



## Sault Sports Hall of Fame inductees announced

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### Sports Hall of Fame inductees selected for 2011

SAULT STE. MARIE - The City of Sault Ste. Marie Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the 2011 inductees into the Sault Ste. Marie Sports Hall of Fame.

The Sports Hall of Fame, established in 2002, recognizes exceptional achievements in the athletic community.

Athletes, coaches, builders and teams are honoured for their accomplishments and the recognition they have brought to Sault Ste. Marie through sport.

The following athletes will be inducted into this year's Sports Hall of Fame:

Al Harnden - Curling

Eric Harnden - Curling

Richard Francis - Multiple sports

The achievements of these inductees will be engraved on plaques and displayed, along with memorabilia, at the John Rhodes Community Centre.

The Sault Ste. Marie Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony, hosted



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by Mayor Amaroso and City Council, will be held on Friday, June 17, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Russ Ramsay Board Room located in the Civic Centre.

Community admission to this event is by invitation only.

## BACKGROUNDER

### **Alan Harnden - Curling**

Accomplishments:

- 2007 Represented Northern Ontario at the Brier - Hamilton, ON
- 2005 Represented Northern Ontario at Senior's - Winnipeg, MN
- 1990 Represented Northern Ontario Brier - Sault Ste. Marie
- 1986 Represented Northern Ontario at the National Mixed - Victoria, BC
- 1986 Represented Northern Ontario at the Brier - Kitchener, ON
- 1983 Represented Northern Ontario at the Brier - Sudbury, ON

### **Eric Harnden - Curling**

Accomplishments:

- 2008 Represented Northern Ontario at the Brier - Winnipeg, MN
- 1990 Represented Northern Ontario Brier - Sault Ste. Marie
- 1986 Represented Northern Ontario at the Brier - Kitchener, ON
- 1983 Represented Northern Ontario at the Brier - Sudbury, ON

### **Richard Francis - Multiple Sports**

Accomplishments:

- World Winter Games - Three times (Alaska, Canada, Japan)
- Nordic skiing medals in 1997, 2001, 2005 (three gold, two silver, two bronze)
- Four Canada National Games - Special Olympics
- 12 Provincial Games - Five different sports
- 1996 - Features Canadian Special Olympics athlete in *McLean's Magazine*
- 1997 - Canadian Male Athlete of the Year - Special Olympics

- 1998 - City of Sault Ste. Marie Medal of Merit recipient

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