

# Norfolk County Sports Hall of Recognition

## August 2024 Newsletter

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### **Parade of Champions**

Each year, Norfolk County and the Norfolk County Sports Hall of Recognition team up to host the Parade of Champions.

This event recognizes individuals and teams who have medaled (i.e. finished first, second, or third) at provincial, national, or international championships, as well as anyone who has received individual honours (such as Coach of the Year) from provincial, national, or international sports organizations.

In the case of sports that don't have a provincial championship to go to, we also recognize those who finished first, second, or third at highest competitive level available (for example, CWOSSA, in the case where there is no OFSSA championship in that sport).

The October 2023 Parade of Champions recognized over 70 athletes, coaches, and administrators from Norfolk County.

If you know of a team or individual whose achievements since October 2023

would qualify them for the 2024 Parade of Champions, and they have not already been recognized at Council or at last year's Parade of Champions, please contact us before September 16, 2024 at [norfolkcountysportshall@gmail.com](mailto:norfolkcountysportshall@gmail.com) to let us know. We're keeping a running list but don't want to miss anyone!

The 2024 Parade of Champions will be held Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Port Dover Community Centre.

### **2024 Induction Dinner**

The 2024 Induction Dinner honoured Shane Bergman, Shirley Shaw, Barry Boughner, and the late Paul Smithson. Congratulations to each of these individuals! The next Induction Dinner will take place in 2026.

### **Nominations for the Class of 2024 Inductees**

Each year, the Sports Hall reviews incoming nominations to determine the next inductees to the Hall. The deadline for nominations for the Class of 2024 is December 1, 2024.

If you'd like to nominate someone for induction into the Sports Hall, please fill out a nomination form (available from our web site at <https://www.norfolksports.ca/>). If it's not convenient for you to access it there, just shoot us an email at

[norfolkcountysportshall@gmail.com](mailto:norfolkcountysportshall@gmail.com), and we will be happy to send one to you.

Not sure who is already inducted? Names of current inductees can be found on the Sports Hall web site. Need help with your nomination? Contact us at [norfolkcountysportshall@gmail.com](mailto:norfolkcountysportshall@gmail.com) and we will be happy to answer questions or walk you through the process.

### **Sports Hall 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Norfolk County Sports Hall of Recognition is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with events taking place from June 2024 to June 2025. We've already hosted a successful Skate with the Greats event, which saw 71 participants join PWHL goalie Elainie Chuli on the ice at the Waterford Tricenturena. Watch our web site and Facebook page for upcoming events, including a planned trivia contest in the fall.

### **Sports Hall Books for Sale**

*Norfolk County Sports Hall of Recognition: The First Twenty-Five Years*, provides highlights of Sports Hall's first 25 years of operation.

Available for \$15, the book includes photos and profiles of all of the inductees up to 2019, lists of Parade of Champions honourees up to 2018, photos and stories

from events such as Stanley Cup Parades, and other features.



Written by George Pond, the books can be purchased at Nifty Gifty in Waterford, and at Firefly and Fox, the Simcoe BIA office, and the Simcoe Recreation Centre. Electronic copies of the book can be purchased through Rakuten Kobo, at <https://www.kobo.com/ca/en/ebook/norfolk-county-sports-hall-of-recognition>

### **Volunteers wanted!**

We're always looking for new volunteers and Board members. We have openings on the Board of Directors, and in particular would welcome anyone interested in tackling the Secretary duties. If you'd like to be considered for the Board, or would like to volunteer to help out with events, please contact a member of the Board, or reach out via our email at [norfolkcountysportshall@gmail.com](mailto:norfolkcountysportshall@gmail.com).