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In Nova Scotia people take sport heritage seriously and personally. The new Nova Scotia Sport Heritage Centre's Sport Hall of Fame Museum that opened in the Summer of 1988 in the World Trade and Convention Centre in downtown Halifax, is an example of that interest. The museum covers 3644 square feet, most of which is devoted to more than 200 inductees and major displays of photographs and sport artifacts.

Photos are displayed by sport. Artifacts include a racing shell, a penny farthing, strap on skates, century old hockey sticks, quoits, tuna fishing gear, a punching bag, loads of medals and trophies, and permanent displays. World record track stars. Leigh Miller, Aileen Meagher, and Johnnie Miles, face the boxing corner with Sam Langford, Billie Smith, and of course triple world

champion George Dixon. In addition the centre contains thousands of unorganized photographs, as well as scrapbooks and other memorabilia freely donated by the people of Nova Scotia.

The Sport Hall of Fame Museum was begun by volunteers in 1958. The government funded Sport Nova Scotia lent assistance in 1975. The first induction banquet was held in 1979 when 33 individuals, 16 teams, and 24 builders were included. In 1983 Bill Robinson was hired as the first executive director.

The museum is more public than scholar oriented. An exceptionally good school programme exists for visiting classes from grades four, five, and six. The staff of four full-time employees and a host of volunteers are extremely helpful to any scholar interested in publishing on Nova Scotian sport history.

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