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Port Colborne unveils new Sports Wall of Fame and announces four new inductees *Umbo Concessi, Audrey Garrett, Dori Schooley, and Derek Amell 2018 Sports Wall of Fame inductees*

October 29, 2018 – At an unveiling ceremony on October 28, 2018 four new members were inducted into Port Colborne's Sports Wall of Fame: Umbo Concessi, Audrey Garrett, Dori Scooley, and Derek Amall.

Umbo Concessi - a member of the Port Colborne 1934/35 Junior team, (already an inductee of the Sports Wall of Fame as Ontario and Canadian Junior B Champions) was also a line mate of the great Teeder Kennedy during part of his Junior career. Together, Concessi and Kennedy often lead the Port Colborne Sailors attack picking up numerous points. Concessi was invited to attend the Boston Bruins training camp in Hersey, PA, and went on to play Senior hockey. Umbo was a well-rounded athlete who also played Senior baseball, and was an avid golfer. Concessi also coached hockey for ten years, his fondest memories included coaching his team to five Ontario championships. He was quoted as saying, "the thrill of playing was never as good as the thrill I got from coaching kids"

Audrey Garrett - Audrey Breton was born to Reginald and Marjorie Breton and raised in Port Colborne. Audrey played ball in her younger years then moved on to coaching where her passion is. She married the love of her life in 1971 and became Mrs. Audrey Garrett. Together they had four children, each of whom have played ball with Port Colborne Minor Baseball and Port Colborne Minor Girls Softball. Her coaching career began in 1972 with Port Colborne Minor Baseball. In the early 1980's she began coaching for Port Colborne Minor Girls Softball. Over the years, Audrey has volunteered in every position for the association including coach, convener and secretary. For over 15 years, she has assumed the roll of President. As President, with the assistance of only two volunteers, Audrey has performed all responsibilities required to keep the league operating by providing registration, scheduling, coaching, advertising, field maintenance and planning the season ending tournament and festivities. Audrey's love of the game and dedication have allowed countless girls in Port Colborne to enjoy their summers making new friends on the ball diamond. It is that same love and dedication that has kept Port Colborne Minor Girls Softball Association operating for over 50 years, the majority of which Audrey has been an integral part of.

Dori Schooley - Born February 3, 1944 - Dori has lived in Port Colborne her entire life. Married to Raymond A. Schooley (b.1941-d.2007) together they had three children - Michael, Kevin, and Jason. Schooley has been involved with the Ontario Special Olympics for 37 Years as a volunteer and coach (1981 to October 2018). She has toured with Special Olympic athletes all over North America participating in various events and competitions. Her loyal dedication to these athletes, and years of devoted volunteer efforts have fostered the Special Olympics vision that sport will open hearts and minds towards people with intellectual disabilities, and create inclusive communities all across Canada. Schooley's community involvement has resulted in her receiving the Joan Baechler Volunteer Award from Community Living, and has also been recognized as the City of Port Colborne Citizen of the Year.

Derek Amell - Born in Port Colborne, Ontario, Amell started officiating when he was 21 and in his second year at the Durham College in Oshawa, Ontario taking Chemical Engineering Technology. He

used to play hockey with the referee assigner's son and after running into him, his friend said that his dad was looking for referees. After talking to the assigner he ended up going to the next officiating clinic, got certified and was assigned to Novice out of Harman Arena and went from there. He moved up the ranks pretty quick due to his size and calm demeanor on the ice and in worked his first Ontario Hockey League (OHL) three years later game at the age of 24. He worked the OHL for four years as a linesman. On his fourth year, the Montreal Canadiens relocated their AHL team to Hamilton, Ontario creating a need for the AHL to form a staff of local linesmen in the area. Amell was selected along with five other Southern Ontario linesmen to work the games that year. That year he ended up working the OHL Finals and also got the chance to work the AHL Calder Cup Finals because the Hamilton Bulldogs made it to the Final! In the summer of 1997, the National Hockey League offered him a minor league contract (40-40) as a linesman splitting his duties between the AHL and the NHL. Amell worked his first NHL Regular Season game in Pittsburgh on October 11th, 1997 when the Carolina Hurricanes were in town to play the Penguins. His first playoff game came on April 18th, 2002 when the Montreal Canadiens visited the Boston Bruins at the FleetCenter Arena. Amell worked the 2011 NHL Winter Classic between the Washington Capitals and the Pittsburgh Penguins played at the Pittsburgh Heinz Field on January 1st 2011 and the 2017 Coors Light Stadium Series game in the same building in Pittsburgh between the Philadelphia Flyers and the Pittsburgh Penguins. Amell was a member of the officiating staff that went to Russia to work the 2014 Sochi Olympics. Amell was selected to work the Gold medal game with referees Kelly Sutherland, Brad Meier and linesman Greg Devorski. Amell has been voted by his peers in the summer of 2017 to serve on the NHLOA Executive.

The new Sports Wall of Fame at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre replaces the original Wall of Fame that was created in 1991 at the West Side Arena. New plaques were also unveiled for the the 23 previously inducted members: Ray "Bricky" Leavere, Scott Gruhl. John M. Horvath, 1934/35 PC Juniors, 1948/49 PC Merchants Intermediate "A", Isadore Sponder, Fraser "Killer" Kilpatrick, Alexander McNay, J. Emedio Sergnese, Joseph Krahulec, Archibald T.C. Saville, Jerry Leitch, Muir "Goonie" McGowan, Mike Green, 1972/73 Intermediate Sailors, Edward James Rafferty, Bill Mountain, Ambrose Patrick McAvoy, E.G.March, Robert "Nipper" Wilson, Florent Cloutier, and James H. Walter.

Golden Puck Hockey sponsored the production and installation of the new Sports Wall of Fame. The design and decision of new inductees was made by the Sports Wall of Fame Committee members: Bryan Theal, event & seasonal sport coordinator at the City of Port Colborne, Tom Lannan, Bob Saracino, Mayor Elect Bill Steele, and Councillor Dave Elliott.

To read all the bios of the inductees, or to download the application to nominate an individual, visit <http://portcolborne.ca/page/sportswalloffame>. Applications for the next round of inductees will be accepted until Friday, December 20, 2019 for a February 2020 ceremony.

About City of Port Colborne

Located on the south coast of the scenic Niagara Region, Niagara's Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, white sand beaches, unique culinary choices, the world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, trails, shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara Experience.

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