

# 2009 INDUCTEES



## JESSICA TUOMELA SWIMMING

At a young age Jessica Tuomela was diagnosed by doctors with retinal cancer which spread to both eyes causing permanent blindness. But being blind didn't hold Jessica back from doing what she loved to do, swim. Jessica's strong perseverance and conviction never ceased to fail in the pursuit of her dreams. Beginning her swimming career as a young adolescent, Jessica was a superstar right from the starting blocks. Her admirable career began at the 2000 Paralympics Games in Sydney, Australia where she earned herself a silver medal in the 50 meter freestyle. Since then, Jessica has gone on to exceed even the highest of expectations and is now recognized us as one of Sault Ste. Marie's most decorated athletes.

Her accomplishments include:

- **2007** ParaPanAm Games Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - 2 gold, 2 silver
- **2006** USA Games Baltimore, Maryland - 6 gold medals
- **2006** Inducted into Sault Ste. Marie Walk of Fame
- **2006** Belgian Paralympic Championships - 2 gold, 1 silver
- Paralympics Games – Sydney, Australia [silver (2000)] / Athens, Greece [4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> (2004)] / Beijing, China [Finalist (2008)]
- Set 5 Canadian swim records in her discipline - S11
- **1998** International "Yes I Can" award for Athletes with Disabilities



# BRIGITTE ACTON

## ALPINE SKIING

Brigitte Acton's passion for skiing blossomed at a young age. Ever since she was a little girl skiing was a part of her life. Many of her earliest memories as a young skier were formed at the local Searchmont Resort. Following in the footsteps of her parents, Diane and Gord, former members of the National Ski Team, Brigitte strives to be the best and make them proud. One major inspiration that drove her passion and determination was the sight of the 1972 Winter Olympic Games flag at her mother's performance in Sapporo, Japan. Brigitte decided at that moment that she was going to compete in her own Winter Olympics. Every great champion must have a starting point to their brilliant career and Brigitte's first major triumph came at the 2000 Canadian Alpine Juvenile Championships, where she received gold for the overall Champion.

Her accomplishments include:

- **2006** Torino Olympics Games – 10th Combined, 11th Giant Slalom, 17<sup>th</sup> Slalom
- World Junior Championship – 2nd in Giant Slalom 2005, 2nd in Super, Giant Slalom 2003
- **2005** World Cup Combined – 10th San Sicario Italy
- **2005** World Championships Santa Caterina, Italy – 12th Combined
- **2006** Canadian National Championships – Whistler 1st in Slalom
- NorAm Cup - Gold – Overall Champion 2003& 2005, Gold – Slalom Title 2005, Gold – Giant Slalom Title 2004, Gold – Super G Title 2003
- **2002 & 2003** Pontiac Cup – Gold – Overall Champion 2002 & 2003
- **2000** Canadian Alpine Juvenile – Gold – Overall Champion

Brigitte plans to better her Olympic performance and is currently training for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games. We know she will represent Canada and Sault Ste. Marie admirably.



# CLIVE WILKINSON

## SOCCER COACH/BUILDER

Clive Wilkinson's skill and tireless dedication to the sport of soccer is undeniable. With a career in Canadian soccer spanning fifty years, he is recognized locally, provincially and nationally for his unswerving commitment to player, coach and referee development. With such a tremendous influence on the sport, he has been instrumental in building soccer for our community, as well as provincially and nationally, to the level it is today. For his outstanding contributions to soccer, Clive has been publicly recognized by the province of Ontario for 40 years of volunteer service to youth in 2002. As a life member of both the Sault Amateur Soccer Association and the Ontario Soccer Association, Clive shows us that he is entirely committed to enhancing the sport of soccer. He unselfishly volunteers his time and talent to support the dreams of his players and ensure their success.

His accomplishments include:

- **1978 - present** Ontario Soccer Association Coaching Instructor
- **1994 - 2002** Chair of the OSA and CSA Coaching Committee
- President of Sault Amateur Soccer Association (2 terms) and Vice President of the OSA
- President and founding member of Sault Soccer Coaches Association
- Chair of the Sault Ste. Marie Indoor Soccer Facility Committee
- Life member of both the SASA and the OSA
- **2002** Province of Ontario Volunteer Award for 40 years of Volunteer Service to Youth
- Initiated the development of interactive computer programs such as i-Coach that help in the development of youth, referees and coaches



## STEVE BEAUPRE BOXING

Considered to be one of Canada's premier boxers, Steve Beaupre is the epitome of a true fighter both in and out of the ring. A role model for all those facing challenges and chasing a dream, Steve is truly an inspiration. His athletic career was both successful and enviable. He is one of only five boxers to win Canadian Senior Boxing Titles in three different weight divisions, winning numerous championships both provincially and nationally. Most impressively, Steve did not lose to another Canadian boxer for almost seven years, from the fall of 1980 to the spring of 1987. Once inspired by Olympians like Sugar Ray Leonard, Steve inspires us to follow by his example in working tirelessly to become one's best self. His determination, persistence, talent and exemplary career as a boxer make him someone to truly admire.

His accomplishments include:

- **1979 - 1983 & 1991** Six Provincial Titles
- **1981 - 1987 & 1991** Eight time Canadian Champion
- Highest Provincial and National Accomplishments – 110 Wins 21 Losses
- **1984** Attended Olympic Training Camp
- **1985** Australian Games – Silver
- **1986** Tammers Tournament – Finland – Silver
- **1986** Acropolis Cup - Greece
- **1986** Quarter-Finalist World Amateurs Boxing Championships
- **1986** Commonwealth Games Bronze Medalist – Flyweight Edinburg, Scotland