



80+ HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

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Introducing the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame Newsletter

This is the first edition of the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame Newsletter.

Many of you receiving this newsletter are familiar with the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame and its objectives. For those who are not familiar, the main purpose of the organization is to “Increase participation in adult recreational hockey by offering induction into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame as a goal for players and a tribute to builders involved in growing the community of senior recreational hockey players.” Qualification for induction is playing organized hockey while 80 years-of-age or older. Formal induction ceremonies are held two or three times a year in various locations.

There are two purposes in starting this newsletter:

To inform senior hockey teams already familiar with the 80+Hockey Hall of Fame of the activities of the organization

To spread the word about the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame among those not familiar with it, encouraging players to keep going into their 90th decade and teams to nominate them for induction.

Regarding the first purpose, other parts of the newsletter will speak of past inductions, planned future inductions, and other matters.

In regard to the second purpose, we ask you to do two things for us;

To pass the newsletter to other teams and individuals who are involved in older oldtimers hockey and who may not be familiar with the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame

To let us know of 70+ oldtimers hockey teams in your area and their contact information so that we may build a data base of teams to keep informed of the activities of the Hall and from which to recruit 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame inductees. Please send information about teams in your area and their contact information to: info@hockey80plus.ca.

We plan to send the newsletter twice each year. If you would rather not receive future editions of the Newsletter, let us know at info@hockey80plus.ca and we will remove you from the mailing list.

Check out the website at www.hockey80plus.ca.

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From the President

2024 has been another successful year for the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame. The organization originated by Maurice “Moe” Marchand continues to work toward the objectives of its founder to honour those hockey players who continue to play into their 80’s and the builders who contribute to the game off the ice.

The number of inductees has continued to grow with 31 inducted in Huntsville in August and 25 in Ottawa in October. That brings to 360 the number of players inducted and 38 the number of builders inducted into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame.

We are planning two induction events in 2025, one in Ottawa ON in the spring and one in Gatineau QC in the fall. More to come about a special inductee in 2025. The 2026 events are already in planning stages.

While the number of inductees continues to grow, we would like to extend our reach to the parts of the nation that are not yet participating in the program. We are working to do so and have made initial contact with Calgary hockey people.

We would also like to keep all oldtimers hockey teams in the country up to date on the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame’s existence and activities. To that end we are developing a database of 70+ hockey teams with their contact information. We would appreciate your help in building the database by letting us know the contact information for 70+ hockey teams in your part of the country.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors of the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame for their work in making 2024 another successful year. And a big thank you to Sally Hodgson and the many other volunteers who make our events run smoothly.

I am looking forward with excitement to 2025.

Herb Brennen

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Huntsville Induction 2024

The fifteenth induction into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame was held in Huntsville, Ontario, on 24 August 2024. The activities of the day were held in the Canada Summit Centre, a beautiful modern facility built for the 2010 G8 Summit of world leaders visit to Huntsville. Thirty over-eighty hockey players and one builder from various parts of Ontario and beyond were nominated for induction into the Hall.

We extend a huge **THANK YOU** to the Rotary Club of Huntsville, in particular Adrian Musters and Rob Saunders, for hosting the event. The location and the special touches made this truly a memorable induction day.

The Builder inductee was **Paul Kallioinen**. Paul has been organizing sports teams for many decades in Chapleau, Espanola and now White River, Ontario, such as the Lumbago Hockey group, the Noon Hour Crew, and the Goodtymers Senior Hockey. He is amazingly encouraging, keeps it “under control” and all under his direction. Paul has organised teams to participate in tournaments in many age groups. The last one was the CARHA international tournament 60 and over held in Vancouver. Perhaps Paul’s greatest accomplishment is the advent of Espanola’s Pond Hockey Program which was his idea to provide a hockey experience for kids unable to afford organized minor hockey. He registered more kids in pond hockey one year than in Espanola Minor Hockey. For these kids, Paul organizes weekly hockey, good basic instruction, assistance getting equipment, if necessary, and lots of fun, plus a year end banquet with all the “bells and whistles” Without the efforts of people like Paul, others would not have the opportunity to enjoy this great game.



Paul Kallioinen

Event festivities began with a group of 80+HHoF alumni facing off against the U-13 Huntsville Sting girls. While the octogenarians demonstrated considerable talent and some cunning, they were outmatched by the speed of the Sting who won the game 3 – 1.

The inductees game followed with the inductees divided into the Blue Team and Gold Team—mixed to enable playing with members of other teams. The match was played with the enthusiasm, determination and fun usually associated with senior hockey players.



Huntsville Inductees
Blue Team



Huntsville Inductees
Gold Team

After the game (and showers!) the inductees and their guests gathered in the foyer of the Canada Summit Centre from whence they were led in parade by a Pipe and Drum marching band to the Active Living Centre for a buffet dinner and the formal induction ceremony.



Parade to the Induction Ceremony

The Master of Ceremonies, George Nickerson, welcomed everyone. He spoke of the perseverance and love of the game that have kept the inductees “lacing them up” and described the hockey rink as a place where fellowships and a sense of community develop. Each inductee was introduced and then formally “knighted” into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame by Loris Bondio, Vice-President of the Hall, using a wooden hockey stick that had been signed by all the inductees.

Following the induction ceremony and buffet dinner, the crowd was entertained with “A Little Magic” by Motor City Magician Bret Beaudry, who also played goal for Gold Team in the inductees’ game.



2024 HUNTSVILLE INDUCTEES

Kirk Armstrong Snowbirds in Fort Myers, FL
Glenn Boon Huntsville Senior Shinny
David Burgess Huntsville Senior Shinny
Remo Campitelli Huntsville Senior Shinny
Clyde Dimmell Snowbirds in Fort Myers, FL
Lynn Ferguson Snowbirds in Fort Myers, FL
Bill Fox Peterborough Senior Hockey Club
Jim “Foxy” Fox Kitchener Waterloo Daytimers
Tom Garrity Dukes of Durham in Whitby
Paul “Goody” Good Kitchener Waterloo Daytimers
Jerry “Hoolie” Harrigan Kitchener Waterloo Daytimers
Bill Jesty Dukes of Durham in Whitby
Paul “PK” Kallioinen Espanola Old Timers
Ron Kelly Espanola Old Timers
Emil Nychka Peterborough Senior Hockey Club
Bill Pazaratz Ancaster Mens Hockey League
Don Quarrie Peterborough Senior Hockey Club
Dave “Randser” Rands Kitchener Waterloo Daytimers
Dave “Rookie” Rook-Green Peterborough Senior Hockey Club
Jim Savage Burlington Oldtimers Hockey Club
Dave Scott Huntsville Senior Shinny
Raeburn “Scotty” Scott Peterborough Senior Hockey Club
Jim “Jimmy” Shaw Burlington Oldtimers Hockey Club
Dave Sinclair Elder Skatesmen in Ottawa
William “Bud” Smith Dukes of Durham in Whitby
John “Snowy” Snowden Huntsville Senior Shinny
Jean-Guy “JG” St. Pierre Dukes of Durham in Whitby
Henry Svazas Burlington Oldtimers Hockey Club
John Weber Kitchener Waterloo Daytimers
Jim Wilson Peterborough Senior Hockey Club
Keith “Woody” Woodcock Peterborough Senior Hockey Club

Ottawa Induction 2024

The sixteenth induction into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame was held in Ottawa on September 26th, 2024. Twenty-four players and one builder were inducted .



Tom Somerton

The builder inductee was **Tom Somerton**. Tom was a member of the Ottawa Elder Skatesmen from its beginning in 2006. He was a member of the organizing committee, looked after spares, organized the line-ups, took care of CARHA insurance, helped organize the Hockey Fest games. He took the idea of playing friendly hockey at advanced age without injury and wrote it into the Friendly Hockey Rules to govern play, rules that were adopted by many teams. Tom's contributions to the Elder Skatesmen and other teams have contributed greatly to the enjoyment of hockey by many.

The event began with on-ice activity at the Jim Durrell centre in Alta Vista. The first activity was an alumni game with two teams of previous inductees facing off. It was a spirited match with the Gold Team outscoring the Blue Team 4 to 1.

The main on-ice event was the inductees' game. Prior to face off there were team photos taken followed by introduction of the players aligned at the blue line. Alta Vista Ward Councillor Marty Carr welcomed everyone on behalf of the City of Ottawa. Following the national anthem, Councillor Carr officiated at the ceremonial face off.

Two periods of lively hockey followed with the inductees divided randomly into the Gold Team and the Blue Team, with Reg Woods coaching the Gold Team and Tom Somerton coaching the Blue Team.



Councillor Marty Carr at the Ceremonial Faceoff

Ottawa Induction 2024 (continued)

The formal induction ceremony and banquet was held at the Centre Ice Sports Bar at the Bell Sensplex in Stittsville. After a cocktail period, the inductees were piped in procession into the hall to the applause of gathered family and friends. The dual Masters of Ceremonies, Chris Valentine, a former NHL hockey player, and Raymond Chauvet, Secretary-Treasurer of the 80+ HHoF, welcomed everyone and led the proceedings. During the buffet dinner John David Chabot, a former NHLer, entertained with tales from his time in professional hockey.

Then it was time for the main event. The inductees were introduced one by one with brief details of their background. They were each then “knighted” into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame by President, Herb Brennen, using a wooden hockey stick which had been signed by all the inductees during the on ice event.



Four Inducted Octokids

Bob Mckee, Doug MacAuley, Graham Forrest, Ken Mitchell.



2024 OTTAWA INDUCTEES

Donald Bowie Oldtimers 60, Colorado Springs
Gary Casavechia 60+ Shearwater Ancient Mariners
Grant Clayton Dukes of Durham
Doug Deline Dukes of Durham
Jean-Claude Faubert Les Légendes, Valleyfield QC
Graham Forrest Octokids
Allen Foubert Almonte Silver Blades
Hubert Fougere 60+ Shearwater Ancient Mariners
Lloyd Gorling Elder Skatesmen
Larry Guest Brockville Magedoma Oldtimers
Wayne Hart Beaconsfield Old Timers Hockey
Edward Hussey Beaconsfield Old Timers Hockey
Keith Jalbert Burlington Oldtimers Hockey Club
Victor Knowlton Beaconsfield Seniors
Gary Lambert Elder Skatesmen
Doug MacAulay Octokids
Robert McKee Octokids
Ken Mitchell Octokids
Ken Morton Orleans Oldies 60+
Ed Ratushny Octokids
Hubert Saulnier Beaconsfield Oldtimers Hockey
Paul Sicard Pierrefonds Old Timers
Len Silver Orleans Whitehawks
Barry White Elder Skatesmen

Canada Cup 2024

The 6th edition of the Canada/USA challenge games for the Canada Cup took place in Burlington, Ontario from 22 to 24 October 2024.

The Canada Cup Challenge originated during the Canada 150 Anniversary year and has continued annually except for those years the COVID pandemic precluded play. It pits a Canadian team of 80+ years of age players against those of the same age from the United States. The USA team had won three of the previous five challenges so the Canadians were anxious to correct the imbalance.

The skaters in this year's edition came from far and wide. Team USA had players from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Maine, Colorado, Connecticut, and Michigan. On the Canadian side, skaters were from Nova Scotia in the east to Saskatoon in the west as well as those from Ontario. Notable player for Team USA was Bill Orban, who played in the NHL with Chicago Blackhawks and Minnesota North Stars.

The challenge is a two-game event. The first game was played on 22 October with the Canadians winning 4-3 catching the visitors a bit off guard. The Americans came back with a solid 7-3 win in the second game on 24 October. With the series tied one game each, a 10 minute "overtime" game was used to determine the winner. Canada scored in the overtime giving them the challenge win and tying the series 3-3.



Team Canada



Team USA



Future Events

2025

The seventeenth induction into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame will be held on 03 May 2025 at the Jim Durrell complex in Ottawa. Nominations for this induction are almost full.

The eighteenth induction will be held in October (exact date TBA) in Gatineau QC. There will be a special event with an unusual inductee.

Given the large number of potential nominees, we will need a third ceremony in 2025, ideally in southern or western Ontario. Would your team or community be interested in working closely with the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame to host an event? Contact Herb Brennen to discuss possibilities and what would be involved. herbertbunting31@gmail.com.

2026

Planning is underway for induction ceremonies in Burlington ON and Saskatoon SK in 2026. Details to come.

Nominate Your Octogenarian

Is there a player on your team worthy of induction into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame? Eligibility criteria are:

1. Canadian citizen
2. Minimum 80 years-of-age or older
3. Active team player the year they turned 80, or beyond
4. Team acknowledgement of candidate's sound character and good sportsmanship
5. Support for the mission and objectives of the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame

To nominate a player, make application to the Board of Directors at rodbrandvold@rogers.com along with supporting documentation including:

1. A letter of endorsement from the team attesting to the candidate's meeting the eligibility requirements
2. A recent hockey photo of the candidate
3. Biographical information to be used for production of a personalized hockey card
4. Photo and personal information release
5. The induction fee of \$250 for each candidate
6. The Nomination Fee of \$50 for each candidate. The fee is waived if the nomination is from a Supporting Team/Club Member of the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame (See Supporting Team/Club Member on the website).

The dates for future induction ceremonies will be posted on the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame website. Applications must be received 60 days prior to the induction date.

The web site www.hockey80plus.com has more information, examples and blank forms.



Please and Thank You!!

The 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization that relies on the generosity of our sponsors, donors, teams, and alumni to cover our operating costs.

Thank You to Our Alumni and Friends of the Hall. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our alumni and supporters. Over the past year, some of the significant donations we received include:

Larry Cassie	\$1,000
Nicolas Matossian	\$200
Anonymous	\$270
Mr. Walsh	\$82.50

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for your support.

Team Contributions We are also thankful to the hockey teams that are home to our 80+ players. Here are some of the teams that have contributed \$200 or more over the past year:

- Les Sages
- Les Grands Flos
- Ottawa White Hawks
- Octokids
- Orleans Oldies 60+
- Dukes of Durham
- Burlington Oldtimers Hockey
- Saskatoon 60+ Hockey
- Gloucester 98's
- Brockville Magedoma Oldtimers
- Senior Westmount All-Star Team (SWAT)
- K-W Daytimers
- Elder Skatesmen
- Wooden Sticks
- Peterborough Senior Hockey
- Silver Foxes

Your support is invaluable to us.

See a special thanks on the next page. . . .



Special Thanks to the Dukes of Durham. We extend a special thank you to the Dukes of Durham hockey club. The Dukes, in Whitby, Ontario, compete three times a week in three divisions: A (55+), B (mid), and C (70+). As of 2024, nine Dukes members have been inducted into the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame. Three were inducted in Burlington in 2022, six in Huntsville in August 2024, and two in Ottawa in October 2024.



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Back Row L-R Doug Deline, Blair Anderson, Gord Flann, Grant Clayton, Walt Slade
Front Row L-R Bill Jesty, Jean Guy St. Pierre, Tom Garrity, Budd Smith

Dukes of Durham in the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame

In December 2024, each Dukes of Durham division hosted a Christmas luncheon featuring a 50/50 draw. The total sales from the draws amounted to \$2,845.00. The Dukes generously donated their share of \$1,442.50 to the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame. Additionally, the A Division draw winner contributed \$82.50, bringing the total donation to \$1,505.00.

Thank you, Dukes, for your generosity and for setting a model for others.

Now the “Please” part.

The 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame would be pleased to receive donations from alumni, no matter the size, big or small. Donations can be sent via e-transfer to the Treasurer at:

raymond.chauvet@sympatico.ca.

