

MARTHA BRANIGAN

Branigan has proved herself to be totally committed towards sport in Brampton. Her dedication included over 30 years of volunteering with the Brampton Canadettes Girls Hockey Association, which included serving terms as President, 1st Vice-President of Representative teams, Vice-President of Houseleague, Co-Tournament Director, Ice Scheduler, Equipment Director, Publicity Director, Ways & Means Director and Head Timekeeper. She also served as Houseleague and Tournament Convenors, and on various other committees over the years. Martha started on the Canadettes executive at the tender age of 15. She was also asked to participate on several committees for the Provincial and Representative Associations, including two years as an evaluator at the Team Ontario Under 18 selection camp.

Branigan coached various Brampton Canadettes Rep and Houseleague teams for 30+ seasons. During that time, she guided these teams to numerous Provincial, League and Tournament Championships. Martha first went behind the bench at 14 years of age.

As an Assistant Coach for the Brampton Blazers Girls Softball team and Coach of several Houseleague teams, Branigan was a key part of winning two Provincial silver medals, and various League, Tournament and Inter-City Championships during her ten-plus years as a volunteer in this organization. She still volunteers as an official scorekeeper when the organization hosts championships for the PWSA, as well as scorekeeping when needed for local teams.

She has attained certification as a NCCP Intermediate level hockey coach, a CAHA certified Initiation Program Instructor, a NTCP certified Hockey Trainer, a Grassroots certified Softball Coach, an Advanced Level CASA Official Scorekeeper, a CAHA certified Hockey Administrator and a certified NRCP Level 2 Referee. She also refereed with the Canadettes for five years and was an umpire for the Brampton Men's Mushball League for two summers.

Martha's teams were always competetive, but above all, she hopes to be remembered for her commitment to developing all her players and teaching them to play their best; always respecting the rules, the officials, their team mates and their opponents. Sports for Martha was more about teaching both a love for the game and important life skills, rather than "winning at all costs".





LUCIANO BORSATO

Borsato's distinguished sports career began in Brampton in 1974 when he began playing for Chinguacousy Minor Soccer, where he won a Canadian Championship and three Ontario Cups. After playing minor hockey in the Chinguacousy system, he became a member of the Bramalea Blues Jr. 'B' team, and was named its MVP. Borsato was drafted after his Jr. 'B' season in 1984 in the seventh round by the Winnipeg Jets of the National Hockey League.

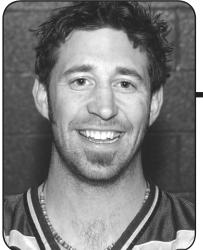
Borsato then went on to enjoy four successful hockey seasons at Clarkson University in New York State, receiving All-America honours his final year, in 1987-88. Later that year, he went to play in Tampere, Finland for his first year as a professional.

In total, Borsato played professional hockey for fourteen years, four of them in the NHL with the Winnipeg Jets, from 1991-95. In 1995, he moved to Europe to play for Cologne in the top German Professional Hockey League. He played professionally for seven more years in Europe, five in Germany, with stops in Finland and Switzerland.

Borsato's statistics in the NHL were as follows; 203 games played, 35 goals, 55 assists and 113 penalty minutes. As a versatile forward who could play many different roles, Borsato took home the bronze medal at the World Hockey Championship in Sweden in 1995 as a member of Team Canada. Some well-known players that he played with or against include legendary stars Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Teemu Selanne and Steve Yzerman.

A team leader and mentor to younger players during his professional hockey career, Borsato has supported young athletes by coaching minor hockey and soccer since his retirement in 2002. He contributes to his local community through his company, Brampton Media Corp and its main website division, brampton.com.





JIM MOSS

Moss, an incredibly gifted athlete, has excelled in hockey, box lacrosse and field lacrosse. He was a member of Team Canada, which won the 2006 World Lacrosse Championship hosted in London, Ontario. Team Canada scored an impressive 15-10 victory over the perennial powerhouse United States team, giving Canada its first world championship in 28 years.

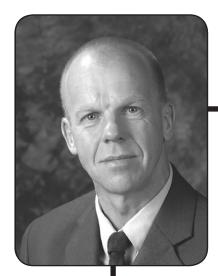
Moss, a six-foot, 210-pound defenseman, has previously served as San Jose's captain in the National Lacrosse League (NLL). He has tallied 72 points in 81 regular season games. His peers selected him as Lacrosse Magazine's Best Defender of the Year in 2005 - 2006. Moss also represented the West Division at the 2004 and 2005 NLL All-Star games.

Moss also served as the San Jose Stealth's fan development coordinator, assisting in community events, camps and making charity appearances to promote the Stealth and the game of lacrosse.

Moss joined the Stanford University lacrosse coaching staff for his first season as a volunteer assistant coach.

Moss played 5 years with the Brampton Major Excelsiors Lacrosse team, and in 2002 helped Brampton capture the Mann Cup, emblematic of lacrosse supremacy in Canada. Moss was also voted the outstanding defensive player of the year in the 2002 season.





HANS PORTEN

Hans is proud to be a member of the Brampton community. His involvement includes being a coach for Canadian Cross Training Club, swimming coach, triathlon coach and he is also a certified yoga instructor. Hans and his wife, Uli, also help lead walking and running programs in Brampton on a regular basis.

Hans was undefeated in multi-sport racing in Canada in 2006. He won the Canadian National Triathlon Championships Men's 50 Masters Division. He was later named Ontario's Masters (over 50) Athlete of the Year. Hans is currently up for consideration for the Canadian Masters Athlete of the Year Award.

In Lausanne, Switzerland, Hans raced a very competitive field in the Men's 50 Masters World Triathlon, which included a 1,500 metre swim, 40 kilometre bike course and a 10 kilometre run. Hans came out the water in 9th place, off the bike in 7th and ran down the 3rd place athlete to take home the bronze medal for Canada.

At the 2006 World Age Group Championships, where nearly 3,000 athletes from 70 countries raced, Hans was the only Canadian male to win a medal, and was selected as group captain.

Hans' coach, former Olympic coach Barrie Shepley said "If Hans was 25 years younger, he would very likely be heading to Beijing in 12 months as an Olympian. Having missed the opportunity in his youth, he will continue to win races all over the world, and help coach future teenagers who will one day become Olympians themselves".

Prior to moving to Canada and making Brampton proud, Hans spent a significant amount of time swimming as part of a world-record relay team and championship rescue team in Germany.





TOM PHAIR

Tom Phair has excelled in the sport of lacrosse, "box" & "field". He has been a member of six Canadian National Field Lacrosse teams, including the 1988 Canadian Under 19 Team and five Canadian National Mens Teams. As a member of the 1992 Brampton Excelsiors Majors, Tom was named Rookie of the Year in the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA).

In London, Ontario, teams from 26 countries gathered for the 2006 World Lacrosse Championships. Tom helped Canada take home its 1st gold medal since 1978. In the final game, Canada dominated the extremely talented US team who had not lost in international lacrosse since 1978, when Canada won the gold 17-16 in overtime.

Tom holds the record for most consecutive World Championship appearances by a player from any country with six. In addition to capturing the 1988 silver medal with the Canadian Junior National Team, his appearances include Perth, Australia in 1990 (silver medal), Manchester, England in 1994 (bronze medal), Baltimore, USA in 1998 (silver medal), Perth, Australia in 2002 (silver medal) and London, Ontario in 2006 (gold medal).

Tom played on several Mann Cup winning Brampton Major Excelsiors teams throughout his career, winning Mann Cups in 1992 & 1993.

Tom has lived most of his life in Brampton, leaving to play lacrosse in Vancouver and professionally in Buffalo, Philadelphia and Denver.





SHANYN MACEACHERN

Shanyn's strength, determination and athletic ability made her Olympic dream possible when she represented Canada at the 1996 Olympic games and took home 68th all around. Shanyn achieved the highest level for any Canadian gymnast at the 1996 Olympic games held in Atlanta, Georgia.

A unique opportunity for any Olympic athlete, Shanyn was honoured to carry the Olympic torch through the City of Brampton prior to the 1996 Olympics.

Prior to the Olympic Games, Shanyn's success included a 10th place in the vault at the 1996 World Championship in Puerto Rico. One year prior, at the 1995 World Championship in Sabae, Japan, Shanyn placed 14th in the vault. In the same year, at the Pan Am Games, Shanyn placed 8th all around.

Shanyn received a scholarship from Louisiana State University, and in her freshman year Shanyn received All-America honours. Shanyn successfully graduated Louisiana State University with a Major in Education and Bachelor of Science Degree. Shanyn is an inspiration to her family, friends and all athletes.





PAUL (MAC) MCLEAN

"Mac" was a highly respected producer and executive producer for The Sports Network (TSN). In a five-year period, stretching from 2001 - 2005 he received 4 Gemini nominations for his outstanding work with the Canadian Football League (CFL).

Mac grew up in Brampton, where he played minor hockey and softball. However, his greatest love in sports was golf.

Mac was at TSN for 18 years, and in addition to working on curling for 10 years, he was responsible for TSN's other major mobile productions such as CFL, International Hockey, PGA, Tennis and Baseball. He raised the awareness of the CFL, Canadian Curling and World Junior Hockey with growing television coverage in Canada. TSN's CFL and curling productions became widely acknowledged as "the best in Canadian television". Mac was also the creator of "Wendy's Friday Night Football" on TSN, which has become a TSN trademark. In memory of Mac, the 10th anniversary of TSN's CFL season (2006) was dedicated to him.

Mac's coverage of the Sydney 2000 and Salt Lake City 2002 Olympics was outstanding, and brought him special recognition from the television industry.

In 2007, TSN together with the Canadian Curling Reporters established the Paul McLean award. It will be presented annually at the Brier to a member of the media who works behind the scenes, and like Paul has made a significant contribution to the sport of curling.

Paul was a friend and mentor to all in the sports industry, and a loving uncle to his beloved niece Jessica. In his memory, his men's recreational hockey league teammates from the "Coyotes" hung his hockey jersey in the Real Stars Restaurant, located at the Powerade Centre.



