

**18TH ANNUAL
SPORTS VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION DINNER**

**April 7, 2004
Hamilton Convention Centre**

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- Providing sport opportunities for all.
- Promoting the benefits of sport participation for youth in particular the development of fitness, leadership, responsibility, respect, teamwork, goal setting and friendships.
- Providing a safe, healthy and fun environment for youth in sport.
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- Celebrating participation successes.
- Sharing resources and expertise.
- Working in partnerships.
- Providing support for our local sport associations.
- Striving for well-managed community sport delivery systems.
- Encouraging maximum participation in physical activity whether it be play or competition.

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The Hamilton Spectator "Coach of the Year"
MITCH KAWASAKI

Ontario Trillium Foundation "Fair Play"
GERRY THOMAS

United Trophy "Volunteer of the Year "
BILL HAZELL

Ray Lewis "Athlete Community Service"
Youth – **CARLA CUPIDO**
Adult – **DARREN FLUTIE**

MAYOR LARRY DI IANNI



CITY OF HAMILTON

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR OF HAMILTON

On behalf of the City of Hamilton, I welcome you to the 18th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Sports Dinner. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you, the sport volunteer, for your commendable work in our community.

Hamilton is known as the volunteer capital of Canada. Your involvement and leadership as a volunteer in sport is evidence of the high level of community spirit we wear with pride in Hamilton.

The success of our sports program could not be accomplished without the many people like you who give so generously of their time in coaching, officiating and administering amateur sport programs in our community.

It is through your involvement as a Sport Volunteer that our young athletes develop the athletic skills and attributes of fairness and sportsmanship that allow them to pursue their dreams in sport and many other aspects of life.

I sincerely thank you for giving of your time and skills. Your efforts make a difference for our youth and make our city even greater.



Sincerely,

Larry Di Ianni
Mayor

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Dear Sport Volunteers:

The theme for this year's Sport Volunteer Appreciation Dinner—"Pursuing the Dream" seems appropriate for many reasons. Across Canada and the world, athletes and coaches are pursuing their dream of competing at the 2004 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Athens. Tonight we welcome Paralympian Elizabeth Walker and Olympians Karen Cockburn, Matt Turgeon and their coach Dave Ross and applaud their efforts to pursuing their dreams at these Games. Congratulations to one of our special guests tonight Mr. Dave Bedford, the Chef de Mission for Team Canada to the 2004 Olympic Games. We believe that having an Olympic dream is not limited to aspiring Olympians but includes everyone involved in sport—athletes, coaches and officials who are committed to pursuing excellence. Tonight we honour many volunteers in sport who lead Hamilton athletes in pursuing their dreams through sport—the dream of representing your city, province or country, the dream of running a championship and the dream of being the best you can be.

Sport Hamilton—your local sport council—has had an active year working with Hamilton sport organizations in the promotion of quality amateur sport. The annual Civic Awards Luncheon co-hosted with the City of Hamilton for over 400 athletes and coaches in October was a celebration of successful dreams pursued by local athletes and their coaches. Sport Hamilton has also sponsored many coaching and fundraising workshops for local sport organizations.

Sport Hamilton is able to be involved in so many sport initiatives due to the support and participation of our many partners. We congratulate and thank our partners for assisting with programs, which provide the opportunity for Hamiltonians to pursue their dreams through sport. Our partners include the City of Hamilton, the Trillium Foundation, and the Sport Alliance of Ontario. We are also appreciative of our many sponsors as listed in the program.

A special thank you to the twenty members of the Board of Directors of Sport Hamilton who all set a fine example of sport volunteerism by the many volunteer hours they dedicate to supporting sport in Hamilton. The Sport Hamilton Board of Directors work closely with our staff administrator, Brad Maxwell and City of Hamilton employees Greg Maychak and Janine Gaunt. Tonight we wish to acknowledge and thank these professionals for their leadership and guidance.

And finally, we applaud all of Hamilton's sport volunteers—coaches, officials and administrators for your role in assisting Hamilton athletes in pursuing their dreams through sport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Sutton".

Dr. Gene Sutton, President
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Celebrity Bios

Karen Cockburn

Olympian Karen Cockburn is currently a student at York University and trains at the Skyriders Trampoline Place in Toronto. As a child Karen competed in Artistic Gymnastics and Diving; at the age of 16, she began competing in trampoline. Karen has been the Canadian Female Individual Trampoline Champion for the past seven years. A bronze medallist at the Sydney Olympics and current World Champion, Karen has qualified to compete in the 2004 Athens Olympic Games where she will pursue her dream of winning an Olympic Gold medal.

Mathieu Turgeon

Olympian Mathieu Turgeon is the current Canadian Men's Individual Trampoline Champion and also trains at the Skyriders Trampoline Place in Toronto. Matt is the World Cup Bronze Medallist in the Synchronized Trampoline event. He is a York University Kinesiology student. At the 2000 Olympic Games, Matt won bronze in Men's Trampoline; he is hoping to qualify to represent Canada at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

Dave Ross

Dave Ross has received a life membership from Gymnastics Canada in recognition of his contribution to the sport of trampoline over the past 32 years. Dave's coaching career includes developing recreational athletes, Canadian Champions and Olympic medallists. Dave has coached an average of eight National and World team members annually. He is the owner and coach of Skyriders Trampoline Place and the advisor to Canada's National Team. One of the dreams pursued by Dave was to have his sport included in the Olympic Games. In 2000, trampoline was included in the Olympic Games program for the first time; Dave was the very proud coach of the two bronze medallists here today and at those inaugural games for trampoline. Dave has been a Master Course Conductor for the National Coaching Certification Program for over 30 yrs. and co-author of Canada's first Trampoline Safety Manual.

Dave Bedford

Dave Bedford is Canada's Chef de Mission for the 2004 Athens Games. The head coach of delegation for Team Canada is a Burlington, Ontario native and a graduate of Sport Administration from Laurentian University. Dave is active in sport in all aspects of his life. In his professional career Dave is active in sport at IMG and in his volunteer activities in Toronto. Dave is President of Waterpolo Canada and a Director of the Canadian Olympic Committee. He was Chief Press Officer for Canada's Olympic Team in the 1998 Nagano Olympic Games. Dave was also a member of the Canadian Mission support staff at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and 1999 Winnipeg Pan Am Games. Hamilton wishes him well as he pursues his dream as Chef De Mission of Canada's team at the 2004 Olympic Games.

Elizabeth Walker

Elizabeth Walker has fifteen years involvement in swimming with eleven of these years as a member of Canada's National Paralympic team. She has set many Canadian and World records and won many medals. At the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Elizabeth won a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke event. In the Sydney Paralympic Games she captured two Gold medals – in the 50 metre Fly and in the 200 metre Individual Medley.

Elizabeth states her goals for Athens in 2004 as follows: "I wish to race my best, finish with my best times, have World record swims and hear the anthem while I stand on the top podium."

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City of Hamilton

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Dinner

Garden Salad
Penne Arrabiata
Roast Beef
Mediterranean Chicken
Roasted Potatoes
P.E.I. Mixed Vegetables
Tuxedo Mousse Cake
Assorted Rolls, Butter
Coffee, Tea

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Dr. Gene Sutton, President
Sport Hamilton

Mr. Dave Bedford, Chef de Mission
Team Canada – 2004 Olympic Games



MAJOR AWARDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Presentation of
Outstanding Sport Volunteer Awards

Ward 6 Councillor, Tom Jackson
Chairperson, Community Services

Presentation of
Hamilton Heroes Banners

Karen Cockburn & Mathieu Turgeon
Trampoline Olympians

Dave Ross
Olympic Trampoline Coach

Presentation of
The Hamilton Spectator
Coach of the Year Award

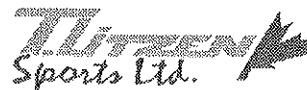
Presentation of
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Outstanding Sport Volunteer Awards

These awards are presented annually for those volunteers who have made a significant impact in shaping sports in Hamilton. To be eligible, these volunteers must have had at least 10 years of volunteer service to amateur sport.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation Fair Play Award

This award is presented by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The "Fair Play" award encompasses the principles of sportsmanship and respect for others. The recipient is an official who has demonstrated tremendous dedication to the principles of fair play.

The Hamilton Spectator Coach of the Year Award

This annual award is given to an individual who best exemplifies the attributes that contribute toward quality coaching. The recipient demonstrates a respect for officials, parents and has demonstrated responsible conduct, while showing concern for their athletes.

United Trophy Manufacturing Ltd. Sport Volunteer of the Year Award

The Sport Volunteer award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment as an active volunteer in amateur sport. The recipient of this prestigious award has made a major contribution to the growth and enhancement of sport in our community.

Ray Lewis Athlete Community Service Award

Canada's oldest Olympian and one of Hamilton's most revered athletes, Ray Lewis passed away November 14, 2003 at the age of 94. Over his lifetime, Ray earned a multitude of accolades including the Order of Canada in 2000, an Olympic bronze medal at the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles and a silver medal at the 1934 Commonwealth Games in London, England. Born and raised in Hamilton, Ray Lewis remained heavily involved in the Hamilton sport community throughout his life.



The Ray Lewis Athlete Community Service Award was presented for the first time at the 2003 Hamilton Sports Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The award is presented annually to two recipients—one in the Youth category and a second in the Adult category. The award winners will be outstanding Hamilton athletes who have excelled in sport and have also made a significant volunteer contribution to the Hamilton community.



The Mary E. Keyes Leadership Award

This award, established in a partnership with Sport Hamilton and the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport will be presented for the first time at tonight's banquet. The Hamilton community and McMaster University were saddened by the passing of Dr. Mary Keyes in February 2002. Mary was then

Vice President for Student Affairs at McMaster. In her career and volunteer activities she was an outstanding role model for girls and women in leadership roles in education and sport.

The Mary E. Keyes Leadership Award will be presented annually to two female high school students from inner city Hamilton high schools who have demonstrated leadership in their involvement in their school athletic program. The winners will be funded to attend the Summer Sport Fitness Junior Leadership Camp at McMaster University.

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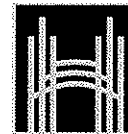
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