



## **Hall of Fame Committee**

### **Year End Report 2016**

This was a great year for the Hall of Fame Committee in 2016 with some exciting changes to the existing policies implemented and some new changes being considered. I would like to thank the Committee members Greg Hillier, Garry Stamp, Bob Skanes, Heber Smith, and Neil Peckham for their contributions. Unfortunately we did not have a representative from the West Coast for this year's committee but we are taking steps to find a representative for next year. We had several good teleconferences throughout the year and have made some changes to the policy which we think will improve this tremendous program in years to come.

The Board of Directors of Golf NL has decided that the Annual General Meeting will no longer be an "in-person" every year but will be a video conference every second year (starting in 2016) and an "in-person" event every other year. To match with this decision several changes to schedule for the recognition events have been made.

The induction of members into the GolfNL Hall of Fame will now be held during the years of the "in-person" Golf NL AGAM. Nominations for induction into the Hall of Fame will be accepted at any time over the 2 year period. The induction ceremony will continue to be held at an annual dinner which will be conducted as part of the Golf NL AGM, which means our next Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held in 2017.

The Awards will continue to be awarded annually but the ceremony will now be moved around Newfoundland and Labrador at a location based on the location of the various award recipients. WE hope that by bringing the event "on the road" we will allow greater participation by the recipients but also increase participation by club staff and club members where the recipients are based. We think this change will help to bring more attention and recognition to these deserving recipients. Nominations for the awards will continue to take place in the fall of each year and the existing call for nominations from Golf NL will continue.

In 2017 there will be a review of the Order of Merit system to ensure that points are allocated appropriately for all the events held in Newfoundland and Labrador. The committee will be exploring the potential to allocate points from participation in 2-person events as part of the annual Order of Merit. Most invitationals now have adopted the 2-person event as their format of choice and the committee feels that the exclusion of these events from the Order of Merit is something we should work to change. The 2017 Order of Merit list of tournaments will be released in the spring of 2017.

We continue to house our trophies, plaques and awards at Bally Haly and we would encourage everyone to visit Bally Haly and view the names of the Hall of Fame inductees and winners in the display.

It is the opinion of the committee that each club has staff, executives, and volunteers who are deserving of recognition by Golf NL. We encourage each club to ensure that they submit nominations each year for all Awards to ensure that those who are deserving are recognized. It is a chance for people to be recognized for their tremendous contributions to the success of not only each club, but golf in Newfoundland and Labrador.

We look forward to continuing to improve the Hall of Fame and Awards programs and welcome any suggestions in how we can improve these programs. Please contact either myself or Greg with any input you wish to provide.

Respectfully submitted by:

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