

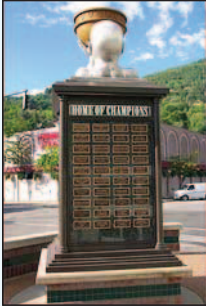


SPORT BC

KOOTENAY

ZONE 1 Community Report

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City of Trail – Home of the Champions

The Greater Trail area is known as the Home of Champions. In fact, the city of Trail (with support from Kootenay Savings Credit Union) has created a monument as testament to the athletic prowess of local residents.

The project began in 1995 when the Kootenay Savings Credit Union was seeking a project to represent its commitment toward and appreciation of the Greater Trail community. The company decided to sponsor the construction of a monument in downtown Trail that would honour the “champions” of the sports, industry and lifestyle in the Greater Trail area. The city council approved the project, and the Greater Trail Home of the Champions Society. Construction of the monument was completed in the summer of 1996, and on September 28 of that year 43 champions were selected for the inaugural dedication ceremony. To date, 89 individuals and organizations have been given a place on the Home of Champions monument.



Criteria for the Greater Trail Home of Champions Society

The Greater Trail Home of Champions Society accepts nominations on an ongoing basis. Consideration is given to those who have made a significant contribution to their community in one the categories of Sports, Industry and Lifestyle. Criteria for the Sports category include:

- ◆ national or international champion;
- ◆ participation in at least two national or international competitions or events;
- ◆ having excelled in a sport at the national or international level over a period of time; and
- ◆ having made an ongoing or significant contribution to the advancement of sport locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.

The most recent induction ceremony took place October 22, at which the following thirteen champions were added to the list: David Anderson (downhill skiing), Jason Bay (baseball), Lauren Bay (softball), Terry Bublitz (curling), Butch Deadmarsh (hockey), Cindy Devine (mountain biking), Tim Dunlop (karate), Garry Hill (track & field journalism), Barret Jackman (hockey), Richard Kromm (hockey), Steve McCarthy (hockey), Francis Pettitt (muay thai kickboxing) and Kevin Wert (downhill skiing).

*People...
Make the
Difference!*



Helping to Deliver Sport
...so Sport can deliver for British Columbia

Here is just a sampling of people from this zone who have contributed to sport and community, helping to deliver sport so that sport can deliver for British Columbia. Congratulations everyone.

COACH

Brian Taylor
 Rossland



Brian Taylor is an active supporter of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP), holding certification in six different sports. For the past three years he has been on the executive of the Rossland/Trail Minor Hockey Association as the coaching coordinator. Brian is constantly organizing NCCP training for coaches throughout the West Kootenay region. "My goal," he says, "is to ensure that all players in our sport associations have quality, trained coaches so they can get the most from their sporting experience." In addition to his hockey coaching commitments, Brian also finds time to coach his children's soccer teams. He has also been a board member with the Coaching Association of BC since 2002, providing leadership and support on coaching issues across the province.

BUILDER

Gerry Brown
 Nelson



Gerry Brown is Summer Swimming in Nelson. For nearly 20 years, Gerry has worked tirelessly for her sport, spearheading capital fundraising campaigns for specialized equipment such as an electronic lift for disabled swimmers and a new electronic scoring system. She has held executive positions at the local, regional and provincial level for the British Columbia Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA). Gerry has also played a variety of volunteer roles with the BC Games over the years; ranging from a host in 1982 to the promotions chair in 1996, leading to her current position as the Director of Protocol for the 2006 Greater Trail Winter Games. Gerry has also been involved in raising money for KidSport™, and gives freely of her time and energy to support girls curling teams in the area.

ATHLETE

Stephanie Morrison
 Nelson



Stephanie Morrison's rowing talent has surged to the fore over the last four years. She turned in outstanding performances at the 2005 Canada Summer Games in Regina, winning gold medals in the Women's 2 and Women's 8. In 2005, Stephanie was awarded a grant to research the psychology of learning at Stanford University. She is now a member of Stanford's Women's 8 rowing team, which finished second at the 2005 Pac 10 championships. Stephanie is also a member of Canada's Under 23 National Team. Her goal in sport: "To make boats move fast and to row with lots of passion."

BUILDER

Gord Gibson
 Castlegar



Since arriving in Castlegar more than 25 years ago, Gord Gibson has served in numerous capacities in the local sport system. He has been

president of both the Castlegar Aquanauts Swim Club and the Girls Softball Association. Gord is a provincially-rated official for Swim BC, and has coached girls softball, cross country skiing, shooting and soccer. In 1986, Gord established the first biathlon club in Castlegar. As head coach, he has worked with athletes who have gone on to the Olympics

and World University Games. Gord was BC's biathlon team coach for the 1991 and 1995 Canada Games and for numerous Canadian championships. Not only is Gord the assistant provincial advisor for biathlon at the 2005 BC Winter Games, he is also the site designer for the event and will coach the Kootenay region team during the games.

CALENDAR

KOOTENAY IS HAPPENING!

FEB 18-19 Gymnastics **Creston Flippers Invitational** Creston

MAR 2-4 Badminton **BC High School Champs** Cranbrook

FEB 23-26 **BC Winter Games** Trail

MAR 12-18 Hockey **AAA Midget Provincial Championships** Cranbrook