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## Crash connections – 80 years remembered

**Sara White,**  
Managing editor

June 25, 1943, five light Ventura Mk II bombers left the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan aerodrome at Pennfield Ridge, New Brunswick, on a low-flying cross-country navigation exercise. The Lockheed Ventura was a Second World War-era twin-engine medium bomber and patrol bomber.

While two Venturas were flying over the Avon River in the Falmouth, Windsor and Summerville area of Hants County, one of the planes – AJ186 – developed engine trouble. When one engine malfunctioned, then failed; and the other either shut off or failed, this plane turned towards Stanley. However, it quickly lost altitude, struck a tree, somersaulted and crashed near Musgrove Road, Summerville. All four airmen aboard perished.

The four airmen were Pilot Officer George Wellington Cowie, 22, pilot, Wellington, New Zealand; Pilot Officer Clifford Avery Griffiths, 29, navigator, Auckland, New Zealand; Pilot Officer John Clarke Loucks, 19, air gunner, Bracebridge, Ontario; and Sergeant Arthur Cornelius Mulcahy, 24, wireless air gunner, Sydney, Australia.

It was about mid-morning on the last day of school when the crash occurred. It was

witnessed by a number of students on their way home as well as other residents of Summerville.

The two New Zealanders are buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Windsor, and the Australian in St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Cemetery, Windsor. The Canadian is buried in his hometown, Bracebridge, Ontario.

Although each grave of the fallen airmen is marked, there has never been anything to commemorate this tragedy. The West Hants Historical Society arranged for a memorial to be placed in the Musgrove Road Cemetery, Summerville, within sight of the crash site; with a generous donation from Heritage Memorials Limited, Windsor. With the assistance of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 9 and Summerville & District Volunteer Fire Department, a dedication was held June 25 – marking the 80th anniversary of the crash.

The ceremony included the anthems of Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and a welcome from Gary Nelson, vice-president of the historical society. A number of wreaths were laid, including one by Susan Nelson from New Zealand and crash eyewitness Doris Dodge, in honour of Cowie; Amelia Branson from New Zealand in honour of Griffiths, and members of the Loucks

family. The Pennfield Parish Military Historical Society, New Brunswick, also presented a wreath.

Royal Canadian Air Force Captain Grace Loucks, whose grandfather was a first cousin to Loucks, has worked as a tower controller at 14 Wing Greenwood for the past two years. She and several members of her extended family attended June 25.

“I didn’t join the air force knowing he was part of our his-

tory – I didn’t really even know him, but it was my Dad’s ‘genealogy journey’ where we first really heard about this 19-year-old who died in a horrific crash, on just his second flight out,” Captain Loucks says. “I joined because I talked with a second cousin – he’s a pilot in Cold Lake, still in. My grandfather served in the Second World War, and my grandmother was a volunteer nurse.”

Having what appears to be a deeper connection to service

within her family uncovered – and remembered – made for a good day.

“The West Hants Historical Society is a really passionate group of people who volunteer to keep track of the history of their community.”

14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis agrees, as he and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx’s attended the dedication event.

“We really just expressed

our thanks to the community,” said Davis. “We went back and visited afterwards at the fire hall, and thanked the West Hants Historical Society volunteers, the community and the Legion members. It’s incredible to have been there with people who experienced the crash, and with family whose relatives were involved. The memorial event was an important display of what happened in their community and the impact it had.” →



**Pilot Officer John Clarke Loucks, 19, was killed June 25, 1943 on his second flight – with just an hour and 10 minutes of career flying time, on a training mission from the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan aerodrome at Pennfield Ridge, New Brunswick.** Submitted



Four Second World War airmen killed in a training flight crash June 25, 1943, were remembered in a small Nova Scotia community on the 80th anniversary of their loss. The West Hants Historical Society coordinated a memorial placement and dedication event in the Musgrove Road Cemetery, Summerville. Unveiling honours were carried out by Nova Scotia Lieutenant-Governor Arthur LeBlanc, left, and 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis.

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# Cadets coming! Greenwood summer programs underway July 17: aviation skills, tours and training

Officer Cadet Laura Lascelle

July 17, 30 Air Cadets will arrive at 14 Wing Greenwood, kicking off the Greenwood Cadet Training Center's (GCTC) 2023 program with the first serial of the Advance Aviation Course of the summer.

The Advance Aviation Course, which involves activities such as meteorology and aviation communication, gives Cadets the opportunity to develop the skills required to become instructors and team leaders in aviation. It also includes the initial

training required for Cadets interested in taking pilot courses in their later years. As part of their program, students will receive a wing tour July 25 and conduct parades every Friday morning. The three-week-long course will conclude with a graduation parade on the evening of August 3, in time for the arrival of GCTC's second Advance Aviation Course student group. The second serial will train August 7 until its graduation August 25.

14 Wing is also hosting two concurrent Cadet Activity Programs (CAP) during the week of July 17 to 21.



Greenwood Cadet Training Center Staff Cadets – from left Sergeant Anthony Phelan, Flight Sergeant Ben Smith and Sergeant Abigayle Little; were testing simulators prior to the July 17 arrival of this summer's first Advance Aviation Course.

Officer Cadet L. Lascelle

July 20, 80 CAP students will enjoy their own tour of the wing.

In addition to the local programs, GCTC will be direct-

ing Cadet summer training across the Atlantic Region, including the seven-week Power Schools in Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador,

which will train 16 Cadets to become single-engine power pilots; and Moncton, New Brunswick, where 14 Cadets will work towards obtaining

their wings. GCTC also directs the Shearwater sailing course, which will provide 42 Cadets with CANSail training this summer. →

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# 'It used to be like that' RCAFA 107 Valley Wing closes 43 years of camaraderie, community

Sara White, Managing editor

Frank Story intended to take off his dark blue blazer at the end of the evening June 16, likely never to wear it again. A member of Royal Canadian Air Force Association 107 Valley Wing in Greenwood, the local chapter's crest on Story's blazer pocket won't be seen again, even as he transfers his RCAFA membership to a Halifax area wing.

"This jacket will go somewhere special; I'll hang it up," he said, as wing members and invited guests headed home after 107 Valley Wing held a chapter-closing dinner and awards night at the Kingston Legion. "This is hard. I'm so proud of what we've done over the years. When I joined, I joined the executive and I've been quite involved in this. We fought tooth and nail."

107 Valley Wing launched in 1980, meeting in the sergeants' mess at CFB Greenwood until it established a space of its own on Central Avenue. A year or so ago, after the strain of COVID-19 closures and slow event attendance, combined with the impact of two more passing years on an aging and shrinking membership's ability to volunteer; the writing was on the wall. The chapter gave up its home last July, moving meetings to the nearby VP International space, running its dart league and euchre at the Kingston Legion and placing

its collected archives with the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum. Earlier this spring, without 10 people to step up to fill the wing's executive positions, 107 Valley Wing made the decision to disband.

"We had 270 members at one point," said Roger Brooks, awarded his 40-year service pin at the closing event and given the opportunity to share a few memories. "Where did everybody go on a Friday night? If you were coming to a Halloween, Christmas or New Year's party, you had to buy your ticket fast. We had to cut it off at 100. We'd have live bands, a big party, hams and roast beef laid out on the pool table for the levee.... It was quite the thing. It used to be like that."

Brooks shared a number of names of former 107 Valley Wing members: some helped the group gain its charter; one donated a propeller from their garage that would later become the Battle of Britain memorial. One negotiated the \$1 per year lease for the Department of National Defence land the memorial sat on; some developed the wing's games room and bar. Others organized dinners and special events; members represented the wing as annual sponsors of the 517 Flight Lieutenant Graham Air Cadets.

"The dates escape me, and there are lots of names of the early people involved," Brooks said. "I joined the

executive in 1983, and was on it until 2022."

Garry Banks, the wing's last president, with Story and Cathy Spradbrow, lead the work to stage the June 16 farewell event. About 70 people attended the dinner, which Banks announced had been entirely paid for by an anonymous chapter member. Spradbrow passed out raffle tickets for a box of random RCAFA swag and items not destined for archiving. Banks and Story presented the financial assets of the wing as donations to a number of organizations: \$5,500 each to the IWK Foundation, the Upper Room Food Bank, the Soldiers Memorial Hospital veterans' unit and the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum; \$12,000 to 517 F/Lt Graham Air Cadets, and the remainder to the regional Air Cadets' trust for flight training programs.

"Our wing charter will go back to Ottawa, in case anyone comes along and wants to restart the chapter," Bond said. "All our Air Force memorabilia will go to the museum, and they'll have it – including our colours." "Thank you all for coming out tonight." →

### Service awards

(multiple years presented, due to COVID-19 delays)

- 2020
- Five years – Jim Rex, Joan Rex
- 10 years – Reg White, Bob Johnson
- 20 years – Rose Gillis



Frank Story, left, Cathy Spradbrow and Garry Bond are the last of the executive of Royal Canadian Air Force Association 107 Valley Wing, the organizers of the chapter's closing dinner and event June 16 in Kingston.

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- 2021
- Five years – Roy Castel, David Coward, Glenn Mosher, Frank Story
- 10 years – Mike Hawboldt, John Samms
- 15 years – Shirley Fahie, Bev Green
- 25 years – Maxine Glynn
- 25 years – Marion Kennedy

- 2022
- 15 years – Ches Chaulk, Brad Ryckman
- 25 years – Marg MacDonald, Jim Messom
- 35 years – John Collins, Nelson Mullen
- 40 years – Roger Brooks
- 60 years – Dave Geddes



Royal Canadian Air Force Association 107 Valley Wing member Roger Brooks, right, received a 40-year service pin June 16 from president Garry Bond.



## Summer pick-me-up



Defence Team members and families swept the 14 Wing Greenwood Residential Housing Units neighbourhood June 30 on a summer-pick-me-up mission to clean up any litter found in backyards, shared spaces, pathways and playgrounds. The project was organized by the wing's Community Council and was a fun and community-minded way to head into a long weekend and summer outdoor living.

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# bravo zulu | promotions & presentations

14 Wing Imaging unless otherwise indicated.



June 1, Captain Brandon Sloat, centre, was promoted to current rank by 14 Operations Support Squadron Lieutenant-Colonel Lara Jennings, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Craig MacLellan.



June 14, Sergeant Justin Kubis, centre, was promoted to warrant officer in the 14 Wing Greenwood headquarters foyer by Wing Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx.



June 16, Sergeant Bettle, centre, was promoted to current rank by Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron commanding officer (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Jean Plamondon. Aviator L. Brolly, Canadian Armed Forces



June 16, Sergeant Cote was promoted to current rank by Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron commanding officer (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Jean Plamondon.



June 16, Sergeant Hudson was promoted to current rank by Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron commanding officer (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Jean Plamondon.



June 16, Master Warrant Officer Reid was promoted to current rank by Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron commanding officer (left), and Chief Warrant Officer Jean Plamondon.



June 6, Lieutenant-Colonel Paquet was promoted to current rank by 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, left, with his spouse, at 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Courseware Development Section. Aviator L. Brolly, Canadian Armed Forces



June 27, Master Warrant Officer Trevor Rose, centre with his spouse, was promoted to current rank by 14 Mission Support Squadron commanding officer Lieutenant-Colonel James Gannon, right, with Master Warrant Officer Blake Roach. Master Corporal S. Roberts, 14 MSS



June 15, Long Range Patrol Standards Evaluation Team Warrant Officer Jordan Cuming, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration by Major Fox, left, with Master Warrant Officer MacNeil. Sergeant R. Beers



June 15, Long Range Patrol Standards Evaluation Team Major Mathew Cormie, centre, was presented the Canadian Forces Decoration First Clasp by Major Fox, left, with Master Warrant Officer MacNeil. Sergeant R. Beers



June 15, Long Range Patrol Standards Evaluation Team Warrant Officer Jordan Cuming, centre, was presented a 2,000 hours flying certificate by Major Fox, left, with Master Warrant Officer MacNeil. Sergeant R. Beers



June 27, Master Corporal Alexander Benoit, centre with his family, was promoted to current rank by 14 Mission Support Squadron Transport & Electrical & Mechanical Engineering acting flight commander, Captain Andre Doiron, right, with Master Warrant Officer Gregory Arseneault. Master Corporal S. Roberts, 14 MSS



June 27, Master Corporal Jeffrey Boutot, centre with his children, was promoted to current rank by 14 Mission Support Squadron Transport & Electrical & Mechanical Engineering acting flight commander Captain Andre Doiron, right, with Master Warrant Officer Gregory Arseneault. Master Corporal S. Roberts, 14 MSS



Warrant Officer Cameron Fletcher, centre, from 434 (Operational Test and Evaluation) Squadron Long Range Patrol Test and Evaluation Flight (LRPTEF); was promoted to the rank of master warrant officer June 27 by Commanding Officer of 434 (OT&E) Squadron, Lieutenant-Colonel Matthew Parsons, left, with Master Warrant Officer Bruno Caouette.



July 6, Sergeant CP Kerr, centre, was promoted to current rank by 415 (Long Range Patrol Force Development) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Keith Fugger, left, with Master Warrant Officer Ed Delorme.



June 30, Lieutenant-Colonel Joel Stubbert, centre, 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron, was promoted to current rank by 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, left, with Wing Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Proulx. Sergeant R. Beers



Newly-promoted Warrant Officer Pier-Olivier Poulin, centre, was presented a Buffalo of the Quarter Certificate June 29, during a squadron event at the Greenwood Golf Club, by 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Jean Plamondon.



Master Corporal Sarah Landry, centre, was presented a Commanding Officer's Professionalism Award June 29, during a squadron event at the Greenwood Golf Club, by 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Jean Plamondon.



June 29, in a squadron event at the Greenwood Golf Club, winners of the 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Commanding Officer's Buffalo Blade challenge were Captain Andrew LaVallee, left, Sergeant Robert Hovey, and Captain Adam Pearson.



June 29, Master Corporal Zachary Brake, left, was promoted to current rank at the Greenwood Golf Club by 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson.



June 29, Master Corporal Andrew Ayers, left, was promoted to current rank at the Greenwood Golf Club by 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson.



June 29, Sergeant Travis Kennedy, left, was promoted to current rank at the Greenwood Golf Club by 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson.



June 29, Sergeant Devin Roper, left, was promoted to current rank at the Greenwood Golf Club by 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson.



Master Corporal Corey Lefort, centre, was presented the Buffalo of the Year Award June 29, during a squadron event at the Greenwood Golf Club, by 404 (Long Range Patrol and Training) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Josh Christianson, left, with Chief Warrant Officer Jean Plamondon.



June 29, Corporal Warriner, centre, was promoted to current rank by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Arseneault, left, with Master Warrant Officer Couturier, leader of the airborne electronic sensor operator at 405 Squadron.



June 29, Master Corporal Hawes, centre, was promoted to current rank by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Arseneault, left, with Master Warrant Officer Couturier, leader of the airborne electronic sensor operator at 405 Squadron.



June 29, Master Corporal Gosse, centre, was promoted to current rank by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Arseneault, left, with Master Warrant Officer Couturier, leader of the airborne electronic sensor operator at 405 Squadron.



June 29, Sergeant Ross, centre, was promoted to current rank by 405 (Long Range Patrol) Squadron Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Arseneault, left, with Master Warrant Officer Couturier, leader of the airborne electronic sensor operator at 405 Squadron.



### Pride-full weekend

The 14 Wing Greenwood Pipes and Drums, along with members of 14 Wing and a guest from 12 Wing Shearwater, were greeted with enthusiasm at Annapolis Royal's pride parade held July 8. And, July 9 in Bridgewater, 14 Construction Engineering Squadron, with a couple additional members from 14 Wing and 12 Wing, were honored to be one of the lead entries in the very successful, inaugural Lunenburg pride parade.

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Greenwood Military Aviation Museum Society chairman Ian Patrick, centre, and 14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, right, June 22 were happy to accept a \$5,500 donation from Royal Canadian Air Force Association 107 Valley Wing member Bob Johnson, in recognition of the GMAM's acceptance of 107 Valley Wing's archives.



14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis thanked volunteers for their "purpose, vision and tenacity" in their efforts to enhance the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum. The museum society hosted an appreciation pizza lunch for volunteers June 22 at the VP International centre – the museum's original home 30 years ago.

### 'Everyone who does everything' thanked at museum volunteer lunch

Sara White, Managing editor

14 Wing Greenwood Commander Colonel Jeff Davis knows the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum is an impressive testament to local military aviation heritage – but its volunteer corps is likely where the magic happens.

"Every time I go to the museum, I'm always impressed and amazed at the energy there – I wish I could bottle all of that!" he said, as GMAM volunteers gathered for an appreciation pizza lunch at the VP International centre June 22. "You are the preserver of our story, and you're going to evolve that story for years

to come. That's extremely important." Davis described the volunteers' efforts as tied to the wing's goals, to work with "purpose, vision and tenacity." "And you have new volunteers coming," he said, pointing to several younger military members now lending a hand to cleaning, restoration and

project work. "It is so difficult to find people to participate and volunteer: please be an ambassador, and talk to your peers at work about how they can share and show off their skills on the other side of the gate." GMAM Society chairman Ian Patrick highlighted many of the museum's achievements as it grew over 30

years, from its original 1,100 square feet in the VPI building to over 10,000 square feet in its current home. With an annex of Second World War aircraft and collection material, an outdoor space including the airpark, an observation tower, memorial garden and monument walk; and Flight Education program for Grade

6 students, "it's amazing what volunteers have done. This is a major tourist attraction – up to 20,000 people a year. "I can look around this room and see everyone who does everything – such a diversity of people, some of the best we've had. Capable, fun, friendly – with the support of the wing, we can do anything." →

### Academy aims to train aircraft maintenance techs

IMP Aerospace & Defence is launching the IMP Academy, being established at IMP Aerospace in Enfield and Cascade Aerospace in Abbotsford, for startup in Fall 2023. This academy will offer a tuition-free, four-year "earn and learn" apprenticeship program for those aspiring to achieve a highly technical, well-paying career as aircraft

maintenance technicians. The curriculum, provided by the Canadian Council of Aviation and Aerospace (CCAA) and accepted by Transport Canada, will provide the foundation for the course content. The academy will offer a complimentary four-week Introduction to Aerospace Skilled Trades course. Interested candidates may apply to become apprentices at the academy.

Successful applicants will be offered employment at IMP Aerospace & Defence, in addition to free enrollment in the Aircraft Maintenance Apprenticeship Program. This program includes four levels of structured computer-based training conducted in classroom settings, complemented

by practical skills development in controlled work environments. This program aims primarily to engage recent high school graduates. If you're interested in learning more about the program, please contact [academy@impaad.com](mailto:academy@impaad.com).

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Kingston-based Valley Thunder Lacrosse athletes and volunteers are marking the end of their 2023 season – bringing home all four league championship banners, two tournament banners, hosting their own Apple Cup; and, introducing one-third of its membership to lacrosse for the first time. Submitted

# Local lacrosse season 'unprecedented'

## League sweep, tournament banners, fun times in the rink

Valley Thunder Lacrosse (VTL) has had an unprecedented 2023 season. They brought home a total of six banners in the 2023 box lacrosse season, now proudly displayed in the Kingston Credit Union Centre thanks to Tim.

The year began with our U18 team hitting the floor in new sublimated jerseys, sponsored by Mandy Coyle at Exit Realty in Greenwood. This gave the players an extra stride in their step and encouraged our U11, U13 and U15s to show they deserved new jerseys, too. Valley Credit Union accepted the challenge and generously sponsored jerseys for all three younger teams.

During the Apple Cup tournament hosted by VTL in June, our small club hosted 22 teams in four division and brought home our first two winning banners. At the Scotia Minor Lacrosse League championships in Cape Breton, all four Valley Thunder teams showed their appreciation to Mandy Coyle and Valley Credit Union by capturing the winning banners in all four of the SMLL divisions. It was a fast and furious season, but our coaches, athletes and parents pulled together to create a fun, family-like atmosphere.

Valley Thunder is the only minor lacrosse club in Western Nova Scotia and has approximately 100 athletes from ages five to 17. Our athletes come from as far as Annapolis Royal and Falmouth for the mid-April to the end-June season, plus travel to Truro and Pictou for games. Over one-third of VTL were new players this season, and many had no background playing in any sport. Newcomers borrowed club equipment to try lacrosse, and quickly became hooked on Canada's national summer sport.

Thank you to Mandy Coyle at Exit Realty, Valley Credit Union, the Credit Union Centre, Kings Mutual Century Centre, local supporters, coaches, parents and athletes for a phenomenal season. If you would like more info on VTL and to watch for our free Spring 2024 try-it sessions, please see us on Facebook @ Valley Thunder LX. Potential coaches and officials are always welcome. →

# Young students earn Aikido Junior Black Belt

July 4 unfolded, for most people, like any other day. For Zachery Pyette and Felicity Dobson, the day was unlike any other.

Both these young people have been training regularly at East Coast Aikido in Greenwood for 10 and four years, respectively. These fine young students have worked extremely hard over the years, rarely missing a class and often doing both adult and youth classes each night. As a result of their dedication, perseverance and devoted study of Aikido, both achieved a milestone, grading to Junior Black Belt after successfully completing a very challenging test.

Dobson, 13, has demonstrated true strength in both her approach to training and in her knowledge of the many techniques required for Junior Black Belt. She has inspired many of the younger, junior belts to work toward the same goal, while embracing cooperation and true harmony in training and in life. Dobson has an infectious smile and wonderful attitude, and many of the younger and less experienced students look up to her.

Pyette, 21, has always shown his love for Aikido and working with his many partners. Pyette is always happily refining his techniques and embraces the true spirit of Budo with his never-quit and always-improve attitude. Each person in our Dojo has their own, personal reason for following the Aikido path, and Pyette has stayed the path for 10 years. As a young man with learning differences due to autism, he has exemplified the warrior spirit within Aikido. His demonstration of advanced techniques during his test was exemplary and his smile certainly shares his accomplishment.

Aikido is a powerful Japanese martial art with an emphasis on respect, cooperation and community. All the instructors and students at East Coast Aikido in Greenwood and Kingston send heartfelt congratulations to these two deserving students. Pyette and Dobson have achieved a goal worthy of praise and we are delighted to share this inspiring news with the greater communities. Both students have embodied our motto for this year, "You can't compete with us - we want you to win, too!" →



Felicity Dobson



Zachery Pyette

Submitted

# Rec Month wrap



June 28 was a great day to wrap June is Recreation Month, as 14 Wing Greenwood's Community Recreation, Fitness & Sports and Health Promotion teamed up for a free BBQ lunch (complete with a pineapple and cucumber spritzer mocktail!), pickleball, bowling and recreational activity prize draws. Despite the rain outdoors, indoor fun was a great way to break up a work day. S. White



# Leadership makes a difference in sports experience

## 14 Wing celebrates 22/ 23 athletic achievements

Sara White, Managing editor

Sometime this summer, 50 years from the 1976 Montreal Olympics where Ann Dodge and her kayak partner, Sue Holloway, were the first Canadian women to make a paddling final; Dodge expects to be in a boat with Dodge – her friend – again.

"We'll race again. That's the potential of sport: it's been a lifelong pursuit, and I wish that could happen for everyone."

Dodge, a professor in Acadia University's School of Kinesiology with a depth of knowledge in gender equity, coaching, sport ethics and wellness; was the guest speaker at the 14 Wing Greenwood sports and fitness annual recognition event June 22 – the first since 2019.

"As a young person, I just wanted everyone out of my way," Dodge said. "As I grew and matured, I learned that approach doesn't work for everyone. Fair does not always mean equal. Opportunities for everyone make a fair and welcoming world, a safe space for everyone to reap the benefits that come with sport involvement."

Her 1976 Olympic experience was limited for women, to only two women's kayak races to the men's nine events. The 2021 Olympics were the first where women competed in canoe.

"That says, 'You're less than. You're less capable. We don't think you can do it.' That's misguided. Stupid. Ridiculous – for no reason."

Dodge said, what she learned in her sport, with half of paddling events restricted to only men for decades; impacts her life today. Add in decisions made on what sports are televised or promoted, who is funded, where opportunities continue after post-secondary years, who benefits from sport, and where and to who and in which communities programs are offered.

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"Sport is not equal. I long for the day all individuals, regardless of gender, race, belief, socio-economic status; have the opportunity to benefit from sport."

While she congratulated 14 Wing's military athletes, volunteers and sports administrators for their successes, she encouraged all of them to "think about what sport brings to your life."

"There is a life-long value of teamwork, meeting people, experiencing things a lot of people don't, travel..."

In her case, as an 11-year-old just starting paddling, her parents, parents of community friends, volunteers and early coaches created a "culture of dedication, hard work and training, with board members who could help."

"That's the beauty of sport: someone offers their time, expertise and knowledge to make sport what it is. There could be coaches with an agenda or clubs interested in the bottom line – versus experiences for participants. Recognize, when people step up and take a leadership role, that translates into good citizens in the world."

"Leadership makes all the difference."

14 Wing Commander Colonel Jeff Davis, who both introduced and thanked Dodge, further translated the value of her message on sports leadership.

"When you leave the wing," speaking to athletes and coaches, Davis said, "you represent the wing. I'm extremely proud of you, and what you bring to us all in Greenwood."

"Ann's message is profound, and it's what we do in our military environment. Sport impacts us all, personally and professionally, and offers us an opportunity to improve, take care of ourselves in a mental, physical and social manner; and test our resiliency, our teamwork in adversity and our endurance." →



Olympian kayaker and Acadia University professor Ann Dodge on sports experiences, for everyone: "Leadership makes all the difference." Corporal J. Fox, 14 Wing Imaging

### 2022/ 2023 14 Wing Sports Awards

(winner underlined) Coach of the year – Nominees: Second Lieutenant Mollie Davidson, Captain Glenn Duncan, Warrant Officer Amanda Jardine, Warrant Officer Dave Jamieson, Alyssa Platt

Official of the year – Master Warrant officer Gregory Arsenault, Warrant Officer Scott Moore

Team of the year – men's old timers' hockey team, golf team, men's hockey team

Female athlete of the year – Master Corporal Sandra

McLean, Master Corporal Natasha Philippe, Captain Sarah Hardie, Corporal Brandi Weibel, Warrant Officer Amanda Jardine

Male athlete of the year – Warrant Officer Joel Brooks, Corporal Wyatt Magarvey, Corporal Weslé Aucoin, Master Corporal Travis Kennedy, Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Travis, Corporal Mitchell Conrod

Volunteer of the year – Corporal Tracy Smith, Corporal Jeff Boutot, Major Joe Antle, Master Corporal Cédric Duchesne

Leadership Award – Captain Sarah Hardie was the

2023 base women's hockey coach, organizer and an athlete; and also played with the base women's soccer team. In both, she created an "atmosphere to learn and play" women's sport.

Most Improved Award – Corporal David Szasz, a newcomer to powerlifting but on his way to becoming a seasoned competitor: in his first competition, he notched personal bests in all three lifts. "His long-term commitment to the sport cannot be overstated."

Sportsmanship Award – Second Lieutenant Katherine

Bruce joined the base women's hockey, soccer and softball teams, bringing her positive attitude and "support for those who play alongside of her" to the game. She also coached a local high school female hockey team through the season. "Her personality is a huge advantage for sport, reaching out to women across the base" to join in.

Fitness Achievement Award – FORCE test highest score – male – Captain Kevin Matheson, 399.4/ 400; female – Master Corporal Sarah Landry, 393.5/ 400



Warrant Officer Joel Brooks is the 14 Wing Greenwood 2022/ 2023 male athlete of the year.



Master Corporal Cédric Duchesne won the 14 Wing Greenwood 2022/ 2023 Volunteer Award.



Warrant Officer Scott Moore is the 14 Wing Greenwood 2022/ 2023 official of the year.



Master Corporal Sandra McLean is the 14 Wing Greenwood 2022/ 2023 female athlete of the year.



Second Lieutenant Katherine Bruce, on the phone held up by her often-teammate, Warrant Officer Amanda Jardine, won the 14 Wing Greenwood 2022/ 2023 Sportsmanship Award.



Master Corporal Sarah Landry scored 393.5/ 400 on the FORCE test, winning the 14 Wing Greenwood 2022/ 2023 Fitness Achievement Award - Female.



Hockey and soccer athlete Captain Sarah Hardie won the 14 Wing Greenwood 2022/ 2023 Leadership Award.



Powerlifter Corporal David Szasz won the 14 Wing Greenwood 2022/ 2023 Most Improved Award.

Corporal J. Fox, 14 Wing Imaging





**Greenwood Ladies Field Day winners June 20 were, from left Lindsay Powers, Betty Saltzman (ladies' president) and Carolyn Shaffner.**  
Submitted



**One hundred forty-seven golfers took to the greens July 1 in Greenwood, getting in a great day of Canada Day tournament golf.**  
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# Rain? Golf goes on!

**Wendy Richardson**

The Greenwood Golf Club has been a busy spot -despite the rain!

Monday morning ladies' golf continues Numbers have been lower than hoped, but so were the temperatures. The real summer weather is coming and the ladies will be out to play (9:30 a.m. for a 10 a.m. start).

The men's Tuesday league is thriving, thanks to Pat McMullin for getting this going again.

June 20, the Greenwood ladies' league hosted 24 teams at the two-person scramble Field Day. Special shout out to the River Hills ladies who supported our tournament:

a huge contingent came up, even though their area was one of the areas devastated by the fires. Betty Saltzman and her committee did an excellent job in organizing the tournament. The meal prepared by Kelly and the gals was absolutely delicious - lots of positive comments from the golfers. Many hands make the tasks easier.

The field low gross was won by Lindsay Powers and Carolyn Shaffner and the field low net was won by Chrissy Rose and Jillian Peterson. The first division winners were 1st LG Tammy Atwood and Tammy Rent, 1st LN Karla Wilms and Lesa O'Connell, 2nd LN Bekki McGillivray and Kim Garby.

The second division winners were 1st LG Cara Newell and Louann Goreham, 1st LN Cynthia Kerr and Deb Mander, 2nd LN Jackie Demolitor and Sally Nickerson. We also had closest-to-the-pin prizes: #8 was won by Cara Newell, and #11 was won by Aralee Green (this hole was sponsored by Oaken Barrel Public House). The closest-to-the-squiggly line on #17 was won by Cyndi Landry.

The Canada Day golf tournament was the best one ever! This was the 14th year and we had 147 golfers dressed in red and white, with decorated carts and so much spirit. Just before the shotgun start, we all

assembled on the deck for the singing of O Canada and then a group photo by our good friend, Donna Bonner.

For the most part, the rain held off (a few teams felt the wrath of Mother Nature, but she didn't dampen our spirits). Bob Deveau was playing music on the deck and got everyone in the party mood. Thanks also for the karaoke. Hats off to Kelly, Taylor and Miki for the delicious meal and for handling 147 golfers all at once. Without the stationary bar cart (not an option in the downpour!), they certainly did their best.

The winners this year of the Frank Croucher Memorial Canada Day Golf Tournament

are Darrell Ellis, Brenda Ellis, John Woods and Logan Phillips. They won by retro over Wayne Pellerine, Paulette Dugas, Todd Lalonde and Mike Olsen. The most honest golfers were Stan Olejnik, Pam Olejnik, Les and Martina Hardy and Shirley Rogers. In the true spirit of fun, the rest of the ten prizes were random draws.

We also had closest-to-the-pin prizes: #3 was won by Perry Graves & team, #8 (sponsored by Oaken Barrel Public House) was won by Neil Pritchett & team, #11 was won by Mike McCorry & team, #13 (spon-

sored by Kirk Richards, Royal LePage) was won by Bill Lake & team, and #17 (squiggly line, sponsored by Karen Mofford, Royal LePage) was won by Mary Rose & team.

Special thanks to all the ladies who helped make this tournament a huge success, from decorating, handling registration, taking pictures, helping with the meal and dessert, cleaning up after.... Everyone: thank you so much.

There are more tournaments coming up. Keep checking the Greenwood Golf Club Facebook page. →

# Atlantic region grapplers compete at 12 Wing



**UFC veteran Gavin Tucker (13-2 MMA record) hosted a free seminar for Canadian Armed Forces' members as part of a Atlantic Region grappling development camp at 12 Wing Shearwater.**  
Corporal J. Buell

**Trident staff**

The combat sports community continues to grow across the Canadian Armed Forces, and 12 Wing Shearwater recently tapped into that popularity, hosting the first Atlantic region grappling development camp and tournament May 30 and 31.

More than two dozen grapplers from across the region gathered for the two-day event, which featured training seminars from both Halifax BJJ Society instructor Josh Whalen and UFC veteran Gavin Tucker on the opening day, and then a tournament for competitors May 31.

Captain James Locke, who helped put the event together along with PSP staff, said he was extremely pleased with the turnout and competition

level for the first-time event, and has high hopes for the future of CAF grappling in the Atlantic region and beyond. Organizers also thanked the volunteers and referees who helped ensure the safety of the CAF athletes.

**Competition results**

- Advanced Open – Steven Ford
- Intermediate Heavyweight – Steve Swanson
- Intermediate Middleweight – Alex Lavoie
- Intermediate Lightweight – Jeyan Jaruban
- Beginner Heavyweight – Braiden Sheldrick
- Beginner Middleweight – James Thamer
- Beginner Lightweight – Lee Mason
- Absolute Winner – Steven Ford →

# Base men's soccer team looking for players

14 Wing Greenwood is looking to roster up its base men's team. Join now for fun and fitness, and practice

up for the August 21 to 25 Canadian Armed Forces Atlantic region championships.

Practice times are Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on the Applebowl field,

Church Street, Greenwood. For more information, contact wesle.aucoin@forces.gc.ca. →

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