



CELEBRATING OUR
5th
EDITION



MILTON
SPORTS
HALL OF FAME

Class of 2020
Induction Ceremony
Saturday, October 30, 2021

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Message from Mayor Gord Krantz

On behalf of Milton Town Council, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of those in attendance at this induction ceremony.

Thank you to the organizing committee for hosting this induction ceremony for the Milton Sports Hall of Fame. Your ongoing commitment and support for this project helps celebrate our history and legacy in sports.

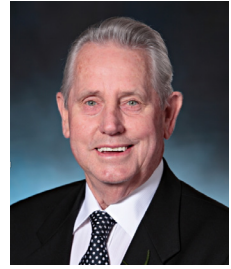
As a dynamic, diverse and growing community, we continue to invest in facilities, programs and initiatives to promote healthy and active living. However, while Milton is growing, we continue to take pride in our roots and the heritage that defines our Town.

I hope visitors to the Milton Sports Hall of Fame learn more about our past, recall fond memories of great sporting moments, and celebrate the impressive achievements of our hometown athletes.

Congratulations to all of tonight's inductees!



Mayor Gordon Krantz



Board of Directors



Left to Right: Drew Todd (Vice-Chair and Ceremony Coordinator), Joe Yaworski (Chair), Glenn Turner (Nomination Coordinator), Martha Gleeson (Member), Neel Bhatt (member), Kelly Guard (Treasurer and Fundraising Coordinator), Rod McLachlan (Ceremony Coordinator), Linda Lipari (Member), Uwe Samstag-Schnock (Secretary), Greg Ollerenshaw (Member), Bob (Pie) Lee (Member). *Image taken October 2019, pre-COVID-19.*

Message from the Chairman



On behalf of the Milton Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors, I welcome you, to the Induction Ceremony for the Class of 2020. The November 2020 Ceremony was cancelled because of Covid-19. We are very pleased to be able to do these Inductions in-person today.

This is our fifth Induction Ceremony. This will certainly be a memorable day as we induct 5 more into the Hall, to celebrate their athleticism and show our appreciation for the entertainment that they have provided us and their selfless effort in building sport in Milton.

The Milton Sports Hall of Fame is committed to recognize, honour and preserve the sports accomplishments and contributions of our sporting community. The Sports Hall of Fame Board researches, collects, exhibits and promotes the history significant to sport in Milton.

I offer a heartfelt “Thank You” for the tireless efforts of the Board, to the Milton Town Council, who endorsed this class of Inductees, to Town Staff for their support and to our sponsors. Thank you to all of the guests today who helped us formally recognize excellence in sports in Milton.

On behalf of the Board I congratulate and thank, Steve Condren, Travis Gerrits, Martha Gleeson, Pat Gleeson, Darlene Kranstz and Bill Rowney, collectively the “Class of 2020”, for their invaluable contributions to sports, for entertaining us and for teaching us and future Miltonians to reach for the stars. Welcome to the “100% Club”.

These Inductees have all excelled in their chosen sports at the local level and in many cases on the world stage as well.

A video of today’s inductions will be available on our website later this year at www.MiltonSportsHoF.com

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Yaworski". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joe Yaworski, Chairman Milton Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors

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Master of Ceremonies - Chris Mei



Christopher Mei has been the Master of Ceremonies for our Milton Sports Hall of Fame since its inception in 2016. He comes with over 20 years of international public speaking and hosting experience that started in 1996! Christopher has been in the performing arts all his life on stage, on television, in film and on radio. He has been with The Weather Network for 15 years as a national television host where he commonly strived to expand his horizons into more short-form segment

programming. That goal was finally achieved last year when in January he was granted the full-time opportunity to write, produce and voice his signature project, the podcast “This Day in Weather History”. You can see it on the station, on yahoo.ca and on YouTube. You can hear it every day wherever you already listen to podcasts.

“In the years that I have been working with this committee in staging this grand event, I have been blown away by just how many riches our Milton community has contributed to the world of sports and athletics from every avenue. We have athletes, officials, innovators and builders dating back to the beginning of this region. Last year was an anomaly and one we hope we never experience again with a total shutdown of life. Today we return to celebrate and honour those who have been an exceptional part of our history and culture as a town. Welcome back Milton! Welcome back to the Milton Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for The Class of 2020!”

Agenda - Milton Sports Hall of Fame Induction

A Look Back at the 2016-19 Classes - Video

Welcome Chris Mei, Master of Ceremonies

Piping of Inductee

Opening Remarks Joe Yaworski
.....Mayor Gord Krantz

Inductee Plaque Unveiling

Inductions Martha Gleeson & Pat Gleeson, Bill Rowney,
.....Darlene Kranstz, Steve Condren, Travis Gerrits

Welcome New Inductee

Closing Remarks Chris Mei



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Past Inductees

Inductee	Category	Sport	Year
Darren Haydar	Athlete	Ice Hockey	2019
Scott Hogarth	Athlete	Martial Arts	2016
Bob Kranstz	Athlete	Jiu-Jitsu	2018
Peter McDuffe	Athlete	Ice Hockey	2017
Enio Scisizzi	Athlete	Ice Hockey	2017
Neil Teague	Athlete	Softball	2019
John Tonelli	Athlete	Ice Hockey	2016
Ed Whitlock	Athlete	Athletics	2016
Dave Brush	Builder	Ice Hockey/Baseball	2018
Bradley Grant	Builder	Ice Hockey	2018
Janet Campbell	Builder	Gymnastics	2019
Bruce Hood	Builder	Ice Hockey	2017
Cliff Houston	Builder	Ice Hockey/Baseball/Tennis	2017
Jim Leworthy	Builder	Lacrosse	2018
Carole Murray	Builder	Swimming	2016
Jim Ridley	Builder	Baseball	2019
Leon Stickle	Builder	Ice Hockey	2019
Campbellville Merchants	Team	Baseball	2016
E.C. Drury Spartans	Team	Freestyle Wrestling	2017
Milton Jr. A Merchants '96-'98	Team	Ice Hockey	2018

Class of 2020

Steve Condren	Athlete	Horse Racing	2020
Travis Gerrits	Athlete	Freestyle Skiing (Aerials)	2020
Darlene Kranstz	Athlete	Martial Arts (Jiu-Jitsu)	2020
Martha Gleeson & Pat Gleeson	Builder	Basketball	2020
Bill Rowney	Builder	Ice Hockey	2020

Nominations for 2022 are Now Open

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Martha Gleeson & Pat Gleeson | Basketball

B U I L D E R S



Martha Gleeson and Pat Gleeson are known as Milton’s basketball “birth parents”. Long before the NBA came north of the border and before the Raptors became Canada’s sweetheart team, the Gleesons identified a void when it came to basketball in town. There were no instructional programs. There were no leagues. It was high school-level basketball or nothing.

Determined to change the narrative, Martha and Pat started a program involving the local YMCA, before branching out and creating what became known as Monarch Basketball. Through dedication and resolve Martha and Pat’s comprehensive Monarch program offered year-round options, such as: instructional camps, house league competition, summer camps, travel teams and high school coaching.

Martha and Pat witnessed the successes of the Monarch program for over two decades as their legacy grew year by year. There were championships and player awards, but the culmination may have come in 1997 when the Toronto Raptors recognized Martha for her coaching achievements. But in the end, it was the intangibles that were instilled in their young pupils that Martha and Pat could be most proud of: self-esteem, belonging, teamwork, striving for a goal, and building a sense of pride in one’s community.

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Bill Rowney | Ice Hockey

B U I L D E R



Bill Rowney has been involved in minor hockey for over 60 years in Milton. He is recognized as the ultimate hockey volunteer, with an all-encompassing passion and dedication that has manifested itself in many ways.

For over 40 years, Bill held the position of Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) secretary. But his dedication

to the Town wasn't limited just to hockey. He also sat on the Milton Hydro Board for an unbelievable 44 years.

His hockey leadership includes managing the Milton Legion Bantam Hockey Club for nine years, with multiple Tri-County Championships secured, as well as leading the OMHA as District Convenor for the Tri-County Area. Bill was also president of the Tri-County Minor Hockey Association for two years.

Bill was the tournament director of the Tri-County Juvenile Tournament in the late 1960's – a highly successful annual Easter weekend competition of 500 players from 36 towns. The tournament was a fundraiser for the 1959 Listowel Arena collapse disaster fund. There were teams from across the province and across the border suiting up in Milton. Even with all of that success, Bill was always quick to identify areas for improvement and follow through the next year on those perfections.

Additionally, Bill has held the position of President of Milton Minor Hockey from 1967-69. In 1972, Bill received the Jim Brockle Memorial Trophy for his service to the 95-team Tri-County League.

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Darlene Kranstz | Martial Arts (Jiu-Jitsu)

A T H L E T E



Darlene Kranstz is an 8th-degree black belt in Jiu-Jitsu and she brings over 40 years of experience to her pursuit of martial arts excellence. Following in the footsteps of her father Hanshi Bob Kranstz, who was inducted into the Milton Sports Hall

of Fame in 2018, Darlene has carved her own career path that has led her around the world as a high-performance athlete representing Milton.

Darlene's sporting resume is not only noteworthy, but also historic. She is a four-time world champion (1988, 1992, 1995 and 1996) and was a North American champion in 1989. Darlene became an inductee of the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 1992. In 1994, she was named Instructor of the Year by the Canadian Jiu-Jitsu Association, and a year later she was inducted into the Canadian Black Belt Hall of Fame. Finally, in 2000 she received a lifetime achievement award from the World Kobudo Federation.

After years of training and competition Darlene became head instructor and later owner of Milton Jiu-Jitsu, the same Milton dojo established by her father in 1974. She has inspired countless kids in Milton, encouraging respect and thoughtfulness in their daily lives. Her focus on the junior ranks and youth led the club's membership to swell to over 200 members.

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Steve Condren | Horse Racing

A T H L E T E



If you can see it, you can be it. Those words hold true for Milton's Steve Condren.

Steve moved to town as a sixth-grader and it was a trip to the local Mohawk Racetrack that cemented his love for horse racing as a youngster.

Fast-forward through 30-plus years as one of the most respected and humble drivers in Canadian harness racing history, and it is easy to see why Steve is so beloved by Miltonians as a fixture of Mohawk Racetrack.

Steve led the Ontario Jockey Club as its top driver for numerous years in the 1980s, 90s and 2000s. He has won an incredible 6,859 races, guiding his winners to more than \$114-million. Perhaps his most memorable victory came in 1989 when he won the \$1-million North America Cup, the richest harness race on the continent.

In 1996, Steve captured the prestigious Breeders Crown on his home track in Campbellville. He followed that up in 1997 with the O'Brien Award as Canada's Driver of the Year. In 2011 he was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame.

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Travis Gerrits | Aerial Skiing

A T H L E T E



Born and raised in Milton, Travis Gerrits' sporting journey is one of incredible heights. From local gymnastics to the Olympics in Russia, Travis never forgot his roots.

Travis's fearless career began to gain momentum in the mid-2000s on the Nor-Am circuit after a series of podium finishes catapulted him into the World Cup. By 2011 his talent put Milton on the map, and Travis was Fédération Internationale de Ski Rookie of the Year.

His global career took flight during the spring of 2013. Travis secured two World Cup second-place finishes and achieved an impressive World Championship silver in Norway. With his second-place result at Worlds, Travis qualified for the 2014 Winter Olympics, where he represented Canada with a 7th place finish.

Never one to wilt under the brightest lights, Travis took centre-stage at China's 90,000-seat national stadium, the Bird's Nest, in December 2013. Performing a perfect quadruple twisting, triple-flip on his final jump, Travis not only won gold, but he secured the circuit's prestigious yellow bib as World Cup leader.

Throughout his remarkable career Travis battled and overcame numerous injuries. In his post-career life, he is an outspoken Canadian mental health advocate.

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Be proud of all your accomplishments
that brought you to this incredible event.

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Milton Lawn Bowling Club

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The Milton Sports Hall of Fame extends a big thank you to all of the sponsors for their generous contributions to this event. We extend a very special thank you to the many volunteers working to make tonight's event a success.

Merchandise Locker Room

We have partnered with Baron Rings, famous for their Toronto Raptors and other celebration/championship rings. Inductees can now purchase either a Milton Sports Hall of Fame ring or pendant that is unique to them. It will include the year of induction, their name, and the sport they were inducted for.

The rings and pendants can be purchased by the Inductees themselves or could be bought by family or friends to commemorate this wonderful achievement.

These can be purchased at any time and do not have to be bought in the year of induction. We hope that you will display and wear these proudly and continue to represent the Milton Sports Hall of Fame.



Now available for family and friends of the Inductees, friends of the Hall, and the general public, “Milton Sports Hall of Fame” branded hoodies, t-shirts and caps.

To order, please visit www.miltonsportshof.com/pages/baron



"Journey to the Hall"

2022 Milton Sports Hall of Fame Sports Camp



Image taken July 2019, pre COVID-19

Plans are well underway for the 2022 Camp which is scheduled for July 4-8, 2022. This is a multi-sport camp that is a great opportunity for athletes aged 9-12 to participate in several 'new-to-them' sports. The camp is organized and supervised by high school physical education teachers and qualified volunteers. It also will include motivational appearances by local sports organizations and some of our own Hall of Famers.

The camp fosters a passion for sports and athleticism while teaching healthy competition. One day, we hope to see these young athletes come full circle and become inducted into Milton's Hall of Fame, another step in a 'Journey to the Hall'.

More information about the 2022 Camp will be posted on our Website.

Athlete registration and Sponsorship inquiries can be sent to:

mshofcamp@gmail.com.

Milton Sports Hall of Fame

Milton has a rich sporting history; many elite-level athletes were born, grew up or have moved into Milton.

The Milton Sports Hall of Fame is a not-for-profit organization. The Board members are all volunteers who work together to formally recognize Milton's top athletes, teams and sports builders. The Milton Sports Hall of Fame pays tribute to those who have brought us so much excitement and pride.

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We are very proud of the Milton Sports Wall of Fame in the Milton Sports Centre and the Milton Sports Hall of Fame online presence. The Wall of Fame includes static and video history of the Inductees, present and past.

THE 2022 INDUCTION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2022.

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