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The Sports Wall of Fame Nomination Committee is currently accepting applications for new nominations. The nomination deadline is April 30, 2022.

The North Cowichan/Duncan Sports Wall of Fame is dedicated to honouring the rich history of our community's many sports, coaches, athletes, teams, administrators, and builders. The Wall recognizes those individuals and teams that have attained high achievement and/or made a significant contribution locally within the Cowichan Valley, or elsewhere in the world.

"Our region is rich with contributors to the world of sport, who deserve recognition," said North Cowichan Mayor Al Siebring. "We ask the community to think about the athletes, teams, coaches or administrators who have excelled in their sport or contributed to our community significantly through local athletics, and we invite you to submit a nomination package on their behalf."

The Sports Wall of Fame is located in the lobby of the Cowichan Aquatic Centre and is administered by the Sports Wall of Fame Nominating Committee. Categories include Athlete, Team, Coach, and Administrator/Builder. The new inductees will be announced and honoured at an induction ceremony this November.

The Sports Wall of Fame has made the move from bronze plaques to digital display. Visitors can use the touchscreen to view all Sports Wall of Fame recipients. The plaques are being incorporated into a Walk of Fame as part of the exterior entrance to the Aquatic Centre.

# Kerry Park curlers remember former president Lorraine Gagnon

BY KEVIN ROTHBAUER

The Kerry Park Curling Club remembered a former president and well-known member of the B.C. curling community last month with the second annual Lorraine Gagnon Memorial Open Bonspiel on March 17-20.

Heavily involved in promoting and coaching the sport, particularly to junior and new curlers, Gagnon spent about eight years as club president. She also won countless titles during her career, including the BC Senior Women's Championship in 2011 and BC and Canadian Masters Women's championships in 2018.

Gagnon died on Jan. 1, 2019 after a brief battle with cancer. The first bonspiel in her honour was held in 2020. There was no

event in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The A Event, sponsored by the Malahat Lions Club, was won by Team Gillespie. The B Event, sponsored by Stormin' Golf Enterprises, was won by Team Steel. The C Event, sponsored by Duncan Ironworks, was won by Team Matthews. The D Event, sponsored by Boston Pizza Duncan, was won by Team Perry.

Daniel Hill and Oliver Smith were the recipients of the Lorraine Gagnon Junior Achievement Spirit Award.

"The purpose of this bonspiel is to honour our friend and fellow curler," said Myrna Proulx, a vice president of the Kerry Park Curling Club. "But the format is specific to include junior and new curlers."



Curlers at the 2022 Lorraine Gagnon Memorial Bonspiel were greeted by a display of some of the many awards she won in the sport. (Kevin Rothbauer/Citizen)

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March 17-20, 2022

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