



Truro Sport Heritage Society

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2008 Induction Ceremony

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Joyce Halverson

Self described as "intensely competitive," Joyce has enjoyed a life full of tremendous athletic achievement. A natural athlete by birth and by desire, she participated in soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, track, and softball, among many other sports. Competition is the very essence of who she is.

In college, she played field hockey and junior varsity basketball. In her adult years, she played all sports ending in "ball" plus curling, golf, and even gymnastics. In broomball she won a scoring title and was an MVP. She played for the NS Provincial Broomball team at two nationals. In curling, she made it to the Provincial Mixed Championships in only her second year. She was a multi-time all star in Colchester county softball. But it was golf that awaited her brilliance. Taking up the game when she was 21, she won numerous championships, particularly the Ladies' Club Championship at Northumberland in 1968, 1969 and again won at the Mountain Golf Club. She won numerous Field Day completions and the Jackie Frost "A Major" at Clare. She was 1st alternate on the NS Amateur Ladies golf

team and Ladies' Club President at the Truro Golf Club in 2005 and 2006.

Joyce has enjoyed many successes on the track and won the Corporate Challenge with Truro Jr High 3 years running.

Joyce taught Physical Education for over 35 years and played games all her life. At the age of 5, her brother would occasionally let her catch a grounder while playing "500." But her epiphany happened when she was introduced to a gymnasium. She was "absolutely and totally hooked." To say that she was able to adapt and understand sports belies her sporting genius.

Your place on the Colchester County Sports Wall of Fame eagerly awaits your company.

Dave Wilson

Like many Truro boys of his youth, Dave started playing hockey on the Marsh as did his illustrious father George (of original Bearcat fame). Dave's first organized hockey was in Junior High and he followed that with a steady diet of rugby, track, and basketball while at Kings Collegiate (now Kings Edgehill) in Windsor.

While at University of Kings College, he played for the Blue Devils in the Atlantic Colleges League and back home played in the legendary Truro and District League for Onslow and Hilden.

Dave's next sporting love was rugby. Where, along with the late Bill "Foo" Grant, he organized the Bearcat Rugby Club playing in the Halifax and District Rugby League. In addition to playing for many years, he held various positions with the Maritime Rugby Union.

Although Dave had many and varied sporting interests, he truly found his passion in skiing. With his father, he developed Wentworth into the Maritimes largest ski area and the flagship of Atlantic Canada skiing. He personally started skiing and racing in the late 1950's and early 1960's and won several of the inaugural races.

Teamed with Ralph "Ducky" Cream and Fred Caudle, they organized the first Canadian Ski Patrol in Atlantic Canada and, partnered with Freda Wales, founded the first Canadian Ski Instructors course. The first president of the Atlantic Ski Area Operators Association and the recipient of many awards for his contribution to Atlantic Canada Skiing has made Dave a household name in Truro. He most certainly deserves the honour of being inducted into the Colchester County Sports Wall of Fame.



Jans (Wilson) Henderson

Perhaps it's in the genes, because here is another of those remarkable Wilsons. Jans has participated in athletics for a very long time and has been a competitive force. During her time at Colchester County Academy, she starred in track and field, badminton, swimming, and any other sport she was asked or wanted to play. She was, however, a great swimmer and won the girls' division of the Nova Scotia Swimming Championships.

Jans partnered with another formidable female Truro athlete when she and Carolyn Flemming MacDonald won the Junior Ladies Doubles Tennis Championships - not once - but three years running in 1949, 1950, and again in 1951.

Leaving high school and her hometown did not diminish her athletic prowess. During her collegiate years at Dalhousie from 1951 - 1955, she captained the Dalhousie Women's basketball team that won a Maritime Intercollegiate Championship in 1955. She played tennis and won a Maritime Intercollegiate singles title in badminton in 1952. Jans also played ice hockey and field hockey.

The remarkable athlete continued to play competitive tennis well into the 1980's. She currently "merely" plays tennis. She currently skis (she is a Wilson), plays tennis and she swims on a regular bases.

Jans volunteered her time as a tennis coach at Sir Charles Tupper and St. Andrews schools in Halifax, always seeking to give back to sport what sport gave to her. She also taught tennis at the Shortts Lake Tennis Club. Jans also served on the Executive of the NS Tennis Association and was Chair of the Recreation committee of the Halifax YWCA.

For truly making her legacy in sports, we warmly welcome Jans to her rightful spot on the Colchester County Sport Wall of Fame.

Gerry Hale

Gerry Hale was born and grew up in one of Nova Scotia's premier sports towns. Westville offered him a sense of community and leadership and it paid off in spades with Gerry. He played Little League baseball and APC League rugby where he won two provincial championships. At Acadia University in Wolfville, NS, he lettered in football, a sign of things to come.

Since coming to Truro in 1968, Gerry has been involved in many athletic pursuits as a player, coach, official and front office administration. Playing with A&W in the very good Industrial League, he was part of 4 consecutive softball championships. He coached football from 1974 until 2001. Teams included, namely the Salmon River Chiefs, Brookfield Football Elks, the Blue Bombers, and the Bantam Freightliners, provincial champs in 1988.

He coached Little League baseball, reactivated and re-energized Bantam baseball and helped create the Truro - Bible Hill Minor Baseball League. His rep teams won Provincial and Atlantic titles in Bantams, Midgets, and Juveniles. He was also the assistant coach with Mr. Kool Radiator Juniors, also a championship team.

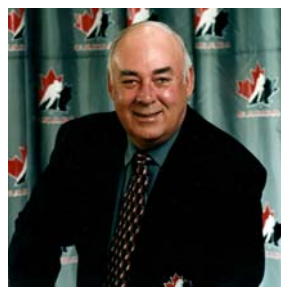
Gerry has also given back to sport in other ways. He was an administrator in baseball, minor hockey, and football. With his capable guidance and hard work, he and others revived minor football from very lean years, it now thrives throughout the province.

He has spent the last 12 years as Director and Media Coordinator with the Junior A Bearcats. He participated in the Allan Cup; assisted in the World Under 17 Hockey Championships and the Fred page Cup events. Gerry has been a tireless worker for any sporting event with which he has been associated.

This Coach of the Year winner, this Merit Award winner, this Pictou County Hall of Famer, this namesake of the Gerry Hale Football Jamboree, this very dedicated sportsman richly deserves his spot on the Colchester County Sport Wall of Fame.



Jed Ritcey



To suggest that Jed Ritcey is a giant in Truro sports circles, particularly hockey, is a profound understatement.

The eldest child of Gerry and Mary Ritcey, Jed set out to carve his sporting resume starting in 1969. He was a volunteer coach in Truro midget football; coached with CEC in its football infancy; coached Little League baseball (including a town championship) and also found time to be President of the Truro School Bands Auxiliary.

In the mid-seventies he became a coach in Truro minor hockey. From 1977 - 1980 he was the Junior A Bearcats head coach. For a three-year period he was president of the Truro Sports Heritage Society.

Jed served as President of Hockey Nova Scotia, Vice-chair of Hockey Canada (the first Nova Scotian in 47 years elected to Hockey Canada's Board; a member of the 2003 World Junior Executive Committee; Chair of Accreditation for both Women's and Men's World Hockey Championships in Halifax; and Vice-President since 2007 of the Maritime Junior A Hockey League.

Tonight, we are not the first to honour Jed, merely the proudest. He is a Life Member of Hockey NS and was awarded the Order of Merit from Hockey Canada. In 1996 he was named Volunteer of the Year by Hockey Canada. Hockey Nova Scotia has named the volunteer of the year winner after Jed Ritcey. Rightfully so.

Truro's sporting community is indeed fortunate to have a dedicated and selfless man like Jed Ritcey. Welcome to your honoured place on "your" Sports Wall of Fame.

Clobie Collins

At the age of 17, Clobie came to Grand Falls, Newfoundland in mid - December of 1953. He was a slim, athletic young man with a happy glint in his eye. He had come to play hockey with the Andcos, a team named after the Anglo Newfoundland Development Co.

Clobie could skate and he had developed into a very good hockey player. His stints with his hometown Bearcats and Quebec Junior Citadels cemented his young reputation and he quickly endeared himself to his new hometown. Five successive Newfoundland championships also helped to make Clobie very much a household name. In addition to playing in Grand Falls, Clobie also excelled in Corner Brook, helping his team win Newfoundland championships in 1962, '64, and again in 1966.

Clobie exploits on the base paths and on the ice cannot be fully appreciated on their own merit. To exclude the shadow of race and race relations in the 1940's, 50's, and 60's would do a large disservice to Clobie Collins and many of his African-Canadian contemporaries. Black men simply were not given an opportunity to show their stuff, but this was an exceptionally gifted athlete, who ultimately broke down those racial barriers.

Sports veterans in Newfoundland to this day delight in telling Clobie stories. This very talented athlete, distinguished gentleman, and son of Truro is welcomed to the Truro Sports Heritage Wall of Fame.



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The *Truro Sport Heritage Society* is pleased to honour these fine athletes and sport contributors as the 2008 Inductees to the "Wall of Fame" located at the *Colchester County Sport Hall of Fame*. The Society is proud to celebrate the sport heritage, achievements and successes of local athletes, coaches and volunteers. The Society aims to foster sport development and participation throughout Colchester County. The Hall of Fame consists of all past Honor Roll inductees, who were inducted over the past 24 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 this event a huge success!

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Truro Sport Heritage Society 25th Annual Sports Awards Dinner – February 26th, 2009

Best Western Glengarry Trade & Convention Centre

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Master of Ceremonies – Bruce Rainnie

Speaker – Tracey Cameron, Olympic Bronze Medalist in Rowing, 2008 Olympics



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