Front 9 champs Wayne Fortes, Jared Rosenfeld, Gary Nistico, Greg Pettypiece and the Back 9 champs Joe McDonough, Kyle McGillivray, Rob McDonough, David DePiero. See you on July 22nd, 2024.



Front 9 Winners



Back 9 Winners

Thanks to Our Sponsors

Our Host



Platinum



Gold



Silver



Mark Your Calendars - 2024 RBC Fred Bagnalo Memorial Golf Tournament - Monday, July 22nd



Thanks to our great charitable gaming volunteers who raised close to \$26,500 in 2023: Carol Chorkawy, Elvira Dustin, Linda Dziver, Adriana Foresto, Dave Gerry, Judy Gerry, Diane Imrie, Rebecca Johnson, Kathy Kangas, Rob Murphy, Donna Newhouse, Denis Parsons and Marlene Yurick.



Thanks to the management and staff of Circle K Store 1436, which is located at 345 May Street North, who sell Nevada tickets on our behalf. Through their efforts in 2023 we raised \$2,100 bringing the total raised with this fundraising partnership to over \$27,000 over the past eleven years.

2024 FAME 600 CLUB LOTTERY TICKETS - ON SALE NOW

50 Draws ~ \$12,000 in total prizes ~ Only 600 tickets printed ~ \$50/ticket

40 Cash Prizes - with draws of \$50, \$100, \$200, \$250, \$500 and \$1000

38th Edition

Plus 10 Merchandise Prize Draws including:

• 2 tickets to a 2024-25 Toronto Maple Leafs game + \$1000

- \$500 in Gift certificates and prizes donated by: • Fort William Golf & Country Club • Golf Thunder Bay
• Thunder Bay Border Cats • Landale Gardens • Canada Games Complex • Ultramar Gas
• SIJHL North Stars • Lakehead University Thunderwolves

Draws held between July 22nd and September 4th, 2024

Lottery Licence # M868965

Tickets available by calling 807-622-2852, emailing nwosport@tbaytel.net and from Board members



2024 Heritage Classic
Doubles Bospiel



In March we welcomed back our Heritage Classic Doubles Bospiel marking the 6th year that curlers took to the ice in support of sports heritage. Thanks to our participants and to our sponsor Robert's Plumbing & Heating and donors Janet Sillman and the Birthday Club Girls (*in memory of event founder Marlene Wright*). Special thanks to our event coordinators Tricia Sampson and Heather Houston and Justin Lewtas and the Fort William Curling Club. Congratulations to winners Josh Hari & Juliana Hari (World Squad), Annie Burke & Jodie Wilson (National Squad), Tim Slongo & Shelley Birston (Provincial Squad) and Candy McLean & Justin Wiens (Regional Squad).

Thanks for the Support!

Community Museum Operating Grant: Thanks to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport for their ongoing support through our 2023-24 CMOG allocation.

Youth Employment Grant: Thanks to the Government of Canada for our 2023 Canada Summer Jobs grant.

City of Thunder Bay Cultural Funding Grant: The Sports Hall of Fame is fortunate to receive yearly City of Thunder Bay funding. Be sure to let your Councillors know how much you appreciate their support of sports heritage.

It's For You: Thanks to Tbaytel for their continued donation of cellular service!