Five new members in Sports Hall of Fame

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SPORTS

The Halton Hills Sports Museum Hall of Fame will welcome five new inductees at its eighth-annual ceremony on Thursday, June 19 at the newly renovated John Elliott Theatre.

The 2014 inductees are: Timothy Murdock (athlete), Dan Ralph (builder), Brian Hayward (athlete/builder), Kaitlyn Andrews (athlete), Dave Kentner (builder).

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

A reception will be held at 6 p.m. with the awards ceremony at 7 p.m.

Visit the website hhsm.ca for more information.

Below are profiles of each inductee:

Kaitlyn Andrews

Retirement at age 23 sounds a bit premature for any sport, but star shot put and discus thrower Kaitlyn Andrews was able to achieve all of her major goals during her relatively short career.



KAITLYN ANDREWS

Andrews. now 25, was a multi-sport competitor growing up, earning Acton High School's athlete-of-thevear on four occasions.

It was at track & field practice, however, one day at Stewarttown Middle School when a shiny silver ball soared through the air that Andrews got hooked on throwing the shot put, and later on, the discus.

Seven times Andrews would stride to the OFSAA podium to collect gold medals in either discipline during her four years

She accepted a full athletic scholarship to attend Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas and by the time her stay there had finished in 2011, Andrews held the school's outdoor

shot put record of 15.76 metres, won two Southland Conference titles and graduated with a degree in kinesiology.

Her debut representing Canada at an international meet came in 2006 when she placed 21st at the World Junior Track & Field Championships in Beijing, China.

Andrews also wore red and white at two Pan-American Junior Championship meets, placing sixth at the 2005 shot put event in Windsor, Ont. and fifth in the 2007 games in Sao Paolo, Brazil.

Her father Bruce, a middle-distance runner, was inducted into the HHSM's Hall of Fame in 2007. Andrews is currently a physical education teacher at AHS, just as adoptive mother Anne did.

Brian Hayward

An undrafted all-star netminder out of Cornell University, Georgetown's Brian Hayward went on to enjoy a decade-long NHL career and remains in the spotlight today as a TV broadcaster for the Anaheim Ducks.

As a youth, Hayward played in the AA Four Town league in Georgetown before moving on to the Don Mills Flyers as a



BRIAN HAYWARD

bantam, later suiting up in Jr. A for the Markham Waxers and Guelph Platers.

By his senior vear at Cornell. he was named to the All-Ivy League Team

and earned All-Ameri- can honours by making a school record 2,225 saves, resulting in a contract offer from the NHL's Winnipeg Jets.

Hayward's breakthrough season in the pros came in 1984-85 with the Jets when he posted a 33-17-7 record.

He was dealt to Montreal just after the Canadiens won the Stanley Cup in 1986 and subsequently earned three straight Jennings Trophy awards alongside Hall of Famer Patrick Roy, collecting 71 wins in his four-year stay with the Habs, which included a Stanley Cup appearance in 1989 and another as a Minnesota North Star in 1991.

Picked up by the San Jose Sharks in the 1991 dispersal draft, Hayward was in goal for the expansion franchise's first regular-season victory before back injuries forced him to call it a career at the age of 33.

He wasn't out of the sport for long, however, as another new California-based team, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, began play in 1993 and hired Hayward to serve as colour analysts on its broadcasts.

On-air stints with CBC's Hockey Night in Canada, ABC, ESPN and NBC's 2006 Winter Olympics coverage followed, although he's continued calling Ducks' games since the club's inception.

Dave Kentner

The man who scored just once in his minor hockey career has achieved more goals as a builder in the Halton Hills sporting community than he ever could have imagined when he began selling draw tickets for grocery hampers at Georgetown Raiders' intermediate home games in 1972.

Now 69, Kentner helped design the team's first program and moved up through the Raider executive ranks until



DAVE KENTNER

becoming VP of hockey operations and general manager in 1980.

By that time, Georgetown boasted a powerhouse team that won six OHA titles by the time it

captured the Hardy Cup Canadian championship on home ice in 1982 by sweeping the Quesel, B.C. Millionaires in three straight games.

Kentner, who operated a catering business and his Mill St. Dairy Bar while spending countless hours at the rink, was a master volunteer recruiter and fundraiser, serving as president and GM for the Sr. A Raiders and later the Jr. B Gemthe Sr. A Raiders and later the Jr. B Gem-ini, along with overseeing the amalgamation of the two Georgetown youth hockey

He was also instrumental in founding ≤ the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award in 1977 and received the honour on its 25th anniversary. Kentner also helped establish the Halton Hills Sports Museum ⁴ and its Hall of Fame, of which he's now an inductee.

Tim Murdock

Although hockey was his first love as a youngster, Tim Murdock's interest turned to motorcycles as a teenager and it was that need for speed that drove him to a successful racing career.

The 47-year-old mechanic with the Brampton Fire Department started out with motorcycles in 1980 and was soon classified as an expert in both motocross and dirt tracks, winning the Borra Fall



TIM MURDOCK

Series 125cc Canadian Short Track Championship in 1982.

Murdock, a

Glen Williams

native, would earn 20 major motocross trophies

the 80s at tracks around Ontario, winning the feature race in the 358 Dirt Modified Division at the Ransomville Speedway in N.Y. and the Niagara Tri Track Rookie of the Year award.

His attention turned to automobile racing in 1990 and the transition was smooth, with Murdock crossing the finish line first in his very first heat at Ransomville, where he'd also capture his first feature race in 1996 over 35 laps.

With a pit crew consisting of Armstrong Garage owner Dave Armstrong, Art Bull and Craig Jay, Murdock managed to stay competitive with the #58 car against drivers whose full-time job was racing with corporate sponsorships.

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