

Five new inductees at May 4 dinner

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The St. Catharines Sports Hall of Fame will grow by five this year, following the induction ceremony held prior to the fourth annual Sports Celebrity Dinner May 4 at Club Roma.

This year's inductees are: Richard DesChatelets, former Brock wrestling coach, being inducted in the builders category; former Olympic boxer Jamie Pagendam, being inducted as an athlete; Hugh Cosgrove, builder/athlete, being inducted for his longtime involvement with the city's hall of fame committee; Jim Harrison, being inducted as builder for coaching basketball, track and football at Sir Winston Churchill and Lakeport; and Joyce (McComb) Gray, a softball player in the 1950s, being inducted as an athlete.

"St. Catharines has so many great athletes who have called our city home over the years that it can be difficult to select who to induct each year," St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan said. "The committee has reviewed all the nominations and selected five individuals who have made significant contributions to sports in St. Catharines and deserve to be members of the St. Catharines Sports Hall of Fame."

The Sports Celebrity Dinner, in support of the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, will highlight Buffalo Sabres alumni and current team members are expected to join alumni Larry Playfair, Rob Ray, Danny Gare and Rick Martin. The dinner's organizing committee is hopeful the two remaining members of the French connection, Gilbert Perreault and Rene Robert, will join former linemate Martin at the event. Dennis Hull is returning as keynote speaker.

Also scheduled to attend are Angelo Mosca, former NHL goalie Ed Chadwick, Hamilton TiCat George Hudson Jr., Toronto Argonaut Randy Srochenski and Buffalo Bandit Mike Accursi. Other celebrities are expected to be announced soon.

The event starts with cocktails and a silent auction of sports memorabilia at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7: 15 p.m. Throughout the evening, there will be a live auction of sports items and an opportunity for celebrity autographs.

Tickets cost \$100 with a \$60 tax receipt. Organizers are encouraging people to get together on tables of 10. Tickets are available at the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre's reception at 567 Glenridge Ave. in St. Catharines. The Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre provides therapy for more than 3,000 Niagara children with physical or communicative disabilities.