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Founder's Fund Grants

ISHA is pleased to announce the recipients of the inaugural Founder's Fund Grants.

A grant of \$1,000 was awarded to Donna Hatley - Executive Director of the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame in Red Deer, Alberta for the purpose of traveling to the ISHA conference. Donna last attended conference in Calgary in 2005.

A grant of \$1,000 for projects of preservation, has been awarded to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame to address the upgrade of their textile artifact storage.

Joining Forces - President Dave Chase

Your Board has spent a great deal of time and energy focusing on ISHA membership – renewals and new member institutions. Under the leadership of Ed Harris and the prodding of Executive Director Karen Bednarski, the Membership Committee has had some success in identifying and contacting former and potential new members. However we have heard many sports heritage organizations site economic/budget reasons for not joining our select group – at least not at this time. I'd offer that this is exactly the time to join ISHA and, for current members, the time to engage yourself in ISHA activities and conversations. As many of us are dealing with difficult economic issues from de-

creased attendance to a tough fundraising climate and a reduction in funding from vital sources – now is the time to reach out to your fellow ISHA members. Share common problems, look for solutions that have worked for others and adapt them to your mission. Help build our membership to the benefit of new, existing and former sports heritage facilities.

“ISHA is only as strong as our members – NOW is the time to help us grow, build our base, share our thoughts and continue our honorable mission.”

Let's all pull together work through the tough times,

look forward to a more stable future. We believe our mission to preserve sports history is important, now is the time to spread that message far and wide, in the sports business arena, to our government and civic leaders, to the museum community at-large and to each other. We are so much stronger with a broad base of members and a sharing of challenges and solutions. Sometimes a simple conversation with someone you may have met at an ISHA Conference may be enough to help you sort through your issue; or step out and call a stranger at another sports heritage facility and introduce yourself – who knows what the rewards may be.

Have you registered for the ISHA Conference?

Join us on November 11th-13th for the 38th annual **ISHA conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.**, hosted by the Cincinnati Reds' Museum. All registrations must be received by Tuesday, October 28th. For more information go to www.sportsheritage.org.

Topics that will be covered include:

- New Technologies: Advantages and Drawbacks
- University Athletic Departments are Getting into the Museum Business
- Creating Revenue and Service Opportunity by Leveraging Your Photography Assets
- What Museums Do and Why We Do It the Best
- A Proven Process for the Successful Implementation of your Exhibit Project

ISHA Members in the News

The **Hockey Resource Centre and Archives (HRCA)**, a division of the Hockey Hall of Fame, celebrated the ground-breaking of their new, re-



located facility as part of a new \$34 million 4-pad arena complex to be constructed in Toronto's Lakeshore

West district. Scheduled for completion in August 2009, the new HRCA will occupy approximately 18,000 sq. ft. with a portion of the space dedicated to Hockey Canada's grass roots research and development programs... **The National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum** in Knoxville, Iowa announced that Bob Baker of Olathe, Kansas, was hired in June as the museum's third Executive Director, following G. Wayne Hall (1988-89) and Thomas J. Schmech (1989-2008). Tom will become the museum's first Curator... **The Sports Museum of America**, selected as New York City's Best Mu-

seum for Teens in Nickelodeon's annual Parent's Pick Award, recently welcomed such sport stars as Don Mattingly, Joe Frazier, and Justin Tuck, and hosted the ESPN Fantasy Football Draft Party... In July, **Sport Legends at Camden Yards Museum** had the honor of presenting the Baltimore Orioles 1983 World Championship trophy, which is normally on display at the museum, in an on-field, pre-game celebration at the Orioles game versus Toronto... The World Champion New York Giants' Vince Lombardi Trophy visited Lake Placid on Sunday, August 10 at the 1932 and 1980 **Lake Placid Winter Olympic Museum**... In September, the American Heart Association and the **Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum (MSHOF&M)** teamed up to educate local families about making healthy choices at the 2008 Fall Family Football Fest. The event included healthy tips for parents about getting their family moving and planning healthy meals... *Bling it On*, a collection of Saskatchewan sports art featuring one-of-a-kind art pieces handmade

from Saskatchewan residents was on exhibit at the **Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum (SSHFM)** from September 8 to October 24, 2008. Charged with the request to decorate a piece of gently used sports equipment, more than 40 individuals and organizations took up the challenge. The contents of the exhibit will serve as the basis for the 2008 version of Big Bid... More Than Just Sports!, their fall fund raiser.

New Members Listing

- Green Diamond Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- College Baseball Foundation, Lubbock, TX
- West Virginia University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Morgantown, WV

Associate Member

- SFC Graphics, Toledo, OH
- One Up, Portland, OR

Bowling Museum Moving to Arlington, TX

The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame collects and preserves the rich history of bowling, and uses that information to help promote the sport worldwide. The IBM/HF Board of Trustees voted unanimously this week to move the Hall of Fame from its current location in St. Louis, MO to Arlington, TX. The new Museum and Hall of Fame will be located with bowling's two national entities, the United States Bowling Congress and the Bowling Proprietors Association of America. As part of the planned move, the IBM/HF reached an agreement to sell the existing Hall and Museum structure— which is also home to the St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame Museum – to the Ballpark Village partnership consisting of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cordish Company.

"We are confident that by joining USBC and BPAA in the same building, we have secured the long-term future of the IBM/HF," said Pat Ciniello, President of the IBM/HF.

November 8 is the final day the St. Louis facility will be open to the public, and it will be vacated by January 31, '09. The new museum space in Arlington is targeted for opening in early 2010.

Inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame on June 14, 2008 included:

IN THE ATHLETE CATEGORY:

James Clunie – Water Skiing, Mel Coleman – Rodeo, Steven Michaluk – Lacrosse, Ray Remmen – Harness Racing

BUILDER CATEGORY:

Henry Lorenzen – Volleyball, Keith McLean – Softball, Dennis Pottage – Hockey, Loren Prentice – Racquetball

TEAM CATEGORY:

1994 and 1995 Regina Rams Football Team, 2003 Nancy Kerr Curling Team

Arnold Palmer Center for Golf History Opens

On June 3, 2008, the United States Golf Association (USGA) Museum opened its doors to the new Arnold Palmer Center for Golf History, providing almost 16,000 square feet of additional space for the Museum, including more than 5,000 square feet of new galleries. With a major emphasis on educating visitors about championship history and the development of the game in the United States, the Museum's galleries provide visitors with an assortment of engaging displays enhanced by many multi-media elements.

The exhibitions highlight key moments in USGA championship history and showcase a collection of the nation's most significant golf artifacts and documents.



The Hall of Champions celebrates every USGA champion and championship. A rotunda, illuminated by a clerestory, houses all 13 USGA national championship trophies, while the name of every champion is inscribed on bronze panels that encircle the room.

The Putting Course provides visitors an opportunity to extend their visit beyond the exhibitions. Inspired by the Himalaya putting course at St. Andrews, a large, 16,000-square-foot green with sizeable humps and swales, has been constructed directly behind the Museum, giving visitors the chance to putt with replica antique clubs and balls, as well as modern equipment – all designed to make the experience challenging and entertaining, as well as educational.



Induction Ceremony

The U.S. National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame and Museum is dedicated to honoring America's skiing and snowboarding professionals, pioneers and athletes. The museum, located in Ishpeming, Michigan, houses one of the largest collections of skis and snow sport related memorabilia.

In April, the Hall of Fame will induct the U.S. Ski Team's Liz McIntyre, Nelson Carmichael, and Cary Adgate, along with a man who set the precedent in American ski mountaineering, Bill Briggs.

The official induction of the Class of 2008 will take place in Park City, Utah in April 2009 with an enshrinement in Ishpeming in September, 2009.

Did you know. . .

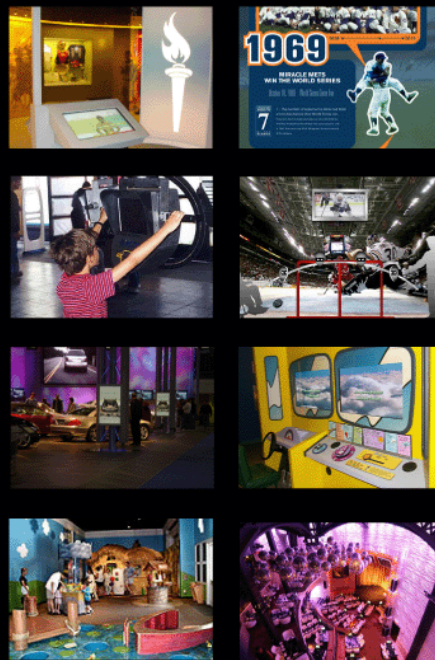
On December 26th, 1908 Jack Johnson defeated Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia to become boxing's first black heavy-weight champion. Johnson dominated the fight toying with Burns throughout the bout before winning by TKO in the 14th round. Film crews at the event turned off their cameras just as the fight was ending to avoid having a record of Burns' defeat.

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How to Rank the World's Greatest Athlete

That is a question which will certainly elicit many different opinions from sports enthusiasts and historians from around the globe. For that very reason, we'd like to know your opinion on the matter. But, since we'll need some grounds rules, we've established some criteria below to use in selecting our "The World's Greatest Athlete." Keep all of the below criteria in mind for our next issue's poll.

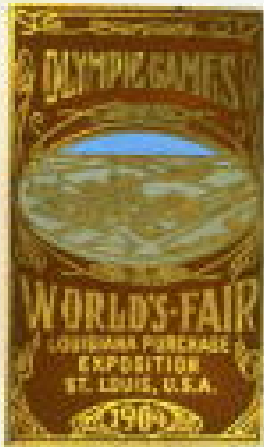
- The athlete must have achieved unprecedented athletic accomplishment on the world stage during their sporting career.
- The athlete must have been an icon who was recognizable around the world to fans and non-fans alike.
- The athlete must have been an inspirational personality who overcame life's adversity, obstacles, or challenges.
- The athlete must have been responsible for fundamentally changing the way their sport was played based on their "raising of the bar" with respect to performance.
- The athlete must have had a significant impact on their sport, leading to great popularity and interest; thus, inspiring their sport's future athletes.

What is the Greatest Olympic Moment?

Poll - What is the greatest Olympic moment of all time?

- 1) 2008 - Beijing - Michael Phelps captures 8 gold medals.
- 2) 1936 - Berlin - Jesse Owens win's four Olympic gold medals.
- 3) 1904 - St. Louis - US Gymnast George Eyser win's two gold, a silver and a bronze medal - with a wooden leg.
- 4) 1976 - Montreal - 14 year old gymnast Nadia Comaneci scores perfect 10's on the uneven bars.
- 5) 1960 - Rome - Cassius Clay wins gold and wears his medal for two days. Later, he throws it into the Ohio River after being refused service at a white's only restaurant.
- 6) 1992 - Barcelona - Derek Redmond tore his hamstring in the 400m and fell to the ground. When seeing the stretcher-bearers running to him, he began to hobble on one-leg down his lane. His father ran past officials to aid his son in finishing.

Email your vote to celebratesportsheritage@yahoo.ca.



Representing the United States at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Jesse Owens captured four gold medals — much to the dismay of Hitler and the ruling Nazi party.

(visual from www.pdimages.com)

The 1904 St. Louis Olympics were held in conjunction with the World's Fair, held in St. Louis, as were the 1900 games in Paris.



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Did you know . . .

The 1908 Summer Olympic Games were held in London rather than Rome where they were originally scheduled to take place. An eruption of Mount Vesuvius significantly damaged some of the venues making the change necessary. By the way—Tug of War was an Olympic event in 1908!

June Poll Results

In the June newsletter we polled our members for their opinion of the most famous sporting venue in the world. This began as a discussion in Macon - when it was said that the answer had to be Yankee Stadium. Well - the votes are in and while the winner was not decisive, Yankee Stadium won, with the Old Course at St. Andrews and Indianapolis Speedway as honorable mentions.

The mission of the International Sports Heritage Association is to educate, promote and support organizations and individuals engaged in the celebration of sports heritage.