



The Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame (LSHOF) is preparing to host its 30th Annual Induction Ceremony on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the friendly confines of the Canadian Western Bank Lounge at ENMAX Centre.

The 2015 theme celebrates “30 Years of LSHOF History” and this year’s scheduled Guest Speakers are: Mal Clewes, speaking about the early days of LSHOF, Dylan Purcell, relating to the present and Rob Miyashiro, projecting what a permanent LSHOF display area at Lethbridge’s new west-side Leisure Centre is likely to entail.

This year’s Masters of Ceremonies will be Carole Gemer and Dori Johnson and singing the National Anthem will be Alicia Bigras.

LSHOF Inductee’s for 2015 include:

Team: The 1966-67 Lethbridge Junior College Kodiaks (Basketball)

Builders: Pius Labolevech (Basketball) and Cal O’Brien (Multi-sport)

Special Awards: Dave Wells (Multi-sport) and Darin Gibson and Colin Nonomura (Tae Kwon-Do)

This year’s Kinsmen Sports Persons of the year are: Kim Veldman of the U of L Pronghorn women’s basketball team and Jim Steacy, 2014 Commonwealth Games gold medal winner in hammer throw.

Single tickets for the 2015 event cost \$50 and a table of eight can be purchased for the discounted price of \$350, at the Lethbridge Ticket Centre at ENMAX or the Yates Centre 329-7328 starting March 16, 2015. For further information, contact us through www.lethbridgesportshalloffame.ca or phone Knud Petersen at 403-380-4751.

SYLVIA SWEENEY AWARD: Kimberley Veldman, Lethbridge

Veldman is only the second member of the Lethbridge program to win a CIS major award in women's basketball joining former head coach Louisa Zerbe, who received the Peter Ennis Award in 1985. The fifth-year forward has been a leader on and off the floor for the Pronghorns and will go down as one of the best players and student-athletes to ever come through the program.

On the floor, Veldman was the conference's second leading scorer this season, averaging 18.6 points per game. She leaves the Pronghorns as the school's all-time leading rebounder and second leading scorer with 805 boards and 1391 points over the course of her five campaigns with the team. Veldman has also been named Pronghorn female athlete of the year in both 2014 and 2015

While excelling on the court, she also shone in the classroom, earning her Nursing degree in four years, while being named an Academic All-Canadian every year. She will be well on her way to a fifth AAC award while beginning her Masters in Nursing.

Veldman has been heavily involved in community service within the Jr Horns basketball program as a coach for a club team, at skills clinics and summer camps; with the Reading Buddies program, volunteering one day a week in an elementary classroom and twice a week to lead their co-ed basketball intramural program; with the Special Olympics last spring, when she volunteered for a four-week program where she taught the participants basketball skills and drills; as well as with her church, as she has also been heavily involved with the Trinity Reform Church youth group.

"As a humble and even-keel player, Kim has had to work hard to develop her leadership skills," said head coach Erin McAleenan. "Over the last three years of working with her, she has grown immensely not only as a player, but as a person. She has become a confident leader both on and off the floor, and she inspires her teammates on a daily basis. Kim has changed the culture of our program and has had a tremendous impact on the players, coaches, and community."

University of Lethbridge Alumni Association 2015 Alumni Honour Society inductee Jim Steacy

As an athlete, James Steacy has represented not only the U of L but Canada at throwing competitions around the world. During his five-year career with the Pronghorns, Steacy went undefeated in the weight throw and won a total of nine CIS medals, including eight gold. He currently holds the Canadian record in men's hammer throw and has represented our country at two Olympic Games and earned a gold medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. A role model for younger students, Steacy spends countless hours speaking to local schools about the importance of education and the opportunities available through athletics, and volunteers his time as a coach for youth track programs