

# SPORTS & LEISURE

## Hall of Fame welcomes five new members

The Halton Hills Sports Museum Hall of Fame will welcome six new inductees at its seventh-annual ceremony on Thursday, June 13 at the newly renovated John Elliott Theatre.

The 2013 inductees are: Poul Popiel (athlete), Wayne Pries (builder), Gloria Sinclair (athlete/builder), Hugh Graham (athlete) and Del Beaumont (athlete/builder).

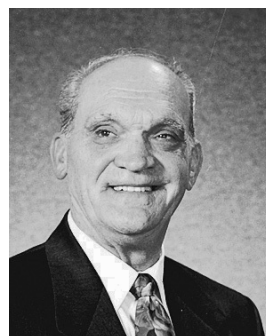
Tickets are \$40 each and are available by contacting Glenda Nixdorf at 905-873-1360.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m. with the awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Visit the website [hism.ca](http://hism.ca) for more information.

Below are profiles of each inductee:

### Del Beaumont

The Glen Williams native was said to have taught a generation of Georgetown residents about the game of hockey.



**DEL BEAUMONT**

A distinguished skater, scorer and physical force who got his start in organized hockey during the inaugural season of Gordon Alcott's Little NHL in 1937, Beaumont

went on to finish high school at North Toronto while playing with the Aurora Jr. B club.

The multi-sport star advanced to the Jr. A ranks with the Toronto Marlboros and St. Michael's, earning himself a spot on the protected list of the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs, but his career was interrupted by World War II. He served in the Canadian navy from 1943-45 and was involved in the Allied D-Day invasion at Normandy.

Upon his return home, Beaumont led Georgetown intermediate teams

to three Ontario Hockey Association titles before retiring in 1959.

He then joined the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association as a coach and guided the midget squad to an OMHA championship in 1962, later helping start up the International Bantam Tournament and sitting on the executive for 15 years, including a six-year stint as president.

The 1987 Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award recipient passed away in 2001 at the age of 77.

### Hugh Graham

Gravity played a large role in directing horseman Hugh Graham into a successful career as a world-class show jumper, having been twice selected to represent Canada's equestrian team at the Summer Olympics.

The 64-year-old from Limehouse was a junior steer rodeo performer and calf-roper during his teen years, but a number of spills and a broken leg later, Graham discovered his talent in breaking horses for his mentor, Milo Heatherington, and met Canadian Olympian equestrian Jimmy Day at Samson Farm.



**HUGH GRAHAM**

Four years later, Graham and his ride Spot Check made the national team and claimed the Open Jumper Grand Prix at the Royal Winter Fair in 1973.

Graham's list of accomplishments in show jumping is impressive: 23 Nations Cups appearances, four World Cup finals, the only clear round that clinched the gold medal for Canada at the 1987 Pan American Games, a fourth-place finish at the 1984 Summer Olympics in L.A. and a trip to the 1990 World Equestri-

an Games among the highlights.

Now a breeder and trainer of horses and rider coach at King Ridge Farms in King City, where he's the vice president of operations, Graham remains active as a Grand Prix rider, while wife Cindy has excelled in the hunter ring and daughter Laurel is making inroads in her competitive career.

### Poul Popiel

A product of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association, Popiel went on to enjoy a 17-year professional career including NHL stops in Boston, Los Angeles, Detroit, Vancouver and Edmonton and a World Hockey Association championship with the Houston Aeros in 1973.



**POUL POPIEL**

A well-rounded defenceman who had 45 points in 50 games in his final year of Jr. A in St. Catharines, Popiel spent a couple of seasons in the American league before joining the Boston Bruins in 1966 for a brief stay.

He would go on to play alongside Gordie Howe in Detroit and Wayne Gretzky with the Oilers, but Popiel's best seasons came with Houston of the fledgling WHA from 1972-78, when he was named to the league all-star team on three occasions and was voted runner-up to Quebec's J.C. Tremblay for the top blue-liner award for 1974-75.

Popiel, who turned 70 on Feb. 28, was the first Danish-born player in the NHL and came to Canada with his family as a youngster.

Following his playing career, Popiel coached a pro team in Austria and later served as bench boss for youth teams in the St. Louis, Missouri area, where he now resides.

### Wayne Pries

Not always the most popular guy in minor hockey meetings since he usually had to make the final decision, Wayne Pries can nonetheless be content in knowing that he always kept the best interests of the players as the top priority.



**WAYNE PRIES**

For the past four decades, the 73-year-old Pries has been involved in the sport as a volunteer in some capacity and was the catalyst behind two major changes that shaped minor hockey in this area.

The native of Neustadt, Ont. joined the All-Star Support Group rep organization in Georgetown when son Mark was playing in the 1970s. Sensing resentment between the All-Star and minor hockey bodies that co-existed in Georgetown at the time, Pries helped merge the two groups in 1981 and would serve as president of the GMHA from 1985-90.

As well, he was the founding chairman of the Halton Hurricanes' organization in 1990 that allowed local residents to play at the elite AAA level without having to lie about their home address or move to another municipality.

The Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award winner in 2001, Pries, whose dad Ed managed Memorial Arena for five years and mom Madeline ran the canteen there for more than 20 years, has also been involved with the executive of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and the Ontario Hockey Federation, serving as OMHA chairman from 2010-11.

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