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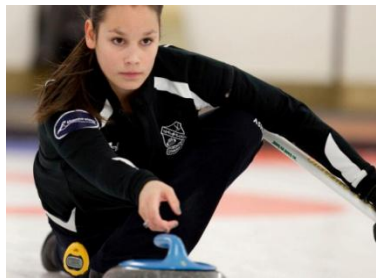
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SideLINES

**SportLink's Newsletter
for Sports-Minded People**



2012 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships

November 12-19th at the Sudbury Curling Club

For tickets, day passes or for other information please check out the Canadian curling website at www.curling.ca or

email the Sudbury Curling Club at info@sudburycurling.ca

Spotlight: Kendra Lilly

Kendra Lilly took part in this year's Guts & Glory Luncheon as part of the local athlete showcase Question and Answer session. She took time away from her busy schedule to help promote sport in Sudbury as well as raise money for SportLink..

In case you missed the event or would like to learn more about Kendra here is a brief bio of the Sudburian Curler!

Born and Raised in Sudbury, Kendra has become one of the best junior curlers in all of Canada. Kendra is a two time Provincial Bantam Champion (2007, 2008), silver medalist at the Ontario Winter Games (2008), three time Northern Ontario Junior Women's Champion (2009-2011) and most recently won a bronze medal at the 2010 Junior Nationals.

Kendra is also the current skip for the Laurentian University Varsity Womens Curling team where she is completing a four year Bachelor of Commerce Degree specializing in Sports Administration.

Aside from curling, Kendra is a premier all-round athlete. During high school, she competed at OFSAA for soccer, volleyball, tennis, track & field and of course curling, during which she won the Sudbury Highschool Athlete of the Year award in 2009.

Her season is just getting underway once again for curling where she will be headed to Ottawa this weekend to compete in a bonspiel to further prepare her for the interregional play downs in early December. It is her hope to once again compete at the Provincial championships, defend her title and advance to the Junior Nationals where she will improve on her third place finish a year ago.

Kendra is in her final year of junior eligibility, but she plans on pursuing curling within the women's rank, hopefully landing a spot on a team as early as next year.

Did you Know?

SportLink has now successfully hosted 6 Guts & Glory luncheons?

Past guests include:

Ken Derret (VP of Marketing San Diego Chargers)

Alex Baumann (Olympic Gold Medalist)

Adam Kreek (Olympic Gold Medalist)

Ray Zahab (Running the Sahara)

Karen Hughes (Hockey Coach)



Walden Ringette Christmas Craft Sale

Friday, November 11 (6pm-9pm) and Saturday November 12 (9am-4pm)

299 Ash Street, Lively. For more information contact Kim Zarichney at 705-692-9235 or by email at

kezdesigns@hotmail.com

Spotlight: Lucio Fabris

Start with a sport that, for the most part, does not receive a boatload of publicity — say, badminton. Throw in the passing of more than three decades.

Finally, mix it all together with the wonderful humility of a soft-spoken man, who takes at least as much pride in the sporting accomplishments of his children as he does in discussing his incredibly athletic past.

It's easy to understand why the phenomenal talent of Lucio Fabris might go under-appreciated — except to those who witnessed, firsthand, his rise to international badminton prominence in the 1970s.

Fabris grew up in Creighton Mines, the son of a longtime Inco employee. Though the population of the town numbered only 1,200 or so at the time, sport was integral to the very fabric of the people who called Creighton home.

“It was an absolutely phenomenal community to grow up in,” Fabris said. “It was a melting pot of different nationalities, but the support you felt within the town was incredible.”

In that era, baseball was a mainstay, but thanks to the efforts of one man, another sport joined the spotlight. “In badminton, we were lucky enough to have someone like Ev (Everett) Staples, who basically devoted his whole life to the sport,” Fabris said.

“His main thing, when he decided to coach, was that he wanted to get involved in a sport that would get a lot of kids in Creighton involved,” Fabris said. “He picked a sport where he thought he could really encourage athletes to become good people, and the sport was a secondary thing.”

A gifted athlete, Staples had little to no background in badminton, but quickly mastered his new passion. “His forté was making us believe in ourselves, letting us know that it was OK to make a mistake,” Fabris said. The approach produced impressive results right across the board, but few blossomed more than Fabris.

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Events Calendar

SportLink is maintaining a Sudbury Sports Event Calendar!.

Download the SportLink events Calendar at www.sportlink.ca for all the latest info.

Contact Michael Ladouceur at michael.ladouceur@sudbury.ca to submit your organizations event schedule!



Sudbury Skating Club Celebrates 60 Years!

Ice Show, December 17th 7pm @Sudbury Arena

Tickets are \$15. Reception in Honor of Diane Dellelce to follow at Hour Glass Restaurant. RSVP by Dec

10th to reception@sudburyskatingclub.ca

Spotlight: Lucio Fabris

As a junior, Fabris achieved the rare feat of capturing gold in men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles all in the same year — one of only three people in the history of the Canadian Junior Badminton championships able to make such a claim.

A graduate of St. Charles College, Fabris moved onto the University of Toronto — quite convenient given the national training centre for badminton was already situated in the Ontario capital city.

The highlight of Fabris' career came in 1978, as a member of the Commonwealth Games team that competed in Edmonton, where Fabris competed in both men's doubles and mixed doubles play.

"We played Malaysia in the semifinals, they were favoured to win," Fabris said. "We beat them in the fifth match (mixed doubles) in a game that lasted more than two and a half hours."

The silver-medal performance was the pinnacle, athletically, for Fabris.

The Sudbury native returned back to the area, with his wife Judy, raising all five of their children back home.

Blessed with natural athleticism, Darryl, Gregg, Kristina, Joanna and Michael are also a shining example of the benefit of sport, well-grounded and ripe with life lessons that come with years of involvement with teammates and friends.

They are the type of off-spring who paid close attention when parents shared their wisdom.

"We tried to teach them that in order to be good at something, you have to really commit yourself to it," Fabris said.

"And when you do well at something, you have to appreciate there were a lot of people that helped you get there.

"I think sport attracts good people and can be such a positive avenue for so many things." ~

By: Randy Pascal

Key Dates in Local Sport

Nov 3-5th: Big Nickle Hockey Tournament

Nov 12th: Skate Exchange

Nov 12-19: Canadian Mixed Curling Championships

Nov 18-20: "Goal Miners" Hockey Tournament

Nov 18-20: Lively Invitational – High School Hockey Tourney

Nov 26th: C5BPA Open Zone Round



40 Years of Wolves Hockey!

2011-2012 Hockey Season marks the 40th year for our beloved Wolves

Don't miss out on the action, and join in on the celebration! Visit www.sudburywolves.com for more information

Spotlight: Rob Faulds

Rob Faulds is one of Canada's top sports commentators and has a resume that is long as it is impressive. Over his 37 year career he has done commentary and covered several sports from auto-racing to hockey, swimming to skeleton and almost every conceivable sport in-between.

Born in Hamilton, Ontario, Rob studied at the University of Western Ontario and got his first job at CFPL radio in London. He followed this gig with stops in Sudbury, where he became the voice of the Sudbury Wolves for 4 years. He left Sudbury and continued his journey to Winnipeg, and Montreal, before joining CTV Sports in 1995. He has broadcast NHL hockey, junior hockey, major-league baseball, the NBA, the CFL and figure skating, among other sports. He covered the Olympic Games in 1992, 1994 and 2010.

His career highlights include his first NHL play-by-play broadcast in 1985, calling Mark Tewkesbury's gold-medal race in the 100-metre backstroke at the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, and most recently being able to call Jon Montgomery's now infamous gold medal run in skeleton at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

Rob's career has spanned many years and he has seen many great events, but what he attributes his success to is his willingness to be "versatile." He never says no and is always willing to try something new.

"What worked for me was that I was versatile. I made a habit of saying, 'Yes, I'd like to try that.'

This attitude has launched Rob into the upper echelon of sports reporting and commentary in the country. His next great milestone will come next summer when he has been asked to cover the water events for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

Rob has been a great ambassador for Canadian Sports and has always remembered where his journey has taken him, including Sudbury where he states "Sudbury is one of those undiscovered gems. If you haven't been here, you don't really know what it's like, the commitment and interest and love there is for sports here. It's a vibrant, great city."

Key Dates in Pro Sport

Nov 3rd: Final week of CFL Regular Season

Nov 4th: Breeders Cup

Nov 13-20: CFL Semi-Finals and Finals

Nov 14th: Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies

Nov 14-20: PGA Presidents Cup, Melbourne – Australia

Nov 24: NFL Thanksgiving Day Rival Matchups

Nov 27: 99th Grey Cup



2012 Pond Hockey Festival on the Rock!

February 3-5th 2012, Ramsey Lake at Science North

Registration opening soon! Contact volunteer@pondhockeyontherock.ca for more info on how to get involved as a volunteer for one of Sudbury's finest events!

7th Annual Edith Casaletto Memorial Pond Hockey

Come join us on Saturday March 3rd, 2012 at Rocky's Lake Wanapitei, Wahnapiatae First Nation

Location: Rocky's Lake Wanapitei—Capreol, Ontario—City of Greater Sudbury

Entry Fee: \$250.00 per team (Dinner included) Limited spaces. Pre-registration required.
*** First come, first served basis ***

Date: Saturday March 3rd, 2012

Time: Team Captain Meeting @ 8:30 a.m
Puck Drop @ 9:00 a.m

Format: 4 on 4 Pond Hockey
(Five players per team maximum. Reduced net. No goaltender)

Did you Know?

SportLink is now on facebook and twitter!

Stay current on all details related to grass root sport locally, provincially and nationally!

“Like” the **SportLink Greater Sudbury Sport Council** page on facebook or follow us on **twitter @SportLink_GSSC**



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3 Great Ways to raise money for your club/team or organization

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Andrea Crombez for more info at acrombez@bostonpizza.com

That’s a Wrap! 6th Annual Guts & Glory Luncheon Comes to An End

By: Michael Ladouceur

Another year passes, and another successful Guts & Glory event comes to a close. This year’s event will go down as a classic with great speeches by our local athletes Kendra and Lucio, and a comedic performance that would be good enough to hit the road by Rob Faulds.

Through the comedy was a pile of inspiration to be drawn. Beginning with the journey from Creighton Mines to Edmonton for the Commonwealth Game by our own Badminton Champion Lucio Fabris, to Rob Faulds never say no attitude, the general vibe leaving Guts & Glory was one that kept our heads up and challenged us to strive for our goals.

The event itself was organized to raise the profile as well as funds for SportLink, and all the support from the community allowed us to do so! Never has SportLink been so public within the media, nor has it been able to reach out through the networks like it did this year. So for that I would like to say thanks to all our partners, sponsors and supporters!

I would love to highlight a few partners that helped make this year’s event such an astounding success. The hospitality offered by the Radisson Hotel was exceptional. The food was great but more important than that, their ability to accommodate all requests and changes helped the event go off without a hitch.

Secondly, a special thanks to our presenting sponsor Q92. Their presence and support allowed SportLink to receive the exposure it needs to be highly effective. The ability to communicate with the public to share our message is something that is important and without their gracious support, is something that would not have been possible.

This past month has certainly been hectic with the planning and organizing of the event, but it was thoroughly enjoyable to get to work with so many unique members of the community. Sudbury is lucky to have so many people committed to local sport, and the ability to showcase their talent and effort at Guts & Glory is what made the event so special.

Can’t wait till next year for Guts & Glory 7!

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