

MEDIA RELEASE

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

To Honour and Inspire



ATHLETE CATEGORY:

KELSEY SERWA

Kelsey is a highly decorated ski-cross athlete. She was named Rookie of the Year in 2009, and won a World Championship in 2011. At the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia, Kelsey placed second, taking home a silver medal. In 2018 in PyeongChang, South Korea she won gold. Kelsey has 19 world cup podium finishes, and 8 world cup victories to her name.

ATHLETE CATEGORY:

ROBYN BUNA

Robyn was named Athlete of the Year for basketball at Kelowna's 2007 Civic Awards. She was a three time national champion while playing at Simon Fraser University, and received the MVP award at the Canadian national tournament in 2010. Robyn lives in Kelowna part-time.



ATHLETE CATEGORY:

TANIA JONES

Tania is being recognized for her achievements as a marathon runner. In high school, she was a provincial champion. She went on to become a university gold medalist, a Canadian champion, and a member of the national team. Tania lives in Richmond Hill, Ontario.



BUILDER CATEGORY:

DAPHNE RICHARD

Daphne is known as the 'Grande Dame' of endurance riding in the Okanagan and in BC. She was the first Chair of Endurance Canada. She won a bronze medal at the 2003 Pan American Games and placed 4th at the 100 miles at the 2005 World Championships. Daphne is the president and director of several provincial and national riding associations. She also served on the Friends of the South Slopes for 18 years and developed the Bellevue Provincial Park for recreational use.

ATHLETE CATEGORY:

DUNCAN McNAUGHTON

High jumper Duncan McNaughton won the British Empire Games as a member of Team Canada in 1930. His 1932 Olympic gold was the only one earned by a Canadian high jumper until the 2016 Olympics in Rio. Duncan won a US National Intercollegiate title in 1933, and was recognized for his accomplishments when he was inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in 1955. He passed away in 1998 at 87.



PIONEER BUILDER CATEGORY:

ROGER LAFONTAINE

A co-founder of the Okanagan Track Club, Roger spent 38 years of his life coaching, refereeing and in sports administration. He is an award winning referee at the national level. Roger has been involved in a variety of sports, including track and field, soccer, basketball and field hockey.

These new members will officially be inducted into the Central Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame at the Induction Ceremony on November 21 at the Coast Capri Hotel beginning at 7AM. Tickets for the breakfast event will be on sale at the Okanagan Heritage Museum in October.

FACTS

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The Central Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame, a branch of the Kelowna Museums Society, began admitting inductees in 2008.

2008 INDUCTEES • 1958 Kelowna Packers

2009 INDUCTEES • Joanne Ritchie, Rick Folk
Curling Team, Jack Brow, Athans Family

2010 INDUCTEES • Jay Christensen, Don Arnold,
Teddy Bears Basketball Team, Mervyn Andrews, Henry
Tostenson

2011 INDUCTEES • Lawrence Nagy, Eric Tasker,
Joan Campbell, Dan Bertoia and Aundrea Bertoia

2012 INDUCTEES • Alex Recsky, Dr. Barry Urness, 1988
Okanagan Sun Junior Football Team, Glenn Ennis, Erminia Russo

2013 INDUCTEES • Blair Chapman, Wayne North, Brock
Aynsley, Julie Sutton Jr. Women's Curling Team

2014 INDUCTEES • Gillian Thomson, Glen Mervyn,
Mike & Brenda Van Tighem, 2004 Kelowna Rockets Hockey Team

2015 INDUCTEES • Christie Van Hees, Sarah Charles, Rod
Belinski, Wayne Hicks, John & Jennifer Hindle

2016 INDUCTEES • 2007 Kelly Scott Curling Team, Blair
Horn, Ron Rubadeau, Conny Stamhuis, Bob Giordano

2017 INDUCTEES • Conrad Leinemann, Chris Taneda,
Garrett Hickling, Malindi Elmore, Kelowna Buckaroos
Organisation

2018 INDUCTEES • Allan Simpson, Chad Folk, Tracey
Melesko, Rob Dirk, Hugh Wong, Heather Mandoli Alschuler

The Central Okanagan Sports Hall of Fame:

- Inspires youth to get involved in sports and use current inductees as role models and source of inspiration
- Honours athletes, coaches, teams, builders and pioneers who have excelled on local, national or international sports scene
- Preserves & showcases our rich sports history
- Nominations are forwarded from the general public and scrutinized by nomination committee, selection committee and sports legacy committee



2018 Induction Ceremony



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2019 INDUCTEE • ATHLETE

ROBYN BUNA

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- SFU national championships 3 times
- National Tournament MVP 2010
- Lives in Kelowna part-time



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2019 INDUCTEE • ATHLETE

TANIA JONES

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- BC High School marathon champion
- Canadian University gold medallist
- Canadian marathon champion
- National team member
- Lives in Richmond Hill, Ontario

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2019 INDUCTEE • ATHLETE

KELSEY SERWA

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- 2018 Olympic gold medallist
- Rookie of the Year in 2009
- 2011 World Champion
- 19 world cup podium finishes
- 8 world cup victories



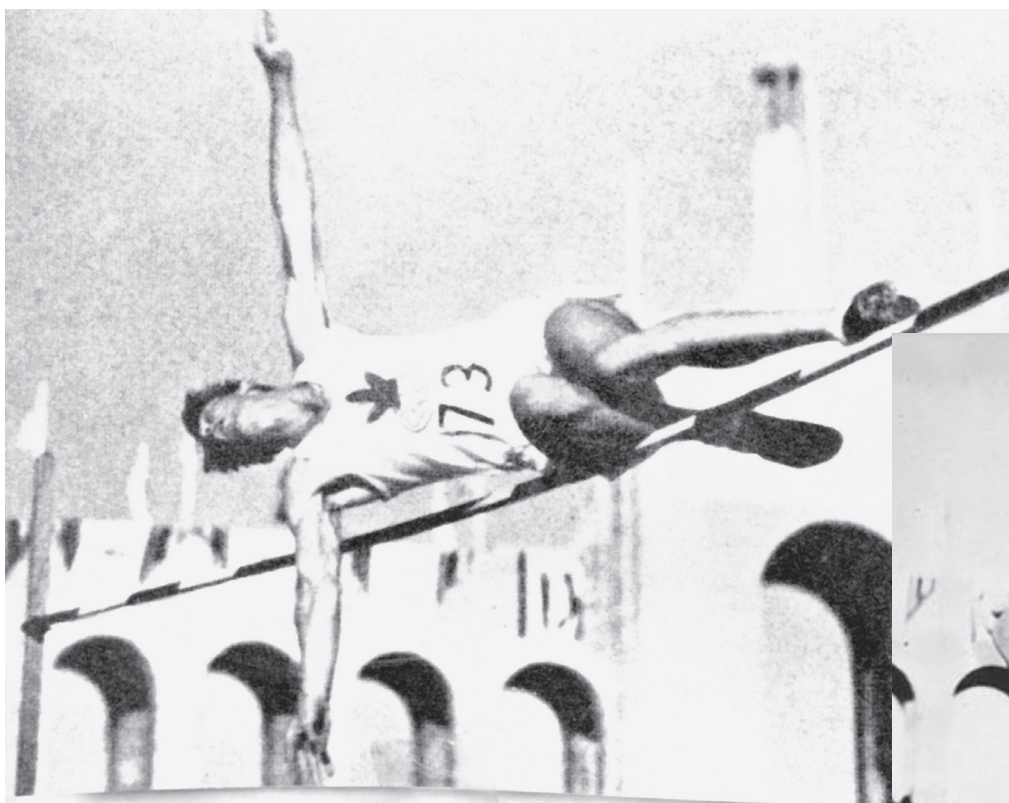
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DUNCAN McNAUGHTON

To Honour and Inspire



- Olympic gold medal 1932 in high jump (Only Canadian to do so until 2016 Rio Olympics)
- Won 1930 British Empire Games (Team Canada)
- Won U.S. National Intercollegiate title in 1933
- Inducted into Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in 1955
- Passed away at age 87 in 1998

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2019 INDUCTEE - BUILDER

DAPHNE RICHARD

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- Equine sport of endurance (horseback)
- Won bronze medal at the 2003 Pan American Games
- 4th place at World Championships in Dubai in 2005 (100 miles)
- First Chair of Endurance Canada, helping build awareness of the sport
- Served on FOSS (Friends of South Slopes) for 18 years. Developed Bellevue Provincial Park for recreational use
- President and director of several provincial & national riding associations
- Known as 'Grande Dame' of endurance riding in Okanagan & BC

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2019 INDUCTEE - PIONEER BUILDER

ROGER LAFONTAINE

To Honour and Inspire



- Co-founder of Okanagan Track Club
- 38 years of coaching, referee, administration
- National award for refereeing
- Sports: track, basketball, field hockey, soccer
- Lives in Kelowna



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