**Volleyball PEI Hall of Fame Inductees - 2022**

**Peter Bolo:**

Peter was born in Montreal in 1956.  He grew up and went to High School in Laval, Quebec. Peter graduated from U.N.B. with a Bachelor of Physical Education in 1977.  He was a High School teacher in Western P.E.I. for 34 years.

Peter becomes the first two-time inductee in the Volleyball P.E.I. Hall of Fame – Coach of 1989 Westisle team (inducted in 2019) and now being inducted himself as a Coach.

*Westisle:*

·         Peter has coached volleyball for 39 years (from 1977 to 2015) – two years at O’Leary High School and 37 years at Westisle Composite High.

·         In 1981 and 1982, Peter won his first two provincial championships.

·         In his 37 years at Westisle, Peter’s team won 17 provincial championships.  Since 1961 (71 years), the Wolverines 17 titles are 5 more than second most by a team (12 by Colonel Gray).  They became the first team to win five provincial Senior AAA Men’s championships (from 1991 to 1995).

·         They won Provincial silver 10 times.  Therefore they made it to the provincial finals 27 times in his 37 years at Westisle. From 1988 to 1999, Peter led his Wolverines to 12 straight provincial finals (winning 8 golds and 4 silver medals).  They also had a streak of eight consecutive provincial finals appearances (from 2008 to 2015 – the last eight years of Peter’s coaching career). In fact, Peter’s teams made it to the provincial gold medal match in 11 of his last 12 years of his coaching career.

*West Prince Islanders:*

·         Peter co-founded the West Prince Islanders (with yours truly) in 1987. Coached in the club until 2014 (total of 24 years).

·         He has won 13 Volleyball P.E.I. Midget Boys championships, five Volleyball P.E.I. Juvenile Boys Championships and five 17U Boys Championships (A total of 23 total Volleyball P.E.I. titles).  His midget teams won 15 of the first 18 Volleyball P.E.I. Midget Boys Championships.

·         He has coached the West Prince Islanders Midget Boys team at two Eastern Canadian Closed Midget Championships – finishing fourth and fifth.

·         Coached the West Prince Islanders Midget Boys at four Eastern Canadian Open Championships: winning Tier Two Gold twice (2001 & 2003) and two Tier Two Silver (2000 & 2002)

*Canada Games:*

·         Peter was the head coach of Team PEI at two Canada Games (1989 – in Saskatoon – 10th and 2005 – in Regina – finished 8th)

·         He was the Beach Volleyball Sport Director for the 2009 Canada Games in P.E.I.

*Awards:*

·         Peter has won four P.E.I.S.A.A. awards (2000-01 Coach of the Year, 2005-06 Merit Award (Contributions to the P.E.I.S.A.A.), 2010-11 Administrator of the Year and 2013-14 Official of the Year (Basketball)).

·         1982-83 PEI Physical Education Teacher of the Year

·         1990 CAHPER Young Professional Award

·         2006 Physical Education Teaching Excellence Award (CAHPERD)

·         2006 Leader of Distinction Award (CASAA)

·         2011 PEITF Honorary Member (Lifetime achievement)

*Volleyball Recognition:*

·         1992 York University Mizuno Classic Coach of the Tournament

·         1992, 1993 & 2003 Volleyball P.E.I. Coach of the Year

·         1992 Sport P.E.I Coach of the Year (Also finalist in 1989 and 2009)

·         2000 – Dalhousie University Volleyball Recognition Award

·         2001 – Sport PEI/RBC Financial Group Fair Play Award (Westisle Boys)

·         2009 – Sport PEI/ADL Volunteer Recognition Program (Lifetime Contribution to the Sport of Volleyball

·         2016 – First Inductee in Westisle High School Coaching Hall of Fame

*Seaside Volleyball Camp:*

·         Co-founder of Seaside Volleyball Camp which ran for 25 years

It is not hard to see why Peter is deserving of this prestigious honour.

Peter is one of the most respected volleyball minds in Atlantic Canada, if not all of Canada.  He is very meticulous in his practise planning and demands a lot of his athletes.  He had the uncanny ability of being able to get his players to play at and above their abilities.  have had the pleasure of working with Peter and have always been impressed with what he brings to the table.

**Travis Murphy:**

Our 2nd inductee is Travis Murphy.  Travis is being inducted into the ATHLETE Category*.*

Travis burst onto the volleyball scene at Montague Regional High School where he graduated in 1984. He got a late start into the sport as he only started playing volleyball in grade 12 and earned a starting position.  In 1984 Travis was named the Volleyball team’s Most Valuable Player and was also named the school’s Athlete of the Year.    Provincially, Travis was a starter on Team PEI for Indoor Volleyball at the 1985 Canada Games in Saint John, New Brunswick and had a try out with the Junior National Team.

Following his successful indoor high school and provincial career, Travis was recruited to play varsity volleyball with the Dalhousie Tigers, who were a perennial AUS powerhouse winning the AUS title 29 out of 30 years between 1979-2010. Travis’ Varsity Career lasted from 1985 to 1989 where he wore #15 for the Tigers.  Throughout his time in University Travis was named a AUAA All Star 1988 and 1989 and in his senior year he was named Dalhousie Co-MVP.  Travis won multiple tournament All-Star awards at his time at Dalhousie.  Most notably, Travis led the 1987 “Dalhousie Classic” (which is one of Canada’s most competitive and best-organized national level university tournaments) with 34 blocks. Dal was ranked 8th after this event leading into nationals where they went on to finish 4th overall, defeating Laval University in their first match.  In 1989, he set 3 tournament records at the York University International Excalibur (most blocks in a match – 17, most points in a match – 48, most blocks in the tournament – 56).  During his varsity career in 1988 and 1989, Travis was twice invited to attend tryout camps for Canada’s Universiade Team.

“Travis is a wonderful example of the elite student-athletes of which Dalhousie University takes great pride,” says former head coach Al Scott. “His achievements of excellence on the court, in the classroom and in community service are inspiring.  It was such a pleasure to be his coach.”

After completing his university career, Travis turned professional and played in Amsterdam, Netherlands in the Dutch League during the 1991-92 season for Delta Lloyd of the Dutch First Division.  He was invited back for a second season but decided not to continue. Ultimately, his decision was based on wanting to play at a higher level but with two young children he decided to head back home to Canada.  Travis had a great experience playing in the Dutch League with many great players which was evident when the Netherlands won Olympic silver in 1992 and then a few years later won Olympic gold in 1996 in Atlanta.

Travis was not only making a name for himself in the gym.   He was also a very successful beach volleyball player and attended all the regional tournaments and went to Beach Nationals three times.

His beach volleyball career started in Cavendish at the annual Cavendish Beach Volleyball Tournament when he played in 1985-1986.  That summer he got the beach volleyball bug while watching Volleyball PEI Hall of Famer Tony Wells win in ‘86. Over the years Travis played in Cavendish Tournaments many years competing in at least 10 finals. He won the event five times with 5 different partners, a feat hard to comprehend.   His first Cavendish title was in 1990 with partner Jody Holden of Moncton.  Jody later represented Canada in the 2000 Summer Olympic Games.  Travis also played in Atlantic Beach Championships multiple times, often squaring off in the finals against best friends from Dalhousie Brian Rourke and his partner Brian Johnston.  Other notable playing partners included Richard Bask - Gilles Boudreau, both very successful beach players on the national scene.

Off the court, Travis graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce (1989) and Chartered Accountancy Designation (1991).  He then entered a Bachelor of Science program and graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery (2000).  Dr. Travis Murphy opened the successful Montague River Dentistry in 2000 and is just as passionate about dentistry as he was about Volleyball.

Since retiring from the game, Travis has resided in Montague with his wife Linda and children Alana, Tynan and Chloe.   Travis coached the Men’s Beach Volleyball team for PEI at the 2001 Canada Games in London, ON and has coached club volleyball & provincially since that time.  He has also watched as his children Alana and Tynan have followed in his footsteps; each have carved out successful volleyball careers. Alana with the Canada Games Indoor (2005) and Canada Games Beach (2009) and four years with Acadia Axewomen.  Tynan played with the Holland College Hurricanes, UNB Reds and Canada Games Beach Volleyball (2017).

Congratulations Travis & Welcome to the Volleyball PEI Hall of Fame

**1973-1974 Zut!:**

The 3rd inductee of the afternoon is the Zut women’s Team from 1973-1974.

-In 1973-1974 Charlottetown YMCA’s Zut was regarded as the top junior team in Atlantic Canada.  They competed in the Atlantic Volleyball League which was comprised of senior teams with the exception of Zut.  Zut finished 4th out of 8 teams and this league experience helped to shape their success in the Maritimes in both the juvenile and junior divisions.  The league played matches every 2nd weekend across the region.

The other 7 teams in the league included:

-PEI Pythons (out of Summerside) -Dalhousie Grads

-St. FX -Moncton

-Dalhousie -UNB

-Acadia

-The Team worked out four days a week at the YMCA in Charlottetown and played matches every  other weekend in the Atlantic Volleyball League.    During the off-season they continued to work out two days a week

-The Charlottetown YMCA Zut team was crowned the Atlantic Juvenile Champions defeating Nackawic 2 games to 0 (15-4, 19-17) in the Atlantic Championship held in Charlottetown and then two weeks later duplicated this feat at the Atlantic Junior Championship held in Amherst, NS where they once again defeated Nackawic with superb ball control and an excellent hard hitting offense to be crowned Atlantic Junior Champions.

-Following the regional tournaments, Zut capped off a very successful season by finishing 5th at Junior Nationals.  This event was held at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, a this 5th place finish was the best ever finish for an Island girls’ team.  One of the highlights for the team was defeating the B.C Olympic team (the 1972 National Champions) in round-robin play.  Zut advanced to the quarter-finals in the National event before being defeated by a team from Winnipeg.  The Winnipeg team placed four players on the Canadian national junior team and Zut played a great match before falling by scores in the quarter final match were 15-13, 12-15, and 13-15.  Zut’s backcourt play was commended throughout the tournament with Winnipeg’s coach Art Wilmms commenting that “Zut would be the National Champion if their spiking offense matched their serving and serve reception”.   A great compliment awarded to a great team.

-Zut Team members included:  Gloria Basha, Carolyn Cox, Susan Cox, Joanne MacKinnon, Anne McInnis, Anna Paton, Deborah Pratt, and Nancy Weeks.   Coaches were:  the late Phil O’Neill and the late Tom Cusack.  Manager was Janet O’Neill.

-Carolyn Cox was the 17 year old Captain and attended Colonel Gray High School.   She was invited to train and play with the Canadian Senior National team in their match against the Chinese Women’s National team held in Fredericton, NB in June of 1974.  This would be Carolyn’s second time representing Canada as she was also named a member of the National Junior team at the age of 15, in 1972.

Congratulations to the Charlottetown YMCA Zut Team from 1973-1974 & Welcome to the Volleyball PEI Hall of Fame