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A Message from the Premier



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As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2009 Nanaimo Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the athletes, teams and builders that are being honoured here tonight. Nanaimo can be proud of the caliber and accomplishments of its Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

As we get closer to welcoming the world at the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in February, we are encouraging every community in the province to celebrate local sport and healthy living.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all those who have made your Sports Hall of Fame and new museum possible, and offer my congratulations on your second year of inductions. Congratulations also go out to the Nanaimo Museum staff and Board of Directors and all the committee volunteers who have made this event possible.

To all the inductees, both this year and in 2008, thank you for your contributions to sport in our province.

Sincerely,

Gordon Campbell
Premier



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A Message from the Mayor



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Congratulations!

Time passes by at an alarming rate. The Sports Hall of Fame is one year old, and we are now celebrating the second prestigious group of athletes, coaches and teams to be inducted into the 2009 Sports Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the Sports Hall of Fame Committee, and to the Selection Panel, for accepting this challenging responsibility. I would also like to acknowledge the leadership role undertaken by General Manager, Debbie Trueman, and her capable staff at the Nanaimo Museum. This event was also made possible only with the full support of the Nanaimo Museum Board of Directors and Board Chair John Manning. The City of Nanaimo is clearly blessed with a huge number of dedicated volunteers who faithfully participate in all the sporting events. On behalf of Council and the citizens of Nanaimo, a big thank you to everyone involved.

Clearly this important annual event will recognize our rich sporting history and the many outstanding Nanaimo athletes who are so deserving of these awards. I look forward to participating in the annual banquet and the opportunity that it will provide for me to meet the new inductees for 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ruttan".

Mayor John R Ruttan

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ON behalf of the Nanaimo Sports Hall of Fame Committee and Nanaimo Museum, welcome to the 2009 Induction Ceremony and Banquet.

Thanks to the efforts of museum staff and Board, the SHOF Committee and selection panel, Nanaimo City Council, numerous sponsors and many volunteers, we are here tonight to honour and celebrate the special achievements of our best and brightest athletes, officials, pioneers and builders.

With the completion of the new museum and conference centre last year, we were able to realize the long held dream of establishing a Sports Hall of Fame for the region. In front of more than 300 people in this very room, we inducted the first 10 nominees on Sept. 20 of 2008. Tonight, eight more deserving candidates will have their names permanently affixed to the Sports Hall of Fame Wall located in the lobby of the museum.

Nanaimo has always had a passion for sports. With the support of schools, clubs, parents and teachers, and of course fans, we have produced an extraordinary number of successful athletes and teams. From Olympians to professional referees to team executives, they have all excelled in their chosen sports not only at the local level but on the world stage as well.

Tonight, as we reminisce about the achievements of our legendary inductees, it is important to remember our youth; the ones who are now just learning the nuances of their favourite pastimes; the ones who are discovering their true passion; the ones who will ultimately experience the rewards of working hard and playing hard. And with our support, they too shall prosper from their own personal achievements and leave a lasting legacy for the generations that follow them.

So on behalf of the Nanaimo Museum and Sports Hall of Fame, we would like to congratulate and thank all of the 2009 inductees for their invaluable contributions to sports and to our community's way of life.

Honouring the Nanaimo Sports Hall of Fame's 2009 Inductees

John Sandland, *Pioneer – Soccer*

Bill English, *Builder*

Angie Dobie (Radanovich), *Athlete – Basketball, Pan Am Games 1971*

Lloyd Gilmour, *Builder - Official*

Ray Telford, *Athlete – Soccer, Olympian 1976*

Doug White, *Athlete – Lacrosse & Football*

Michael Edgson, *Athlete – Swimming, Paralympian 1984, '88 & '92,*

Don MacRae Rink, *Team – Curling*



John Sandland

Pioneer – Soccer

JOHN SANDLAND was born on December 3, 1905 in Mount Pleasant, Staffordshire, England. At the age of 10, his family immigrated to British Columbia where his father worked in the local Nanaimo mines.

John began playing soccer in the Junior League for the Forresters in 1915. They had a great season and ended up winning the local league title. The following year John was named captain and led the team to the Conference Championship.

Around 1920, John received the nickname “Gunboat”. The stories from the day state that his “shot was so hard it broke a goal post

once". In any event he was one of the most dominant goal scorers in the league, a scorer feared by goalies everywhere.

In 1927, John played for Nanaimo City, a team that would go on to win the Dominion Championship. This title acknowledged the team from Nanaimo as the "Champions of Canada". John scored 21 goals in inter-provincial competitions, and he and his team-mates received a solid gold medal of honour signifying soccer supremacy in Canada.

John played for Nanaimo City until 1932 while at the same time managing the Forresters team, which won the provincial title. In 1933 he was reinstated in the Junior level and formed the Motor Level team that won the Vancouver Island Championship and other trophies.

Following the war years, John continued to manage, coach, act as referee and serve on many local soccer executives. During that time, many came to consider his winning streaks like a dynasty in local soccer.

John was respected by many of his peers. Merle Logan wrote that John Sandland gave so freely of his time, wouldn't spend any energy in talking of himself, but spoke highly of others. He had a wonderful personality and a great sense of humour. He was a close friend and a tremendous player who gave as much back to the sport as he received.

John Sandland passed away on April 25, 1995.



Bill English Builder

BILL ENGLISH was born in Vancouver in November, 1909. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy in the 30s and served on destroyers through the Second World War in the North Atlantic. His main sports interests in his younger years were soccer and rugby. After demobilization, he worked as a salesman with the National Biscuit Company, transferring to Nanaimo in 1958.

Bill English's first contact with track and field was the 1954 Empire Games in Vancouver. He volunteered to serve as a timer at the meet and was a founding member of the Nanaimo Track & Field Club which was formed in 1960.

He had more than 30 years of service with the club as an official, coach and board member. He had an empathetic rapport with the young athletes and an amazing memory for faces of athletes he knew as children, whom he invariably recognized when he met them as adults years later.

He became the voice of track on Vancouver Island as the announcer for the Island Series meets and his incredible memory benefited both the athletes and the spectators. Bill was a major force in getting the Island Track & Field and Cross Country Series off the ground, and Nanaimo's annual cross country race is named in his honour.

Bill considered his major discovery to be Olympic athlete Angela Chalmers whom he found running in an elementary school cross country race when she was 10.

In 1981, he was inducted into the BC Track & Field Hall of Fame. Bill remained active in life and in Track & Field until a few months before his death in January, 2004 at the age of 95.



**Angie Dobie
(Radanovich)**
Athlete – Basketball

ANGIE DOBIE was born in Nanaimo in 1947. She attended Harewood Elementary where she started playing basketball in Grade 6. She then attended John Barsby Junior High where she was coached and mentored by Irene Chapman.

After that, Angie was off to Nanaimo & District Senior Secondary where she and her NDSS team placed second in the B.C. High School tournament.

Following high school, Angie attended the University of BC and played for the UBC Thunderettes. She then commuted to Victoria

to play Senior A basketball in an intercity league against Vancouver teams from 1968-1980, where she helped her team capture several National Championships. In 1980 she moved to Vancouver where she continued playing and helped her new team win two more National Championships.

From 1968-1976, Angie was a member of the Canadian National Team. Some of her highlights were playing in the World Championships in Brazil and in the Pan American Games in Cali, Columbia. While on the National team, she traveled extensively to other destinations such as Mexico, Cuba, China and many European countries including Italy, France, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania and the Czech Republic.

Angie went on to play in the Canada Winter Games as well as the World Master's Games in Australia, Portland Oregon and Edmonton. She medaled at all of these Games.

This is not the first time Angie has been recognized for her contribution to sports. She is a member of the Nanaimo Senior Secondary Sports Hall of Fame and in 2008 she was inducted into the British Columbia Basketball Hall of Fame.

Although she retired from the game after playing in the World Master Games in Edmonton, she will be playing 3 on 3 at the Huntsman World Masters Games in St. George, Utah this October.

After 35 years of employment with Telus, she retired in 2002. Although she lives in Vancouver, she says she has never forgotten how important it is to remember where she came from.



Lloyd Gilmour Builder - Official

LLOYD GILMOUR was born in Cumberland and grew up playing hockey. His junior days were spent with the Nanaimo Clippers. His play gained the attention of the New York Rangers, who in 1949 asked him to try out with the New York Rovers (Ranger farm team). Lloyd opted to stay in Nanaimo and continue playing for the Clippers.

During the off-season in 1950, Lloyd was involved in a logging accident in which he severely injured his back, pelvis, hips and legs, and endured a hospital stay of six months. Defying the experts, Lloyd was back skating soon after; however he realized he was

unable to perform at the level he was accustomed to and retired two months later.

With the 1952/53 season came the opportunity to get back in the game as a linesman and within two years, Lloyd was refereeing in the Western Hockey League (WHL).

Throughout the late 50's and 60's, Lloyd logged hundreds of thousands of miles refereeing in the WHL, the CPHL, and the AHL. He did a few games in the National Hockey League during the "original six" era. Once expansion occurred, Lloyd became a permanent fixture in the NHL.

His first NHL game was in Toronto in the legendary Maple Leaf Gardens and he was also assigned the Vancouver Canucks' first NHL game in 1970. Lloyd was involved in a number of memorable moments throughout his career including "misplacing" the puck used in the last game played at Madison Square Garden, and handling some heavy negotiations between the touring Russian Red Army team and the Philadelphia Flyers (the Broad Street Bullies) in 1976 ensuring the series continued fairly.

Although Lloyd took his fair share of abuse, throughout his career he gained the respect of the players he refereed by being consistent. He estimates he officiated 1,250 games in the NHL and 314 in the Stanley Cup playoffs. Lloyd retired in May of 1976.

Lloyd is a member of the BC Hockey Hall of Fame and was inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.



Ray Telford

Olympian 1976
Athlete – Soccer

RAY TELFORD was born in England and played mostly cricket up to the age of 16, but then started playing soccer for the local boys youth club from 1963-64. He then played for the New Hartley Welfare Juniors from 1964-65, a more formidable and competitive team.

In June of 1965, Ray immigrated to Vancouver Island where he played two seasons for Columbus Carling of the Nanaimo Senior League. From 1967 to 1970, he played for O'Keefe's Pacific Coast Soccer League in Victoria.

In the early 1970's, Ray played for teams such as the Victoria Royals of the Pacific Coast Soccer League, the Victoria Regals of the Western Canada Summer League, and the Victoria Vistas of the Pacific Coast Summer League.

In 1971 Ray was off to the National Team Trials at Camp Borden in Toronto where he would go on to represent Canada in Olympic playdowns against Bermuda and Mexico. As the winners, Ray and his team would advance to the Munich Olympic Games in 1972.

Also in 1971, Ray represented Canada at the Pan American Games in Cali, Columbia as well as in pre-Olympic tournaments in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, and against Poland, East Germany and Hungary in July of 1975. In October of that year, he also represented Canada at the Pan-American Games in Mexico City.

In 1976, as a member of Canada's Olympic soccer team he competed at the Summer Games in Montreal where he played against the Soviet Union and Korea. The first round in Olympic play was against the very strong Russian team, which was a professional organization, and were heavy underdogs, but the final score was only 2-1 for Russia and their star player was shut out.

Back at home, Ray coached the Nanaimo City and Nanaimo United teams of the Vancouver Island Soccer league from 1976-86.



Doug White

Athlete
Lacrosse & Football

DOUGLAS JOHN CHARLES WHITE was born in Nanaimo, B.C., on March 7, 1943 to Dr. Ellen White and the late Chief Doug White.

Doug was an outstanding multi-sport athlete who was the winner of the prestigious Tom Longboat Trophy Medal for Western Canada for athletic achievement, sportsmanship, and leadership. His athletic achievements were celebrated by the City of Nanaimo in 1964 when Mayor Pete Maffeo declared August 23rd as “Doug White Day” in Nanaimo.

Doug had many sports achievements. Whether it was in the box playing lacrosse or on the fields excelling in soccer or football, Doug was there leading his teams to championship levels.

In 1962, Doug led the Nanaimo Redmen to a victory over the Winnipeg Rams to win the "Little Grey Cup" before 2000 fans at Royal Athletic Park in Victoria. The Redmen were a major underdog heading into the final but pulled off an upset with a 9-8 victory over the Rams with Doug leading the offense at quarterback.

On the soccer pitch, success followed Doug as he was a two time Sun Cup Juvenile Finalist in 1959 with the Southend A.C.T. and in 1961 with the Southend Warriors. Doug was also a finalist in the senior men's 1966 Provincial Cup with the Nanaimo Carlings. Success and leadership followed Doug as his Nanaimo Luckies were one of the only two Nanaimo teams in history to compete in the renowned Mann Cup.

In 1968, Doug's Luckies came up short in the Mann Cup against the Brooklin Redmen, which was played at the Oshawa Civic Auditorium.

Doug was also a top athlete in fastball, basketball, badminton, volleyball, and track and field. Doug was offered a football scholarship to University of Eastern Washington but unfortunately injuries prevented that opportunity.

When Doug's playing days were over he contributed to Nanaimo's sports culture as a manager and coach for over 15 years in lacrosse and soccer.



Michael Edgson

Paralympian

1984, 1988 & 1992

Athlete – Swimming

MICHAEL ANDREW EDGSON was born on May 6, 1969 in North Vancouver, but soon moved to Nanaimo. He is one of Canada's most successful athletes whose performances in pools continue to rank him amongst the very best.

The most decorated Paralympic athlete in Canadian history, Michael Edgson a visually impaired swimmer has captured 18 gold and 3 silver medals setting 9 world records over three Paralympic Games.

Michael started swimming competitively at the age of eleven while living in Nanaimo British Columbia. After trying a number of different sports, he discovered the world of swimming where his

visual impairment had no boundaries.

Michael's career spanned a dozen years where he competed internationally both as an able bodied swimmer as well as a swimmer with a disability. After completing high school in Nanaimo, BC, Michael attended the University of Victoria where he joined the Vikes Swim Team and earned an undergraduate degree.

He achieved a dream when he won multiple gold medals and established new world records in competitions on the world stage at a number of international swim competitions. Included in those competitions were the 1984 Games for the Physically Disabled in Long Island, United States where he won 5 gold and 3 silver medals and broke 4 world records; the 1988 Paralympics in Seoul, South Korea where he won 9 gold medals and broke 4 world records; and the 1992 Paralympics in Barcelona, Spain where he won 4 gold and 1 silver medal and broke 1 world record.

These accomplishments earned him the BC Disabled Athlete of the Year Award on three occasions, and he was a finalist for the Canadian Athlete of the Year award in 1992.

After his swimming career, Michael was part of the Victoria Commonwealth Games Society responsible for the field of play of swimming at the Victoria Commonwealth Games. Recently inducted into the Terry Fox Hall of Fame and the first Paralympic swimmer to be inducted into Swimming Canada's *Circle of Excellence*, Michael continues to contribute to sport in Canada as a Director of the Canadian Paralympic Committee.

Michael resides in Ladner BC with his wife Aurela and their three sons, Geoffrey, Liam and Conor. In addition to being active in the local sport community, Michael works with RBC Wealth Management as a Regional Manager.



Don MacRae Rink – Team – Curling

THE NANAIMO CURLING CLUB is the home of the 1970 Canadian Senior Men's Curling Champions.

Don MacRae skipped his rink of Gene Koster, third, Bev Smiley, second and Dr. Gordon Howden, lead, to the title at the playdowns held at Kamloops in February, 1970.

To qualify as a senior, team members had to be at least 50 years old and the total team age had to be no less than 210 years. To advance to the playdowns the team had to first win the club title

in Nanaimo, they then had to follow this with wins at the Island, Pacific Coast and Provincial levels. They did this with a record of 27 wins and 1 loss.

The Canadian Championship was decided by round robin play with the 10 provinces participating, Ontario and Northern Ontario each having an entry. The MacRae rink finished the matches with a winning record of 9 wins and 1 loss. Their 1 loss was to Alberta and their closest game was a 3-2 win over Prince Edward Island, won on a measurement.

On their return to Nanaimo the team was welcomed by a motorcade through the city and a welcome home victory celebration attended by over 200 people at the Curling Club. They were later honored by the city with Silver Award's Of Merit presented by Mayor Frank Ney, the highest city award for public achievement at that time. The Province also invited them to Victoria where they were presented with gold cuff-links by Premier W.A.C. Bennett.

The MacRae rink's Senior title is the second of only two National championships recognized by the Canadian Curling Association won by a Nanaimo team, the other being the Western Canadian Ladies Championship won by the Margaret Fuller rink in 1957.

The MacRae rink has had 62 years of continuous curling with playdowns every year, and produced only two championship teams of national caliber. In the words of Nanaimo's curling champions, everyone is invited to come out and try the "roaring game."

Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Program

- 5:30 pm Doors Open to Sport Hall of Fame Banquet
 Music by the **Norm Porter Trio**
- 6:00 pm Guests take their seats
- 6:15 pm Sports Hall of Fame 2009 Inductee Procession
 Welcoming remarks by 'A' Vancouver Island's Master of
 Ceremonies' **Mira Laurence** and **Jordan Cunningham**
 Welcome to Snuneymuxw Traditional Territory
 by **Dr. Ellen White**
 Welcome by Mayor **John Ruttan**
- 6:30 pm Dinner served
- 7:30 pm Introduction of Special Guest Speaker
 Dr. Bob Hindmarch
- 8:00 pm Official Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Ceremony
- 8:50 pm Prize Draws
- 9:00 pm Closing Remarks
 (Please feel free to exit the building through the
 Museum to view the Sport Hall of Fame Induction Wall)



Dr. Bob Hindmarch

Guest Speaker

DR. BOB HINDMARCH, Dr. Bob Hindmarch, a Nanaimo, BC native entering UBC in 1948, was set to embark upon a career in UBC athletics that would cover well over 50 years. He was involved as an athlete, coach, educator and director of UBC's athletic programs.

Dr. Hindmarch completed his five-year UBC athletic career by being awarded the Bobby Gaul Award for 1953 as UBC's outstanding athlete in performance, leadership and sportsmanship.

Dr. Hindmarch completed his Master of Science degree at the University of Oregon in 1959 and was appointed assistant professor of Physical Education at UBC in 1961. He achieved his Doctorate in Education at Oregon in 1962 and became a full professor at UBC in 1974.

In 1963, when UBC was established as the base for Canada's Olympic hockey team for the 1964 Innsbruck Olympics, Dr. Hindmarch was appointed the General Manager and Assistant Coach of the Olympic team, coached by Rev. Father David Bauer. Canada's team was ultimately awarded a bronze medal for their third place finish at those '64 Games.

For 16 years Dr. Hindmarch was also vice-president of the Canadian Olympic Association and was Chef de Mission for the Canadian team at the 1984 Winter Olympics.

Dr. Hindmarch seems to have done it all at UBC - Bobby Gaul winner, campus Mardi Gras King, UBC's all-time winningest hockey coach with a record 214 victories, Professor, Chef de Mission of international events and Director of all things athletic. He was the man affectionately known as "Dr. Bob."

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