

SPORTS & LEISURE

Hall of Fame to induct magnificent seven

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A record seven inductees will be welcomed into the Halton Hills Sports Museum Hall of Fame at its fifth-annual ceremony on Thursday, June 16 at a yet to be determined location.

Tickets are \$40 each and are available by contacting Glenda Nixdorf at 905-873-1360. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. with the awards ceremony at 7 p.m.

Visit the website hhsn.ca for more information.

Below are profiles of the inductees:



Bob Hooper

One of the architects behind the Georgetown Raiders' run to a Hardy Cup intermediate A Canadian hockey championship in 1982, Hooper later became the commissioner for the world's largest Jr. A hockey league.

The 71-year-old from Glen Williams served as president of the Intermediate Raiders during their glory years, heading up a community-run organization that employed dozens of volunteers at its peak of popularity.

Hooper also oversaw the operations of senior and junior teams in Georgetown after serving as a coach and general manager for minor hockey teams.

He was commissioner of the

Ontario Provincial Jr. A Hockey League for several seasons and helped bring the Dudley Hewitt Cup Central Canadian championship tournament to Georgetown in 2005.

Hooper's work as a builder spans over five decades and he was one of the founders of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Committee.



Bert Zonneveld

Involved in almost every aspect of the game both on and off the pitch for the past half-century, Bert Zonneveld has helped develop youth soccer in Georgetown and many other Ontario communities.

Despite not having children or grandchildren in the Georgetown Soccer Club, the 72-year-old Rockwood resident has been active both as coach and executive member with the local organization for 20 years, fielding successful teams while performing administrative duties such as drafting the GSC's constitution.

Zonneveld's passion for soccer began as a youngster in his native Holland and upon arriving in Canada his interests turned to passing on his enthusiasm "to the kids," co-founding the Dixie Soccer Club in 1970.

As well as writing articles for a Dutch-Canadian weekly in the 1960s, Zonneveld started up the first youth rep league in Mississauga, which was a

forerunner for the Peel-Halton loop, and coached a couple of National Soccer League teams in Toronto in the early 1980s.

He was also instrumental in working with the town to bring the Trafalgar Sports Park to fruition for the GSC.



John Dallison

In 1975, the Town of Halton Hills asked local resident John Dallison to sit on its Recreation Advisory Committee and study the operations of existing tennis clubs in the area.

From that study, the Halton Hills Tennis Association was formed, four new courts were built beside the Alcott Arena in 1979 and Dallison remains active as a volunteer with the organization over 35 years later.

He also raised funds to build at clubhouse for the Gordon Alcott Tennis Club in 1980 and several new programs for youths and adults sprouted under his direction, including regional tournaments, house leagues, competitive leagues, teaching clinics and his favourite focus, youth development.

The GATC worked closely with local schools and the town's Recreation & Parks department, resulting in registration growth rates in the 10-12 per cent range through the 2000s.

Dallison was also heavily involved in the project to build a new six-court facility at the

Gellert Recreation Centre, set to open next year, to replace the outgoing GATC courts.



Gordon Alcott

Fitting that in the same year in which the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association celebrates its 75th season, the founder of the trend-setting Little NHL is inducted into the Halton Hills Sports Museum's Hall of Fame.

Gordon Alcott was the catalyst behind the Little NHL—"a hockey organization that has pledged itself to give organized hockey to every boy in his community within the age group of 8 to 13 years—and the concept soon spread nation-wide, introducing thousands of youngsters to the sport.

Midget-age players wore replica jerseys of Original Six teams adorned with the names and numbers of the actual NHL players of the time, laying the foundation for the minor hockey associations of today.

The Georgetown twin rink is named in his honour, but Alcott's reputation as a builder of youth sport in Georgetown also carried over to football, rugby, tennis and baseball.

His titles included: "The Piesman, the factory worker, the mining employee, the hockey organizer and referee, the baseball umpire, the recreation director, the salesman and insur-

ance executive, the lay preacher, the Sunday school teacher and a friend to all."



Clive Llewellyn

A provincial champion in wrestling in 1971 for the 136-pound weight class as a member of the Georgetown District High School Rebels, Clive Llewellyn would go on to represent Canada at the Montreal Summer Olympic Games in 1976 and several world championships.

A native of Kenya who now runs a law practice in Calgary, Llewellyn was the Canadian university wrestling champion on four occasions from 1973-77 and earned a silver medal at the Pan Am Games in Mexico City in 1975.

He was a member of Canada's national team from 1974-80 and was a medalist at national championship tournaments eight times.

After his competitive career concluded, Llewellyn has coached for several years in the Calgary area, where he founded the Rebels' amateur wrestling club.

Llewellyn has also been extensively involved on the administrative side with the Canadian and Alberta amateur wrestling associations, currently serving as president of the CAWA since 2007.

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