**ANB Hall of Fame – Initial Inductees – November 22nd 2019**

* **Joel Bourgeois** 3000m steeplechase Probably the most decorated international athlete in New Brunswick’s history; competitor at two Olympics, three Commonwealth Games, three Pan Am Games (one gold, one silver), two World Championships, three World University/FISU Games (one silver, one bronze), one World Junior Championship, and NUMEROUS medals at Nationals, including multiple golds ; also international cross-country appearances.
* **John (Giovanni) Corazza** Javelin Named to the 1980 Canadian Olympic Team which unfortunately fell under the boycott by many Western nations protesting the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan; in an alternate “European Tour” organized for the National team at the time, recorded several noteworthy results, including defeating a few of the highly ranked throwers in the world. Also competed in one Commonwealth Games, one World University/FISU Games, a World Cup Trials, and captured several National Championship medals, including gold. Upon his retirement, he held a position in top 4 or 5 of all time Canadian Javelin throwers.
* **Diane (Matheson) Clement** Sprints – 100/200, 4 x 1 relay Competed in the 1956 Olympic Games as a 20 year old, running in the heats of the 100m, 200m, and 4 x 100m relay. Also competed in the 1958 British Commonwealth (British Empire at the time) Games, and captured a bronze medal in the 4 x 110 yard relay. On several occasions, she held/broke the Canadian Senior Women’s record in the 100/220 yds and the 100/200 metres. Multiple medallist including gold at national championships. Also heavily involved as a builder, founding the Richmond, BC Kajaks T & F Club (with her husband Doug Clement) in 1962, and served as Athletics Canada’s President from 1973-76.
* **William “Billy” Maynes** 440 yds/400m, 4 x 400m relay Amazingly, one of two New Brunswickers who were on the 1924 Olympic Team!! A top ranked 440 yard sprinter, 1921-1924, he was almost 22 when he competed on the Canadian Men’s 4 x 400m relay squad which placed 4th , behind USA, Sweden, Great Britain, in a time of 3:22.8, ahead of France & Italy, and also ahead of Finland, who did not make the six team final. With a personal best 95 years ago in the 50.8 seconds range, he was a two-time medallist at the National Championships. He went on to complete his university career which he completed with a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford U, England. It would appear he held the provincial 400/440 record for 40-45 years!
* **Andrew (Jack/”Zan”) Miller** High Jump A two time National Champion (1922, 1923), he competed in the High Jump for Canada as a 25 yr old in the 1924 Paris Olympics. At the Olympic Trials that June, he was selected on the basis of being the only Canadian jumper remotely close to the Olympic standard of the day (from a previous performance that season); Because of this, he had to raise half the money to cover expenses of travelling to Paris with the Canadian Team ! Nagged with an injury he jumped 1.65m, well “below his PB” and did not advance past the qualifying rounds (22nd out of 27). He was also a nationally ranked long (broad) jumper.
* **Hal Merrill** Paralympian – shot put, discus, javelin He competed in three Paralympic Games in the early years of Paralympic/Wheelchair Sports (the term used early in his day), 1992, 1996, 2000. Over these competitions he won three bronze Paralympic medals, two in Barcelona 1992 and one in Atlanta 1996. He captured 12 other medals from various international competitions and broke 3 World records over his career. He was a 10-year member of the National Paralympic Team and blazed an integral early trail for all NB Paralympic athletes to follow. He was named Sport NB Male Athlete of the Year on two occasions.
* **LeRoy Washburn** All around/builder/official/administrator/coach/trailblazer Also nicknamed “Mr. Track & Field” LeRoy passed away earlier in 2019. A nationally ranked athlete in sprints & jumps, who blossomed into community, regional and national officiating, organizing and administration over a fifty-year involvement in track & field. Demonstrated quiet and efficient leadership as ANB President (NBTFA at the time) from 1984-87 and remained a long time Board member of both ANB and Athletics Canada. He officiated (mostly throws) at; 1967 Pan Am Games (Winnipeg), Montreal Olympics of 1976; 1978 and 1986 Commonwealth Games (Edmonton and Edinburgh, Scotland); Judged at:, 1979 World Cup, Montreal; International Technical Official for Pan Am Games and 1996 Olympics (Atlanta); Canadian Team Chef-de-Mission, 1987 World University Games/FISU (Yugoslavia). He also coached well fellow inductee in Paralympian Hal Merrill from 1996-2000. He was also instrumental in the development of the NB Legion program as well as oversaw the building of critical facilities and hosting of Nationals in Oromocto. Countless hours of dedication and volunteering to provide leadership & direction to all aspects of the New Brunswick Track and Field Community.