

Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame

Echoes of Glory

Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and Museum

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2023 Membership Drive

Individual: \$25

Family: \$40

Business/Org: \$60

HALL OF FAME HAPPENINGS



After a two-year absence it was great to be back honouring the region's outstanding sports heritage at our **39th Induction Dinner & Ceremonies** proudly sponsored by **Tbaytel** and held at the Valhalla Inn on Saturday, September 17th. That evening we welcomed the Class of 2022 into the Hall of Fame

which included athletes **Gerry Cizmar**, **Jason Napper**, and **Taylor Pyatt**, builders **Patti Kitler** and **Ken Slater** and the **2017 Canadian Mixed Curling champions and World Silver medallists Trevor Bonot**, **Jackie McCormick**, **Kory Carr** and **Megan Carr**. Thanks to Chris Ficek and his team at Maverick Entertainment for producing our induction videos, which were funded through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and to Bryan Wyatt for voicing them and serving as our emcee. John Sims captured the evening in photographs and pianist Pat Towell and vocalist Denise Krawczuk once again wowed the crowd with their great talents. See you on September 30th, 2023 at our 40th Anniversary Induction Dinner.

A big shout out to Vern Stenlund and his sister Carol Kajorinne who hosted our first ever Art Auction held online and at the Hall of Fame which raised over \$10,000. Thanks as well to all of our supporters who help preserve sports heritage by purchasing a yearly membership, buying a ticket in our Fame 600 Club Draw, supporting our annual Fred Bragnalo Memorial Golf Tournament and making donations and memorial remembrances. Drop by for a visit to see your contributions at work, Tuesday to Saturday 12-5.

Names In The News

Staff News: Thanks to the hard work of our summer student, **Xander Davis**, sports fans and history buffs can test their regional sports history on our updated trivia challenge.

Volunteer News: We were saddened to learn of the passing of long-time volunteer **John Garland** who served on our Board of Directors from 1995-2021. We extend our thanks to long-time Board member **Shannon Harris** who represented Confederation College on our board for many years and welcome **Susan Tucker** as their new representative.

2022 and 2023 **Ontario Volunteer Service Award recipients:** **Bill Salonen** (40 years), **Gord Towill** (30 years), **Kathy Kangas** (20 years), **Lou Pero** (15 years), **Dallas Allaire** (15 years), **Dave Siciliano** (15 years), **Doug Colbon** (10 years) and **Al McLean** (10 years). Congratulations!

Inductee In Memoriam

Phil Creed (85)

Gordon Gosselin (*84)

Larry Dunville (*91)

Tom Jones (*88)

June Shaw (*89)

Ron Fitzmaurice (*83)

Ron Hurdon (*83)

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

Funding
Partners:



Proud Member of:

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 Bragnalo Memorial Golf Tournament

We were back on course at the *Fort William Golf & Country Club* in July marking the 35th year that golfers took to the links in support of sports heritage. A big vote of thanks to our golf committee, volunteers, 140 participants, donors, sponsors and prize donors, who all helped to raise over **\$23,000** for the Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to Front 9 champs Doug Adams, Erik Adams, Kevin Adams, and Seppo Koironen and Back 9 champs John Clouthier, Alex Remenda, Ron Ventrudo and Jason Williams. See you on July 24th at the FWG & CC.



Front 9 Winners



Back 9 Winners



Thanks to Our Sponsors



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Our Hosts

Mark Your Calendars - 2023 RBC Fred Bragnalo Memorial Golf Tournament - Monday, July 24th



Thanks to **Superior Shores Gaming Association** which saw us raise close to \$18,000 in 2022 with our great volunteers: Carol Chorkawy,

Elvira Dustin, Linda Dziver, Adriana Foresto, Dave Gerry, Judy Gerry, Diane Imrie, Rebecca Johnson, Kathy Kangas, Rob Murphy, Donna Newhouse and Denis Parsons.



Thanks to the management and staff of **Circle K Store 1436**, which is located at 345 May Street North in Thunder Bay, who sell Nevada tickets on our behalf. Through their efforts in 2022 we raised \$1,000 bringing the total money raised through this fundraising partnership to over \$25,000 over the past ten years.

2023 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

37th Edition

Plus 10 Merchandise Prizes including:



•2 tickets to a 2023-24 **Toronto Maple Leafs** game + **\$1000 cash**

•**\$500** in Gift certificates (\$100 Esso, \$100 Petro-Canada, \$100 Keg, \$100 Canadian Tire and \$100 Play it Again Sports)

•golf passes for the **Fort William Golf & Country Club** •Golf Thunder Bay •Craig Morton golf lessons

•Landale Gardens **\$100** golf simulator certificate •3-month **Canada Games Complex** membership,

•season passes to the **SIJHL North Stars** •handmade **sports quilt** •**\$250 Ultramar Gas** voucher

Draws held between July 24th and September 6th, 2023 (Lottery Licence #M835796)

Winning tickets go back in drum so tickets are eligible for all draws

- no cash redemption on merchandise prizes - if event not held winner has option of receiving cash value or tickets for future event -

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

Thanks for the Support!

COVID-19 Funding: Thanks to the Government of Canada for providing support through their COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Heritage Organizations.

Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Building Fund Grant: Thanks to the OTF for their support which assisted us with the preservation of our sports heritage collection and programming activities.

Community Museum Operating Grant: Thanks to the Ontario *Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport* for their ongoing support through our 2022-23 CMOG allocation.

Youth Employment Grant: Thanks to the Government of Canada for our 2022 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.