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Halton Hills Sports Hall of Fame inducts 5 new members

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The Halton Hills Sports Museum Hall of Fame will bring in six new inductees at its 12th-annual ceremony on Thursday, June 21 at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown.

Special guest speaker for the evening is Canadian thoroughbred racing jockey legend Sandy Hawley.

The 2018 inductees are: Trent Cull (athlete, hockey), Denis Gibbons (builder, hockey), 1987-88 Georgetown juvenile AAA Junior Gemini (team), Shawn Hill (athlete, baseball) and Harry Lawson (athlete, baseball).

Tickets are \$30 each and are available by contacting Glenda Nixdorf at 905-873-1360 or by emailing info.hhsm@bell.net.

A reception will be held at 6 p.m. with the awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Below are profiles of each inductee:

Trent Cull

After a 10-year career in minor pro leagues as a tough, stalwart defenceman, the 1994 Toronto Maple Leafs' free-agent signee is currently forging another path as the head coach of the Vancouver Canucks' American Hockey League club in Utica, N.Y.

Cull stepped into the Georgetown Jr. B Raiders as a 15-year-old and quickly made the jump to the Ontario Hockey League, playing five seasons with Owen Sound, Windsor and Kingston,

earning selection to Canada's under-17 national team.

Youngest of four brothers, the 44-year-old Cull's minor pro career included 435 AHL games with St. John's, Springfield, Wilkes-Barre, Houston and Syracuse.

He lifted the Turner Cup championship trophy in 1989 as a member of the International Hockey League's Houston Aeros in one of the highlights of his career.

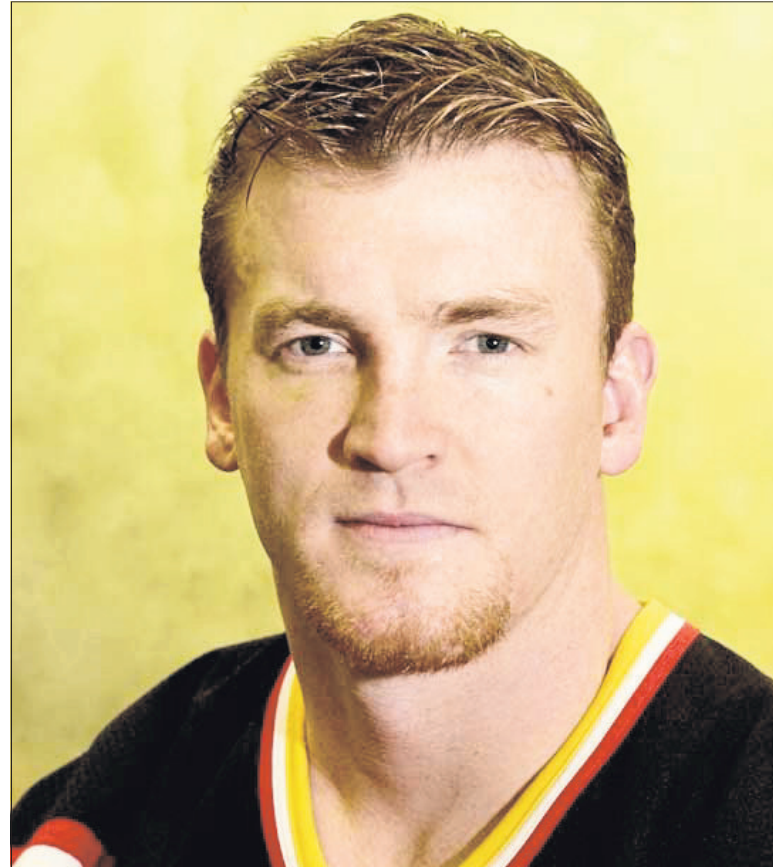
Retirement from playing didn't last long as he accepted an assistant coaching role with the OHL's Guelph Platers for two seasons before moving on to the AHL's Syracuse Crunch as an assistant in the first of two four-year stints there.

In between was a three-year tenure as head coach of the OHL Sudbury Wolves and last summer he took on the lead duties with the AHL's Utica Comets, who are trailing the Toronto Marlies 2-0 in their best-of-five first-round playoff series.

Denis Gibbons

A researcher, journalist, book author and former Acton minor hockey volunteer is considered an authority on international hockey history and documenter of the sport's development, having attended seven Winter Olympic Games, eight World Junior Championships and four World Championships.

Gibbons, who turns 75 in August, took great interest in international hockey in 1974 when he



Cull family photo

Trent Cull had a 10-year playing career in the minor professional ranks and has made the transition to coaching, as he's now the bench boss for the American Hockey League's Utica Comets, affiliate of the Vancouver Canucks.

visited Moscow as part of the first sports exchange between the Soviet Union and Canada, since then developing a speaking, writing and reading knowledge of Russian, while studying

Czech, German, Japanese and Spanish.

The former Independent & Free Press sports editor (1973-78) has been a part-time writer and editor for The Hockey News

since 1980, as well as freelance writing for the Globe & Mail and Broadcast News. Gibbons was the chief writer for the official hockey program at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

He was presented with the President's Award in 2014 by the Society for International Hockey Research for his two-plus decades with that organization.

Gibbons, now a Burlington resident, also recently authored a book called Hockey My Door to Europe, in which he shares his many exploits covering international events.

Shawn Hill

For a Canadian, just getting drafted by a major league club is a huge accomplishment, and while his promising pitching career was thrown a series of curve balls in the form of arm injuries, the Georgetown Minor Baseball Association graduate is most proud of his diamond memories when wearing a Team Canada jersey.

Drafted by the San Diego Padres in 1999 and again the next year by Montreal, Hill toiled in the minor league system of the Expos for five years until making his debut in 2004 against Philadelphia.

The Mississauga native went 1-2 that season, with the win coming against the Toronto Blue Jays, before multiple injury setbacks, including two Tommy John surgeries, sent the six-

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