



80+ HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

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October Induction Event

First Woman Player in the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame

The 18th induction into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame was held in Gatineau QC on 25 October 2025 hosted by *Les Grands Flos de Gatineau* hockey club. The day's activities began with a series of on-ice events at the Slush Puppy Centre:

- A *Grandsons* (under 11) vs. *Grandfathers* (80+) match at noon, ending in a 5 – 5 draw.
- A match between the *Thunder Blades*, a women's 50+ hockey team, and the 75+ division of the host *Les Grands Flos*. *Les Grands Flos* were 3 – 1 victors.
- The main on-ice event featured a match between two teams of 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame candidates for induction. Prior to the match The Honorable Steven Mackinnon, Member of Parliament for Gatineau, delivered introductory remarks, congratulating the candidates on their accomplishment. O Canada and the ceremonial faceoff with Minister Mackinnon officiating followed. The candidates divided into the traditional Blue and Gold teams battled it out in a spirited and celebratory match.

The banquet and induction ceremony was held in the evening at the Chateau Cartier Hotel and Resort on Aylmer Road in Gatineau. After a welcoming cocktail hour, the Master of Ceremonies, Raymond Chauvet, Secretary-Treasurer of the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame, and Gratien Allaire, *Les Grands Flos* event coordinator, opened the event with warm greetings and brief remarks.

Mr. Chauvet introduced Mme Suzanne Tremblay, MNA for Hull in the Québec National Assembly, who welcomed all to her city and congratulated the inductees on their accomplishment – still playing hockey at the age of 80. Inductees and guests then enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner.

Following dinner, a piper led the inductees in procession around the hall, greeted by enthusiastic applause. The induction ceremony followed. Each Inductee was formally introduced then “knighted” into the Hall by Mr. Chauvet with a wooden stick previously signed by all inductees.

Leading off was a historic induction. Ginette Hatin was the first woman player to be inducted into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame.

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October Induction (Continued)

Ginette Hatin of La Prairie, QC started playing hockey, (as well as baseball, boxing and other sports) with her brothers when she was 6 years old. As she grew older, she played a few games with boys at the Pee Wee and Bantam levels. In the 1960’s Ginette played for a Quebec provincial senior all-star women’s team, playing against senior women’ teams from Ontario and elsewhere.

As with women hockey players everywhere in the mid 20th century, playing hockey was a challenge. Arena managers and even the CAHA viewed hockey as “for men only” and were reluctant to grant ice time or provide organizing assistance. By 1978, through a lot of work by women’s hockey players from across the country, attitudes changed and in 1978 there was a Canadian women’s hockey championship. Women’s hockey has continued to evolve following pathfinders like Ginette to where the Professional Women’s Hockey League is active today.



Ginette Hatin

Ginette is currently playing twice a week with Les Sages de la Rive-Sud 70+ a men’s over 70 team on Montreal’s south shore.

This induction was not the only hockey honor bestowed on Ginette. On 04 October 2025, the USA 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame inducted Ginette into their Hall. Ginette was not in Colorado for that induction, so a Team USA sweater with Ginette’s name and number was sent to Gatineau for presentation to her at this induction.

One Builder was inducted into the Hall at the Gatineau event, Michel “Pépé” Bourgoïn – Referee. Michel began his career as a referee in 1973 at Rouyn Noranda. Since then, he has refereed at various levels having officiated over 5,622 matches by April 2025. At age 76, he remains active refereeing an average of six games a week.



Michel Bourgoïn

With 29 inductions at this event, there are now 450 members of the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame.

The 18th induction into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame was a well organized, enjoyable event. As one of the attendees put it in a post event email “The entire weekend was a celebration of the game for all ages but especially the 80+ players. The reception at the Chateau Cartier was a true highlight, (it) created an unforgettable atmosphere, one that honours the game’s history and those who helped build it”. *Les Grands Flos de Gatineau* are to be congratulated on their hosting of the successful event.

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2025 GATINEAU INDUCTEES	
BUILDERS	
Michel "Pepe" Bourgoin	Referee
PLAYERS	
Gratien Allaire	Les Grands Flos
Bert Bellefeuille	Old Buzzards
Jean-Paul Bergeron	Les Grands Flos
Gaétan Boulanger	Anciens Mariniers
René Bourget	Les Têtes grises
Michael Bourgoin	Les Grands Flos
Irénée Côté	Les Grands Flos
Ronald Courval	Ligue de hockey Géritoil
Michel Desjean	Les Sages de la Rive-Sud
Jacques Dufresne	Les Grands Flos
Roger Dupont	Les Grands Flos
Rob Ellicott	Les Sages de la Rive-Sud
Martin Hart	Les Grands Flos
Ginette Hatin	Les Sages de la Rive-Sud
Jean-Claude Lachapelle	Les Grands Flos
Guy Laframboise	Les Grands Flos
Yvan Laframboise	Les Grands Flos
Kenneth Landry	Les Grands Flos
Yves Langevin	Les Sages de la Rive-Sud
Claude Lefebvre	Anciens Mariniers
Gérard Lemyre	Hockey des aînés
Robert Lepage	Les Grands Flos
Pierre Pagé	Les Têtes grises
Serge Pérusse	Les Grands Flos
Robert Racicot	Les Grands Flos
Royal Richer	Les Grands Flos
Steve Russell	Les Sages de la Rive-Sud
Normand Tessier	Ligue de hockey Géritoil

SoYouThinkYouKnowHockey:

*Q1. In what year were helmets made mandatory in the NHL?
(Answer on page 7)*



USA 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame



The USA 80+ HHOF held the first induction on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Blue Sport Stable in Superior Colorado. The event began with the Legends Game, 16 octogenarians facing off on the ice, followed by a banquet and induction ceremony in the evening.

There were 36 individuals inducted into the USA 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame. Some of the notable inductees:

- Terry Harper, age 84, originally from Regina Saskatchewan, who played in the NHL winning five Stanley Cups with the Montreal Canadiens. He now lives in Folsom, California and skates twice a week.
- Raymond Chauvet of Gatineau Quebec who is director and Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian HHOF and has been a great contributor to the development of the Canadian HHOF
- Ginette Hatin, age 80, from La Prairie, QC., who plays hockey with men’s 70+ teams in Montreal. More about Ginette in the Gatineau 80+HHOF induction.
- Moe Marchand of Gatineau QC., the founder, promoter and developer of the Canadian HHOF.
- Fred Merchant, born in Cape Breton NS and now resides in Boulder Colorado. He is a founder of the USA 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame and a board member of the Canadian version. He is the author of the book *The Real Iron Men of Hockey* describing 80+ hockey players.
- Bill Orban, born in Regina SK. He played in the NHL with the Chicago Blackhawks and the Minnesota North Stars and continues to play in Saskatoon SK in the 60+ Hockey League
- Charles M. (Sparky) Schultz is posthumously inducted into the USA 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame. He is most noted for his Peanuts comic strips that continue to bring joy long after his death and for the Snoopy Senior World Hockey Tournament in Santa Rosa California which he started in 1974. He was inducted into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in 1993.
- Mark Sertich of Duluth Minnesota is recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest hockey player in the world. He played hockey into his 90’s and passed away in 2020 at the age of 99. He is inducted into the USA 80+HHOF posthumously.
- Ray Wardle of Ottawa ON, who continues to play hockey at age 92 with the Ottawa Octokids, a team he helped found. Ray was an active sprinter and won Gold at the 2011 World Senior championships. He continues to coach runners.



Fred Merchant at the podium
USA 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame Induction



Ray Wardle

Raymond Chauvet (2023), Ginette Hatin (2025), Moe Marchand (2017 and 2015 as Builder), Fred Merchant (2022), Ray Wardle (2013) have all been inducted into the Canadian 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame.



2026 Inductions

The 19th induction into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame will be held in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, on March 28, 2026. Look for information on the event on *519 Sports Online* closer to the event. This induction is fully booked. Contact rodbrandvold@rogers.com or John Thompson: jtdaytimershockey@gmail.com.

The 20th induction will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on April 18, 2026, hosted by the Saskatoon 60+ Hockey League. This induction is fully booked. For information contact Rod Brandvold rodbrandvold@rogers.com or David Hume dave.hume@sasktel.net.

The 21st induction will be held in Whitby, Ontario, on October 24, 2026. For information contact Wayne Watson wwatson@rogers.com or Rod Brandvold: rodbrandvold@rogers.com.

Host an Induction Event With the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame

The 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame invites teams, clubs, and communities to host induction events in their local area. Hosting locally adds a unique regional touch and helps reduce travel costs for inductees, their families, and friends.

To support your efforts, the Hall executive team will work closely with your local organizing committee throughout the entire process—from initial planning to final execution. A detailed checklist outlining the shared responsibilities between the Hall and the host committee is available to guide your preparations and ensure a smooth, successful event.

If you are interested in hosting an induction event, please contact Herb Brennan herbertbunting31@gmail.com or Rod Brandvold rodbrandvold@rogers.com.

SoYouThinkYouKnowHockey:

Q2. Which team won the longest game in NHL History
(Answer on page 7)

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Canada 150 Cup Tournament

Once again this year, 80+ hockey teams from the United States and Canada battled it out for the Canada 150 Cup. The tournament was held at the Appleby Ice Centre, Rink 1, in Burlington, Ontario, 21-24 October hosted by the Burlington Oldtimers Hockey Club. This year four teams participated in the tournament: USA Team 1, USA Team 2, Canada 80+, and Ottawa Elder Skatesmen. Tournament format had each team playing all the others in the round robin with the top USA team playing the top Canadian team for the championship and the other USA Team and other Canadian team playing the consolation game.

The USA teams had players from various parts of the country including New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Colorado.

Team Canada 80+ drew players from around southern Ontario augmented by five from Saskatoon.

The Ottawa Elder Skatesmen was a club team augmented by four players from Ottawa Octokids, North Bay, and Montreal.

The consolation game was between USA Team 2 and the Elder Skatesmen with the Elder Skatesmen victorious.

The championship game between USA Team 1 and Canada 80+ was won by Canada 80+.

Congratulations to the Burlington Oldtimers Hockey Club for again staging a well organized and enjoyable Canada 150 Cup Tournament.



USA Team 1



Team USA 2



Ottawa Elder Skatesmen



With the Canada 150 Cup



Canada 80+



Victoria Playmakers Hockey Tournament

The 35th Annual Victoria Playmakers hockey tournament will be held at the G.R. Perkes Arena in Victoria, BC, March 24-28, 2026. The tournament has a maximum of 48 teams in divisions from 55+ to 80+ including two women's divisions 50+ and 60+. Information on the tournament website: victoriaplaymakers.ca.



Canadian National Senior Hockey Tournament

The Canadian National Hockey Championship 55+ tournament will be held at Calgary, Alberta, April 9 -12, 2026. The tournament has players in 6 divisions in five-year increments starting at 55+, **including an 80+ division**. Cut off for pre-registration is November 30, 2025. For more information see the tournament website at: chc55plus.com or contact Craig Cripps at 1-403-607-4858, email chc55plus@gmail.com



A group in Ottawa based on the Elder Skatesmen is putting a team together for the 80+ division of the tournament. Contact Don Puccini: dpuccini@rogers.com.

If one of your local clubs is planning to send an 80+ team, let us know.

Tell Us About It!

Is your region buzzing with 80+ hockey action? Whether it's legendary players, spirited teams, milestone tournaments, or vibrant communities—if it celebrates the 80+ hockey spirit, we want to hear about it!

We're gathering stories, highlights, and happenings that would resonate with the broader 80+ HHOF alumni community. Your submission could be featured in the next edition of the 80+ HHOF Newsletter, connecting fans and alumni across regions.

Send your details to our editor, Larry, at: larryd209@gmail.com and help us spotlight the incredible community of 80+ hockey.

SoYouThinkYouKnowHockey:

A1: Helmets were made mandatory in the NHL in 1979

A2: The Montreal Canadiens defeated the Boston Bruins in a six-overtime game in 1936



Thank You Supporters!

Conducting induction events and managing the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame incur considerable costs. Induction fees cover only a portion of the expenses. The Hall relies on contributions from sponsoring corporations, individuals, and Supporting Teams’/Clubs’ membership fees.

The 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame extends grateful thanks to the clubs, teams and individuals that have provided financial support for another year:

NAME	CITY
Bendo Blazers Hockey Club	Windsor
Burlington Oldtimers Hockey	Burlington
Dukes of Durham	Whitby
Elder Skatesmen	Ottawa
Geriatric Old Buzzards	Ottawa
Gloucester 98`s	Ottawa
Grands Flos (Les)	Gatineau
K-W Daytimers	Kitchener
OctoKids	Ottawa
Orleans Oldies 60+	Ottawa
Peterborough Sr Hockey	Peterborough
Sages Rive-Sud (Les)	St-Hubert
Saskatoon 60+ Hockey	Saskatoon
White Hawks Seniors	Ottawa
Wooden Sticks	North Bay

In Memoriam

Remembering 80+ Hockey Hall Of Fame Alumni who have passed away .
(20xx) - Year of Induction

Andrew Innis (2025)

May he rest in peace.



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