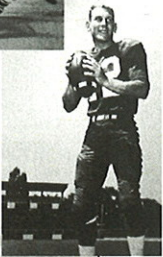




City of Hamilton

**17th Annual  
Sports Volunteer  
Appreciation Dinner**



**Proud to be...**



Tuesday, April 1, 2003, Hamilton Convention Centre

Hamilton Municipal Stadium, 1927





" W E B E L I E V E "

- Providing sport opportunities for all
- Promoting the benefits of 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
- Encouraging fair play and adhering to the spirit of the rules
- Training, quality, ethical and certified coaches and officials
- Recognizing volunteers
- 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




**Sport Hamilton is proud to recognize the  
2001 Major Award Winners**

The Hamilton Spectator "Coach of the Year"  
**KELLY DUNHAM**

Ontario Trillium Foundation "Fair Play"  
**JIM LYLE**

United Trophy "Volunteer of the Year"  
**AL CARRAFIELLO**

Hamilton 2003  
**The World Will be Watching**



Road World Championships  
October 6 to 12

Tim Hortons Road National Championships  
June 27 to 29

For more information call  
905-529-2003  
or visit  
[www.hamilton2003.com](http://www.hamilton2003.com)

**ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE ROUTE**

MAYOR ROBERT E. WADE



CITY OF HAMILTON

April 1<sup>st</sup> 2003

Dear Volunteers and Citizens of Hamilton:

On behalf of the City of Hamilton and the community at large, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to you – The Sport Volunteer – at our 17th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Sports Dinner. The City of Hamilton is proud of its volunteers who contribute to and make sport so successful in this city.

The noteworthy success of our sports program could not be accomplished without the many individuals who give so generously of their time in coaching, officiating and administration. It is through this volunteerism that our young athletes develop the characteristics of fairness and sportsmanship that are so valuable in everyday life.

Tonight we are proud—proud of Hamilton, proud of our sports organizations; but most of all proud of you, the Volunteers, who give freely of your time to benefit our communities. It has been a real pleasure to serve the citizens of Hamilton and it has been most rewarding to work with so many committed and outstanding volunteers. I personally wish each and every one of you every success in all your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. Wade'.

Robert E. Wade  
Mayor



Hamilton

City Hall, 71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario  
Canada L8P 4Y5  
www.hamilton.ca

Culture and Recreation, Public Health & Community Services  
Physical Address: 71 Main Street West 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phone: 905.546.4610 Fax: 905.546.2338  
Email: bfenwick@hamilton.ca

May 2003

Dear Volunteers and Friends:

On behalf of the Culture and Recreation Division, I am pleased to extend my best wishes for a successful and fun-filled evening.

I extend my congratulations to the many dedicated sports volunteers, coaches and participants in their hard work and enthusiasm. It takes dedication, team work and commitment to create a program in the community and you are truly appreciated by all those who have benefited.

Through your support of amateur sport and the dedication of our volunteers, the City of Hamilton enjoys one of the finest sports systems in the province. Volunteers like you make a difference in the sporting lives of our community, and tonight, we celebrate and thank all of you.

I would also like to thank our sponsors and the generous support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation who made this year's Appreciation Dinner possible.

Congratulations and take pride and joy in your accomplishments.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Fenwick".

William E. Fenwick  
Director of Culture and Recreation



Dear Sport Volunteers,

On behalf of Sport Hamilton the new name for the Hamilton Sports Council I am pleased to welcome so many guests to Hamilton's Sport Volunteer Dinner. Sport Hamilton takes great pride in partnering with the City of Hamilton to host this annual event.

Hamilton is proud to be recognized as the unofficial Volunteer Capital of Canada. Many thousands of volunteers in Hamilton contribute to our very successful sports programs.

Hamilton is proud to host the 2003 World Cycling Championships this October. Sport Hamilton applauds the efforts of the staff and volunteers who are striving to present a first-class competition for the world's elite cyclists.

Another energetic and enthusiastic group of Hamilton staff and volunteers are to be commended for their success this past December in winning the right to be Canada's candidate city to host the 2010 Commonwealth Games. Hamilton was the proud host of the very first Commonwealth Games in 1930 then called the British Empire Games. We all believe that this is History Worth Repeating and we wish Hamilton's bid team continued success in the next stage as they prepare the International bid to be decided in November 2003.

The Sport Hamilton Board of Directors is an active group of volunteers dedicated to the promotion of quality sports programs in Hamilton. We urge all Hamilton sport organizations to let us assist you by completing the needs assessment survey available in the lobby. Three sport organizations will be drawn from all the groups completing the survey to receive a \$300 grant.

We are proud to include so many sport volunteers in our evening of celebration and recognition. Every athlete touched by each one of you here tonight is a winner. Congratulations to all award winners tonight for your outstanding contribution to sport in the Hamilton community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Sutton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'G' and 'S'.

Dr. Gene Sutton  
President

**"Sport for all"**

---

## Celebrity Bios

---

### **Mike Pinball Clemons**

Mike signed as a free agent with the Toronto Argonauts in June, 1989. After playing his entire 12-year career with the Argonauts, Mike set records in all-purpose yardage in a career (25,402) and in a single season (3,840). He is the only player to surpass 5,000 career yards in four separate offensive categories and gained 1,000 yards in 3 separate categories in a single season (1997). Mike also set team records, including most pass receptions in a career (682) and in a single season (122). He was the CFL's outstanding player in 1990 and a three-time Grey Cup champion (1991, 1996 and 1997). He is most known as a player for his versatility and the excitement to the game.

Mike was named the 38th head coach of the Toronto Argonauts in August 2000 following a 12-year, record-setting playing career with the Argonauts. In November 2000, the responsibilities of Vice President of Football Operations were added to Clemons' portfolio. Mike now holds the title of President for the Toronto Argonauts Football Club.

Well known for his exploits on the field, "Pinball" may be better recognized for his contributions to charity and the community while out of uniform. His countless hours of work and ever-present smile have made him one of the most recognizable, well-liked and respected athletes in Toronto sports history.

### **Tracey Ferguson**

Tracey began playing wheelchair basketball at the age of 12 following a paralysis when she was 9 years old. Her wheelchair basketball career began at Variety Village Sport and Fitness Centre in Toronto, which is one of the world's best for offering wheelchair sport programs.

Through hard work, the support of family and friends and the expertise of coaches, Steve Bialowas and Joe Millage, Tracey became the youngest player to ever be named to the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball team at the age of 16. As a member of the Women's national basketball team Tracey has won three paralympic gold medals, (Barcelona 1992, Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2002) and three World Championships (London 1994, Sydney 1998, Kitakyushu 2002).

Tracey has been selected to the World All Star team in 1998 and 2002. In 1994 Tracey attended the University of Illinois on an athletic scholarship to play wheelchair basketball. She received her Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and is completing her Master of Science in exercise physiology. Tracey currently works for Sport Canada as a program officer in hosting and major games.

### **Darren Flutie**

Darren leaves the CFL as its career leader in regular-season and playoff catches (972 and 85, respectively) and is second in all-time receiving yards (14,359). During his career, Flutie appeared in four Grey Cup games, winning twice (B.C. in '94 and Hamilton in '99). Darren also tied Allen Pitts' league record for most career 1,000-yard receiving seasons with nine. Darren is considered one of the most outstanding receivers in the Canadian Football League and is sure to be inducted into the Football Hall of Fame.

Darren, a native of Manchester, Md., attended Boston College — before joining Doug with the CFL's B.C. Lions in 1991. Darren remained in Vancouver through 1995 before joining the Edmonton Eskimos in 1996. In 1998, Flutie followed former Eskimos head coach Ron Lancaster and quarterback Danny McManus to Hamilton where he had five outstanding seasons including two touchdown catches in the 1999 Grey Cup game. Throughout his career in the CFL, Darren was very active as a volunteer supporting many charitable organizations, including the Chedoke McMaster Children's Hospital.

Darren plays guitar in The Flutie Gang with his older brother Doug ... the band released a CD, titled Catch This, late in the 1996 season. Now retired, Darren enjoys life with his wife, Terri, daughter Taylor Amanda and son Troy.

### **Sue Palmer Komar**

Sue Palmer-Komar won a silver medal in the road race at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England. She finished in 10th place in the road race at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Palmer-Komar is a member of the Genesis Scuba/FFCC Cycling team and is preparing to compete against the world on her home turf.

A Hamilton native, she is no doubt looking forward to the Road World Championships in her hometown, October 6 to 12. Recently, Sue was quoted in an interview with Jeff Dickins of the Hamilton Spectator on February 25 saying, "I think it will be a real treat for fans to see that level of competition live — to get to share in the excitement. Hopefully, there will be something to home field advantage."



## **PROGRAMME**

---

### **Introduction of Special Guests**

#### **National Anthem**

#### **Greetings**

Dr Gene Sutton, President  
Sport Hamilton

Mr. Bill Fenwick, Director  
Culture and Recreation Division

Ms. Cecelia Carter-Smith  
Commonwealth Games 2010 Bid Team



#### **Dinner**

Roast Top Sirloin of Beef

Tossed Garden Greens

Parisienne Potatoes

Prince Edward Island Mixed Vegetables

Triple Chocolate Tiger Cake

Rolls & Butter

Coffee & Tea

#### **Formal Welcome**

Mayor Robert E. Wade  
City of Hamilton

---

## Major Awards and Special Guests

Proud to host...

Presentation of  
All Sport Insurance Marketing  
Distinguished Awards

Sue Palmer-Komar  
2003 Golden Horseshoe Athlete of the Year  
Silver Medallist 2002 Commonwealth Games

Presentation of  
Ontario Trillium Foundation  
Fair Play Award

Guest Speaker  
Mike Pinball Clemons  
President, Toronto Argonauts

Presentation of  
The Hamilton Spectator  
Coach of the Year Award

Tracey Ferguson  
Canadian Wheelchair Basketball  
Gold Medallist 2000 Paralympics

Presentation of  
Ray Lewis Athlete Community Service Award

Darren Flutie  
All-time CFL leading pass receiver

Presentation of  
United Trophy Volunteer of the Year Award



## Awards

---

### **All Sport Insurance Marketing Distinguished 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.

### **Ontario Trillium Foundation Fair Play Award**

This award is being presented for the first time to honour the partnership between the Hamilton Sports Council and 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 and contribution 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**

This is the first time that this award has been presented. The award recognizes in its name the commitment and dedication that Olympian Ray Lewis has given to Hamilton and Canadian Sport. This award will be 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.

---

## Thank you

Front 10 Inc.

### Sponsors

City of Hamilton  
Sport Hamilton  
Ontario Trillium Foundation  
The Hamilton Spectator  
2003 Hamilton World Cycling Championships  
All Sport Insurance Marketing Ltd.  
Pearson-Dunn Insurance & Financial Services Inc.  
United Trophy Manufacturing Ltd.  
CANUSA Games -- Hamilton Branch

### Contributors

TEL AV Audio-visual  
Hixon House Design  
WDTV Inc.  
HECFI  
CH

### Partners

Public Health & Community Services  
Culture and Recreation Division  
Sport Alliance of Ontario  
Volunteer Centre of Hamilton & District  
Hamilton 2010 Commonwealth Games Bid  
Hamilton Tiger Cat Football Club  
Toronto Argonaut Football Club  
Tourism Hamilton

**SPORT HAMILTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr. Gene Sutton, President  
Dr. John Byl, Vice President  
Brian Coruzzi, Vice President  
Bob Alderson, Treasurer  
Paula Schnurr, Director at Large  
Paul Armstrong, Director  
Al Craig, Director  
Jim Davis, Director  
Doug Harrison, Director  
Nancy Hewer, Director  
Kellie Hinnells, Director  
Dr. Ray Johnson, Director  
Lorraine Purnell, Director  
Joe Raso, Director  
Lisa Rogers, Director  
Peter Rumble, Director  
Bill Rutledge, Director  
Phil Saresky, Director  
Bud Smiley, Director  
Franco Valconi, Director

**Sport Hamilton Administrator**

Brad Maxwell

**Culture & Recreation Division Support Staff**

Rick Baker, Manager of Community Development &  
Strategic Planning, City of Hamilton  
Greg Maychak, Supervisor of Sport Development, City of Hamilton  
Mike Hammond, Sport Co-ordinator, City of Hamilton

**Mohawk College Recreation Leadership Students**

Kathryn Hayes  
Gord Thompson

**SPORT HAMILTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr. Gene Sutton, President  
Dr. John Byl, Vice President  
Brian Coruzzi, Vice President  
Bob Alderson, Treasurer  
Paula Schnurr, Director at Large  
Paul Armstrong, Director  
Al Craig, Director  
Jim Davis, Director  
Doug Harrison, Director  
Nancy Hewer, Director  
Kellie Hinnells, Director  
Dr. Ray Johnson, Director  
Lorraine Purnell, Director  
Joe Raso, Director  
Lisa Rogers, Director  
Peter Rumble, Director  
Bill Rutledge, Director  
Phil Saresky, Director  
Bud Smiley, Director  
Franco Valconi, Director

**Sport Hamilton Administrator**

Brad Maxwell

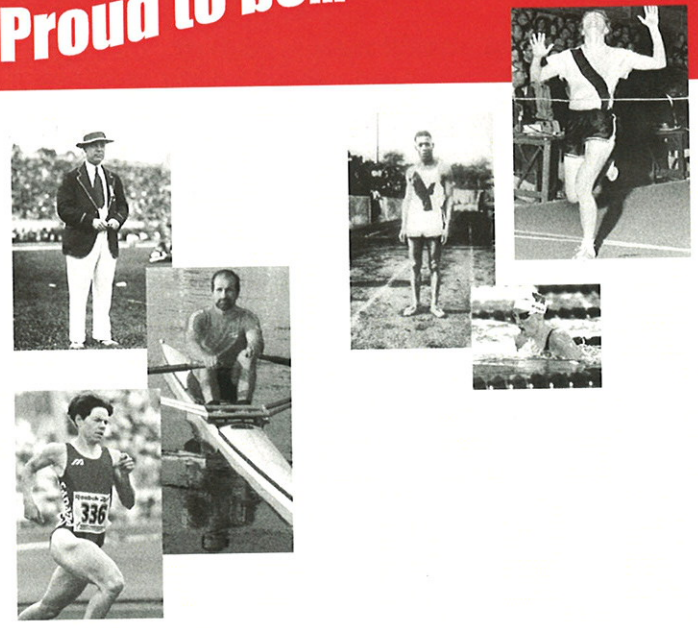
**Culture & Recreation Division Support Staff**

Rick Baker, Manager of Community Development &  
Strategic Planning, City of Hamilton  
Greg Maychak, Supervisor of Sport Development, City of Hamilton  
Mike Hammond, Sport Co-ordinator, City of Hamilton

**Mohawk College Recreation Leadership Students**

Kathryn Hayes  
Gord Thompson

Proud to be...



THE ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION  
LA FONDATION TRILLIUM DE L'ONTARIO