



# Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Recognition Awards

**Larry Fisher**

Larry Fisher is recognized for the many years he has dedicated to the NSPE, especially the ever-popular tug-of-war. This year is the 20th Anniversary for the largest professional tug-of-war competition in the province.

Over the years there have been competitors from Yarmouth to Inverness, and Port Elgin to Bridgewater. The sport has grown and waned over the years, but the participation at the NSPE has generally remained constant every year, with almost every active team, in the weight classes, attending.

Competitions like this don't happen overnight, has taken years to get the proper formatting down, and develop a successful seeding method, and that comes from constant participation and communication over the years.

"The apparent seamless delivery of the competition over the past 2 decades, in which I have participated as an organizer, coach and participant (sometimes all 3 at once), I have realized that this competition would not be as successful as it is without the support and backing of sponsors, the NSPE, volunteers who look after the ring, announcers who pump up the pullers and crowds and the officials who keep the guys and gals in line," says Larry. "It seems surreal that this is the 20th consecutive year of tug-of-war at the NSPE, but here we are!"

**Gail Keddy**

Gail's volunteer work started in 2007. Her love for the exhibition was learned at a very young age. As part of an exhibition family, she learned the importance of it to a small Nova Scotia town and the fun it provides to all ages. It became important to her as a way to back her community for all the skills she learned by participating in an Exhibition.

Volunteering gave Gail the feeling of ownership to this event and a proud member of its success reaching into the community beyond the gates.

Gail has officially retired from the Exhibition Committee last year, but ten years after joining the Committee is still offering her support to: Fine Arts, Handcraft and Needle Arts, Home Baking and Preserves, Photography and Ribbons.

**Dick Huggard**

Growing up in New Brunswick, Dick Huggard entered the world of Exhibition and Agriculture at a very young age, as a child attending the annual Exhibitions in Fredericton and New Brunswick, as well as the Royal.

In 1954, he enrolled at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College to study Animal Science with a major in Nutrition. He then moved on to MacDonald College, and finished his education earning a Graduate Degree from the University of Illinois. In 2011, Dick received an Honorary Doctorate from DALAC.

Dick was employed by the Department of Agriculture for more than 36 years, the last of which he served as the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, under four Ministers, all of whom he still considers friends. For the remaining 11 years of his career, Dick focused his energies on Agri-Food Research.

Throughout his life, Dick has had a love for agriculture and Exhibitions and his passion still shines through via his volunteer work with an array of organizations, including 4-H (he was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame), and our own Farm Equipment Museum.

Along time resident of Truro, Dick is celebrating 57 years with his lovely wife Marjorie, and their two children, and grandchildren, and he says, "we are only as good as the group we work with," noting that being part of a team is what it's all about, and he's loved every minute of it.



Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition General Manager, Joe Nicholson welcomes everyone to the Opening Ceremonies for the 71st year of the Exhibition, the longest standing event in Colchester County. (Harrington Photo)



Laurie Jennings, of Masstown Market, the presenting sponsor for the 2017 Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, passes along a few remarks and best wishes at the 2017 Opening Ceremony of the NSPE. (Harrington Photo)



Tanya Colburne, of Langille & Colburne More than Events, presents Gail Keddy with a plaque in recognition of the significant contribution she has made to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition over the past number of years. (Harrington Photo)



Dawn MacKay presents Dick Huggard with a plaque in recognition of the significant contribution he has made to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition over the past number of years. (Harrington Photo)



MLA Karen Casey brought greetings from the Premier Stephen McNeil and Agricultural Minister Keith Colwell to the Opening of the NSPE. Following the event she was given the opportunity to ride in the starting gate for the first harness race of the Exhibition at Truro Raceway. (Harrington Photo)



Amanda Langille, of Langille & Colburne More than Events, presents Larry Fisher with a plaque in recognition of the significant contribution he has made to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition over the past number of years. (Harrington Photo)

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