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## Nurse on board for Canucks' pursuit of reigning U.S. champs

She won't be competing at next month's Pan Am Games in the Toronto area, but Georgetown's Cristy Nurse has some big international events this summer as a member of Canada's national rowing team.

The 28-year-old University of Ottawa law school graduate put her professional career on hold a couple of years ago in order to concentrate on her rowing for Canada's women's 8s team, which has had to settle for silver medals against the current World and Olympic champion U.S. boat.

There is no 8s competition in the Pan Am Games so Nurse is in Europe and the Canuck 8s turned in an excellent showing at this past

weekend's World Cup 2 races in northern Italy, yet finished runners-up against the powerful Americans again.

"I think we are pleased to be on the podium in this year's first international race, but not satisfied," Nurse, bow seat of the women's eight, following their performance.

"We won't be content until we have that top spot," Nurse told the Rowing Canada website.

"But the women's 8 field continues to deepen and I'm proud of my teammates for demonstrating that we remain a force in this event."

Nurse is expected to row with the Canuck 8s at the British Royal Henley race next month and at the World Championships in France in August, which will serve as a qualifier for next year's Summer Olympics in Brazil.



**HALL OF FAMERS:** The ninth-annual induction ceremony for the Halton Hills Sports Museum Hall of Fame took place last Thursday at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown, with six new names entering in 2015. From top left: Joe Cleary, Gord Lyons, Finn Poulstrup. Front row: Jan Dixon accepted the award on behalf of her late husband Ron Dixon, Susan Kuck, and representing the late Eustace Collins were his daughters Laura and Marie and wife Chris. For the first time in its history, the gala ceremony was sold out for the evening.

Photo by Ron Stiel



Georgetown District High School held its 44th-annual Athletic Banquet to celebrate the achievements of its student-athletes from 2014-15. Major award recipients were, starting at front, from left to right: Emily Ayala – Student Athletic Council Award; Maddie Pasma – Fred Kotani Sportsmanship Award; Kaitlyn Timmons – Student Athletic Council Award; Mat Toebes – Lyn McLaren Award for the Top All-Around Performer; Bryn de Chastelain – Bill Bingham Junior Male Athlete of the Year Award; Veronica Fong – Gord Barwell Junior Female Athlete of the Year. Back row: (tie) Anja Vesterback & Taylor Richard – Shirley White Senior Female Athlete of the Year; Kyle Robinson & Davis Rapagna – Rick Redshaw Award for Hard Work & Perseverance; Dylan Thring – Jim Hall Senior Male Athlete of the Year; Cameron Burns – Spirit Award.

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## Five golds for Plackoski

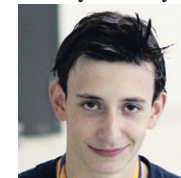
The Halton Hills Blue Fins took 29 athletes to compete at the Etobicoke Olympium and raced over 30 other clubs at the Central Region Long Course Championships, in which they finished ninth in the team category.

Aleks Plackoski led the way with five gold medals (50m free, 100m free, 400m free, 800m free, 100m breast), a club record in 800m free, his first national qualification time, and to top it all off he won the overall 15-year-old boys high point trophy.

Anthony Hartsink also had a big break out meet grabbing a silver and bronze in the 100m &

200m butterfly

HHBF's girls' 15-and-over freestyle relay team of Shannon



**ALEKS PLACKOSKI**

Jickling, Katherine Peel, Emily Collis and Nicole Waddick raced their way to a silver medal posting a club record. Waddick

now heads off to study at the University of Notre Dame.

Jordan Stott earned silver in the 200m backstroke while Kathleen Reedman made her first finals and scored bronze. Emma Bissonnette also made her first final.

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