



# Team Canada Alumni Association



## Summer 2015 Newsletter



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## Message from Gord Sherven

Chair of the Team Canada Alumni Association Advisory Committee

Welcome to your 2015 Team Canada Alumni Association Summer Newsletter.

The annual Hockey Canada Foundation Celebrity Classic gala and golf was held in June in Toronto. Once again the foundation raised a tremendous amount of money to be directed back to grassroots hockey and the development of the game across the country.

We have a great piece on the reunion of the Whitby Dunlops, who won the 1958 IIHF World Championship in Oslo, Norway.

### The TCAA congratulates:

- Sheldon Kennedy – *recipient of the Order of Canada;*
- Chris Pronger and Bill Hay *on their induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame;*
- Paul Coffey and Danielle Goyette *on their induction into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame;*
- Scott Niedermayer and Fran Rider *on their induction into the IIHF Hall of Fame;*
- and Martin St-Louis *on his retirement and Hall of Fame career!*

On behalf of all Team Canada alumni, enjoy your newsletter!

*Team Canada Alumni Association - We currently have contact with 2,500 alumni, of which over 1,000 have officially registered with the association.*

*The Team Canada Alumni Association was founded to help connect alumni with former teammates and offer alumni opportunities to help Hockey Canada grow the game and make the best sport in the World accessible to all Canadians. If you have not already registered (no cost) please contact Norm Dueck ([ndueck@hockeycanada.ca](mailto:ndueck@hockeycanada.ca)), who oversees the alumni association's activities. We want to be sure that we have updated email addresses, mailing addresses, and phone numbers of all of our alumni, so invites can be sent for future alumni events across the country!*

Gord Sherven  
Chair, TCAA Advisory Committee

## Team Canada Alumni Association

**Where We Want To Be – Our Vision:** Team Canada Alumni – Coming Together, Reaching Out

**Why We Want To Go There – Our Mission:** To engage, encourage, and enable Team Canada alumni to maintain a lifelong relationship with Hockey Canada and our game

**Who We Will Be Along the Way – Our Values:** We are committed to honouring Canada's international hockey heritage, assisting with the growth of Canadian hockey and the pursuit of international hockey excellence for Canada, while providing an opportunity for our alumni to reconnect and celebrate the game and their experiences. These objectives will be within a spirit of teamwork, inclusion, integrity, and service.

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## Recent Events

### World Championships Recap

**Men's team wins gold, women's team and sledge team settle for silver, under-18 team takes bronze**

Another year, another spring of success for Canada's national teams, highlighted by a dominating gold medal performance by Canada's National Men's Team, and silver medal runs by Canada's National Women's Team and Canada's National Sledge Team.



**2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship**  
May 1-17 | Prague & Ostrava, Czech Republic

Icing one of its youngest teams ever, Canada eased to the top of its preliminary round group, going a perfect 7-0 and outscoring its opposition 49-14, before scoring wins over Belarus, the host Czechs and Russia, allowing only a single goal in the medal round to win Canada's 25th world title in convincing fashion. In all, Canada scored 66 times in 10 games, setting a modern-day IIHF record for goals in a tournament, and helping captain Sidney Crosby become the ninth Canadian in the IIHF Triple Gold Club.



**2015 IPC Sledge Hockey World Championship**  
April 26-May 3 | Buffalo, N.Y.

Canada was the class of the preliminary round, opening with a 12-goal first period in a win over Japan and not allowing a goal in the round robin. A nail-biting 3-2 semifinal win over Russia sent Canada to the gold medal game against the U.S., where goaltender Corbin Watson shone in an 18-save performance, but the offence ran dry in a 3-0 loss, leaving the Canadians with a silver medal despite a combined 34 points in five games from Billy Bridges (9-4-13), Brad Bowden (3-8-11) and Greg Westlake (6-4-10).



**2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship**  
April 16-26 | Zug & Lucerne, Switzerland

With a line-up that included seven players who would be selected in the first two rounds of the 2015 NHL Entry Draft, Canada finished the preliminary round atop its group and edged the always-dangerous Swedes 5-3 in the quarter-finals. A disappointing loss to the United States in the semifinals, in which they trailed by just a single goal after two periods, left the Canadians out of gold medal contention, but a 5-2 win over the host Swiss in the bronze medal game ensured Canada would medal for a fourth straight year.



**2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship**  
March 28-April 4 | Malmö, Sweden

After a tournament-opening loss to the United States, Canada steadied the ship, beating Finland and Russia in the preliminary round and blanking the Finns in the semifinals. A wild final saw the U.S. grab a 5-2 lead just shy of the midway mark of the second period, but goals from Brigette Lacquette, Rebecca Johnston and Caroline Ouellette in a span of 2:03 pulled Canada even heading to the third. The comeback was not to be, though, as two U.S. goals meant the Canadians would settle for silver.



## Recent Events

### National Championships Recap

#### Host team success highlights Season of Champions

Manitoba and Ontario were the class of Hockey Canada's national championships this spring, with each province winning a pair of national titles, including the Midget-age double for Ontario teams.



**2015 RBC Cup**

May 9-17 | Portage la Prairie, Man.

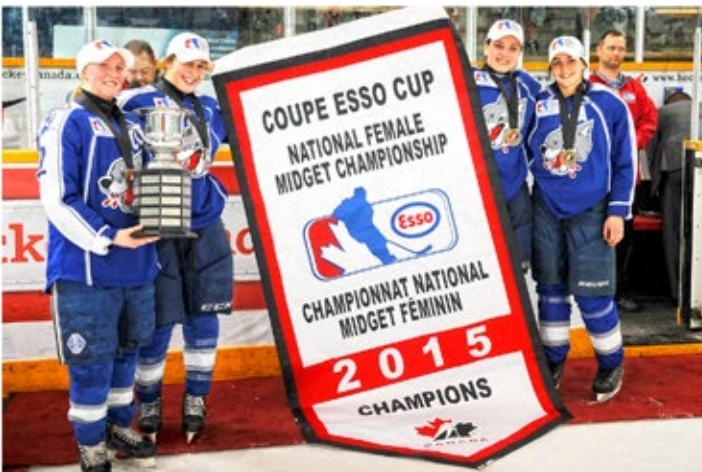
For the first time since 2005, the RBC Cup hosts are Canada's national Junior A champions. The Portage Terriers capped one of the most dominant seasons in recent memory, beating the Carleton Place Canadians 5-2 in the final to finish a remarkable 74-5-5 campaign and claim their second national title, joining the Centennial Cup the Terriers won in 1973. The Canadians' loss earned them a dubious distinction; Carleton Place is the first team to lose the championship game in consecutive seasons.



**2015 TELUS Cup**

April 20-26 | Rivière-du-Loup, Que.

One year after falling in the semifinals, the Toronto Young Nationals made it all the way back to the TELUS Cup and left as Canada's national Midget champions, beating the Grenadiers de Châteauguay 6-2 to win their first gold medal and just the second for the Central Region. After a sub-.500 preliminary round, the Young Nationals handed Regina its lone loss of the week in the semifinals before scoring four goals in the first 17 minutes to leave Châteauguay with silver for the second year in a row.



**2015 Esso Cup**

April 19-25 | Red Deer, Alta.

Bronze medallists at the 2014 Esso Cup, the Sudbury Lady Wolves upgraded to gold in 2015, beating the host Red Deer Chiefs 2-1 to win Canada's National Female Midget Championship for the first time. Led by Danika Ranger (Top Goaltender) and captain Karli Shell (Top Forward, for the second year in a row), the Lady Wolves allowed just one goal in the medal round, and Shell's two goals in the final kept the Chiefs from becoming the first host team to be crowned national champions.



**2015 Allan Cup**

April 13-18 | Clarenville, N.L.

The South East Prairie Thunder are Allan Cup champions for the second time in four years, blanking the Bentley Generals 2-0 behind goals from Mark Agnew and Shawn Limpwright, and 27 saves from Steve Christie. The final matched up two of Canada's most successful senior teams; the Prairie Thunder and Generals have combined for nine championship game appearances since 2008, including the 2009 final, where Bentley beat South East in double overtime to win its first national title.

# In Memoriam

## Remembering Team Canada alumni who have recently passed

by Jason La Rose



**Mark Reeds**

January 24, 1960-April 14, 2015

After helping the Peterborough Petes to an OHL championship and Memorial Cup title in 1979, Reeds was part of the Canadian contingent for the 1980 IIHF World Junior Championship in Helsinki, Finland; in the years prior to the Program of Excellence, Canada's Major Junior champions would represent the country at the World Juniors. Reeds scored once, in a win over West Germany, as Canada finished in fifth place.

Reeds played 365 NHL games with the St. Louis Blues and Hartford Whalers before stepping behind the bench, spending 15 years in the minor leagues with Peoria (AHL/ECHL), Missouri (UHL) and Kalamazoo (UHL). He returned to Canada in 2007, taking over as head coach of the OHL's Owen Sound Attack, leading the team to an OHL championship in 2011 before joining the NHL's Ottawa Senators as an assistant coach.



**Frank McKinnon**

June 16, 1934-May 31, 2015

In 1979, McKinnon became the first chairman of the board of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (now Hockey Canada), a post he would hold until 1982. His contributions to growing the game at the grassroots levels weren't unnoticed. In 1981, he was awarded the Gordon Jukes Award for efforts in developing amateur hockey at the national level. Two years later he was named Hockey Canada's Volunteer of the Year. He received a third award from Hockey Canada, the Order of Merit, in 1991.

McKinnon also made a difference outside of hockey, serving two years as director of the Sports Federation of Canada and four years as vice-president of the Canadian Olympic Association. In 1993, McKinnon was named a Life Patron of Hockey Canada, and he was made a Member of the Order of Canada last summer.



**Greg Parks**

March 25, 1967-June 16, 2015

Parks only once wore the colours of his country in a major international competition, scoring once and adding two assists to help Canada to a silver medal at the 1994 Olympic Winter Games, but he made sporadic appearances for the national team during the 1990s, playing 41 games from 1992 to 2000 and twice taking part in the Spengler Cup, winning the tournament in 1997.

A member of the Bowling Green State University Athletics Hall of Fame, Parks helped the Falcons to a CCHA championship in 1987 before embarking on a 15-year career that included 23 NHL games with the New York Islanders and stops in the AHL, ECHL, Finland, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland and Japan; in all, the Edmonton, Alta., native played close to 500 professional games for 12 teams on three continents.

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# Kennedy recognized for off-ice legacy

Order of Canada, honorary degree among honours Team Canada alumnus has recently received

by Wendy Graves



The last thing Sheldon Kennedy was looking for when he became an advocate for sexual abuse victims was awards. But the past few months have seen him accept a slew of honours recognizing the profound difference he's made across the country.

\*May 8 – Ottawa, Ont.: In recognition of his “courageous leadership in raising awareness of childhood sexual abuse,” Kennedy was officially invested as a Member of the Order of Canada at a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

\*May 27 – Guelph, Ont.: Kennedy accepted the 2015 Lincoln Alexander Outstanding Leadership Award from the University of Guelph, for the impact of his advocacy.

\*June 8 – Calgary, Alta.: He received an honorary degree, the Doctor of Laws, from the University of Calgary, the school's highest academic honour, acknowledging his achievements and community service in his adopted hometown.

\*July 9 – Winnipeg, Man.: Kennedy, a native of Elkhorn, Man., was inducted into the Order of Manitoba, singled out as one of a dozen people in 2015 who “demonstrate the power of a single individual in encouraging positive change locally, nationally and globally.”

“When I accept these awards, it's not Sheldon Kennedy,” he says. “I see it as Sheldon Kennedy represents issues, and to be able to have the issue of child abuse looked at, at the level of the Order of Canada, honorary doctorate, the Order of Manitoba, is huge. Every one of these awards gives us an opportunity to make it clear that this is an important health problem in our country.”

Kennedy twice played for Canada's National Junior Team, winning a gold medal at the 1988 IIHF World Junior Championship and finishing fourth a year later. As much as he accomplished on the ice – winning a Memorial Cup with the Swift Current Broncos in 1989, playing 10 seasons in the NHL – it's what he's done off the ice since that's truly left a mark.

When he came forward 18 years ago to shed light on the issue of sexual abuse, he never imagined it would lead to accolades such as the Order of Canada.

“It represents hope because there was a long time in 1997 when nobody wanted to look at these issues that we represent – child abuse and child sexual abuse – and we look at it today and understand that it's an important issue in our society,” he says. “When you're working hard at something and not doing it for any other reason than to do the right thing, awards like this really mean a lot.”

In 2004 Kennedy cofounded Respect Group, an organization devoted to preventing bullying, abuse and harassment. The Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre opened on the University of Calgary campus in 2013, as an integrated approach to help families affected by child abuse.

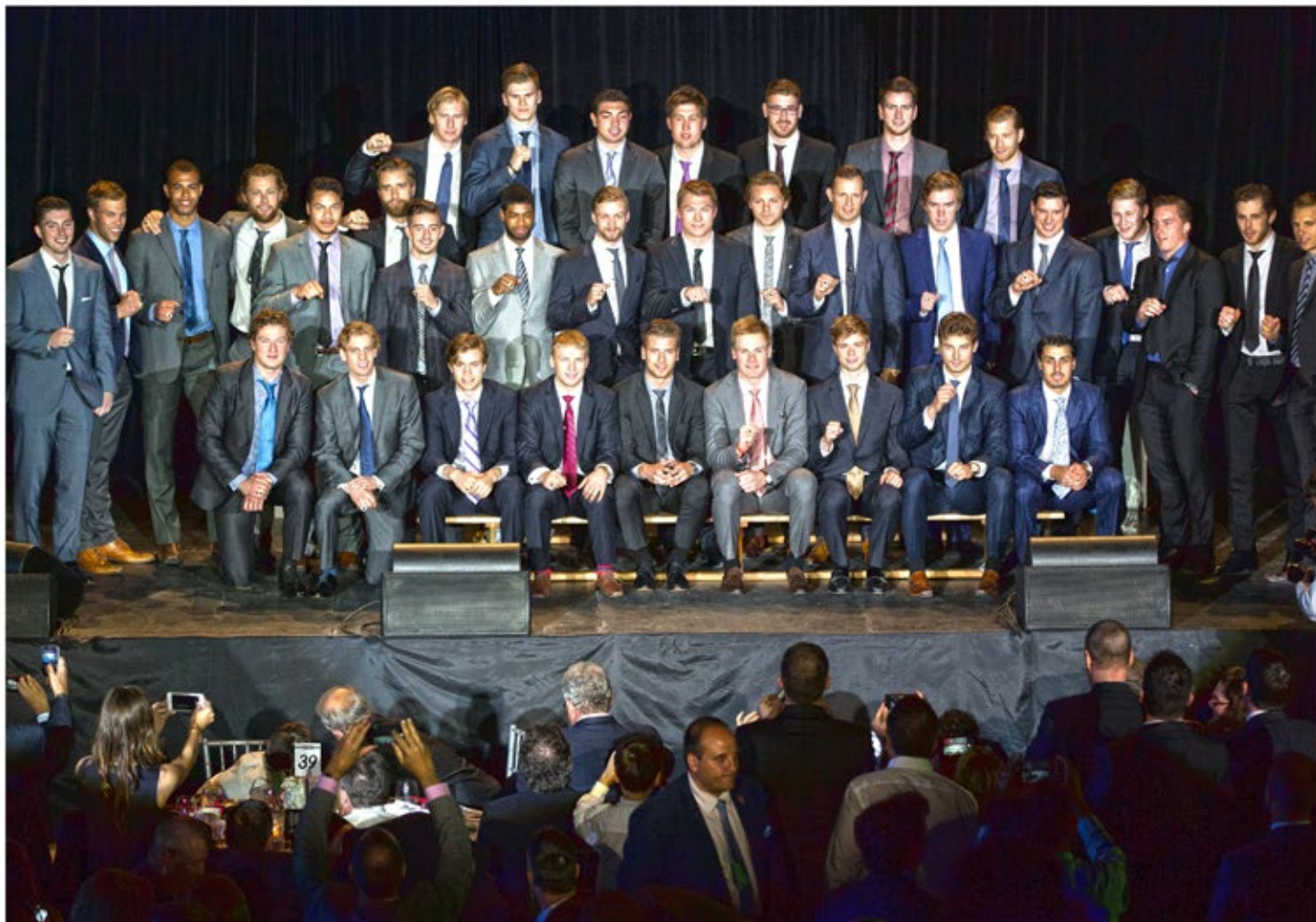
His recent awards allow him to move this model beyond his community. Kennedy recently spent time with those in the Ontario premier's office explaining how the centre works.

“[Recognition has] given us an opportunity to carry this platform across provinces and ultimately across our country and beyond.”

# Gold medals give back to grassroots

Thanks to two teams' success on the international stage,  
the game will continue to grow in local rinks across the country

by Wendy Graves



Canada's National Junior Team ringing in the New Year with its 16th IIHF World Junior Championship gold medal did more than give a nation reason to celebrate late into the night. And Canada's National Men's Team winning its first gold at the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship since 2007 did more than erase eight years of frustration.

Celebrating both teams at the 12th annual Hockey Canada Foundation Celebrity Classic served as a centerpiece for paying that success forward in communities across the country. The foundation's largest annual fundraiser helps support national grassroots initiatives, including improving accessibility to the game, skill development and facilities.

A gala was held at the Mattamy Athletic Centre in Toronto on June 10. Formal gave way to informal the next day, as The Country Club in Woodbridge, Ont., hosted the celebrity golf tournament.

"The gala is all about raising money for kids [who] can't afford to get into hockey," says Jim Treliving, chairman of the Hockey Canada Foundation. "We want to get more kids playing hockey across Canada. I think our sport has gotten a little expensive, so we [have] to start raising money now to get kids back [playing] hockey and enjoying our national game."

Spending a night raising money for the good of the game had the gold medalists in high spirits; so, too, did the chance to reunite.

"I love that [we have] opportunity to [get together again]," says Jordan Eberle. "When you're done you fly out the next day so you don't really have time to talk about what happened, so this gives us that chance."

"We were a tight group of guys," says Connor McDavid. "Everyone had to part ways pretty quickly, so it's good to be back with them and recall some of the good memories that we all shared."

The gala included a hot stove with the teams' captains and alternate captains – McDavid, as well as Curtis Lazar, Sam Reinhart, Sidney Crosby and Jason Spezza – the official investment of the 2015 Distinguished Honourees – hockey legends Jim Gregory, Pat Quinn and Serge Savard – into the Order of Hockey in Canada, as well as a raffle and live and silent auctions that raised money to be shared between the Hockey Canada Foundation and MLSE Foundation.

It was the fifth time Toronto hosted the Celebrity Classic; an updated outdoor rink and fieldhouse at Regent Park Athletic Grounds opened in January thanks to legacy funds from the 2012 event.

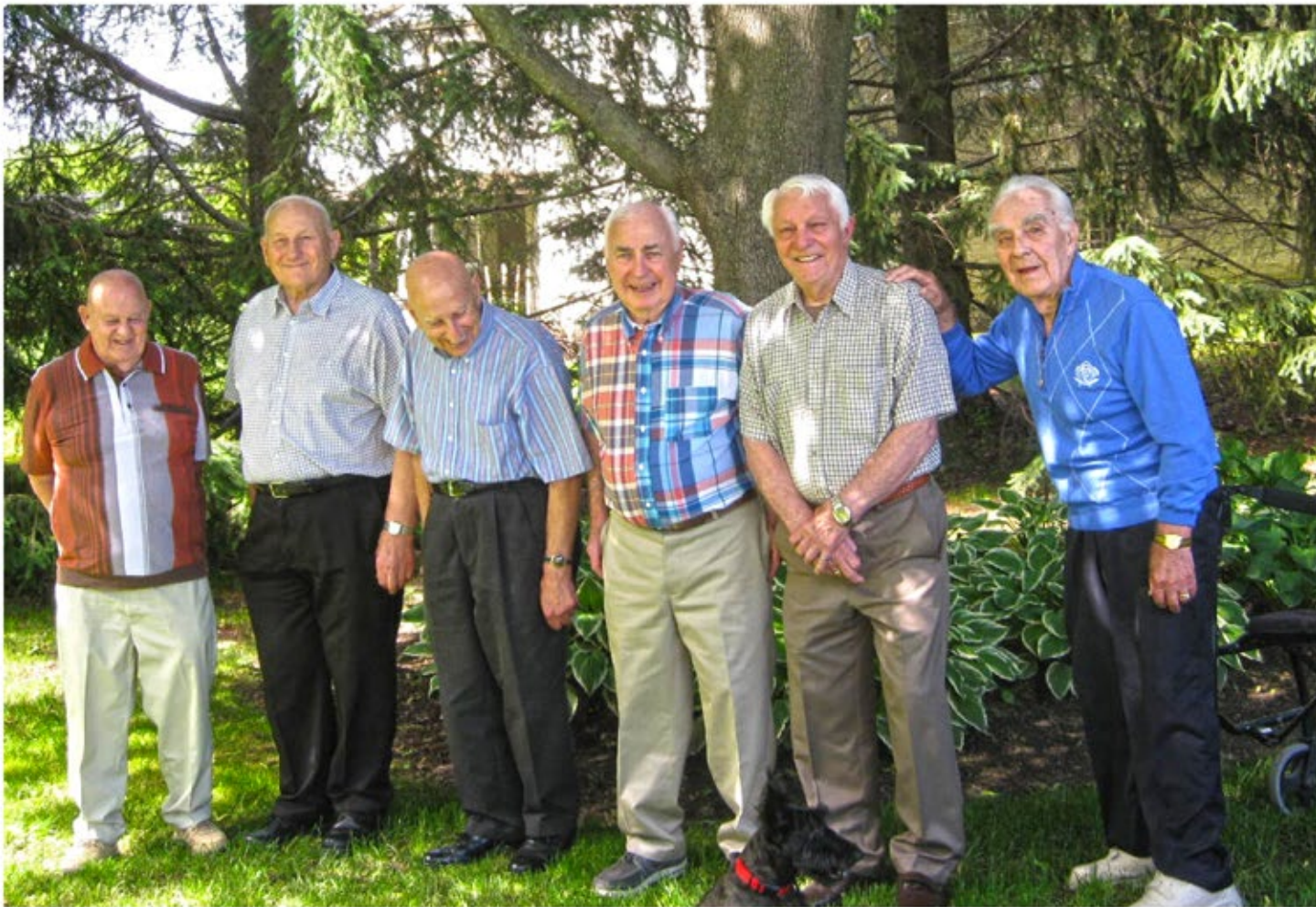
This year's funds will also be invested in an underprivileged community, says Michael Bartlett, executive director of the MLSE Foundation. "With the new Sport for Development Centre that we're putting in downtown, Hockey Canada will fund the programming that will teach kids the greatest things about the game we love."



# Celebrating the spirit of '58

## Reunion of world champion Whitby Dunlops now an annual tradition

by Wendy Graves



In what has become a sure sign of spring, members of the 1958 world champion Whitby Dunlops came together in early June for their annual reunion.

Over the years the team celebrated its 25th and 50th anniversaries. "We did one on the 54th, just a small get-together, and decided we should carry on each year because the group is getting smaller," says Sandy Air. "Hopefully we'll carry on until the 60th."

Only nine players remain from the team that went 7-0 in Oslo, Norway. Air co-organizes the now annual event with Joan Attersley, whose husband, Bob, scored the gold-medal-winning goal.

This year they welcomed Frank Bonello, Tom O'Connor, George Samolenko and Doug Williams. Charlie Burns (who won the IIHF Directorate Award for top forward), Harry Sinden (the team's captain), John Henderson and Jack McKenzie were unable to attend. More than 30 people turned out, including long-time fans and individuals connected with the team, as well as the widows of former players Ted O'Connor, Gordy Myles and Alf Treen.

"Our team has always been very close-knit," says Air. "We had a great camaraderie when we played. Everybody was part of the team."

"There wasn't anyone on that team who wasn't liked," says Bonello. That all-for-one mentality, he says, was one reason why the team was so popular.

That, and the winning.

The Dunlops were already hometown heroes before they boarded the Queen Elizabeth in early 1958 on route for Europe. The Dunnies, as local

fans affectionately called them, won the 1957 Allan Cup and, with it, the right to be Team Canada at the 1958 IIHF World Championship.

"Going over there was a great honour, but there was lots of pressure," says Air. "Hundreds of telegrams came from all over the country, including from the Prime Minister, wishing us good luck, but the underlying message was 'you guys have got to win.'"

In Oslo the team ran off six lopsided victories in a row to set up a winner-take-all showdown with the Soviet Union.

"That was the height of the Cold War, so it wasn't just a hockey game – it was their way of life against ours, which put a lot of pressure on the club," says Air.

After two periods, it was 2-2 and, as Ed Simmon wrote in the *Ottawa Citizen*, "as nerve-grinding a game as the tournament ever has known."

Then, with 3:34 to go in the third, Attersley scored on a pass from Jean-Paul Lamirande. Twenty-five seconds later Charles "Bus" Gagnon made it 4-2.

On the boat ride home, Bonello won another championship: the ping-pong tournament aboard the *Queen Mary*. A ticker-tape parade was thrown in the team's honour. The players were inducted into the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame in 1997 and the Whitby Sports Hall of Fame a year later. And just two years ago the road leading to the town arena was rechristened Whitby Dunlop Championship Way.

# Troy Parchman

**From Winter Olympics to world championships and Stanley Cups,  
the Chicago equipment manager has seen it all**

by David Brien



When Troy Parchman started as an equipment manager with the University of Saskatchewan's football and hockey teams in 1982, he couldn't have imagined that he'd still be at it more than three decades later, let alone putting together such an impressive résumé along the way.

Although the name Troy Parchman probably doesn't ring any bells for the everyday fan, it's one that is recognized by some of the greatest players and staff inside the hockey world – and that's no surprise.

From 1988 to 1994, Parchman was the equipment manager for Canada's National Men's Team when the program was a full-time operation, taking part in tournaments around the world.

He worked at a pair of Olympic Winter Games, winning silver in 1992 and 1994, and at four consecutive IIHF World Championships from 1991-94, finally reaching the top of the podium when Canada ended a 33-year gold medal drought at the 1994 worlds in Italy.

Following the 1993-94 season, Parchman made the jump to the NHL with the Chicago Blackhawks, and 20 seasons later has his name on the Stanley Cup three times, in 2010, 2013 and 2015.

"These past seasons have been long ones, but all worth it," the Moose Jaw, Sask., native says. "I've been truly blessed. You start off in the NHL and you dream of winning once, then twice and now after three times, you almost get greedy and want to win it every season."

Parchman has twice returned to Team Canada once the Blackhawks' season has come to an end, working at the IIHF World Championship in 2000 and 2004, when he won his second gold medal.

To this day, Parchman credits his days with the national team as the biggest stepping stone towards his professional career. Being on the road so often in the early 1990s, he gained valuable experience about being an equipment manager that has carried over.

"Back then, every day came with a new set of challenges," he says. "If we forgot something and we were in Russia, for example, there was no such thing as FedEx to have it shipped over the next day. You had to be pretty thorough with your packing and that's definitely helped me with what I do now; I learned to do the most out of nothing."

Parchman has always used the same approach to his job – no matter the event or the outcome of the game – by treating all players the same and with tremendous respect. In addition to some very useful workplace learning, he has also benefitted on a personal level from his time with Team Canada.

"I've built lifelong friendships throughout the years at those events," he says. "I've also seen the world. Not many people get to say they've been to Russia 10 times, or even Japan, so that's special."



# Jamie Heward at home representing Canada

## Former world champion joins Canada's under-17 coaching staffs

by Greg Harder – Regina Leader-Post



Jamie Heward is eager to continue his long-term relationship with Hockey Canada.

After representing his country on numerous occasions as a player, Heward is moving behind the bench as an assistant coach with one of Canada's three entries in the 2015 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge, to be played this fall in Dawson Creek and Fort St. John, B.C. Heward is slated to work under Erie Otters bench boss Kris Knoblauch, a former WHL player and coach who's originally from Imperial, Sask.

"For me it was a no-brainer," offered Heward, who has spent the past three seasons as an assistant coach and director of player development with the WHL's Swift Current Broncos.

"When I first started working with Swift Current I never thought this was even something I would explore. But the more you get exposed to guys from Hockey Canada (who are scouting players for various tournaments) you start talking to them and one thing leads to another."

Heward threw his name in the hat at the urging of Hockey Canada director of player personnel Ryan Jankowski. The Regina native was eventually chosen from a group of around 100 applicants.

"I'm excited," said Heward, a veteran of 394 NHL games. "It's really the next step in my development as somebody who wants to stay in hockey for a long time."

"I'm still a rookie when it comes to a lot of things in the coaching world. If you can learn from somebody who knows a lot and has had a ton of mentors and has gone through the process, it can't do anything but help."

"I'm very intrigued by what it's going to bring."

Heward already has deep roots with Hockey Canada, beginning in 1994-95 as a player with the national men's team. His coach was Tom Renney, who's now the president and CEO of Hockey Canada.

"Tom was kind of my mentor as a player," said Heward, 44. "That year was my first true experience of being in the program."

"Once I was there I played in four Spengler Cups, four world championships, (numerous) tournaments when I was playing in Europe. Once I knew what the Team Canada process was about, any time they called, I went. There was no turning it down. It was one of those things where, once you get a taste for it, it's the best thing ever representing your country."

Heward, a former WHL star with the Regina Pats, won four medals at the IIHF World Championship - two gold (2003 and 2004), one silver (2005) and one bronze (1995). His initial exposure to the national program came in 1988 when he and Pats teammate Mike Sillinger played in Montreal at the world under-17 championship, then known as the Esso Cup.

"I still remember going to that tournament and experiencing what it was like to play against the Russians and the Finns," he noted. "For me that was the biggest deal in the world."

"You go from the year before playing in Bantam and now all of a sudden you're playing against Pavel Bure. At the time you don't know who he is but when you look back you're like, 'Oh my God, that was amazing.'"



# Head of the 2015 Class

## Pronger and Hay to be inducted into Hockey Hall of Fame

by Wendy Graves



Photo: Steve Poirier/Hockey Hall of Fame

Team Canada alumnus Chris Pronger and former Hockey Canada president Bill Hay will be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2015.

They will be enshrined on Nov. 9, alongside Nicklas Lidstrom, Sergei Fedorov, Phil Housley, and Angela Ruggiero in the Player category, and Peter Karmanos Jr. in the Builder category.

Pronger, a native of Dryden, Ont., made seven appearances for Team Canada on the international stage. As a member of Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 Team, he won a silver medal at the 1991 Phoenix Cup. Two years later he won gold with Canada's National Junior Team at the 1993 IIHF World Junior Championship.

The defenceman's first time representing Canada at the senior level – the 1997 IIHF World Championship – ended with a gold medal, as well.

Pronger participated in four straight Olympic Winter Games (1998, 2002, 2006, 2010) and holds the record for most games played (25) by a member of Canada's Men's Olympic Team. He served as an alternate captain in his last three appearances and captured gold in 2002 and 2010. Both gold-medal-winning teams have since been inducted into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame.

The Hartford Whalers selected Pronger second overall in the 1993 NHL Entry Draft. Over an 18-year career he played 1,167 games and recorded 698 points (157 goals, 541 assists) for the Whalers, St. Louis Blues, Edmonton Oilers, Anaheim Ducks and Philadelphia Flyers.

He won both the James Norris Memorial Trophy, as the NHL's top defenceman, and the Hart Memorial Trophy, as the league's MVP, in 1999-2000, making him the first defenceman to win both awards since Bobby Orr in 1971-72.

In 2007 Pronger won the Stanley Cup with the Anaheim Ducks and became the 19th member of the IIHF Triple Gold Club (Stanley Cup, Olympic gold, IIHF World Championship gold).

Hay served as president of Hockey Canada in the 1990s. A firm believer in grassroots development, Hay was instrumental in helping build the Canadian Hockey Centre of Excellence model, which has since found its way into the Hockey Canada Regional Centres, hubs of initiation activities for those looking to get in the game.

Hay, along with Murray Costello, then president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA), led the discussions and negotiations to merge Hockey Canada and the CAHA into the Canadian Hockey Association (later to be called Hockey Canada) in 1998.

He also played a significant role in working with the Seaman Hotchkiss Hockey Foundation on special projects, including Hockey Canada's Officiating Program of Excellence, the Ed Chynoweth Internship Program and the National Coach Mentorship Program.

As a player, the Saskatoon, Sask., native spent eight seasons with the Chicago Blackhawks, winning the Calder Memorial Trophy as the NHL's rookie of the year in 1960 and the Stanley Cup the following season.



# Niedermayer and Rider enter IIHF Hall of Fame

Decorated defenceman and women's pioneer earn ultimate international honour

by Jason La Rose



Photo: Andre Ringnette/IIHF-IIHF Images

Canada was once again well-represented when the International Ice Hockey Federation inducted the Class of 2015 into the IIHF Hall of Fame during the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

Olympic gold medallist Scott Niedermayer and women's hockey icon Fran Rider became the 28th and 29th Canadians enshrined when the induction ceremony was held in Prague, Czech Republic on May 17.

Niedermayer had a 17-year NHL career that saw him win every major North American championship at least once. The Cranbrook, B.C., native played 46 games with the Maple Leaf on his chest, recording 16 points (seven goals, nine assists).

It was undoubtedly his final appearance in the red and white of Team Canada that Niedermayer will be best remembered for – he donned the 'C' in his home province and helped lead Canada to the gold medal at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver.

The Vancouver gold capped off a remarkable international career that saw Niedermayer win an IIHF World Junior Championship gold medal (1990), an IIHF World Championship gold medal (2004), two Olympic gold medals (2002, 2010) and a World Cup of Hockey championship (2004). He is one of just nine Canadians in the IIHF Triple Gold Club (Olympic gold, Worlds gold, Stanley Cup).

Rider established the Ontario Women's Hockey Association in 1975, and became its first executive director, a position she continues to hold four decades later. She helped create the first national championship for women's hockey in 1982, and played a major role in the inaugural world tournament in 1987.

The success in 1987 led to the first-ever IIHF World Women's Championship in Ottawa, Ont., in 1990, a watershed moment in the history of the women's game, with Rider leading the push.

Rider is the first builder to be inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame for contributions specifically to women's hockey. Her dedication to the development and growth of the game is unrivalled, and she continues to work to make the game better, both in Canada and around the world.

Niedermayer and Rider were joined by fellow inductees Dominik Hasek (CZE), Robert Reichel (CZE) and Maria Rooth (SWE), along with Lucio Topatigh (ITA), the first-ever winner of the Richard "Bibi" Torriani Award (for outstanding careers by players from non-top hockey nations) and Monique Scheier-Schneider (LUX), winner of the Paul Loicq Award (for outstanding contributions to international hockey).

The Class of 2015 brings the total number of IIHF Hall of Fame honourees to 201 players and builders from 23 countries.

# Joining Canada's sporting elite

## Paul Coffey and Danielle Goyette to be inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame

by Jason La Rose



Two legends of Canadian hockey will add yet another honour to their growing list of achievements this fall; Paul Coffey and Danielle Goyette have been announced as part of the Class of 2015 to be inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

Coffey, a native of Weston, Ont., was one of the greatest defencemen of his generation, and represented his country on five occasions, including three Canada Cups (1984, 1987, 1991), one IIHF World Championship (1990) and one World Cup of Hockey (1996).

He helped Canada win the Canada Cup in each of his appearances, making the tournament all-star team in 1984 after putting up 11 points (3-8-11) in eight games, and finished with almost a point-per-game average (24 points in 25 games) in the best-on-best event.

Coffey's lone appearance at the world championship came in 1990, when Canada finished fourth, and he helped the Canadians reach the final of the inaugural World Cup in 1996 in his final Team Canada experience.

A four-time Stanley Cup champion (1984, 1985, 1987, 1991) and three-time winner of the James Norris Memorial Trophy as the NHL's top defenceman (1985, 1986, 1995), Coffey is the second-highest scoring defenceman in NHL history (396-1135-1531), and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2004.

Goyette, a native of St-Nazaire, Que., was a member of Canada's National Women's Team from 1991 to 2007, winning two Olympic gold medals (2002, 2006) and eight gold medals at the IIHF World Women's Championship (1992, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2007).

In all, she earned 20 gold and four silver medals at major international competitions, including the Olympic Winter Games, IIHF World Women's Championship, 3 Nations/4 Nations Cups and Pacific Rim championships, and retired as the second-leading scorer in Team Canada history, with 114 goals, 105 assists and 219 points.

Goyette was also Canada's flag bearer for the Opening Ceremony at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy. It marked the first time that a Canadian hockey player had carried the flag since Hubert Brooks did it at the 1948 Olympics in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

A 2013 inductee into the IIHF Hall of Fame, Goyette will become just the fourth women's hockey player to earn enshrinement in Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, alongside former teammates Cassie Campbell-Pascall (2007), Angela James (2009) and Geraldine Heaney (2014).

The Class of 2015 will officially be inducted during the Canada's Sports Hall of Fame 2015 Induction Celebrations Dinner on Oct. 21 at the Mattamy Athletic Centre in Toronto.



# St-Louis calls it a career

## 2014 Olympic gold medallist announces retirement

by Jason La Rose



Martin St-Louis officially brought the curtain down on his career July 2, announcing his retirement after 16 seasons in the National Hockey League and five appearances with Team Canada.

The Laval, Que., native didn't represent his country for the first time until just before his 30th birthday; after winning the Art Ross Trophy, Hart Trophy and Stanley Cup with the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2003-04, St-Louis had four points in six games to help Canada win the 2004 World Cup of Hockey.

He finished second in Canadian scoring at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games, and won back-to-back silver medals at the IIHF World Championship in 2008 and 2009, leading the tournament in scoring and earning a spot on the media all-star team in 2009.

St-Louis capped his international career just over a year ago in Sochi,

seeing action in five games and helping Canada to its second consecutive Olympic gold medal.

In all, he concluded his Team Canada career with 32 points (10 goals, 22 assists) in 35 games.

St-Louis recorded 1,033 points (391 goals, 642 assists) in 1,134 NHL games with the Calgary Flames, Lightning and New York Rangers, leading the league in scoring twice (2003-04 and 2012-13).

In addition to his two Art Ross Trophies and one Hart Trophy, St-Louis was a three-time recipient of the Lady Byng Trophy as the NHL's most gentlemanly player (2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-13), and earned a spot on the NHL First All-Star Team in 2003-04, and on the NHL Second All-Star Team in 2006-07, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2012-13.

# Honoured at home

## Team Canada alumni earn provincial recognition

by Jason La Rose

While most of the headlines have gone to Team Canada alumni recently celebrated by the Hockey Hall of Fame, IIHF Hall of Fame and Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, they aren't the only ones to receive one of sport's highest honours.

A number of alumni are Hall of Fame inductees in their own right, having been recognized, either for sports in general, or hockey in particular, by provinces from coast to coast.



Carla MacLeod



Paul Henderson



Paul Kariya



Ken Babey

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#### **British Columbia Hockey Hall of Fame**

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#### **British Columbia Sports Hall of Fame**

Paul Kariya

#### **Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame**

Sheldon Kennedy; Andy Murray

#### **Order of Manitoba**

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Paul Henderson

#### **Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame**

Wendel Clark; Dave King; Jackie McLeod



# Allan Matthews receives Diamond Stick Award

by Greg Sabatino – Williams Lake Tribune



You won't find many credentials not on Allan Matthews' hockey résumé.

The former Williams Lake resident of 31 years, past chair of Hockey Canada, past Hockey Canada representative on the Canadian Olympic Committee and current treasurer of the Hockey Canada Foundation, received the Diamond Stick Award June 13 at the B.C. Hockey AGM and Awards Night at Sun Peaks Resort.

The Diamond Stick Award honours an individual who has provided outstanding service to the game of hockey for 10 or more years.

"It was a complete surprise," Matthews told the Tribune. "I was there at the AGM, they'd rolled out a new governance structure and nobody said a thing. Then, all of a sudden a video came up. It was very humbling to be with some of the other people who've got that."

Matthews' career in the hockey executive world began in 1976 when he was elected as a Junior B director with the B.C. Hockey Executive Committee.

Over the next 40 years, things snowballed from there, eventually serving as the chairman of the board for Hockey Canada from 2003 to 2005. In 2008 he was inducted into the B.C. Hockey Hall of Fame.

The irony, he said, is he never played the game growing up, however, that hasn't stopped his passion for growing the sport provincially and nationally.

"Growing up, the arena in Kimberley where I was from had burned down," he said. "I couldn't skate, let's put it that way. I got involved

primarily when I went back to Kimberley for four years."

In Williams Lake, Matthews worked as a school teacher at what was then Columneetza Secondary School. He also worked with the Williams Lake Recreation Commission and at the Cariboo-Chilcotin Teacher-Librarians' Association.

Matthews, currently a resident of Victoria, said he thinks fondly of his days living in Williams Lake and working with the Williams Lake Minor Hockey Association executive.

"From a hockey perspective I'm proud of the work we went through to try to get the arena built that's there now," he said. "And, to get a concrete surface in the second rink."

"I worked with a lot of good people there, and I also enjoyed my time working the scorekeeper's box."

He noted the news of a possible Junior B hockey club coming to Williams Lake floating around the Kootenay International Junior Hockey League is encouraging news for the city.

"I wish them luck," he said of the committee behind the Williams Lake Junior B movement. "It's always nice when you can keep your players at home instead of sending them away. People have been supportive of junior hockey in the past, and I think people would be supportive now."

# Upcoming Events

For(e) a good cause

A look ahead to the 2015 TCAA charity golf tournament

by David Brien



The rules of golf are pretty simple – the lower you go, the better you are. The Team Canada Alumni Association, however, has a different objective in mind. It wants to go big.

Here's the difference – the TCAA wants to go big with its fundraising efforts, not its scores.

The sixth annual TCAA charity golf tournament tees off Sept. 24 at the Lakeside Greens Golf Club in Chestermere, Alta., looking to improve on the \$30,000 raised at last year's event.

"This tournament is really all about the players," says Chris Bright, outgoing executive director of the Hockey Canada Foundation. "Team Canada alumni living in and around Calgary have generously supported this event, their support has led to the event's growth and success – they love to come in for the golf and stay for the hockey talk!"

In all, more than 30 Team Canada alumni will hit the links, joined by sponsors and other golfers who will help make the day a memorable one.

All of the proceeds, largely from tournament entrance fees and live and silent auctions, will go towards the Hockey Canada Foundation, which helps to support the Hockey Canada dream by promoting and fostering greater accessibility to the game for players of all ages.

With every international competition adding new names and faces to the Team Canada Alumni Association, the golf tournament is also a way for Hockey Canada to thank its members for their contributions to the game.

"As well as allowing them to maintain lifelong relationships with each other, the tournament allows our alumni to talk about their past on-ice experiences and share some of their fondest memories of donning the Team Canada jersey," says Al Coates, Hockey Canada's senior advisor for special projects.

For inquiries on the TCAA charity golf tournament, please contact Al Coates, at [acoates@hockeycanada.ca](mailto:acoates@hockeycanada.ca).





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