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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Well, here we go again! I'm proud to present a new redesigned newsletter. While we received rave reviews about the IASMHF e-newsletter that was introduced last year, we also listened to ideas that were shared by members.

Nearly everyone agrees that the electronic version is a more efficient manner in which to distribute the newsletter. But, some of us still missed having the paper version. So, our new newsletter meets both needs.

The IASMHF newsletter will be sent in a PDF format for now on. If you don't have Acrobat Reader, you can easily download it FREE of charge at www.adobe.com/products/acrobat. In the event that your e-mail server doesn't allow for certain attachments, we'll also post the newsletter on our website at www.sportshalls.com.

The major complaints with the e-newsletter were that it was not printer friendly and that it was only distributed to certain individuals within organizations. Now you can read the newsletter on your computer screen, print it out and take it with you, or add it to your files. The newsletter will be distributed to all individuals on our mailing list which means the news about our organizations will be more far reaching than ever.

Regardless of how we present the newsletter, the most important factor remains the same. We need content and that's where you come into play. The newsletter is intended to share information, entertain, and educate IASMHF members. Please be sure to share news releases, feature stories, photos, and other content about your museum or Hall of Fame and its members. Remember, we want this tool to work for you as we consider it a great added benefit to your membership.

All content for the newsletter should be forwarded to Pete Fierle, IASMHF's Communications chairperson. You can send the material to him at:

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or fax it to 330-456-9080

I hope you enjoy this edition of the IASMHF newsletter.

Regards,

Mike Brooslin
President, IASMHF

IASMHF NEWS: Board meets in Springfield

IASMHF's Board of Directors held its mid-year meeting in Springfield, Massachusetts in early March. The meeting was held at the Basketball Hall of Fame, site of the 2004 IASMHF Annual Conference.

Among the items on the Board's agenda was the conference. The planning stage is nearly complete and a complete schedule and listing of sessions for the conference, which is slated for October 27-29, 2004, will be announced in the near future.

The 2005 annual conference will be held in Calgary, Alberta. The Board of Directors is now accepting applications from those institutions interested in hosting the **2006 conference**. Inquires should be directed to IASMHF Executive Director **Roger Yaffe** at **(312) 551-0810** or info@sportshalls.com.

ENSHRINEMENT NEWS: IASMHF Members Announce New Inductees

Many IASMHF members have recently announced their new inductees for 2004.

Here's a rundown of those sports heroes who will be honored during enshrinement ceremonies throughout the year at the British Columbia Hockey Hall of Fame, New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, Pro Football Hall of Fame, Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, International Tennis Hall of Fame, and Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

British Columbia Hockey Hall of Fame

The BC Hockey Hall of Fame welcomed five new inductees when the Class of 2004

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AROUND THE HALLS: News and Updates from IASMHF Members

Babe Ruth Museum and Maryland Authority Plans for New Museum — Ruth Expansion Museum to Open Spring 2005

The Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum and the Maryland Stadium Authority held the official ground-breaking ceremony on February 12, for the Museum's expansion into historic Camden Station.

The ground-breaking ceremony included United States Congressman Ben Cardin; Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley; Maryland State Comptroller William Donald Schaefer;

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FEATURE: Santa & the Stanley Cup

by Kevin Shea, Hockey Hall of Fame

"Daddy, if you see Santa Claus, tell him I'm being a good boy, okay?" So begged four-year old Quinn before his Daddy, Phil Pritchard from the Hockey Hall of Fame, embarked on a trip with the Stanley Cup to the Northwest Territories and into the Arctic Circle. Santa Claus manages to visit every city, town and village in the world all in one night. For Phil Pritchard, along with Marty Savoy and Jay Formentie of Hockey Canada, it took 15,000 kilometres and five days to cover nine different communities in Canada's far north.

The Stanley Cup has been witness to so many unique situations, from posing with Hollywood stars to being the trophy in street hockey contests. It has travelled around the

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Baltimore City Councilman Kieffer Mitchell; Maryland Stadium Authority Chairman Carl Wright; Babe Ruth Museum Chairman Michael Hodes; Maryland Stadium Authority Executive Director Rick Slosson; Babe Ruth Museum Executive Director Michael Gibbons; University of Maryland men's basketball coach Gary Williams and athletic director Debbie Yow; Naval Academy football coach Paul Johnson; former Baltimore sports greats Brooks Robinson, Scott McGregor and Lenny Moore; sports broadcasting legend Vince Bagli; and Baltimore Orioles Vice Chairman Joe Foss and Vice President Jim Beattie.



"This Camden Yards complex is where the Babe Ruth Museum belongs," Cardin said during the 30-minute program. "Thanks to the Lenny Moore's and the Brooks Robinson's for giving us the memories, and thanks to the Babe Ruth Museum for preserving them."

O'Malley, Cardin, Schaefer, Wright, Hodes, Slosson, Gibbons and Foss took part in a ceremonial shovel dig in the 154-year-old building's basement.

A highlight of the ceremony was the presentation to the Museum of the Baltimore Orioles 1895 championship banner. The 50-by-74-inch banner, a significant and historic Orioles artifact, has been in the hands of private collectors before being purchased for the Museum. The 1895 Orioles, made up of six future Hall of Famers including John McGraw, Wilbert Robinson and Willie Keeler, won their second of three consecutive National League pennants. The banner, presented to the team by a fan, hung in the ballpark through the championship season.

Located on the north end of the Camden Yards complex and set to open in Spring 2005, the new 22,000-square-foot Museum in Camden Station will house exhibits related to Babe Ruth, Johnny Unitas, the Baltimore Orioles and Colts, the Maryland Terrapins and college athletics, and Baltimore's Negro Leagues.

"This Museum will be a national showcase of how Baltimore's heroes became national legends," Hodes said. "From Babe Ruth to Johnny Unitas and Cal Ripken, we will be able to tell stories that appeal to all generations of sports fans."

The Iowa Sports Museum Alliance Formed

The Iowa Sports Museum Alliance has recently been formed by **Dale Arens** of the University of Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame in Iowa City, **Julie Bailey** of the Bob Feller Museum in Van Meter, **Becky Wigeland** of the National Balloon Museum in Indianola, **Mike Chapman** of the International Wrestling Institute and Museum in Newton, and **Tom Schmeb** of the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum in Knoxville. The group, which will meet quarterly at the various member museums, shares IASMHF's goal of providing a network for the exchange of ideas and opportunities for cooperative ventures amongst the Iowa-based non-profit institutions.

National Baseball Hall of Fame's National Touring Exhibition Opens to Rave Reviews in St. Petersburg, Florida

Since the sport first took shape in this country, baseball and America have shared the same values, responded to the same events, and grappled with the same social and economic issues. See how our National Pastime mirrors and influences our evolving culture in **Baseball As America**, which was on exhibit through March 6, at Florida International Museum, the fifth stop in a 10-city nationwide tour. The exhibition is organized by The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Cooperstown, New York.

The national tour of Baseball As America is sponsored by Ernst & Young.

The exhibition opened to rave reviews in Florida on December 13, with Hall of Famers Carlton Fisk, Robin Roberts and Earl Weaver on hand for ceremonies.

For the first time ever, more than 500 artifacts from The Baseball Hall of Fame are traveling to world class museums across the nation. From the legendary "Doubleday baseball" to a promotional ball rescued from the rubble of the World Trade Center, Baseball As America is packed with the artifacts, history and compelling stories. There are baseball "firsts" like the first ball pitched by Cy Young in the first modern World Series in 1903; historic photographs and artifacts from Jackie Robinson, Joe DiMaggio, and a host of other heroes; baseball nostalgia of all kinds; and interactive displays where visitors can heft a bat, learn how to throw a curve ball and visit the virtual Hall of Fame plaque gallery. And only at The Florida International Museum can you see a selection of objects from the Hall of Fame that illustrate the history of baseball in Florida.

The exhibition at FIM also tells wonderful stories about Florida's baseball history and showcases several Florida-themed artifacts including a 1953 spring training program from Al Lang field; photos of Babe Ruth on the beach in spring training; the ball hit by Tampa Bays' Rocco Baldelli for his first major league home run last year; the bat used by the Marlins' Alex Gonzalez to hit his game-ending home run in the world series last year; and the Devil Rays jersey worn by Wade Boggs to record his 3000th hit.

"Baseball is the National Pastime," said Hall of Fame Chairman Jane Forbes Clark. "The Game symbolizes the fabric of our society in its sportsmanship, ingenuity and teamwork. As the institutional and spiritual home of The Game, we have an even greater responsibility to examine the deeper significance of Baseball and reveal its enduring relevance to this great country and all Americans."

After The Florida International Museum, the exhibition continues its 10-venue national tour to five other museums throughout the U.S., including: National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, D.C., April 3, 2004 to October 3, 2004; Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis, December 19, 2004 to April 24, 2005; Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, May 21, 2005 to August 14, 2005.

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NEWSLETTER TIP

You'll notice some of the type is in red throughout the newsletter. This alerts you that this is a link to the Internet. Simply click on it and it will open your web browser to the page that it is being referenced.

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Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum Exhibit is Showcased as One of "World's Best" in New Book

The Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum's (Pickerington, Ohio) current exhibit "Heroes of Harley-Davidson, presented by Progressive Motorcycle Insurance," is one of 70 corporate, commercial and museum installations featured in the new book, "Designing the World's Best Exhibits." Written by Martin M. Pegler, the book features high-impact visual environments from around the globe, ranging from luxury retail concepts and massive consumer product showcases to multi-million dollar trade show stands. To be included, exhibits had to be more than just a showcase for products or objects—they had to create a seamless brand experience and establish a powerful emotional connection between viewer and subject matter. In addition, exhibit designers had to achieve this objective through innovative visual elements and materials.

These criteria were especially well met by the "Heroes of Harley-Davidson, presented by Progressive Motorcycle Insurance" concept and design team, which included Mark Mederski, executive director, Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum; Ed Youngblood, exhibit curator; William Mahon, exhibit and fixture designer; and Dean DeShetter, principal of DeShetter Design, graphic and exhibit designer.

One example of the team's approach to engaging exhibit visitors is the full-size replica of the backyard shed and workshop of founders William S. Harley and Arthur Davidson, located near the exhibit entrance. Complete with period tools and machinery, including a 2500-lb engine lathe and drill press on loan from the Henry Ford Museum, the structure was constructed from lumber specially milled to 19th century specifications.

Such attention to detail and historical accuracy is a hallmark of the entire 8,100-square foot exhibit. Throughout the 19 themed sections that comprise the exhibit, visitors can immerse themselves in the colorful tales of over 100 individuals, while also admiring 54 rare motorcycles, 150 unique artifacts and a collection of fine art, including officially licensed Harley-Davidson artists. Serpentine walls and edge-to-edge graphics create a rich continuum throughout the visitor's journey, revealing surprises around each bend—such as an accurate board track racing surface replica, complete with race-ready vintage machines.

"Our mission for this exhibit was to bring Harley-Davidson's 100-year journey to life, through the stories of the people and personalities who have played important roles in the company's ride to success," said Mark Mederski, executive director, Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum. "The machines, artifacts and memorabilia were all selected to illustrate and support their stories, which are a very non-traditional approach to exhibit design."

Open to the public through the end of 2004, the exhibit has also been featured on national television, including The Travel Channel and CBS News Sunday Morning.

Babe Didrikson Zaharias USGA Exhibit To Open At Golf House

The USGA Museum in Far Hills, NJ will unveil a new exhibit – "Let Me Play Again - Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Cancer, and the 1954 U.S. Women's Open" beginning May 22, 2004.

The exhibit, which will remain on display through March 31, 2005, and include an overview of Zaharias' multifaceted athletic career, will focus specifically on her golf achievements and her victory in the 1954 U.S. Women's Open. This year marks the 50th anniversary of her heroic comeback from cancer to win the most prestigious championship in women's golf.

"We're very grateful to have had the enthusiastic cooperation of Babe's family and the Babe Zaharias Foundation, and have secured exceptional artifacts, photos, and film footage that chronicle her life and times," said Rand Jerris, director of the USGA Museum and Archives.

Participating in numerous sports in which she excelled and set several records, Zaharias is recognized as the greatest female athlete of the first half of the 20th century. She was named Woman Athlete of the Year by the Associated Press six different times. No other athlete, male or female, has received this honor as often.

Zaharias mastered tennis, played organized baseball and softball, and was an expert diver and bowler. She was a three-time All-America basketball player. In track and field, Zaharias either held or shared the world record in four events and held the American record in four events. She also won two gold medals and one silver medal for the United States in the 1932 Olympics.

But Zaharias achieved her most extraordinary accomplishments in golf. She won every major professional championship at least once and captured 13 consecutive amateur tournaments. In addition, she was the first American to capture the Ladies British Open Amateur and the first to win both that title and the U.S. Women's Amateur.

Her victory in the 1954 Women's Open is even more extraordinary as Babe had been diagnosed with colon cancer, and had undergone a radical surgery only 14 months prior to the championship. Her determination both on and off the golf course would earn her the respect of her colleagues, the admiration of the American people, and praise from then President Dwight Eisenhower.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the USGA will present a series of educational programs targeted at children and adults. A special "Newspapers in Education" supplement will be developed and distributed to schools throughout the country in conjunction with *The New York Times*.

A series of lectures and panel discussions with Zaharias' contemporaries, as well as discussions with authors and scholars, will be held for adults and USGA Members.

The exhibit is open to the public without charge from May 22, 2004, to March 31, 2005, between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

was announced on January 19, 2004.

Penticton native **Bob Nicholson**, President of Hockey Canada, has witnessed a total of 26 medals being won by Canadian Teams under his direction since he joined Hockey Canada in 1992.

Steve Tambellini played 10 seasons in the NHL, winning a Stanley Cup with the New York Islanders in 1980. He also played three seasons in Vancouver.

Forward **Ray Ferraro** enjoyed a NHL career spanning 18 seasons with six different teams. Ray enjoyed a productive three-year junior career with the BCHL Penticton Knights and Portland and Brandon of the WHL. He played 6 1/2 seasons with the Hartford Whalers, and also played with New York Islanders, New York Rangers, Los Angeles Kings, Atlanta Thrashers, and St Louis Blues.

Barry Beck played one season in the BC Junior League with Langley and later with the WHL New Westminster Bruins. He played in three straight Memorial Cups including the 1977 championship team. In his long NHL career, Beck played with with Colorado, the New York Rangers and the Los Angeles Kings, recording 355 points with 1,016 minutes in penalties.

One of the most popular Vancouver Canucks ever, defenseman **Harold Snepsts**, also joins the elite group being inducted. A standout junior with Edmonton of the WHL, he was drafted by the Canucks in the fourth round in 1974. He joined Vancouver during the 1974-75 season and would remain with the team for the next 10 seasons. Snepsts also played with Minnesota, Detroit and St Louis.

For more, please visit the British Columbia Hockey Hall of Fame's website at www.bchhf.com

New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame

Six names will be added to the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame honour roll for 2004, including the hall's first-ever veteran honoree. The dinner and induction ceremony will be held at the Delta Beauséjour Hotel in Moncton on June 5th.

The inductees are **Sean Barry**, formerly of Saint John, a two-time Canadian champion and member of the Olympic wrestling team in 1980; **Betty Bouma** of Bathurst, who has played a significant role in the development of figure skating both provincially and nationally; **Ed Skiffington, Jr.** of Moncton, who introduced Canadian football into the provincial interscholastic sports program; the **Melissa McClure curling team** from Grand Falls, who won the world junior championship in 1998; and the Université de Moncton Aigles Bleus hockey teams of 1980-81 and 1981-82, winners of consecutive Canadian Interuniversity Sport championships. The veteran inductee is **Lou Kiley** of Saint John, a standout in Maritime senior hockey with teams in Saint John, Moncton and Amherst during the 1950s and '60s.

With the latest elections membership in the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame now stands at 176.

For more, please visit the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame's recently redesigned website at www.nbsportshalloffame.nb.ca

Pro Football Hall of Fame

The Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio announced its Class of 2004 in Houston, Texas – site of Super Bowl XXXVIII – on January 31, 2004. Tackle **Bob Brown**, defensive end **Carl Eller**, quarterback **John Elway**, and running back **Barry Sanders** brings the total membership of the Hall to 225.

The Class of 2004 will be formally enshrined into the Hall of Fame during enshrinement ceremonies on Sunday August 8th. The sold-out ceremony will also be televised live on ESPN.

For more, please visit the Pro Football Hall of Fame's website at www.profootballhof.com.

Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum

The Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum announced its 2004 inductees on January 28, 2004. The 38th Annual Induction Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, June 12 at the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts.

Elected were the following individuals:

ATHLETE CATEGORY:

Murray Balfour, an all-around athlete, who played in the National Hockey League with the Montreal Canadiens and Chicago Black Hawks.

Glenna (Sebestyen) Fairbrother's competitive gymnastic career began in 1957 at age eight. By 1962, she won her first of four Canadian Junior championships. In addition, she has won eleven provincial, three Western Canadian, four Canadian junior championships and international medals in the Cup of the Americas and the Pan-American Games.

Nada Hlohovsky began her softball career in the Regina Minor Girls Softball League. She played on three consecutive Regina City championship teams as well as five straight provincial championship teams. Nada also collected five Canadian Championship gold medals in midget, junior and senior ranks.

Like so many hockey players before him Saskatoon's **Vic Lynn** was discovered on the outdoor rinks. He joined the Saskatoon Junior Quakers and in the 1941/42 season played in the Memorial Cup. Vic then began an extensive career that saw him play in various leagues including the National, American and Saskatchewan Senior Leagues.

Sandy Shields was raised on the family farm near Somme, Saskatchewan and began his love for horses during this time. Working as a sta-

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ble worker, an exercise boy, and finally an apprentice jockey, he broke into the Western Canadian horse scene in 1957. By his retirement in 1974 he had booted home 1,509 winners, 1,303 place horses, and 1,148 show horses on 8,588 mounts collecting over \$1.8 million in purses

BUILDER CATEGORY:

After working in the journalism and management fields **Laurie Artiss** turned his attention to curling, especially the promotion of big curling events.

Mike Renouf began his involvement with Judo as a competitor. Injuries saw him change direction and become involved with the coaching and refereeing aspects of the sport. Mike has refereed in over 20 national championships at various levels and served in administrative posts with Judo Saskatchewan and Judo Canada.

Saskatoon's **Bob Van Impe** has been a constant in the Saskatoon softball scene since his first introduction to the sport. As a builder, he has been in the forefront of the very successful softball program in the Hub City.

IN THE TEAM CATEGORY:

The 1973 Saskatoon Blue Angels Softball Team:

The Blue Angels were formed in 1972 and achieved almost immediate success by winning the Women's Division Two championship of Saskatoon. This was followed in the same year by first place finishes in the Saskatchewan Summer Games and the junior provincial championship. In 1973, they brought home the gold medal.

The 1974 and 1983 Rick Folk Mixed Curling Teams:

In 1974, Rick Folk, Tom Wilson, Cheryl (Stirton) Zipper, and Bonnie Orchard formed a mixed team. The Saskatoon foursome won the 1974 Saskatchewan Mixed Curling Championship and then the Canadian championship. The team placed second in both 1981 and 1982 at the national level. In 1983, with Dorenda Schoenhals and Elizabeth Folk replacing Cheryl and Bonnie, they were named the Canadian Mixed Curling Champions once again.

For more, please visit the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum's website at www.sshfm.com.

International Tennis Hall of Fame

Tony Trabert, President of the International Tennis Hall of Fame, announced on January 15, 2004 that Germany's **Steffi Graf**, Sweden's **Stefan Edberg**, and the USA's **Dorothy "Dodo" Cheney** will be officially inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in July.

"Newport is the place to be this July," stated Trabert. "Not only will we honor the great tennis careers of three great champions in Steffi, Stefan and Dodo, but we will also welcome back Hall of Famers from around the world to celebrate the International Tennis Hall of Fame's 50th Anniversary."

Graf and Edberg have been elected to the Hall of Fame in the Recent Player category, while Cheney has been elected in the Master Player category.

The Hall of Fame will hold the official induction ceremony for the Class of 2004 on Sunday, July 11th. Including Graf, Edberg and Cheney, the International Tennis Hall of Fame has inducted 186 people representing 18 countries since its establishment in 1954.

Bios on the Graf, Edberg, and Cheney can be found on the International Tennis Hall of Fame's website at: www.tennisfame.com.

Virginia Sports Hall of Fame

Veteran golf professional **Curtis Strange** and former basketball star **Dell Curry** highlight the 2004 class of inductees into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in Portsmouth.

Strange, a two-time U. S. Open champion, and Curry, whose career spanned 16 years in the National Basketball Association, will be enshrined with five others who have had outstanding careers on the Virginia sports scene.

The others are:

- **Chuck Boone**, long-time coach and athletic administrator at the University of Richmond
- **William Fuller**, a four-time Pro Bowl selection in the National Football League
- **Russ Potts**, a pioneer and vibrant force in sports marketing
- **Hope Spivey**, a former U. S. Olympic gymnast
- **J. R. Wilburn**, a record-setting pass receiver with the NFL Pittsburgh Steelers

Strange played on five Ryder Cup teams (compiling a 6-12-2 record) and was captain of the 2001 team.

Curry, a native of Harrisonburg, starred at Virginia Tech and was a first round draft pick in 1986 by the Utah Jazz of the NBA. Two years later, he was the first player chosen by the expansion Charlotte Hornets and became the Hornets all-time leading scorer.

Boone came to the University of Richmond after being a prep standout in Covington. He lettered for three seasons in baseball (as a catcher) and football (center/linebacker) for the Spiders. He spent six years as a player and coach in the New York Yankees organization and then returned to UR where he served for 28 years as baseball coach and athletic director.

Fuller, a native of Chesapeake, was a two-time All-America as a defensive lineman at the University of North Carolina. He was a finalist for both the Lombardi and Outland Trophies. He was drafted in the first round by the Philadelphia Stars of the United States Football League in 1984. Two years later, he began a 13-year run in the NFL with the Houston Oilers, Philadelphia Eagles, and San Diego Chargers.

Potts, now a member of the Virginia State Senate, began his career in sports as a writer and then sports editor of the Winchester Star. In 1972, he became the nation's first Sports Promotion Director at the University of Maryland where he created the first corporate partners program in college athletics. He served as Athletic Director at Southern Methodist University from 1979-81 and was vice-president of public relations for the Chicago White Sox in 1981-82.

Spivey, a native of Suffolk, competed in gymnastics on the national and international level for 11 years, capping her career as a member of the U. S. Olympic team that finished 4th in the 1988 Games. Prior to that, she had an outstanding career at the University of Georgia from 1991-94 when the Bulldogs won four Southeastern Conference championships.

Wilburn, a native of Portsmouth and long-time Richmond resident, was a wide receiver and tight end in the NFL for seven years with the Pittsburgh Steelers and San Diego Chargers. He held the Steelers' single-game reception record for 31 years. He was a three-year letterman in two sports at the University of South Carolina from 1963-65.

The seven will be inducted during the Hall's annual awards dinner in Portsmouth on April 24, 2004. For more, please visit the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame's website at:

www.virginiasporthalloffame.com

IASMHF AWARDS

Committee Accepting Nominations

It's that time of the year again - for you or your organization to submit entries for the annual IASMHF Communication Awards and nominations for the Schroeder Award.

The Communication Awards program was established to provide recognition for excellence in publications by all sports museums or halls of fame. Regardless of organization size or budget, your institution can submit entries in five different categories. And, to encourage broader participation by sports museums and halls of fame, the IASMHF Board of Directors has agreed to waive the entry fee (normally \$10 for IASMHF members / \$18 for non-members).

The W.R. "Bill" Schroeder Distinguished Service Award is presented annually to a person affiliated with a member organization. It is the highest honor presented by IASMHF, for meritorious service to IASMHF or the sports museum/hall of fame industry.

Look in your mailboxes for further information about the Communication Awards or the Schroeder Award, including entry and nomination forms, which will be sent to members in the near future.

Black History Month Celebrated

Visitors to the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum in Baltimore on Saturday Feb. 14 had the chance to learn what it was like to play in Baltimore's Negro Leagues. That is because the museum's special guest that day was former Baltimore Elite Giant Ernest Burke who was on hand as the museum honored Black History Month.

Burke played with the Elite Giants from 1946 through 1949, posting a 4-1 in the 1949 season. After entering organized baseball in 1946, he pitched less but appeared more as an everyday player. As an outfielder and third baseman for Pough-Kinston in the Western League, he batted .253. The next two seasons were spent with St. Jean in the Canadian Provincial League, where he hit .308 and .258 as a third baseman-outfielder while registering marks of 15-3 with a 4.33 ERA the former season.

Delighted groups of students who visited the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio on Feb. 27th enjoyed the many words of wisdom from Hall of Famer Bobby Mitchell.

Mitchell, a member of the Hall of Fame's Class of 1983, served as the keynote speaker for *African-American Pioneers in Pro Football*, presented as a part of the Hall's Educational Outreach Program. Students were admitted free of charge to the two morning sessions. Many visitors to the museum on Friday also attended the sessions as the public was welcomed with the price of admission.

Mitchell, who starred for the Cleveland Browns as a halfback, was traded in 1962 to the Washington Redskins, the NFL's last all white team.

Insight into Mitchell's career was presented to those on hand through an NFL Films piece that documented Bobby's more than 40 years in the NFL, first as a player and then as a front office executive with the Redskins.

The audience listened intently as Bobby recounted his personal relationship with the late Bobby Kennedy. The former senator and presidential hopeful had befriended Mitchell upon his arrival in the nation's capital in the early 1960s. Mitchell also spoke about several other influential people in his life which included four Hall of Fame coaches — Paul Brown, George Allen, Joe Gibbs, and the legendary Vince Lombardi.



She Said, "Yes," At The College Football Hall of Fame Notre Dame Couple Gets Engaged Where They Enjoyed First Dance



She said, "Yes!"

That makes it twice, now, that Notre Dame senior Kevin McCormick received a College Football Hall of Fame "Affirmative" from classmate and sweetheart, Angela Crimboli.

With the help of two friends and some covert planning, McCormick proposed to Miss Crimboli on Thursday, February 26, in The Hall's Press Box, the site of their first dance together. The two were finishing dinner at South Bend's LaSalle Grille when they received a phone call from a friend saying that she had lost her camera at The Hall earlier in the day, allegedly in The Press Box. Since the couple was already downtown, they were asked to go try and find the camera at The Hall, which was pre-arranged to be open to accommodate the phony search. The couple went upstairs and instead of looking for the camera, McCormick popped the question where they shared their first dance back in 2001. Upon hearing an excited, "Yes" from Crimboli, the friend who placed the call suddenly appeared from behind a door, armed with her supposed-lost camera, to snap a picture of the newly engaged couple.

The two met as freshmen at Notre Dame during their first semester back in the Fall of 2000. McCormick finally mustered up the nerve to ask his future bride to a dormitory formal dance at The Hall's Press Box on February 23, 2001.

"This was really a great place for us to get to know each other better," explained McCormick. "We were able to go down into the museum and look at all the exhibits and videos. Doing that really broke the ice."

"Her dad is a huge college football fan," McCormick said. "All he said was to go find the picture of the 1964 Heisman Trophy winner for whatever reason."

They found it and thus began a dance that has never ended. The two have been to some 20 different dances together, four at The College Football Hall of Fame. "The College Football Hall of Fame will be a very special place in our family for a long, long time," said the very happy groom-to-be.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please remember to send material for use in the quarterly IASMHF Newsletter. We're looking for your press releases and photos. We also like to receive feature stories on your Hall of Famers, historical pieces related to your sport, or general information on your museum and its events. Please submit material to IASMHF Communications Chairperson Pete Fierle at:

pfierle@prfootballhof.com or fax it to 330-456-9080

PEOPLE

Curry Receives 2004 Golden Achievement Award from International Tennis Hall of Fame

The International Tennis Hall of Fame has announced that John Curry of Great Britain is the 2004 recipient of the prestigious Golden Achievement Award. The Golden Achievement Award is given by the International Tennis Hall of Fame (ITHF) and presented annually on a worldwide basis to individuals who have made important contributions to tennis in the fields of administration, promotion or education, and have devoted long and outstanding service to the sport.

Presentation of this year's Golden Achievement Award will be made in England on Saturday, June 19 at the International Club Ball which marks the start of the Wimbledon Championships.

For over 30 years, John Curry has made an important impact on world tennis. He served as Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis Club and Chairman of The Lawn Tennis Championships (Wimbledon) from 1989 to 1999.

During his tenure, Curry led major changes in the Wimbledon facilities. An entirely new and enlarged Court Number One was built and dedicated in 1997. New player locker rooms were added within the Centre Court in 1999. A large new Millennium Building was constructed and opened for the 2000 Championships, which included lounges and other facilities for the players. The grounds were greatly improved and modernized for the comfort and enjoyment of spectators.

For more on Curry, please visit the International Tennis Hall of Fame's website at www.tennisfame.com

Sergey Eylanbekov Wins Olympic Art and Sport Contest

The United States Sports Academy's (USSA) Sport Artist of the Year, has won first place in the sculpture category of the International Olympic Committee's Olympic Art and Sport Contest.

An international jury comprising, among others, Jacques Rogge, IOC President, Zhenliang He, IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Education Chairman, and Ousmane Sow, a famous Senegalese sculptor, met in March, 2004 to choose the winners of the Olympic Art and Sport Contest.

Sergey Eylanbekov's acrylic sculpture entitled "Five Continents" was the winner of the United States Olympic Committee's (USOC) Sport Art Competition held in November 2003, which was hosted by the USSA's American Sport Art Museum and Archives. The piece was then entered as the United States' entry into the IOC competition.

"Five Continents" is a three-dimensional acrylic work. It represents the contents, which compete in Olympic competition. There are six human forms infused in the acrylic sculpture, one represents Greece, the upper figure, hovering over the other five figures below, which denote the ethnic composition of the people from each continent. The Olympic Rings are imposed within the piece giving it a distinct thematic identity.

A \$30,000 stipend goes to the Eylanbekov as a result of winning the competition. "Five Continents" will then be exhibited at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne until June and then transported to Athens for display during the Olympic Games in August.

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world. In Canada alone, the Stanley Cup has visited Victoria, British Columbia in the west and Cape Spear, Newfoundland to the extreme east. The Cup has been prominent in Windsor, Ontario in the southernmost part of Canada, too. But parked on the frozen tundra with the Arctic sunset as a backdrop is not only a stunning visual, but a rare and momentous occasion for hockey's most cherished trophy.

The Stanley Cup has visited the far north just twice before. Four years ago, it was a special guest at a hockey tournament in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, the home of Nashville Predator Jordin Tootoo. And, after New Jersey's last two championships, the Cup also accompanied Scott Gomez of the Devils to Alaska. But the Stanley Cup had never previously spent any appreciable time in Nunavut, the newest and largest of Canada's territories created when the area was split from the Northwest Territories in 1999. While Hockey Canada makes an annual excursion into the north to operate hockey clinics, this year was the first time they had partnered with the RCMP and the Hockey Hall of Fame to bring the Stanley Cup to hockey fans in isolated northern communities. And although previous clinics have been very popular, the opportunity to see hockey's most prized trophy in person brought fans out in unusually large numbers.

"This may be one of the most meaningful trips the Stanley Cup has ever taken," stated Pritchard, the Vice President of Hockey Operations at the Hockey Hall of Fame. "Hockey is a unifying activity everywhere, but on this Northern Trip, it really hit home how meaningful the sport is. And because the Stanley Cup represents reaching the highest level of hockey excellence, it was amazing to watch the way people reacted to it!"

The Arctic Circle holds a special spot in hockey's Canadian history. The first recorded reference to hockey has recently been discovered in a letter penned by Sir John Franklin, a British explorer searching for the Northwest Passage between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Written in 1825, the entry stated, 'We endeavour to keep ourselves in good humour, health and spirits by an agreeable variety of useful occupation and amusement. Till the snow fell, the game of hockey played on the ice was the morning's sport.' Franklin sent the letter from Fort Franklin, a small community on the southern shore of Great Bear Lake. Twenty-two years later, Franklin and all the men of his expedition died, likely the casualties of lead poisoning from cans of tin brought on board their ships as provisions while exploring Canada's north.

This sensational excursion began Thursday in Toronto. Pritchard drove from Toronto to Hamilton with the Stanley Cup, then flew west to Calgary where he met up with Marty and Jay from Hockey Canada. The entourage stopped in Edmonton on the way to Yellowknife, the capital of the Northwest Territories and home to 18,000. After unpacking the Stanley Cup's case from the plane, Phil wheeled it into the Yellowknife Community Arena where he was greeted by a huge cheer. While the boys from Hockey Canada held special instructional clinics for the young players, every team registered in Yellowknife Minor Hockey had its picture taken with the Stanley Cup. That afternoon, the Stanley Cup visited a number of local schools, too. The boys then visited the Yellowknife Correctional Centre, where the lure of seeing the Stanley Cup put the hundred or so youths bettering their lives on their best behaviour during the weeks leading up to the visit.

From there, the boys with the Cup flew 684 kilometres north to Norman Wells, a community with a population of 800 situated on the bank of the Mackenzie River. Norman Wells is the transportation cen-

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tre of that area, acting as a hub for regional flights into neighbouring communities. From Norman Wells, the Stanley Cup was taken to Inuvik, the Land of the Midnight Sun. Located on the edge of the Arctic Circle, Inuvik rests in a unique position between vast tracts of forest and treeless tundra.

From Inuvik, the Cup jumped back from Norman Wells to Yellowknife and on to Hay River, a community of 3,600 at the mouth of Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories. Hay River is the home of NHL veteran Geoff Sanderson, who recently joined the Vancouver Canucks. The Hay River hockey program, which boasts Sanderson as an alumnus, lined up by team and every one of the 140 children registered had his or her picture taken with the Stanley Cup while Marty and Jay taught developing players a new arsenal of skills. After the last photograph was taken, the Cup was packed in its custom-built case and taken to selected schools in the district.



That evening, a sumptuous banquet was held at the community centre, with the Stanley Cup sitting proudly at the front of the hall.

After stopping at Hay River, the three accompanying the Stanley Cup were off to Cambridge Bay by way of Yellowknife. Cambridge Bay, also known as Ikaluktutiak, is a hamlet of 1,200 citizens on the southern coast of Victoria Island. The trophy was greeted by RCMP officers dressed in full ceremonial uniform. Then it was on to Taloyoak, a community formerly known as Spence Bay that sits 460 kilometres east of Ikaluktutiak. While waiting their turn to get a picture taken with the Stanley Cup, local hockey fans told Phil about the abundant trout and whitefish caught locally. But the excitement was reserved for one reason. As one young boy told Phil, "I'm so happy to see the Stanley Cup, I think I'm going to die!"

The enthusiasm for the Stanley Cup never waned. The Stanley Cup ventured to Iqaluit after its visit to Taloyoak. Like so many communities in the Arctic, Iqaluit also has ties to the Northwest Passage. Formerly named Frobisher Bay, Iqaluit was originally named for Martin Frobisher, who, in 1576, became the first explorer to attempt to find a passage from Europe to the Far East. Frobisher sailed into the bay adjacent to the community in his search for the passage that would facilitate a trade route between England and China. In 1987, Frobisher Bay was renamed Iqaluit, and the town of 5,000 on the southwestern coast of Baffin Island was chosen to be the capital of the newly-created territory of Nunavut in 1995, although Nunavut didn't officially become a territory until 1999.

On Sunday, most of Iqaluit stood in line for five hours at the Arctic Winter Games Arena to get a picture taken with the Stanley Cup. From Iqaluit, the Stanley Cup moved four hundred kilometers southwest to Cape Dorset, a community of 1,100 residents on the Foxe Channel. Phil laughed quietly every time a reference was made to the Foxe Channel, thinking about sitting with his kids back home in Toronto, watching the Simpsons on an entirely different Fox channel. This area on Baffin Island also has a history tied to the Northwest Passage. In 1631, British explorer Luke Foxe was attempting to navigate his way through the ice and islands between the Atlantic and the Pacific, sponsored by Edward Sackville, the Earl of Dorset. Although Captain Foxe was unsuccessful, he happened upon an island with a sizeable mountain he named Cape Dorset in honour of his benefactor. A snowmobile sporting a set of caribou antlers tied to the hood was

parked in front of Cape Dorset's arena, and Pritchard couldn't resist the chance to get a photograph of the Stanley Cup placed on the snowmobile.

The Stanley Cup left Cape Dorset and was destined for Pangnirtung, stopping in Iqaluit on the way. But Pangnirtung, meaning 'the place of the bull caribou,' was inaccessible as weather wouldn't allow the small plane to land, so the pilot continued flying another

225 kilometres to Qikiqtarjuaq, formerly known as Broughton Island and home to slightly more than 500 residents. Known locally as the 'Big Island,' Qikiqtarjuaq is located off the east coast of Baffin Island. The area was settled in 1956 in order to build the DEW (Distant Early Warning) Line. When scientists realized how vulnerable Canada was to an air attack, a chain of sixty-three radar and communications stations was built starting in Alaska to the west and stretching 3,000 miles to Baffin Island in the east. The community sprang up to create a local DEW Line, and a Hudson's Bay store was opened in 1960 to

supply necessities to the area. Locals were amazed to see the Stanley Cup; Pritchard was told that the area was a prime area to see polar bears and seals.

The party left Qikiqtarjuaq and skipped to Iqaluit once again. John Thomas, the president of Hockey Iqaluit, regarded the trip as unforgettable. "Most probably don't realize how big a role hockey plays in northern communities. The biggest impact for many Inuit would have been to actually see and touch the Cup, bringing the reality of the Cup and what it means to them really hit home. Bringing the Cup into such small Arctic communities was actually an emotional experience for most people as they could hardly believe it was actually there in their hometown. I heard many stories of people crying and in total disbelief of the whole experience."

Marty and Jay from Hockey Canada then stepped into a plane for Yellowknife and would land, later that day, back in Calgary. Phil Pritchard, meantime, packed the Stanley Cup and flew to Ottawa. From Ottawa, another plane took the Cup and its keeper to Hamilton. Then, Phil drove to Yonge and Front in downtown Toronto - the Hockey Hall of Fame — the permanent home of the Stanley Cup. When Phil Pritchard walked back through the doorway of his home after traversing much of Canada's Arctic in a whirlwind five days, he was greeted, nearly deliriously, by his three children. Then, Phil's four-year old son Quinn looked pensive. "Did you meet Santa Claus when you were at the North Pole, Daddy?" Phil stopped for a moment, then broke into a grin. "Y'know what Quinner, I did! Santa Claus came by to see the Stanley Cup!" Quinn let out a whoop and took off down the hallway, chanting "My Dad knows Santa Claus; my Dad knows Santa Claus!"

To the residents of Nunavut and the Northwest Territories who got the opportunity to see the Stanley Cup in person, it was an experience to last a lifetime. For Phil Pritchard and the boys from Hockey Canada, the image of hockey's greatest prize against a backdrop of frozen tundra is etched indelibly in their minds. For little Quinn Pritchard, he's just happy to know Santa Claus loves the Stanley Cup like everybody else!

