

OUR MISSION

USA Hockey has created the Alumni Association with this mission in mind: To keep athletes connected to USA Hockey, and to recognize that these athletes will always be a part of the organization; and to provide a focal point for continuing involvement of athletes in USA Hockey that is beneficial to both alumni and the organization. This will be accomplished by organizing and holding events centered around alumni interests, and by establishing a fund that will support the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association's purpose is threefold: to achieve a meaningful, active and sustained program for USA Hockey alums; to create lifelong connections between alumni and USA Hockey; to build pride, spirit and support for USA Hockey's goals and programs.

Membership in USA Hockey's Alumni Association is open to all individuals that have worn the USA Hockey crest on their jersey in an international event, including staff members of all Olympic, National or Select teams representing the United States.

In order to accomplish all of USA Hockey's goals for the program, we ask for your support and active participation, and we thank you for your continued involvement with USA Hockey.

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U.S. Becomes World Stage for Hockey

Though U.S. national hockey teams have long been participating in, and winning medals at, IIHF World Championships, the U.S. has only played host to four World Championship events, all in the under-20 category. The most recent, the 2005 World Junior Championship held in Grand Forks, N.D., was considered such a success, that the IIHF, in May, awarded USA Hockey the rights to host three major international events over the next five years: the 2009 Under-18 World Championship, the 2011 World Junior Championship, and the 2012 Women's World Championship. With these rights, USA Hockey now has the opportunity to bring international hockey's best to the big stage right here in the U.S. on a consistent basis. At the time of publication, no host cities have yet been awarded by USA Hockey.

Each of the events will offer many alumni an opportunity to come see the fresh faces of both U.S. and international hockey players.

The Under-18 tournament is tentatively scheduled for April 9-19, 2009. The 31-game, 10-day tournament will play host to teams like Russia, Czech Republic, Germany, Sweden, Finland, and U.S. archrival, Canada. Since its inception, the U.S. Under-18 National Team has won the gold medal at the event three times, in 2002 and then in back-to-back years in 2005 and 2006.



The 2005 United States Under-18 Team won gold for the second time in three years.

In the midst of the IIHF events, USA Hockey will once again put the U.S. Women's National Team on the road for the pre-Olympic tour, beginning in September 2009. Look for the women's team to make stops in Minnesota, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Colorado, Washington and more.

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USA Hockey Honors Legends

by Caitlin Lazaro & Christy Jeffries



On October 12, USA Hockey ushered in the Class of 2007 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Inductees with a gala celebration in Grand Forks, N.D. In the first year that USA Hockey has held the ceremony outside of Eveleth, Minn., the home of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame

Museum, the induction of four of the most celebrated U.S.-born hockey influencers was well received in Grand Forks, with over 400 attendees at the dinner. The inductees for the Class of 2007 included Aaron Broten, Bobby Carpenter, John MacInnes, John Vanbiesbrouck.

Broten enjoyed a highly successful two-year playing career at the University of Minnesota before joining the professional ranks. At Minnesota, he set a record for points by a rookie (25-47-72) en route to being named the WCHA's Freshman of the Year. The following year, he recorded a still-standing Gopher-record 106 points (47-59) to lead the team to the WCHA title and the NCAA championship game. After leaving Minnesota, Broten went on to play 748 career games in the NHL. During his twelve-year career, he played for five different NHL teams. On the international level, Broten played at six world championships and two Canada Cups. He retired from professional hockey in 1992.

Carpenter was the first player to make the jump from high school straight to the NHL in 1981. During his 19 seasons in the NHL, Carpenter amassed 728 points (320-408) in 1,178 games. He was the first American to score more than 50 goals in a season when he tallied 53 during the 1984-85 season with the Capitals. During his playing career, he also represented the United States at two world championships and a pair of Canada Cups. Following his retirement in 1999, he coached as both an assistant and head coach in the American Hockey League with the Albany River Rats and as an assistant with the Devils.

MacInnes spent most of his life in the Michigan hockey scene. After playing two seasons at the University of Michigan and three years in the Detroit Red Wings system in the IHL, he became the league director of the Ann Arbor Amateur Hockey League. There, he initiated the first Bantam classification. After four years in Ann Arbor, he headed north to Michigan Tech University, where he began a 26-year head-coaching career. While at Tech, MacInnes led the Huskies to three NCAA championships and seven WCHA championships, and was named the NCAA Coach of the Year twice and WCHA Coach of the Year six times. John passed away in March of 1983. His wife Jerry attended the induction ceremony on his behalf.



The class of 2007 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame inductees.

(from left - Bobby Carpenter, Aaron Broten, Jerry MacInnes for her late husband, John and John Vanbiesbrouck)

Vanbiesbrouck's 20-year NHL career represents the longest career for an American-developed goaltender in NHL history. Over that span, he played in 882 games, compiling a 374-346-119 record with 40 shutouts and a 2.98 goals-against average. Vanbiesbrouck was honored with the NHL's Vezina Trophy as the league's best goaltender in 1986 and was a runner-up in 1994. Internationally, Vanbiesbrouck played at six world championships, one Olympic Games and two Canada Cups.

NTDP ALUMNI CELEBRATE 10 YEARS

During the last weekend of August nearly 100 alumni took over the city of Ann Arbor, Mich. to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the National Team Development Program located there. With alumni returning from the first class to graduate in 1998 through the most recent class, good times and reminiscing were sure to play a big part in the weekend's activities, which consisted of a welcome reception, golf and dinner outing, and alumni game. Special thanks to alumni Patrick Foley and Connor Dunlop, as well as Mike Breazeale, USA Hockey volunteer and president of The Promotion Company. For photos from the event log on to usahockey.com.



Alumni Receive Lester Patrick Award

by Caitlin Lazaro

The Lester Patrick Award is given each year “for outstanding service to hockey in the United States.” The 2007 award winners are Brian Leetch, Cammi Granato, Stan Fischler, and John Halligan. Leetch has worn the USA sweater in three Olympic Winter Games and numerous World Championships and World Cup competitions. Granato pioneered women’s elite hockey in the U.S. and captained the 1998 and 2002 Olympic Teams to gold and silver medals, respectively.

Leetch joined the U.S. national team in 1987-88 and played in the 1988 Olympic Winter Games in Calgary before making his NHL debut, with the New York Rangers. In an 18-year pro career from 1988-2006, Leetch captured the Calder Trophy as the NHL’s top rookie in 1988-89, won two Norris Trophies as the League’s best defenseman (1992, 1997) and made nine NHL All-Star Game appearances. In 1994, he became the first U.S.-born player to earn the Conn Smythe Trophy as the most valuable player in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, helping the Rangers capture their first championship since 1940.



Cammi Granato and Brian Leetch with NHL Commissioner, Gary Bettman.

Leetch skated in three Olympic Games (1988, 1998 and 2002), winning the silver medal at Salt Lake City in his final appearance. He won a bronze medal at the 1986 World Junior Championship and captained the United States team that defeated Canada to win the 1996 World Cup of Hockey.

Leetch announced his retirement from the NHL in May 2007 with 1,028 points (247 goals, 781 assists) in 1,205 regular-season games with the Rangers, Toronto Maple Leafs and Boston Bruins.

Granato was born into a hockey family and played through her childhood on boys’ teams. She didn’t play women’s-only hockey until 1989, when she arrived at Providence College. Over her four years with the Friars she became the school’s all-team leading goal scorer with 139, and had 256 total points.

During her collegiate career Granato began playing for the U.S. Women’s National Team. In 1990 she made the first of eight consecutive appearances at the Women’s World Championship. Following the 2004 event, she was the all-time leading scorer in the tournament with 72 points (45g, 27a).

Granato captained the U.S. Women’s Olympic Ice Hockey Team when they played in the first-ever Olympic Winter Games allowing women’s ice hockey in 1998. She scored eight points (4g, 4a) as the U.S. captured the first women’s Olympic gold medal in ice hockey. Granato also captained the 2002 squad to a silver medal in the 2002 Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she tied the scoring in the tournament with 10 points (6g, 4a) and was named to the all-tournament team.

MODANO, ROENICK REACH CAREER RECORDS

Long-time U.S. National Team member and two-time Olympian Mike Modano surpassed Phil Housely as the highest-scoring American in NHL history on Wednesday, Nov. 7, with two goals in the first four and a half minutes of play against the San Jose Sharks. At the time of publication Modano had scored 1,238 points (512g, 726a).

Just three days later Jeremy Roenick notched his 500th career goal, the game-winner against the Phoenix Coyotes on Nov. 10. Roenick is only the third American-born player to score 500 goals, along with Modano and Joe Mullen. Roenick has represented the U.S. in two Olympic Winter games, two World Junior Championships, and the 1991 Canada Cup and Men’s World Championship.

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A Golden Anniversary

by Caitlin Lazaro

In February 1998, 18 years after the original “miracle,” a second occurred. Also during the Olympic Winter Games, and also a feat unexpected by the masses, this “miracle” catapulted the sport into the hearts of a new generation – and gender – of ice hockey players. On February 17, 1998, the U.S. Women’s Olympic Team, along with women’s Olympic teams from five other countries, competed for the first-ever gold medal awarded in the sport of women’s ice hockey in the Olympic Winter Games. The U.S. team, which had consistently been second-best in numerous competitions to Canada, beat the Canadians, 3-1, in a dramatic gold-medal game to claim the first women’s Olympic gold medal.

“I am so proud of what we accomplished as a team in 1998,” said Gretchen Ulion (now Silverman). “We wanted gold for each other as much as we wanted it for ourselves, and I believe that is why nothing could stop us from achieving our dream. I am amazed at how much women’s and girls’ hockey has grown over the last 10 years. Most of us on the 1998 team had been the only girls in our local programs with no female role models.”

Now, nearly a decade later, the U.S. has become a powerhouse of women’s hockey, developing some of the top players through grassroots and collegiate hockey. Since the 1998 Olympics, the U.S. Women’s National Team has won seven silver medals and one gold at the IIHF World Women’s Championship; one gold and eight silver medals at the annual Four Nations Tournament; and silver and bronze in the 2002 and 2006 Olympics, respectively.

In February 2008, USA Hockey and the pioneers of the women’s game will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of their accomplishment.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

As the 10th anniversary of their accomplishment nears, USA Hockey tracked down some of the stars of the gold-medal game.

Gretchen Ulion

Then: Notched a power-play goal in the second period of the gold medal game to put the U.S. ahead 1-0. Through the six games of the tournament, Gretchen scored three goals and had five assists.

Now: Gretchen – now an elementary school teacher – married Steve Silverman in 1998. They have settled in Connecticut, and have two sons. Their youngest began playing hockey last season, and Gretchen is staying involved with his hockey and her own, while playing with local women’s teams.

Cammi Granato

Then: Captained the team to its perfect 6-0 finish, contributing four goals and four assists.

Now: Cammi lives in Vancouver with her husband Ray Ferraro, former NHLer, who she married in 2004. Cammi gave birth to the couple’s first child, a son, Riley last spring.

Karyn Bye

Then: Served as an alternate captain for the 1998 squad and notched eight points on five goals and three assists in six games.

Now: Karyn married Cal Dietz, Head Strength and Conditioning Coach at the University of Minnesota, shortly after the 2002 Olympic Games. They live in Hudson, Wis., and have two kids, Tatum (4) and Brody (2). Karyn stays involved with hockey as the color commentator for the Minnesota Girls State High School Hockey Tournament in February.