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Red Gendron, Seaver Peters and Dick Bradley  
as well as other hockey friends who have passed away.

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March 2022

The Rinks at Exeter



Sixteenth Legends Golf Tournament

Friday July 15, 2022 § 10:30 AM Shotgun Start

Stonebridge Golf Club, Goffstown, NH



Announcement today of Team to be recognized in 2022.





## Our Story- The New Hampshire Legends of Hockey

**I**t began in the spring of 2001 with a meeting of the minds – three of them to be exact: Jeff Eisenberg, president of the Manchester Monarchs AHL franchise; Dick Boucher, a former Berlin Maroons player and later business manager of the Manchester Blackhawks; and Francoise Elise, then executive director of the Franco American Center in Manchester.

The three shared a love for hockey and they discussed the rich history and tradition of the game in New Hampshire. All agreed there should be a statewide hockey Hall of Fame that would honor the men and women who have made outstanding contributions by their participation as players, coaches, officials, owners, or worked in any other administrative capacity, plus as builders and media representatives.

The three also felt there should be an annual salute to one of the hockey teams that either once played or still plays in New Hampshire. The honored team's history would be celebrated, and the final salute would be made by the Manchester Monarchs, whose players, for one home game, would wear the jerseys of the team being honored by the Hall of Fame. The jerseys, after the game, then would be auctioned to benefit the Organization.

Other ideas at that first meeting were discussed and soon afterwards an effort was made to begin the writing of the sport's history in the state. It was discovered quickly that the history is vast and began November 17, 1883, when on the lower pond at St. Paul's School in Concord, the first organized game in the United States was played by St. Paul's students.

Twenty years later, in 1903, a youngster named Hobey Baker arrived at St. Paul's School from Pennsylvania and by 1909, when he graduated, he had written his own historical chapter, not only in the state but internationally, too. Baker was an outstanding skater and fashioned a reputation for high sportsmanship.

History shows that four communities – Berlin, Concord, Manchester and Nashua– were central to the early development of the sport in the state. In the 1910s, amateur hockey began in Berlin with the organization of mill teams. Additionally, numerous other communities had teams for short periods of time.

The Brown Paper Company, back between 1910 and 1920, guided the destiny of Berlin's many hockey players. D.B. Brown, of Dartmouth fame and also an owner of Brown Company, helped form a Mill League. All of the games were played on the outdoor rink directly in front of the old baseball grandstand behind home plate at the city ballpark.

In 1920, Father Lauziere formed the "Canadiens." His team, among others, played against Maine's top teams from Lewiston and Waterville. In 1923, the Berlin Athletic Association (BAA) was formed and until 1928 was a major hockey force. From 1928 until the middle of 1930s, the Berlin Hockey Club was a power and in 1928 many games were played at the Boston Arena as part of New England competition. In 1937, the Berlin Maroons were formed and shortly thereafter were a dominant team, winning New England AAU championships in 1941, 1949 and 1951. The Maroons also played throughout North America and won the National AHA championships in 1954, 1967 and 1968, and continued to play competitively until the early 1990s.

In Concord, the hockey history began circa 1927 with the Concord Hockey Club (CHC) which played at the John Higgins rink on the site of the old Highway Hotel off Bridge Street. In 1939, the White Park team won the New Hampshire AAU championship and was runner-up in the 1939 New England AAU





championships. Among the early teams, Sacred Heart Catholic parish and the Millville Bruins were two of the most prominent. Sacred Heart began play at the rink on Pleasant Street in January of 1932. In fact, in their last year, the United States Olympic team played Sacred Heart on January 9, 1952 in Concord. The Bruins played at Kimball Pond in Hopkinton, and in Concord at both Memorial Field and on Horseshoe Pond.

The teams that later followed were the Concord Shamrocks (1962-1966), the Coachmen (1966-1968), the Eastern Olympics (1967-1973) who played in the New England Hockey League and the Can-Am. Finally, the Budmen started in the fall of 1975 and competed for twelve seasons in the New England Hockey League and later independently.

In Manchester, St. Jean (de Baptiste) Maple Leafs started things off in the late 1930s and played at the Kelly Street church grounds through the early 1960s. Beginning in 1958, the Manchester Beavers played on the Dorrs Pond Rink for five seasons. The Tam-O-Shanters and Alpine Club each started in 1962 and played outdoors for a couple seasons then when the JFK Coliseum opened for the winter of 1964 they moved into their new home. In the fall of 1966, the Blackhawks were formed and competed independently and then played in the New England Hockey League through the spring of 1970. The Monarchs then came into existence and played four seasons in the Can-Am League. At the end of the 1973-1974 season, everything ceased. The Manchester Blackhawks came back in the late 1970's for a second go-round and competed against the Budmen and the Maroons among others, in New England Hockey League. The last organized men's team to compete out of Manchester was the Busch Blues. That team came on the scene in the fall of 1986 and competed for five seasons.

In Nashua, the Club National team began play in 1923 and continued for more than a decade. Two of the many Club National players, Ted Stackhouse and Art Lesieur both played in the NHL. In 1948-49 the Nashua Royals were formed and continued playing through the 1966-67 season. On March 24, 1952 they won a NE Class B Amateur Championship over the Rye Seahawks in Lynn MA. Their last five years they played in the Granite State Hockey League playing in the last three championships and winning the best of five series over the Manchester Tams on March 22, 1966. The very next season, the Maple Leafs took over and competed in the New England Hockey league for four additional years.

Today, the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey remains a self-governing, 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization incorporated with the State of New Hampshire. Our directors each year work to raise money to preserve the donated archives, including historical literature, records, photos, film, clothing, equipment, trophies, etc. Many of those artifacts are on display or available for viewing on our on-line museum. We continue to search for artifacts and film from the old days. Anyone wishing to donate either is encouraged to do so.

From that first meeting of three enthusiastic hockey buffs, the New Hampshire Hockey Hall of Fame was born and the inaugural class of twelve inductees was recognized and enshrined February 17, 2002 at the Puritan Backroom in Manchester. That evening, the Manchester Monarchs, in their AHL game, recognized the Manchester Blackhawks and wore replica uniforms from of the 1960s.

In the fall of 2003, the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey was formed and a new Board of Directors was elected and the Association's new name officially adopted.

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# New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame

## Class of 2019

Deron Quint • Downing Potter Brown • Freddy Meyer • Denis “Ducky” Martin  
Tom Carroll • Rod Ross

## Class of 2018

Anthony “Tony” Urban • Brian Foster • Don McKinnon  
Brendan Creagh • Bob Gaudet • Rich Ryerson

## Class of 2017

Howell P. Campbell • Maurice Couture • Jim Griffin • Wayne Pecknold • George Thurston  
Roger Letourneau • Clarence T. Lessard

## Class of 2016

Rand Pecknold • Richard R. Roy, MD • Jeff Giuliano • John Dodds • Gary Bishop

## Class of 2015

Russ Bartlett • James D. Houston • Ron DeGregorio • Paul Colgan  
Ryan Weston • Taylor Chace • CJ Ficek

## Class of 2014

Bruce Parker • Rick Middleton • Bill Dennehy • Steve Sherriffs  
Bruce J. Crowder • Mark S. Evans • Steve Murphy

## Class of 2013

Dick Bradley • Beatrice “Bea” Lambert • Ted Rice  
Harvey L. Smith • Mark Stuckey

## Class of 2012

Dick Dodds • Peter Maher • Jim Rivers • Julie Sasner  
Jim Tufts • Kathleen Twomey • Dicky Valliere

## Class of 2011

Karl “Red” Adams • Dana Barbin • Ryan Brandt  
Leonard “Red” Brochu • Sanford “Sandy” Sistare • Dunc Walsh

## Class of 2010

Lee Blossom • Ken Cail • Jeff Eisenberg • Walter Fournier • Norman “Fat” Pinette  
Dick Theriault • Daniel K. Stuckey, II • Jacque Rodrigue • Eric Royal  
Matt Robbins • Seaver Peters • Ingersoll “Ingy” Arnold

## Class of 2009

Jon Leonard • Bob Norton • Andre “Pref” Prefontaine • Jeff Serowik  
Wally Tafe Jr • Paul “Pop” Whalen • Dick Umile

## Class of 2008

George C. Akerstrom • Bill Antonucci • Steve Arndt • Tricia Dunn-Luoma  
Malcolm Kenneth Gordon • Gerry Grassie • George S. Naum • Ron Peters

## Class of 2007

Katie King • John J. “Tarzan” Healy • John M. Normand • Bud Luckern  
Bruce Gillies, Jr. • Rene Cy LeClerc • Dennis “Red” Gendron  
Russell F. “Russ” Martin • Normand A. “Kangaroo” Hebert

## Class of 2006

Hobey Baker • Bill Matthews • Richard Ryerson  
Merrill Fay • Leo Gould • Ralph Labnon • Roland Lavigne  
Clarence H. Littell III • Brian Stone

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Inducted</b>	<b>Team Honored</b>
Mar. 23, 2003	Wayfarer Inn	12	Berlin Maroons
Mar. 20, 2004	Wayfarer Inn	9	Concord Budmen
Mar. 6, 2005	Wayfarer Inn	7	UNH
Mar. 26, 2006	Executive Court Conference Ctr.	9	St. Paul's School
Apr. 1, 2007	Event Center at C.R. Sparks	9	Dartmouth College
Mar. 2, 2008	Event Center at C.R. Sparks	8	Phillips Exeter Academy
Oct. 18, 2009	Event Center at C.R. Sparks	9	Notre Dame High School
Dec. 5, 2010	Radisson Hotel	12	Manchester Monarchs
Oct. 30, 2011	Grappone Conference Ctr.	6	Sacred Heart
Oct. 28, 2012	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	Berlin High School
Oct. 27, 2013	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Concord High School
Oct. 26, 2014	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	Hanover High School
Oct. 25, 2015	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	Nashua Royals
Oct. 23, 2016	Grappone Conference Ctr.	5	Saint Anselm College
Oct. 22, 2017	Grappone Conference Ctr.	7	New England College
Oct. 21, 2018	Grappone Conference Ctr.	6	MRYHA
Oct. 20, 2019	Grappone Conference Ctr.	6	Alpine Club

2021: Today, on October 24 at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, 5 individuals are being enshrined and the Legends are recognizing the Exeter High School Boy's and Girl's hockey history.

Yes, hockey is as strong as ever in New Hampshire. Beginning with youth hockey and up through high school and prep school, both boys and girls programs abound. Additionally, junior programs are strong. At the college and university levels, UNH and Dartmouth lead the way, along with New England College, Saint Anselm, Southern NH, Plymouth State University, Franklin Pierce and Daniel Webster.



*"Hall of Fame" continued from page 4*

#### **Class of 2005**

Bernard Arguin • Dick Boucher • Alphonse Corriveau  
Carl Langlais • Ken McKinnon • Richard Roy  
Elmo Theriault

#### **Class of 2004**

Willie Bibeau • George Crowe • Ron Dubreuil  
Hubie McDonough, Jr. • Tara Mounsey • Dick Osborne  
Normand Poirier • Andre St. Laurent • Roland Villeneuve

#### **Class of 2003**

Al Brodeur • Ray Champagne • Jacques LeClerc  
Roger LeClerc • Kyle McDonough • Jock McKenzie  
Omer Morin • Frank Roy • Bob Tardif • Leo Vaillancourt

#### **Class of 2002**

Al Adams • Pierre Belanger • Rod Blackburn  
Msgr. Bousquet • Kent Carlson • Doug Everett  
Charlie Holt • Eddie Jeremiah • Barney LaRoche  
Msgr. Lauziere • Hubie McDonough III • Don Williamson

#### **Teams recognized by the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey**

2002 Manchester Blackhawks • 2003 Berlin Maroons • 2004 Concord Budmen  
2005 UNH Wildcats • 2006 St. Paul's School • 2007 Dartmouth College  
2008 Phillips Exeter Academy • 2009 Notre Dame High School  
2010 The Original Manchester Monarchs • 2011 Sacred Heart • 2012 Berlin High School  
2013 Concord High School • 2014 Hanover High School • 2015 Nashua Royals  
2016 Saint Anselm College • 2017 New England College • 2018 Manchester Regional Youth Hockey Association  
2019 Alpine Club





## Exeter High School

The boy's and girl's hockey teams at Exeter High School have been among the most successful in the state since their respective inceptions.

The roots of the boys' program were planted with Exeter Youth Hockey, which was founded in 1961. The team went on to win the NH Bantam championship in 1965-66 and some of those players would join the first high school team in 1967-68. Led by local businessman Jim Houston (Legends Hall of Fame inductee 2015) the push to add ice hockey came to fruition in 1967-68 when Exeter fielded a club team. The next year, under coach and school principal Burt MacArthur, the team went 9-5 in its first NHIAA season.

### Exeter First Team



*Front: Michael Tonle, Timothy Kukesb, Michael Waleryzak, Allen Frazier, Jon LeBaron, Jonathan Rowell, Alden LeBaron  
Back: Coach MacArthur, Coach Latford, Kerry Frazier, Douglas Oxley, Jay Jacobs, Dennis Houston, Stephen Matten,  
Joe Stanley, Coach Robinson.*

Since the 1969-70 season, the program has had only three head coaches. Peter Clark compiled an 81-52-4 record in eight seasons, reaching three straight state semi-finals and the championship game in 1974-75, when it lost to Berlin, 5-3.

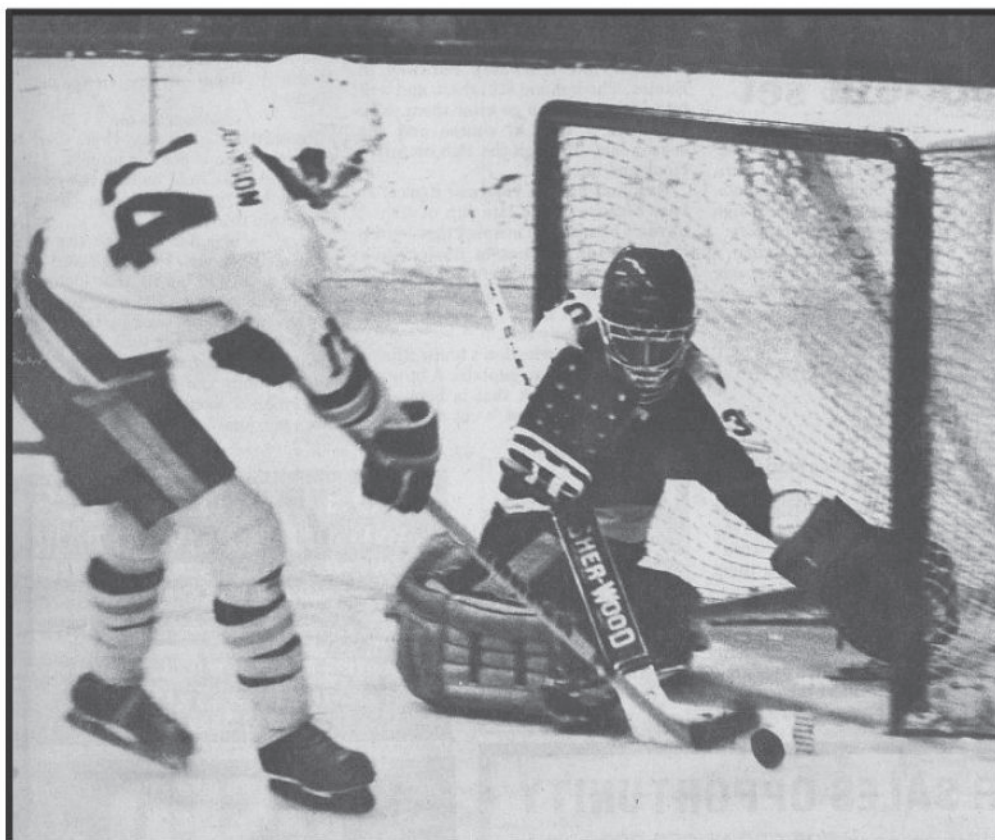
A top performer on Clark's teams was Dana Barbin, who went on to star at UNH and play professionally in Europe, and enjoyed great success as the coach at Phillips Exeter Academy, and is entering his 35th season this year. He was inducted into the Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame in 2011.





Jim Tufts (Legends Hockey Hall of Fame inductee 2012) became head coach at Exeter High School in 1977-78 and held that position through the 2018-19 season, compiling a record of 508-404-29. His teams reached three Division 1 state semi-finals, '83, '87 and '94 and won the NHIAA Division 1 Championship Game in 1982-83, beating Manchester West in the final, 4-0. In that win, the offense was powered by a hat trick from Jay Smith and a shutout from David Cuvellier.

### First State Title



*Jeff Johnson flipped the puck past the contorted West goalie to give Exeter a 2-0 lead 1:20 into the second period of last Saturday's title game between Exeter Area High School and Manchester West High. Johnson stole the puck hit near center ice and turned on the jets, outskating two West defenders to create his own breakaway and then beat the goalie. Exeter blanked West 4-0 to earn the NHLAA title before 2,202 fans at the University of New Hampshire's Snively Ar*

The Blue Hawks moved into Division II for the 1994-95 season and played in the semifinals that season as well as '98 when they lost to Winnacunnet 6 - 4 in the Championship Game. They won back-to-back championships in 2000-01, a 4 - 0 victory over Oyster River High School and 2001-02, a 2 -1 overtime victory over Spaulding High School. They returned to Division I the next season and reached the semi-finals in three of the next five years, '04,'05 and '08. In 2009-10, it reached the championship game, losing to Concord, 1-0 and then were back in the Final 4 in '16.







*Captain Davis Nelson looks for an open winger.*



*Captain Jake Martin leads the charge from the bench to celebrate Davis Nelson's OT goal against Bishop Guertin.*



*Head Coach Jim Tufts (foreground) with Assistant Coach Paul DiMarino.*

Paul DiMarino became the head coach in the 2019-20 season and subsequently 2020-21. Thus far he has compiled a record of 26 - 9 - 2 giving the EHS boy's an overall record of 624 wins - 470 losses - 35 ties.

Many players have continued on to play at the collegiate level but most notably nine players at the Division 1 level -- Denny Houston (UNH), Barbin (UNH), Ron Levis (UNH), Danny Houston (Northeastern), Kevin Thurston (UNH), Corey Averill (West Point), Chris Thayer (UNH), Jonathan Higgins (Vermont) and Clark Jones (Union) Barbin in 1979 and Higgins in 2009 helped their teams reach the NCAA Frozen Four.

### NH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES - EXETER BLUE HAWKS BOYS

Date	Venue	Div.	Win	Head Coach	Goals	Loss	Head Coach	Goals
8-Mar-75	Durham	I	Berlin	Albie Brodeur	5	Exeter	Pete Clark	3
5-Mar-83	Durham	I	Exeter	Jim Tufts	4	M. West	Arnie MacDonald	0
14-Mar-98	Whittemore	II	Winnacunnet	Mike Smith	6	Exeter	Jim Tufts	4
11-Mar-01	Whittemore	II	Exeter	Jim Tufts	4	Oyster River	Griffin Richard	0
10-Mar-02	Whittemore	II	Exeter	Jim Tufts	2	Spaulding	Paul George	1
14-Mar-10	WVA	I	Concord	Dunc Walsh	1	Exeter	Jim Tufts	0





## **Banquet Program**

### ***Master of Ceremonies***

Ken Cail

### ***Invocation***

Father C. Peter Dumont

### ***Welcome***

John Normand – President

### ***Address by***

State Sen. Lou D'Allesandro

*Letter from the Governor, Governor's Citations and State of New Hampshire Resolutions*

### ***Recognition of Honored Team***

John Normand

### ***Exeter High School***

Bill Ball - AD

### ***Lunch***

### ***Supporters Drive***

John Normand

### ***Hall of Fame Members in Attendance***

Ken Cail

### ***Dessert***

### ***Keynote Speaker***

Joe Marsh

### ***Announcement of 2022 Team***

John Normand

### ***2021 New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Inductees***

Paul J. Chalue • Brian Murphy • Bruce Valley • Lauren Slebodnick • Ben Lovejoy

### ***Closing***

Ken Cail



### ***Photographs on Stage***

2021 Inductees

All Hall of Fame Members

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All guests for photo with Stanley Cup®





The first season for the girls' team at Exeter was as a club program under the leadership of John LeSage in 2005-06. Two years later the program played its first NHIAA varsity season under coach John LeSage.

Only the second coach in the team's history, current coach Geoff Taylor took the helm in '08-09 and has guided the team to three straight state championship games in 2017, '18 and '19, unfortunately losing to Hanover each time. Only the second coach in the team's history, current coach Geoff Taylor took the helm in '08-09 and has guided the team to three straight state championship games in 2017, '18 and '19, unfortunately losing to Hanover each time.

### Exeter First Girls Team



FIRST ROW: Anne Heaney, Megan Groetz, Kayla Dunn, Nikki DeLuca, Caitlin McKay, Amy Kennedy, Amber Evans.  
SECOND ROW: Kim Kuntz, Ashley Goodridge, Courtney McKay, Abigail Kline, Katie Owens, Christina Riedel, Jenna Goodrich.  
THIRD ROW: Coach LeSage, Tricia Tufts, Brittney Miller, Ashley Moser, Geneva Evans, Sarah Farmer, Trenny Smith, Alex Gallagher, Coach Fulton. Missing: Nicole Murphy.



*Shawna Vadeboncouer takes a penalty shot against Masconomet High School, MA.*







*Annelise Matthews stickhandles down the wing.*



*Captain Ashley Keaveney celebrates goal.*

A few of the more notable players over the years in the girl's program include:

- \* **Carissa Towlson** -- the 2018-19 Player of the Year finished her career with 214 goals and 98 assists for 312 points;
- \* **Dakota Markey** -- finished with 169 career points;
- \* **Ashley Keaveney** -- was three times a member of the 100-point club and a three-year All-State selection who went on to play at Endicott College;
- \* **Isabelle Day** -- was a three-time All-State goaltender who went in to play at Johnson & Wales;
- \* **Shauna Vadeboncoeur** -- was the Player of the Year in 2019-20 as a sophomore af-ter scoring 42 goals and 17 assists for 59 points. She is currently playing at Phillips Exeter Academy and has committed to Brown University.

#### **NH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES - EXETER BLUE HAWKS GIRLS**

Date	Venue	Div.	Win	Head Coach	Goals	Loss	Head Coach	Goals
11-Mar-17	SNHU	I	Hanover	John Dodds	3	Exeter	Geoff Taylor	1
10-Mar-18	SNHU	I	Hanover	John Dodds	7	Exeter	Geoff Taylor	3
9-Mar-19	SNHU	I	Hanover	John Dodds	4	Exeter	Geoff Taylor	1





## PAUL CHALUE

Born April 20, 1947 • Needham, MA.

### BUILDER

**P**aul Chalue left his mark on the state's hockey landscape through the decades he spent building the game and the opportunities for people to play it in Dover.

Chalue grew up in Needham, Mass., where he was close friends of the family of future NHL player and coach Robbie Ftorek. It was when he moved to Dover in the summer of 1977 that he began shaping the hockey culture in the state's Seacoast region.

As the City of Dover's arena director, he oversaw operations as the newly-built outdoor recreation rink, which would transform the access to hockey opportunities for decades to come. With little staff and minimal resources, he was instrumental in building the outdoor facility into the modern Foster Rink as it is known today.

Chalue served in his arena position from 1977 until 1994, when he was then promoted to be director of city buildings and grounds, a job he held until his retirement in 2007 after 30 years. Dover's skating and hockey community had an innovator and tireless worker who provided the city with two ice sheets (Holt Rink was later added to the facility that became known as Dover Ice Arena) and a sustainability plan, which included energy efficiency, and modern locker room and support functionality.



Chalue became a national player in the rink business, and was a founding member of the New England Ice Skating Managers Association, lecturing and leading conferences, and creatively finding supplemental resources to produce longer ice seasons. The regional increase in both youth and adult hockey players skyrocketed in the 1980s, with ice time usage nearing 20 hour per day.

He was a visionary with the New Hampshire Amateur Hockey Association, serving as vice president for midget/junior hockey, and obtaining a grant from the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States to institute a three-man officiating system in the organization's junior C division. Many officials, including Class of 2021 NH Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame inductee Brian Murphy (who worked for Chalue while he was in college) would credit the initiatives he created to opening doors for countless skaters wishing to enter officiating.

Chalue also coached the hockey team at Dover High School during the 1979-80 season (with Murphy as his starting goalie). The mentor/mentee relationship between them would establish a model the player would follow during his own accomplished career would follow during his career.

Please welcome Paul Chalue to the Class of 2021 -- as a new member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.





## BRUCE VALLEY

Born March 7, 1944 • Portsmouth, NH

### MEDIA

**A**uthor Bruce Valley grew up playing hockey in Rye. His experiences as a hockey player and as a military veteran — a Navy rescue pilot in Vietnam, and later an experimental test pilot — have heavily influenced his writing style.

He is the author of “Seahawk: Confessions of an Old Hockey Goalie”, “Rye Harbor: Poems of the New Hampshire Seacoast”, and his latest, “Zen and the Art of Collecting Old Cars.” “Seahawk” clearly captures the golden age of hockey in the state and in New England.

Growing up, Valley enjoyed playing hockey, emulating older players, particularly members of the Rye Seahawks, a town team consisting of returning World War II combat veterans who played in both the New Hampshire and New England Senior B championships in the 1950s, losing the latter to the Lynnfield Massachusetts Knights, 2-1, after six overtimes.

Over the decades, Valley’s fascination with the game of hockey became a passion. Early on he became a goalie, a position that afforded unique insight and understanding of hockey’s inner game.

As a result, he developed an informal storytelling writing style that resonates deeply with those who love the game.

This short excerpt from “Seahawk” perhaps says it best:

“Most would find a certain incongruity between the speed, violence and apparent brutishness of hockey -- and the softness, caring and intimacy of the emotion we call love.

My half-century of playing hockey, however, suggests nothing of the kind. There is no incongruity at all.

“No other contact sport inspires the enduring loyalty and deep love that hockey does—not football, not baseball or basketball, and not rugby or soccer.

And while hockey fans are legend, the true believers are those who have actually played the game.”

Valley is being inducted into the media category for helping to preserve and celebrate the fascinating story of hockey’s golden era in New Hampshire.

Please welcome Bruce Valley to the Class of 2021 -- as a new member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.





## BRIAN MURPHY

Born December 13, 1964 • Dover, NH

### OFFICIAL

**B**rian Murphy, who grew up in Dover, spent 32 years as an official in the National Hockey League. He is one of just a handful of men to officiate more than 2,000 games in the NHL and one of just two Americans.

Murphy was a player himself growing up, a goalie for Dover Youth Hockey and Dover High School, and enrolled at the University of New Hampshire in the fall of 1983. His officiating career began at this time working local youth, adult and eventually New Hampshire high school games.

He credits his former high school hockey coach, Dan Raposa, for being a major influence in his officiating journey. Raposa, who was at the time a USA Hockey and Hockey East referee, got him started and helped him get into the USA Hockey development program.

In the 1986-87 season he started working lines in Hockey East where NHL officiating boss John McCauley and Bryan Lewis ultimately “discovered” him. He made his debut as an NHL linesman on Oct. 7, 1988 during a Pittsburgh Penguins-Washington Capitals game in Landover, Md.

Since that time he has been selected to work nine Stanley Cup Finals (including two game 7s), the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, the 1999 NHL All-Star game, the World Cup of Hockey in 2004 and ‘16, and the Winter Classic that was played at Fenway Park on New Year’s Day in 2010.

Murphy finished his officiating career having worked nine Stanley Cup Finals:

1995: New Jersey versus Detroit; 1996: Colorado versus Florida; 2002: Detroit versus Carolina; 2003: New Jersey versus Anaheim; 2004: Tampa Bay versus Calgary; 2013: Chicago versus Boston; 2015: Chicago versus Tampa Bay; 2016: Pittsburgh versus San Jose; 2017: Pittsburgh versus Nashville.

In addition to significant games worked as an official, Murphy’s other legacy is the hundreds of officials he has mentored, instructed and introduced to the game. Many are now the next generation of U.S.-born officials working with their mentor in the NHL.

For his service to USA Hockey, Murphy was awarded the 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award, just months after celebrating his 2000th NHL regular-season game at the TD Garden.

He was also voted by his peers to serve on the NHL Official Association executive board from 1994-99, and 2004-13, when he held the position of the NHLOA president for eight years (2005-2013).

In May of 2020, Murphy was named the supervisor of men’s officials for the Hockey East Association, where he once worked as an official.

Please welcome Brian Murphy to the Class of 2021 -- as a new member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.





## LAUREN SLEBODNICK

Born January 23, 1992 • Manchester, NH

### PLAYER

**A** Manchester native, Lauren Slebodnick staked her claim as one of the best goalies in Cornell women's hockey history, as well as one of the best netminders to come out of New Hampshire.

Slebodnick grew up in Manchester and played youth hockey for the Manchester Youth Hockey Association, the NH Junior Bruins, the NH Wildcats and NH Top Gun, before graduating to the East Coast Wizards and Cushing Academy.

At Cushing, which she attended from 2006 until 2010, she collected a number of awards and was recruited by Cornell, one of the top programs in Division 1 women's hockey.

In her first two years at Cornell she shared the goalie duties, playing 16 and 17 games, respectively, and posting save percentages of .942 and .924. Both seasons the Big Red reached the Frozen Four, losing in the national semifinals in those years to Boston College and Minnesota, respectively.

As a junior, she set the program's single-season record for wins (24) and helped the Big Red reach the eight-team NCAA tournament, something the team achieved all four years she was there. In both her junior and senior seasons Cornell dropped one-goal contests to Mercyhurst in the tournament quarterfinals.

She received a number of individual honors. As a junior, she was named to the All-ECAC Hockey third team and the All-Ivy League second team. As a senior, she earned Ivy League honorable mention honors. She was also a two-time selection to the ECAC All-Academic team.

Slebodnick also represented her country in international play, playing on the U-18 Women's National Team in 2009 and the U-22 Women's National Team in 2013. She was an alternate for the U.S. Women's Team that competed in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

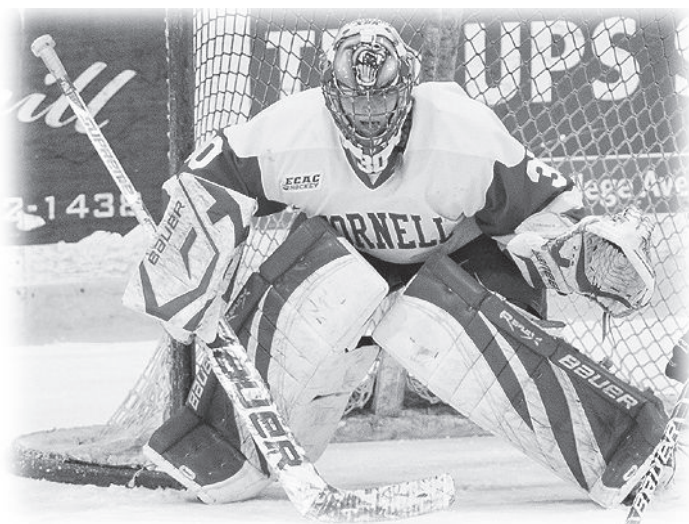
From 2008-13 she was invited to attend the Warren Strelow National Goaltending Camp overseen by USA Hockey.

After Cornell, she played two seasons professionally with the Boston Pride of the National Women's Hockey League, including the league's inaugural season in 2015-16. She helped the Pride win the Isobel Cup during that first season.

She serves as the head goaltending coach for the new Division 3 women's program at Western New England University, and served as the assistant director of women's development for Puckstoppers Goaltending in Exeter.

She has also served as the head goaltending coach for the East Coast Wizards and Boston Shamrocks.

Please welcome to the Class of 2021, Lauren Slebodnick as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.





## BEN LOVEJOY

Born February 20, 1984 • Concord, NH  
**PLAYER**

Concord-born and Canaan-raised Ben Lovejoy starred at Dartmouth College and went on to have an 11-year career in the NHL, becoming the first New Hampshire-born player to lift the Stanley Cup.

Lovejoy's family moved to Marion, Mass., when he was young but returned to the Granite State when he was 8 after his father, Carl, accepted a position at Cardigan Mountain School. Ben played four years at the school, also helping Hanover Youth Hockey teams win state championships at the Mite and Squirt levels.

Lovejoy played for three seasons in the Metropolitan Boston Hockey League for the Middlesex Islanders and played summer hockey for the Boston Elites, Boston Icemen and HoneyBaked (Detroit). He was twice invited to join USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, but declined, opting to stay at Deerfield Academy.

Recruited by Boston College, he spent one year at BC before transferring to Dartmouth College. Over three seasons he played 86 games for the Big Green, scoring 54 points (11-43-54) as a defenseman. In 2006-07, he was a finalist for the Walter Brown Award, presented annually to the best American-born college hockey player in New England. He also played three seasons of lacrosse.

After parts of two seasons playing in the AHL, Lovejoy made his NHL debut with the Pittsburgh Penguins on Dec. 7, 2008, in a 4-3 loss against the Buffalo Sabres. After an All-Star season in the AHL, he'd be called up by the Penguins for the Stanley Cup playoffs, though he did not see any game action and the Pens won the cup.



After getting traded to the Anaheim Ducks in 2013, Lovejoy returned to Pittsburgh in March of 2015. The following season, he skated in 66 regular-season games (recording four goals and 10 points) and all 24 playoff games as the Penguins won their fourth Stanley Cup. He became the first New Hampshire native to win the trophy.

On July 1, 2016, Lovejoy left as a free agent to sign a three-year contract with the New Jersey Devils. He would conclude his 11-year NHL career with the Dallas Stars, playing a total of 544 games (the most-ever by a New Hampshire player), 70 playoff games, while amassing 101 points (20-81-101). Known as an elite penalty-killer, he ended his NHL career with a plus minus of plus-50 for his career.

At the time of his retirement, on Aug. 29, 2019, Lovejoy was the only active NHL player to donate his brain for concussion research to Boston University's Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) Center.

He was the first Dartmouth alum to have his name engraved on the Stanley Cup as a player since Myles Lane (Class of '28) did so in the 1929 Cup final.

Please welcome to the Class of 2021, Ben Lovejoy as a member of the New Hampshire Legends of Hockey Hall of Fame.





# New Hampshire Legends of Hockey

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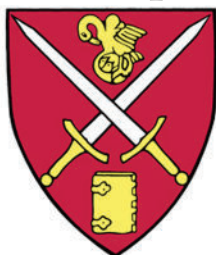


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