



Truro Sport Heritage Society

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Colchester County Sport Hall of Fame

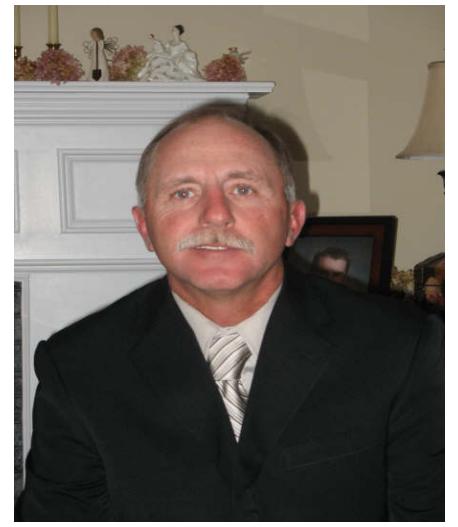
2006 Induction Ceremony

November 3, 2006

Marigold Cultural Centre
Truro, Nova Scotia

Jim Cumming

Known best for hockey, but was an athlete for all seasons. Jim's star shone brightly with the Jr. "B" Bearcats as a three time all star, a three time scoring champion, and a two time league MVP. He was instrumental in bringing Truro three league championships and two NS Championships. In 1975, Jim and his teammates brought home a hockey silver medal from the Canada Games in Lethbridge. After his glittering junior career, he spent the next decade padding his hockey resume with tryouts with the NHL Rangers and the IHL Toledo Goaldiggers; ten seasons with A&W and Bible Hill in the competitive District League; four seasons with Truro-Shubie Colonels in senior hockey; and two NS Intermediate Championships with North River. Jim, also excelling baseball won a Senior Baseball Championship in 1973 and starred with the intermediate Truro Tigers. Later moving to fastball Jim played for 20 years. His fastball career stood out playing with the great Senior B Fletcher's Restaurant teams, eventually winning an Eastern Canadian Senior B Championship.



Randy Crowell

He was sixteen when he made the Junior Bearcats roster – the youngest player on the squad. In 1970-71 he scored 115 goals and 70 assists. Truro went on to win a league and Maritime title. Following Junior B, he played with St. Mary's University winning two Maritime titles. But hockey alone didn't define his athletic ability. Even though he had tryouts with Edmonton and Chicago, he mastered just about every sport he tried. He played SMU Varsity golf and competed at the Atlantic Championships. He excelled as a high caliber fastball player with Senior A Trenton and Brookfield; with whom he won a NS title. He was a stalwart with the great Fletcher's Restaurant team both offensively and defensively. He won a NS title in Junior Curling; played in five Firefighter's National Curling Championships and even managed to humble world champ Ed Werenich along the way. Today, Randy is in his eighth year of coaching minor hockey because of his conviction that he return what he had received.

Mike Henderson

Mike Henderson of Brookfield played 17 years at the top level of Senior A Softball from 1974 to 1990. He played on nine Nova Scotia Senior A Championship teams, which held a Nova Scotia record of six consecutive championships. He played in 11 National Championships when only one team represented each province. He won a Canadian Championship gold medal, a silver medal, and two bronze medals at the national level. Henderson was acclaimed in 1977, 1978 and 1984 as All Canadian 2nd Baseman and represented Canada at the Pan American Games in San Juan. There, Team Canada won the gold medal. In 1981, he played in the World Games where he lead the Brookfield Elks in batting without one error, and helped his team capture the bronze medal. During his career Henderson was voted the best infielder in Nova Scotia eight times. He turned down many invitations to play elsewhere in the softball world so he could help lead the Brookfield Elks in Nova Scotia. Mike Henderson was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1999.





Hanson T. Dowell

Hanson Dowell, of Stewiacke, made a major contribution to the development of hockey in Nova Scotia and throughout Canada. In 1935 he acted as administrator with the Central Valley Hockey League and from there moved on to served as president of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association. Hanson then stepped up as vice-president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association for five years, becoming president from 1945 to 1947. For 12 years (1956-68) he was secretary-treasurer of the MAHA and served as treasurer from 1968-74. Dowell was the first person from Atlantic Canada to be elected president of the CAHA. Hanson Dowell was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1980.

Vernon Hopper

Vernon "Newt" Hopper was born in Truro, Nova Scotia. He began playing hockey at an early age and in 1921 was considered one of the best high-scoring defensemen of the era. Although he always remained an amateur player, coaches and fans considered Newt Hopper to be better than some of the professional players of that time. A rushing defenseman, he was an excellent stick handler and a good shot blocker. It has been suggested that if Hopper had had some professional coaching he would have been a prolific addition to any NHL team. Vernon is an original Sport Hall of Fame inductee.



David Piers

David Piers of Truro was known as the King of Clay. He reigned the court from the early 1950s to the late 1960s and is one of the finest tennis players Nova Scotia has produced. Among his trophies are 58 Nova Scotia Open crowns, 46 New Brunswick Open titles, and 21 Prince Edward Island championships. He was a member of Team Nova Scotia, the National 18 and under champions in 1951. He was ranked the number one 18 and under player in 1958 and number 10 in open competition in 1956 and 1957. David Piers was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1988.

Jack Learment

Jack Learment, of Truro attended Dalhousie University from 1906-1910. While Jack was at the University, he became a great competitor in track and field, rugby, and hockey. Jack played hockey for the 1907-1908 Halifax Crescents Hockey Club won the Nova Scotia Senior Hockey championship. That same year, Jack played centre for the Dalhousie University Hockey Team. Along with competitive hockey and rugby, Jack was also a great trap shooter with both, rifle and pistol. An all-round sportsman, Learment was also competitive in track and field. Jack is an original inductee into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.



The *Truro Sport Heritage Society* is pleased to honour these fine athletes and sport contributors as the 2006 Inductees to the "Wall of Fame" located at the newly established, *Colchester County Sport Hall of Fame*. This is an exciting time for the Society and for our community to officially open a permanent home - a place to celebrate our sport heritage, highlight the achievements and successes of our local athletes, coaches and volunteers and foster sport development and participation throughout Colchester County. The Hall of Fame consists of all our past Honor Roll inductees, who were inducted over the past 22 years at our Annual Sport Awards Dinner. We welcome and congratulate all the Hall of Fame recipients. We also extend thanks to all previous board members for their contributions to the Truro Sport Heritage Society over the years.

The Society would also like to recognize and thank the following individuals and businesses for helping to make the official opening and the first inaugural induction ceremony a huge success!

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Up Coming Truro Sport Heritage Society Events

- **New Years Eve - Comedy Fest @ The Marigold**
December 31, 2006
Tickets on sale **NOW** at the Marigold Box Office
- **Annual Sport Awards Dinner**
March, 2007
Best Western Glengarry Convention Center