



**BC SPORTS  
HALL OF FAME**

**2017 INDUCTION CLASS – SHORT BIOS**

**ATHLETE CATEGORY**

**Roland Green – Cycling**

- Born in Victoria, currently resides in Fernie, B.C.
- Dominated the World Cup cross-country mountain biking circuit from 2000-03, highlighted by winning the world championship in 2001 and 2002. First Canadian male to win a mountain biking world championship gold medal.
- Overall International Cycling Union (UCI) World cup champion, 2001.
- Accumulated over 40 first-place finishes at various national and international races around the world.
- Gold medalist, men's cross country mountain biking, Commonwealth Games, Manchester, UK, 2002.
- Competed for Canada in mountain biking at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.
- Four-time Canadian national mountain biking champion, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2003.
- Male Athlete of the Year, Canadian Sport Awards, 2002.
- Inductee, Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame, 2011.
- Sport BC Senior Athlete of the Year, 2001.
- Sport BC Senior Male Athlete of the Year, 2002.

**Mark Recchi – Ice Hockey**

- Born in Kamloops, B.C.
- Three-time Stanley Cup champion with Pittsburgh Penguins (1991), Carolina Hurricanes (2006), and Boston Bruins (2011).
- Member of coaching staff for Pittsburgh Penguins, 2016 Stanley Cup champions.
- Second oldest player to win the Stanley Cup in NHL history after Chris Chelios (43 years, 137 days).
- Team Canada gold medal member at 1997 World Ice Hockey Championships in Finland.
- Twenty-two season NHL career.
- Career-best season in 1992-93 with Philadelphia scoring 53 goals, 70 assists and 123 points in 84 games.
- Played in seven NHL All-Star Games, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000
- Named MVP of 1997 NHL All-Star Game.
- Selected to NHL's Second All-Star Team, 1992.

## **Geroy Simon – Football**

- Born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
- Played with the BC Lions from 2001-2012.
- Considered one of the best receivers in CFL history.
- Fifteen-season CFL career – 196 games, 904 receptions for 14,756 yards and 93 touchdowns during regular season games with the BC Lions.
- Compiled 75 receptions for 1071 yards, plus 4 touchdowns in 17 playoff games with the BC Lions for career playoff games.
- Led the BC Lions to Grey Cup championships in 2006 and 2011.
- Ranks as the CFL's all-time career receptions and career reception yards leader.
- Winner of the CFL's Most Outstanding Player Award, 2006.
- Six-time CFL All-Star, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011.
- Seven-time CFL West All-Star, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011.
- Recipient, Jeff Nicklin Memorial Trophy as CFL's West Division Most Outstanding Player, 2006.
- Recipient, Rogers Fans' Choice Award, 2006.
- Ranks as the BC Lions all-time touchdown leader.

## **Michelle Stilwell – Wheelchair Athletics/Wheelchair Basketball**

- Born in Winnipeg, M.B.
- Currently lives in Parkville, where she was elected to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia as a BC Liberal candidate for Parkville-Qualicum in the 2013 provincial election.
- Current Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation of British Columbia.
- Seven-time Paralympic medalist (6 gold) representing Canada:
  - Sydney 2000: gold, wheelchair basketball
  - Beijing 2008: gold 100m T52; gold 200m T52
  - London 2012: silver 100m T52; gold 200m T52
  - Rio de Janeiro 2016: gold 100m T52; gold 400m T52
- Only female Paralympic athlete ever to have won gold medals in two separate summer sport events (basketball and athletics).
- Currently holds world records in 100m T52 (18.67 seconds set in 2012) and 200m T52 (33.19 seconds set in 2013).
- Won three gold medals (100m T52, 200m T52, 400m T52) and one silver medal (800 T52) at the 2011 world championships in Christchurch, New Zealand.
- Won gold in 200m T52 at 2006 world championships in Assen, Netherlands.
- Won gold medal in 100m T52 event at 2015 Parapan Am Games in Toronto.

## **Mark Wyatt – Rugby**

- Born in Bermuda, raised in Victoria, B.C.
- Considered a world-class standoff and one of rugby's best kickers during his international career.
- Played for Canada at two Rugby World cups, 1987 and 1991.
- Played in all three of Canada's matches at 1987 World Cup, scoring 7 points.

- Captained Canada at 1991 World Cup, playing in three matches and scoring 17 points. Led Canada to its best ever World Cup finish, reaching the quarterfinals before falling to the favoured New Zealand All-Blacks.
- Set a world record for number of penalties scored in an international match, 1991, scoring 8 penalties versus Scotland in a 25-19 win for Canada. Record stood in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for nine years.
- One of Canada's first players to play professionally overseas, joining French club St. Gaudens in 1989.
- Selected to prestigious Barbarian FC British invitational side, 1990.
- Member of Canadian senior national rugby team, 1982-91. Served as Canadian team captain, 1990-91.
- Accumulated 29 international caps (appearances) for Canada and scored 227 points (1 try, 23 conversions, 55 penalties, 5 drop goals).
- Member of Canadian national sevens rugby team, 1983-91. Led Canada to its' best-ever finish at the Hong Kong Sevens tournament, reaching the semi-finals against New Zealand.

## **BUILDER/COACH CATEGORY**

### **Tim Frick – Wheelchair Basketball**

- Born in England, raised in Port Alberni, B.C. and currently resides in Parksville, B.C.
- Coached the Canadian women's national wheelchair basketball team to seven consecutive gold medals at the world championships or Paralympics, 1992-2002, one of the most dominant runs of any team in any international sport.
- Began his coaching career with Rick Hansen during Hansen's track and road racing career, 1977-84, and later played an key role in the Man In Motion World Tour.
- Served as head coach of the Canadian women's national wheelchair basketball team, 1990-2009.
- International Wheelchair Sports Coach of the Year, 2000.
- Recipient, Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002.
- Coached Terry Fox in volleyball and track and field, 1977-80.
- Recipient, Coaching Association of Canada's Geoff Gowan Lifetime Achievement Award, 2009.
- The Tim Frick Paralympic Coach Excellence Award created in his honour by the Canadian Paralympic Committee, 2010.
- Inductee, Wheelchair Basketball Canada Hall of Fame, 2012.
- Inductee, Canadian Paralympic Hall of Fame, 2013.
- Inductee, Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, 2014.

### **George and Dianne Tidball – Equestrian**

- George born in Carstairs, A.B., Dianne born in Shanghai, China.
- Both passed away in June 2014.
- Built Langley's 85-acre Thunderbird Show Park into an internationally recognized equestrian competition facility, rated as one of the top-three in North America, 2000. Fédération Equestre Internationale level competitions are regularly held here to this day, drawing some of the biggest names in

the sport including Canadian Olympic medalists Eric Lamaze, Ian Millar and Jill Henselwood, as well as other international competitors from the U.S.A, Australia, Colombia, Egypt and Venezuela.

- North American Riders Group ranked Thunderbird Show Park's Thunderbird Grand Prix event the second-best in North America, 2012.
- Bred, raised and showed the first British Columbia-bred American Quarter Horse Association champion
- Inductees, Jump Canada Hall of Fame, 2009

### **Frank Smith – Football**

- Born and resides in Vancouver, B.C.
- Coached UBC men's football team to four CIAU Vanier Cup national championship appearances, 1978, 1982, 1986, 1987, and won two, in 1982 and 1986.
- Coached UBC men's football team to five Canada West Hardy Trophy victories in 1976, 1978, 1982, 1986, 1987.
- Two-time winner of the CIAU (now CIS) Coach of the Year, 1978, 1987.
- Forty-seven of his players went on to play professionally in the CFL, including Don Moen and Leo Groenewegen.
- Played four seasons in the CFL, 1953-56, with Calgary Stampeders, Edmonton Eskimos, BC Lions and Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Won Grey Cup championship in 1954 with Edmonton.
- Head coach of the UBC football team for 21 seasons (a UBC record), 1974-94, compiling a 126-94-4 win-loss-tie record.
- Compiled eight Shrum Bowl victories over Simon Fraser University as UBC football coach, a school record.
- Served as an assistant coach with Saskatchewan Roughriders and BC Lions, 1994-2000.
- Previously coached high school, college and university football at:
  - Burnaby Spartans junior football
  - Centralia High School in Washington State
  - Wenatchee Junior College in Washington State

### **TEAM CATEGORY**

#### **1969-70 UBC Thunderettes Women's Basketball – Basketball**

- Won the Canadian Senior A women's championship, taking the final game by 29 points (83-54) over St. Vital Manitoba Grads.
- Earlier in the Canadian tournament, defeated Ontario champion Windsor N & D, 67-35, Saint John, 65-36, and Alberta champion Edmonton, 80-38.
- Defeated University of Saskatchewan 59-25 and 57-19 (116-44 total) in the two-game total points Western Canadian Intercollegiate Association final.
- Five members of this team would play on Canada's women's national team including Joanne Sargent, Kathy (Williams) Shields, Terri McGovern, and Betty Ross.
- Won the B.C. Senior A championship, coming from behind to defeat Victoria in the final.
- Compiled a season win-loss record of 32-6, a record that went unmatched at UBC for 37 years.
- Opened an era of dominance for women's basketball at UBC.

- The first and only UBC women's team to be the number one university team in Western Canada and the nation's Senior A champions.
- Inductee, UBC Sports Hall of Fame, 1993.
- Inductee, Basketball BC Hall of Fame, 2011.
- Team Members: Heather Cranston, Jan Gee, Wendy Grant, Brenda McFarlane, Terri McGovern, Eija Peitso, Betty Ross, Joanne Sargent, Kathy (Williams) Shields, Ken Shields (coach), Carol Shollert, Norm Vickery (head coach), Linda Willard

## **PIONEER CATEGORY**

### **Chang Keun Choi – Taekwon-Do**

- Born in Korea.
- Opened the first Taekwon-Do school in Vancouver and Western Canada, 1970.
- Hosted annual international Taekwon-Do tournament in Vancouver, 1973-81.
- One of the 12 original Masters of Taekwon-Do, 1956, which later developed into the world's most popular martial art.
- Accompanied founder and first International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) president, General Choi Hong Hi, around the world in 1960s/70s as a principal demonstrator, introducing the sport to Asia, Europe, Africa, North and South America. Continued to travel the world teaching the sport for decades.
- Chairman of ITF Umpire Committee, 1973.
- Created ITF 'tree' logo, 1980. Logo is worn on every ITF uniform.
- Inductee, Taekwon-Do Hall of Fame, New York, 2007.
- Received the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012.
- Won several Korean martial arts national championships.
- One of the first two professional Taekwon-Do instructors recognized by the South Korean government, 1964.

## **W.A.C. BENNETT AWARD**

### **David Sidoo – Football**

- Born in New Westminster, B.C.
- First athlete of Indian descent to play professional football, reportedly anywhere in the world.
- Played six seasons in the CFL, 1983-89, with Saskatchewan Roughriders and BC Lions.
- Three-time selection to Canada West All-Star team while playing for UBC, 1980, 1981, 1982.
- Selected to CIAU All-Canadian team, 1982.
- Captained UBC to the university's first Vanier Cup national championship, 1982.
- Invested millions of dollars in youth sport across British Columbia, including the Canada Basketball Foundation skills camps, supporting Olympic athletes in training and youth sports scholarships.

- Resurrected the high school football program in New Westminster Secondary.
- Created UBC Football Alumni's 13th Man Foundation, 2015, which supports the UBC football program. Credited with providing the environment that led to UBC's 2015 Vanier Cup national championship.
- Sidoo Field at UBC's Thunderbird Stadium is named in his honour.
- Recipient, Kidsplay Foundation Sports Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Recipient, BC Football Hall of Fame's Bob Ackles Award for outstanding contribution to Canadian football, 2014.
- Inductee, UBC Sports Hall of Fame, 2010.
- Recipient, Order of British Columbia, 2016.
- Recognized as one of UBC's top 100 outstanding alumni, 2015.

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