

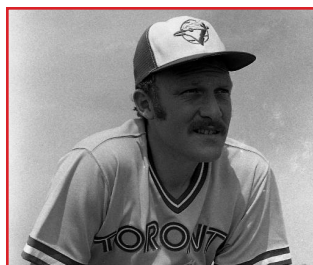
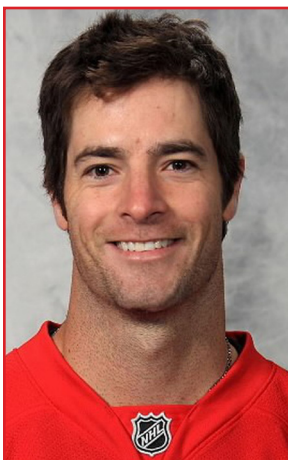


MILTON
SPORTS
HALL OF FAME

Induction Ceremony

Class of 2019

Thursday, November 14, 2019



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 this evening.

Thank you to the organizing committee for hosting tonight's 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)

Message from the Chairman



On behalf of the Milton Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors, I welcome you to the 2019 Induction Ceremony.

This is our fourth Induction Ceremony. Tonight 5 Inductees are added to the Milton Sports Hall of Fame to celebrate their athleticism, the entertainment that they have provided and their building of sport here in Milton and beyond.

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. The Board started a new program this year, a multi-sport camp “Journey to the Hall” to introduce our youth to the variety of sports activities that are available to them here in Milton.

I offer a heartfelt “Thank You” for the tireless efforts of the Board, to the Milton Town Council, who endorsed this year’s Inductees, to Town Staff for their support and to our numerous sponsors, without whom this event could not happen. Thank you to all of the attendees tonight who have come out to help us formally recognize excellence in sports in Milton.

On behalf of the Board I congratulate and thank, Janet Campbell, Darren Haydar, Leon Stickle, Neil Teague and Jim Ridley (posthumously), collectively the “Class of 2019”, 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 handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Yaworski". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joe Yaworski, Chairman of the Board

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MILTON SPORTS

HALL OF FAME

Past Inductees

Inductee	Category	Sport	Year
Scott Hogarth	Athlete	Martial Arts	2016
Bob Kranstz	Athlete	Jiu-Jitsu	2018
Peter McDuffe	Athlete	Ice Hockey	2017
Enio Sclisizzi	Athlete	Ice Hockey	2017
John Tonelli	Athlete	Ice Hockey	2016
Ed Whitlock	Athlete	Athletics	2016
Dave Brush	Builder	Ice Hockey/Baseball	2018
Bradley Grant	Builder	Ice Hockey	2018
Bruce Hood	Builder	Ice Hockey	2017
Cliff Houston	Builder	Ice Hockey/Baseball/Tennis	2017
Jim Leworthy	Builder	Lacrosse	2018
Carole Murray	Builder	Swimming	2016
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 2019

Darren Haydar	Athlete	Ice Hockey	2019
Neil Teague	Athlete	Softball	2019
Janet Campbell	Builder	Gymnastics	2019
Jim Ridley	Builder	Baseball	2019
Leon Stickle	Builder	Ice Hockey	2019

Nominations for 2020 Are Now Open

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BASEBALLMILTON

Master of Ceremony - 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 experience that started in 1996! Christopher has been in the performing arts all his life on stage, on television, in film and on radio. You can see him every afternoon, Monday through Friday, on The Weather Network and CBC News Network.

Christopher also studied at the Second City Comedy Improv School in Toronto and when faced with Conservatory, he opted instead for his own musical comedy troupe

“Our Milton community has a rich history in the world of sports and athletics from every avenue. We have athletes, officials, innovators and builders dating back to the beginning of this region. This is where we celebrate and honour those who have been an exceptional part of our history and culture as a town”.

Agenda - Milton Sports Hall of Fame Induction

Cocktail Hour

Wall of Fame Unveiling..... Joe Yaworski & 2019 Inductees

A Look Back at the Class of 2018

Welcome..... Chris Mei, Master of Ceremony

Piping of InducteesDave Punton Jr.

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

Sports Camp Athletes of 2019: Liv Ollerenshaw, Ben Kilburn and Finn Kilburn

Inductions Neil Teague, Jim Ridley, Leon Stickle,
..... Janet Campbell, Darren Haydar

Welcome New Inductees.....

Closing Remarks Chris Mei

Social

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NEIL TEAGUE

Softball



Born in Derrygonnelly, Northern Ireland, Neil Teague moved to Canada and first started his softball career in Omagh in 1975, as an eight-year-old, and after an esteemed 38-year career, he retired from competitive softball play in 2013.

As a hard-hitting righty, Neil worked his way through the local softball ranks and made the jump to provincial, national and international success. From 1994 to 2013, Neil enjoyed major successes, including five national titles, three provincial titles, two Ontario Amateur Softball Association elimination titles and went on to Canada's national men's softball team.

Always a leader on championship teams, Neil also played first base and went 4-for-4 in the title game of the SPN Men's "A" Ontario Championships in 2004, scoring all four times.

In 2012, Neil finally captured an elusive title, the prestigious Yvon 'Pif' Depatie International Invitational Championship, one of North America's largest softball tournaments. With his then-six-year-old son serving as bat boy, the team presented the trophy to Neil to keep, knowing how many years he had been chasing his dream.

Neil has also shown his commitment to the sport off the field by founding the Aidan Teague/Mac Kids Charity Softball Classic, netting over \$125,000 to support McMaster Children's Hospital in honour of the care given to Neil's family during the difficult birth of his son.

From 2007 to 2014, Neil also founded the Aidan Teague/Spring Training with the Pros events in North Carolina, Florida and Nevada. These events raised funds for McMaster Children's Hospital and local children in need.

Neil's impact extends well beyond Canada's borders. At Spring Training with the Pros in Florida in 2014, he inspired one young man with autism, then 18-year-old Taylor Duncan – through Neil's culture of acceptance, teamwork and inclusion – to found Alternative Baseball, a non-profit that brings baseball to teens and adults with autism and other special needs.

In 2017, Neil was inducted into the Ontario Softball Summit SPO Hall of Fame.

Currently, in addition to coaching teams in both Milton Girls Softball and Milton Minor Baseball, Neil is the founding partner and instructor at M3 Baseball Academy in Milton.

ATHLETE

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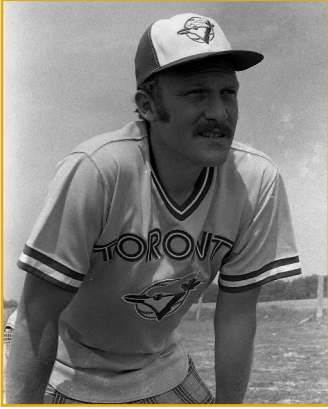
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JIM RIDLEY

Baseball



Jim Ridley is baseball. Canadian baseball. Milton baseball. Baseball. Period.

Jim dedicated the better part of his life to baseball. No matter its form. No matter its level. It permeated his life, through and through, from work to family to fun.

After two seasons as an outfielder with the Milwaukee Braves in 1964-65, Jim Ridley returned to Canada where he would have a significant impact on baseball for the next 40 years.

While continuing to play in the Intercounty Baseball League, where he was named league MVP in

1974, Jim launched his storied coaching and scouting career. He began as a part-time scout with the Detroit Tigers, before quickly joining the Toronto Blue Jays in 1976 to run the club's very first tryout camp in Utica, New York.

In his 26 years as a scout with the Blue Jays, Jim was the driving force behind the decisions to sign Canadians like Paul Spoljaric, Rob Butler and David Corrente. Jim also served as a coach with the Jays' affiliate team in Medicine Hat from 1978 to 1980.

As a highly respected coach at the local level, Jim also led the Canadian Junior National Team from 1983 to 1988 guiding them to two bronze medals at the World Junior Championships. He also coached the Canadian Olympic baseball team in 1988 and three years later he managed the Canadian squad at the Pan Am Games.

In 2002, Jim served as a scout with the Minnesota Twins and was later inducted posthumously into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014.

Amongst his greatest accomplishments was certainly his family, including his daughter and two sons. Both boys, Jeremy and Shayne, picked up his love of the game, playing for Ball State University. Jeremy was later drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays, with the Baltimore Orioles selecting Shayne.

A consummate educator, Jim's day job saw him as a teacher, until his retirement in 1995, which also afforded him the opportunity to coach both of his boys on the Milton District Mustangs baseball team.

Jim passed away in 2008 and each year the Canadian Baseball Network presents the Jim Ridley Award to the country's top scout in his memory.

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Be proud of all your accomplishments
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LEON STICKLE

Ice Hockey



Leon Stickle has spent his entire life in hockey, starting out as a young minor player, before his esteemed 27-year career as an NHL linesman.

But Leon's hockey exploits weren't the only ones to fill the local sports pages. Leon was an avid baseball player as well, suiting up for the Milton Intermediate Red Sox in the 1960's as a teenager. In the summer of 1964, Leon hit one triple to tie the game for the Sox, and then hit a second triple for the Milton Midgets to help win that game, just three days later.

In late 1966, Leon was also a local snooker champion, receiving a large radio and an inscribed trophy for his efforts.

After starting with the Sarnia Junior "B" Legionnaires, Leon also excelled for several seasons with the O.H.A. Junior "C" Milton Merchants hockey team, where in 1965-66 he was among the team scoring leaders. He often teamed up with fellow linemate Craig Brush, who is the son of Milton Sports Hall of Fame inductee Dave Brush (2018).

In 1977, he admitted to the Milton Canadian Champion that during his time as a Merchants player, "I was a terrible referee-baiter. It's funny and it's been a great learning experience to be on the other side of the fence."

During his NHL career, Leon officiated six Stanley Cup finals, 2,069 regular season games, 206 playoff games, two Canada Cups, the 1979 Challenge Cup and Rendezvous '87.

He also officiated four NHL All-Star Games, including 1975 in Montreal, 1978 in Buffalo, NY, 1983 in Long Island, NY, and 1997 in San Jose, CA.

From 1994 until his retirement, he wore uniform number 33.

After retiring as an NHL linesman in 1998, Leon joined the Western Professional Hockey League, where he spent three seasons as supervisor of officials before being named director of officiating in 2000. He was then named NHL's supervisor of officials in 2003.

Leon continues to be involved in hockey today working with the Ontario Hockey League and Central Hockey League to develop younger officials starting out in their careers.

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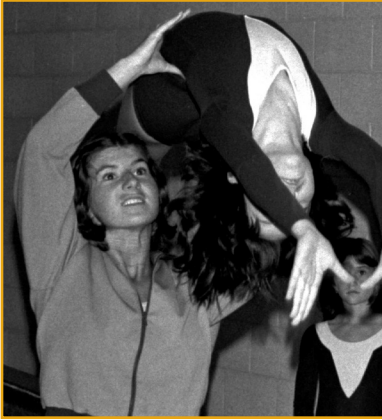


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JANET CAMPBELL

Gymnastics



The Halton Gymnastics Club was founded in 1973 and in 1975 saw a vacancy in the head coach position. After a lengthy and unsuccessful search, Janet Campbell “the light they had so wished for” arrived in 1977. Although she had no experience at running a club, and was fresh out of university, Janet was a previous gymnast and had a determination to succeed that made the rest history.

In 1978, due to a naming conflict with Halton Hills, the club pondered changing its name to the “Miltonettes”, “Valdettes” or “Springers”, before settling on the latter.

The club started with 12 competitive gymnasts and 30 recreational participants and the programs were held at E.C. Drury High School. With Janet’s vision and strength, the club was molded into the present-day successful enterprise it is, with 55 competitive gymnasts and over 1,100 recreational participants.

In the early lean days of the club, Janet would sometimes hold back her paycheque just to keep the club afloat, setting up and taking down the equipment every night – a far cry from the expansive facility the club now enjoys at the Milton Sports Centre.

Janet spent 30 years as the head coach and chief administrator for the Milton Springers Gymnastic Club, only adding an office manager in 2003. Janet was a member of the Ontario Gymnastic Federation and was awarded an Honorary Life Membership upon her retirement. The Federation recognized the Milton Springers Gymnastics Club as the “Club of the Year” in 2006 out of 195 clubs in Ontario.

In June of 2007, Janet stepped down as head coach of the Springers. Two months prior, Celena Morgan secured Milton Springers’ first-ever all-around provincial championship win.

Janet’s impact on generations of Milton athletes cannot be overstated and has seen success in their post gymnastic careers, including Travis Gerrits (Canadian Olympic freestyle skier); Vicki Chliszczyk (head coach of Towson University Gymnastics in Maryland); Sydney Townsend (National junior team), to name a few.

Janet’s career has been highlighted by numerous accomplishments including Provincial Coaching Chairperson; Ontario Representative to Gymnastics Canada; Ontario Gymnastics Federation Award Chairperson; Central Region Provincial Coach; Ontario Gymnastics Federation honours for years of service; ATHENA Award and Provincial Judge.

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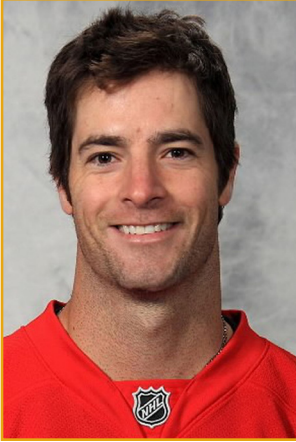
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DARREN HAYDAR

Ice Hockey



Overcoming challenges. Overcoming adversity. Themes that have come to define the life and career of Darren Haydar.

Sizable height and weight were once perceived as a tremendous advantage before the NHL's crackdown on obstruction. But at five-foot-nine, 170-pounds, Darren not only was ahead of his time, but he also carved out a career many could only hope for.

The Haydars first began filling the local sports pages in the mid-80s, with older brothers Jeff and Ryan leading the way.

Darren really began to turn heads in his third season with the Milton Merchants, setting league records with 71 goals and 140 points – a time when Hockey Night in Canada's

Ron MacLean, who refereed him, said Darren was just “unbelievable”.

With back-to-back league titles and a Dudley Hewitt Cup in hand, Darren left Milton for the University of New Hampshire, where after just one season, the NHL's Nashville Predators selected him in the 1999 Entry Draft. Darren became a surefire star in New Hampshire – 76 points in 40 games in his final season and chants of “Hobey” serenading him, in reference to the NCAA award for hockey player of the year.

The crafty and cerebral winger would go on to lead both the Milwaukee Admirals and the Chicago Wolves to Calder Cup titles. Along the way, he featured in 23 NHL games for Nashville, Atlanta and Colorado.

In 2008 his future wife Sara was diagnosed with cancer, which she later beat, before Darren began to experience multiple sclerosis symptoms in 2012. But Darren continued to excel in Europe, before coming home and organizing an annual golf tournament for the MS Society. He continues to give back through his Milton hockey school.

To say that Darren is one of the greatest AHL players of all-time would be an understatement. Numerous AHL records and accolades are paired with his name – Rookie of the Year, All-Star, League Scoring Champion, League MVP, the stick and puck he used to break the longest AHL scoring streak of all-time is preserved in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Challenges? Adversity? Now he's someone kids will look up to in the Milton Sports Hall of Fame.

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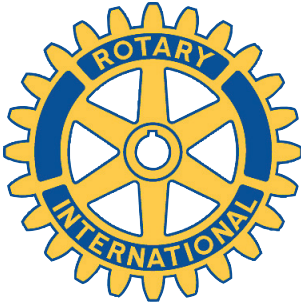
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NEIL TEAGUE JANET CAMPBELL JIM RIDLEY DARREN HAYDAR LEON STICKLE

“JOURNEY TO THE HALL”

2019 Milton Sports Hall of Fame Sports Camp



The Milton Sports Hall of Fame was proud to present a unique sports camp this past July. The week-long multi-sport camp utilized community sports organizations, high school physical education teachers, and qualified volunteers to instruct athletes aged 9-12 years old. The athletes were highly motivated by daily presentations from Milton Sports Hall of Fame inductees, and decorated Canadian athletes Jeff Ellsworth (National Men’s Softball) and Adam van Koeverden (Olympic medalist Kayaker).

While this fundraising venture proved to be successful, we quickly learned that this Camp also 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 our Hall of Fame.

The Milton Sports Hall of Fame is very thankful to all the individuals, organizations and sponsors who have assisted us with these athletes’ “JOURNEY TO THE HALL”: Aimco Solrec Ltd., Ollie’s Roofing Ltd., Cotton Candy Inc., Wayne Guard, M3 Baseball Academy, Epic Party Rentals (Halton), Robert “Pie” Lee Insurance, J.Taveres - Market Dr. Tim Hortons.

The 2020 Sports Camp will be held July 20th to 24th. The MSHoF will be looking for 70 young athletes ages 9 to 12 to participate.

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 2020 INDUCTION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2020.

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