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# Side**LINES**

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



## Sudbury Skating Club Celebrates 60 Years!

**Ice Show, December 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm @Sudbury Arena**

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

10<sup>th</sup> to [reception@sudburyskatingclub.ca](mailto:reception@sudburyskatingclub.ca)

## Rob Faulds to headline Guts & Glory Luncheon

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SUDBURY, ON** – SportLink is excited to announce the return of their 6th Annual Guts & Glory Luncheon. This year's luncheon will take place on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 at the Radisson Hotel's Palladium Ballroom from 11:30am-1:30pm. Rob Faulds (Roger's Sportsnet) will headline the event as keynote speaker.

Guts & Glory, one of SportLink's signature events, recounts inspirational stories from athletes and sport minded individuals who have dedicated themselves to sport both locally and nationally. All proceeds from Guts & Glory are used to help SportLink carry out their mandate of assisting and promoting the various local sport organizations around the City of Greater Sudbury.

"SportLink is pleased to continue the tradition of the Guts & Glory luncheons, building on the success of those in the past," said SportLink's President Randy Pascal. "We're thrilled to welcome Rob Faulds back to Sudbury and look forward to Rob being able to share from some of his most memorable experiences over the years."

Guts & Glory ticket sales will be open to public beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011. Tickets are \$60 for single admission or \$480 for a table of eight. Sponsorship packages are available that offer a variety of levels and integration into this year's event.

For more information about SportLink and the Guts & Glory luncheon, visit their website at [www.sportlink.ca](http://www.sportlink.ca), become a "fan" on facebook at [www.facebook.com/sportlinksudbury](http://www.facebook.com/sportlinksudbury) or follow them on Twitter @SportLink\_GSSC.

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## 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**



## Special Olympics 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance/Auction

Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2011

Runs from 8pm-1am. Tickets are \$10/person. All proceeds will fund sport programs for the intellectually disabled. For more information contact Lynne Houle at (705) 855-1219



## Former Guts & Glory Speaker Awarded National Scholarship

Sudbury Nordic skier and multi-sport athlete **Alannah MacLean** has been selected as one of five national recipients of the **Stacey Levitt Women and Sport Scholarship**.

A release issued by the **Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity** (CAAWS) confirmed the honor that was recently bestowed upon the graduate of **Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School**.

A native of Labrador City, MacLean was raised in an environment surrounded by sport and physical activity, involved in downhill skiing, swimming and gymnastics in her youth.

But it was a move to Sudbury in her early teens that would quickly find MacLean garnering the spotlight in local sports, excelling throughout her career as a Knight in both Nordic skiing and track and field venues.

An OFSSA Gold medal winner in Nordic skiing, MacLean parlayed the support of her coach and the **Walden Fitness Club** community as well as her dedication to athletics with **Track North** into reaching her goal of becoming a nationally-ranked competitive skier, placing third in the aggregate rankings at the Canadian Championships.

A co-president of the Lo-Ellen Student Athletic Association and winner of the Senior Female Athlete of the Year award, MacLean has also broken ground on the public speaking circuit, addressing the crowd at the **Guts and Glory Luncheon** last November, as well as speaking at the **Ontario Midget Nordic Ski Championships**.

Now enrolled in her freshman year at **Lakehead University** in Thunder Bay, MacLean was selected from among 500 applicants for the scholarship which honors the life and memory of Stacey Levitt, a superior athlete and top student who was struck and killed by a car, while jogging, in 1995.

## Events Calendar

SportLink is maintaining a Sudbury Sports Event Calendar!.

Download the SportLink events Calendar at [www.sportlink.ca](http://www.sportlink.ca) for all the latest info.

Contact Michael Ladouceur at [michael.ladouceur@sudbury.ca](mailto:michael.ladouceur@sudbury.ca) to submit your organizations event schedule!



## 2012 Canadian Mixed Curling Championships

**November 12-19<sup>th</sup> at the Sudbury Curling Club**

For tickets, day passes or for other information please check out the Canadian curling website at [www.curling.ca](http://www.curling.ca) or

email the Sudbury Curling Club at [info@sudburycurling.ca](mailto:info@sudburycurling.ca)



## Sports and Administration with Jim Dickson

By: Randy Pascal

Leave it to a long-time sport administrator to suggest that he had very little natural athletic ability - this, despite holding the Sudbury high school record in the mile for a full ten years.

Sure, **Jim Dickson** will always be remembered, first and foremost, for serving some twenty years as the Athletics Co-Ordinator for what is now the **Rainbow School Board**.

But his background was clearly littered with involvement in sports. The eldest of five children who grew up in Minnow Lake, Dickson suggests a vastly different backdrop existed, at the time, for athletically-minded youngsters. "In those days, there wasn't organized sport, but we played something all year round," Dickson said. Add to this an environment without the electronic gadgetry that youth enjoy today, and there were compelling reasons to wander outdoors.

"At that time, houses weren't big and families were," Dickson said with a smile. "There wasn't a lot of room in the house, so you were always outside." Attending

Sudbury High, the self-acknowledged "late maturer" would pick up football and track & field in his senior years of secondary schooling.

With graduation upon him, Dickson had no clear picture of what lie ahead. "I can remember thinking, "I don't know what I'm going to do, but I'm not going to be a teacher and I'm not coming back to Sudbury," he said. A few years later, his batting average in reading the future was sitting at .000 (0/2), as Dickson and his wife Joyce, whom he met while attending Queen's University in Kingston, returned to his home base after a year in Hamilton.

Finding work initially at Lockerby Composite in 1962 before teaching at Lasalle, Dickson would take over the role with which he would become synonymous in 1974, replacing outgoing co-ordinator **Alex MacPherson**. "Originally, there was a male and a female co-ordinator," Dickson explained. "Immediately after I took over, we had a physical education task force that was put in place. That was a big project and it changed a lot of things in Sudbury."

## Did you Know?

SportLink is conducting a facility inventory audit. Working with the City of Greater Sudbury, SportLink has been putting together a list of all sport facilities and their specifications.

This inventory takes into account all facilities including squash courts, ski trails, gymnasiums, baseball diamonds and arenas.

If you have any information pertinent to this audit please contact Michael Ladouceur at 705-674-4455 ext 4434

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## 40 Years of Wolves Hockey!

**2011-2012 Hockey Season marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year for our beloved Wolves**

Don't miss out on the action, and join in on the celebration! Visit [www.sudburywolves.com](http://www.sudburywolves.com) for more information

sudburysports.com

## Sports and Administration with Jim Dickson

"We developed a cohesion between the male and female departments, the boys and girls physical education and athletics, that I don't think was present anywhere else," Dickson added. To his credit, the Sudbury native had a vision of the path that should be paved for high school sports in the area. "I had lots of ideas and it took me a while to execute, but they got done," Dickson said.

"I remember that first year, writing down a list of about ten things and taking it to the first meeting of the department heads. I kept that sheet and ten years later, I think, I was stroking off the last item."

While the student population numbers were larger and there were fewer other options available to student athletes in the 1970's, some of the challenges that existed then remain firmly entrenched today.

"The athletic association was comprised of tons of volunteers," Dickson said. "These are volunteers that worked all day, did some coaching and then tried organizing in the hours that were left."

"Hence, the need for a co-ordinator, to support the people that are doing the job, to do the things that they

can't do and to give them the tools to do the job," Dickson said.

He would remain true to his personality through retirement, immersing himself into the role of commodore at the **Sudbury Canoe Club (SCC)** almost immediately upon leaving the work force in 1994.

A paddler as a student in the 1950's, Dickson provided plenty of momentum in leading the SCC to establishing the now-popular summer tradition of the **Sudbury Dragonboat Festival**.

"I was attending a meeting on government funding when I came across a Chinese Heritage group that was looking to bring dragon boats here," Dickson said. Serving as technical co-ordinator for the races, he helped grow the festival from an organizational standpoint, stepping aside a few years back.

Now 75 years young, Dickson has slowed his pace, enjoying more family time. This is in stark contrast to the young man who ventured on to the Sacred Heart track back in 1955. ~

## Key Dates in Local Sport

**Oct 10:** Walden X-Country Turkey Gobble

**Oct 14-16:** Sudbury Minor Hockey 80's Younament

**Oct 21-23:** Super Stack Hockey Tournament

**Oct 23:** C5PBA Youth Bowling Zone Round Championship

**Nov 3-5<sup>th</sup>:** Big Nickle Hockey Tournament

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>:** Rainbow Route's Hike Club

## 2012 Pond Hockey Festival on the Rock!

February 3-5<sup>th</sup> 2012, Ramsey Lake at Science North

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



## Skate Exchange – Upcoming Dates

**Pick up a pair of used skates, free of charge, on the following Dates**

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2011, noon to 3pm**

T.M. Davies Community Centre (325 Anderson Drive, Lively)

**Saturday, December 10, 2011, 9am to noon**

O'Connor Playground (140 St. George Street, Sudbury)

**Saturday, January 14, 2012, 9am to noon**

Royal Canadian Legion, Lockerby Branch (2200 Long Lake Road, Sudbury)

**Monday, February 20, 2012, 10am to 3pm**

Ramsey Lake, Sudbury

(onsite during the Centre de santé communautaire du Grand Sudbury's Annual Family Fishing Derby Event)

For more information call 705.522.9200, ext 257 or visit [www.sdhu.com](http://www.sdhu.com)

*Skates are given out on a first come, first serve basis. Sizes and quantities will vary*

## Key Dates in Pro Sport

**Oct 6:** NHL Regular Season Begins

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup>:** UFC 136: Edgar vs. Maynard III

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>:** UFC 137: St.Pierre vs. Condit

**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Final week of CFL Regular Season

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

## Super Stack Hockey Tournament

Oct 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at TM Davies Arena and Copper Cliff Arena

The Tournament is open to the first 8 teams in Major Novice AA, 8 teams in Major Novice A, 8 teams in Major Atom AA, 8 teams in Atom A, 8 teams in Minor Pee Wee AA, and 8 teams in Minor Pee Wee A.



## SportLink Blog – A View From the SideLINES

By: Michael Ladouceur

Where to begin, in what seems like such a busy month that was. In short, SportLink hosted a Club Excellence workshop, progressed their sport tourism strategy and the facility inventory attached to it, began planning and finalizing their 6<sup>th</sup> annual Guts & Glory luncheon, became an executive committee member for the Skate Exchange and lastly but certainly not least left room in our day to day schedule to listen and work with the local sport groups to answer their various needs and wants while promoting sport within the community!

The Club Excellence workshop held during Sports Day in Canada was a resounding success! I am still tabulating all the information that was presented and discussed but the early returns from those in attendance was that it was definitely worth the \$10 price of admission. Bryan and Jennifer for True Sport presented the material in a very welcoming way that sparked debate and allowed for great networking time. SportLink will continue to support the Club Excellence program in the future

The second point of item to touch on for the month of September was the near completion of the sports facility inventory. SportLink has been busy compiling the inventory, and we now have over 120 pages of data which will be used to target and bid on potential events. This is research will greatly enhance the Sports Tourism Strategy and is sure to come in handy!/  
Finally, with the announcement of our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Guts & Glory luncheon organizing and planning has overcome my work life! We are delighted to return to the Radisson hotel as they have been gracious hosts in the past. I am excited to announce that Rob Fauds will be returning to Sudbury, a place he lived for four years as voice of your Sudbury Wolves! With his career journey including calling Mark Tewskbury and Jon Montgomery's legendary gold medal performances his speech is sure to be a success!

As Guts & Glory approaches, I am sure to remain busy but who isn't at this time of year! I can't wait to see a number of you on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> to welcome Rob back to Sudbury!

## Next Issue...

If you have any ideas for featured stories, guest columnist or relevant ideas feel free to contact SportLink at 705-674-4454 ext 4434 Or by email at [michael.ladouceur@sudbury.ca](mailto:michael.ladouceur@sudbury.ca)

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