

**The Springwater Sports Heritage Hall of Fame** has announced their inductees for 2018. This is the third group to be part of the Hall of Fame. In 2014 the inaugural Induction Ceremony consisted of eleven Athletes, seven Builders and four Teams. In 2016 there were two Athletes, four Builders and three Teams.

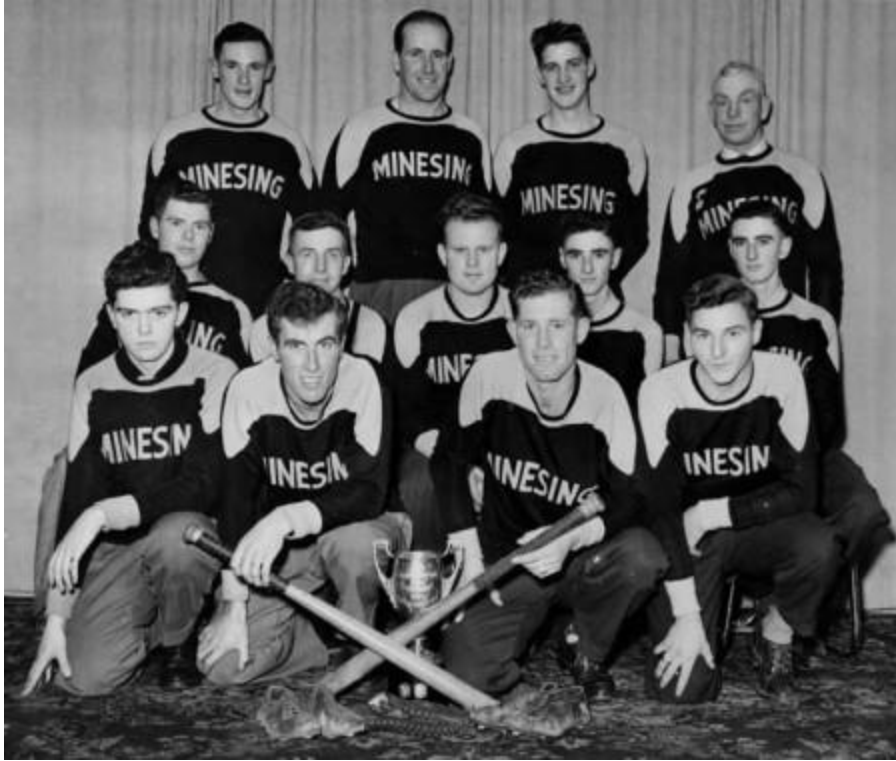
The class of 2018 includes three athletes, three builders and three teams. The late **Homer Barrett** (Hockey Fastball), **Tom VanNatter** (Hockey) and **Frankie Edgcombe** (Volleyball, Ball Hockey, and Hockey) are the three latest athletes that will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on September 14th at the Barrie Country Club. The Builders include the late **John Brown, Harold McMaster and Donald Stoddart** for their outstanding contribution, service and dedication to sport. The three Teams entering the Hall of Fame include the **1950 Minesing Fastball Team**, the **1976/77 Dutcher & Corbett Elmvale Peewee Hockey Team** and the **1982 Elmvale Angels Ladies Fastball Team**.

In my last two columns, I reviewed the Athletes and Builders, so in this column I am going with the Teams.

**Minesing has been** known to produce great fastball players and teams for decades. Minesing won four league championships in the 1950's (1950-52-57-58). Two were in the Barrie and District Intermediate League (1950 and 52) and two in the Barrie and District Senior League in 1957 and 58. The 1950 team will be the first inducted into the Springwater Sports Hall of Fame.

Minesing entered the Barrie and District Intermediate Fastball League in 1950 and won the championship that year. They took the crown again in 1952 with only two players different from the 1950 roster. In 1950, Minesing defeated Barrie Legion in the finals without losing a game.

Minesing played their home games in Minesing at the school located near the Community Centre with no lights so playoff games late in the season had to be at an earlier time making it difficult for players to arrive on time to start the games. After the games were played, the players would move to the Minesing General Store to replay the highlights.



Back (l to r) Alan Johnston (OF/C), Cecil (Dick) Roe (P), Glen Adams (LF), Ellsworth Crawford (C/Coach), Middle: Bob Armstrong (P/2B), Charlie Miles (CF), Glenn Beilby (2B), Wendell Downey (P), Winston Downey (C), Front: Larry Durnford (RF), Bill Adams (1B), Harry Adams (SS), George Chappel (C/Utility).

**The 1976-77 Elmvale Dutcher and Corbett Peewee “C”** went undefeated playing in the Georgian Bay Minor Hockey League and were 32-0 when they went to the North American Silver Stick Tournament in Port Huron, Michigan. The team played against many centres with greater populations during the season and in Port Huron, they played in the “B” Category for towns with less than 8,000 populations. They defeated Hamilton 4-2 in the championship game. Kevin Steele and Duane Janes (Goalies), Tom VanNatter (Center) and Jim Clement (Defenseman) were all voted to the all-star team.

During the season, Elmvale won the Regional Silver Stick Championship in Wasaga Beach, the Ayr tournament championship and were finalist in the OMHA championship losing to Kingsville after beating Stayner, Sutton and Frankford.

Many of the players went on to play Junior Hockey and Tom VanNatter was drafted by the Belleville Bulls of the OHL and will be inducted this year in the athlete category. Coach Ross McConnell, who went on to coach at the Junior “B”

and “C” division, was inducted into the Springwater Sports Hall of Fame as a Builder in 2014.



Back (L-R): Brian Swan - Manager, Ed Robertson - Trainer, David Trace, Reg Kenwell, Ken Graham. Middle: Kevin Swan, Jim Clement, Glenn Jones, Dean Robertson, Ross McConnell – Coach. Front: Kevin Steele, Murray Frankcom, Glenn Downey, Brian Norwood, Tom VanNatter, Al Melnyk, Brad Young and Duane Janes.

**The 1982 Elmvale Angels Fastball Team** was a team on a mission during their amazing season. They were finalists in the Barrie tournament, champions in Midland, Penetang and Elmvale tournaments, Barrie & District Regular League champions as well as playoff champions, and they topped it all off with Senior Tier II Ontario Fastball Championship.

The road to the Ontario Championship started when ladies fastball started again in 1976 after a successful run in the junior division of the Georgian Bay League from 1973-76. In their first season in the Georgian Bay Ladies Fastball League in 1976, the team won the league championship.

The next season, the team became the Elmvale Angels with John Brown taking the reins. The team won championships in 1977 and 1978, and then began the journey to an Ontario championship by moving to the more competitive Barrie & District Fastball League in 1979. The team recruited players from other areas to make the

team a true elite team. They won Barrie championships in 1980, 1982, 1983 and 1984.

In July 1982, the Angels won the Provincial Women's Fastball Association's Senior Tier II Championships in Sarnia. That gave them a berth in the Canadian Championships in Edmonton but the team was unable to attend because of previous commitments.

The team finished the 1982 season with a record of 41-4-1 and the Elmvale Angels were 262-66-4 from 1977-84.



**Back** – (L to R) - Tom McLennan (assistant coach), Brenda Middleton, Joan Kidd (manager), Jean Fox, Linda Watson (captain), Jo-Anne McGinnis, Brenda Columbus, Anna Storie, John Brown (coach) **Front** – Bonnie Maw, Deb Charman, Angie Kirton, Kelly Grantham, Debbie Smith, Barb Schlorf – Missing – Tricia Downey

Congratulations to all the teams being inducted into the Springwater Sports Hall of Fame!