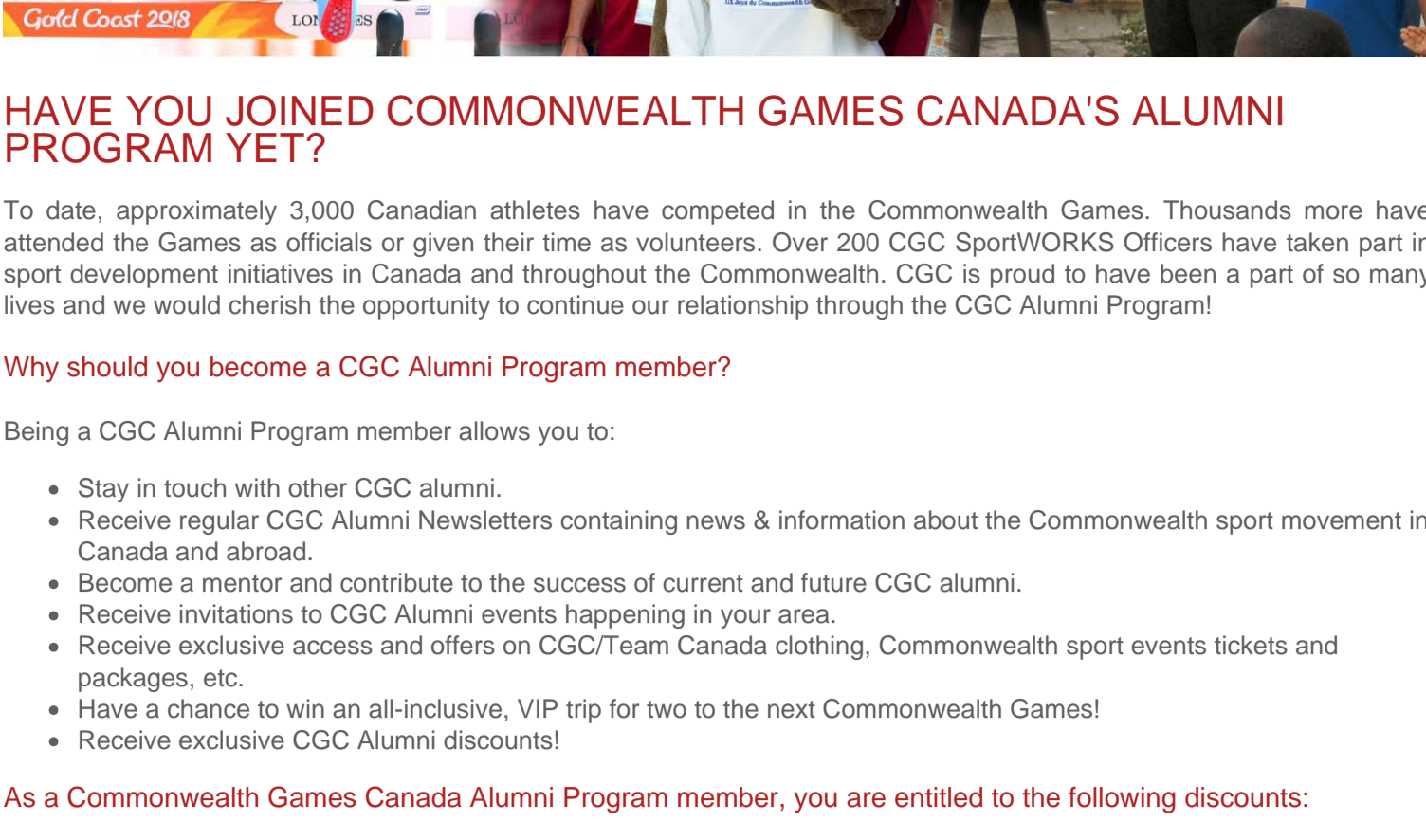




# Commonwealth Games Canada ALUMNI COMMUNIQUE

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## HAVE YOU JOINED COMMONWEALTH GAMES CANADA'S ALUMNI PROGRAM YET?

To date, approximately 3,000 Canadian athletes have competed in the Commonwealth Games. Thousands more have attended the Games as officials or given their time as volunteers. Over 200 CGC SportWORKS Officers have taken part in sport development initiatives in Canada and throughout the Commonwealth. CGC is proud to have been a part of so many lives and we would cherish the opportunity to continue our relationship through the CGC Alumni Program!

### Why should you become a CGC Alumni Program member?

Being a CGC Alumni Program member allows you to:

- Stay in touch with other CGC alumni.
- Receive regular CGC Alumni Newsletters containing news & information about the Commonwealth sport movement in Canada and abroad.
- Become a mentor and contribute to the success of current and future CGC alumni.
- Receive invitations to CGC Alumni events happening in your area.
- Receive exclusive access and offers on CGC/Team Canada clothing, Commonwealth sport events tickets and packages, etc.
- Have a chance to win an all-inclusive, VIP trip for two to the next Commonwealth Games!
- Receive exclusive CGC Alumni discounts!

As a Commonwealth Games Canada Alumni Program member, you are entitled to the following discounts:

**20% DISCOUNT AT ALL RUNNING ROOM STORES**

**REMINDER:** If you are a CGC Alumni Program member and have not yet received your Running Room discount card, please confirm your mailing address so we can send it to you. Email your details to [Chris Taylor](mailto:Chris.Taylor@cgccanada.com)

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**10% DISCOUNT ON PURCHASE OF "THE MIRACLE MILE: Stories of the 1954 British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations"**  
By: Jason Beck

CGC Alumni price \$26.95 plus tax & shipping  
(Regular price \$29.95)

To order a copy of this book, please call Jennifer at the BC Sports Hall of Fame: 604-687-5520 or email [sportsinfo@bcsporthalloffame.com](mailto:sportsinfo@bcsporthalloffame.com)

CGC is working to identify further benefits for Alumni Program members. Stay tuned!

If you are a CGC Alumnus from Ontario, British Columbia or any other Canadian province or territories and are interested in starting an Alumni Program Chapter in your province, please contact [Kelly Lafrencoise](mailto:Kelly.Lafrencoise@cgccanada.com) or phone 613-244-6868 x 222.

CGC has financial support for Alumni activities!

To become a CGC Alumni Program Member simply email to: [alumni@commonwealthgames.ca](mailto:alumni@commonwealthgames.ca) with the subject line "Count Me In". Visit our website for complete details on the [Alumni Program](#).

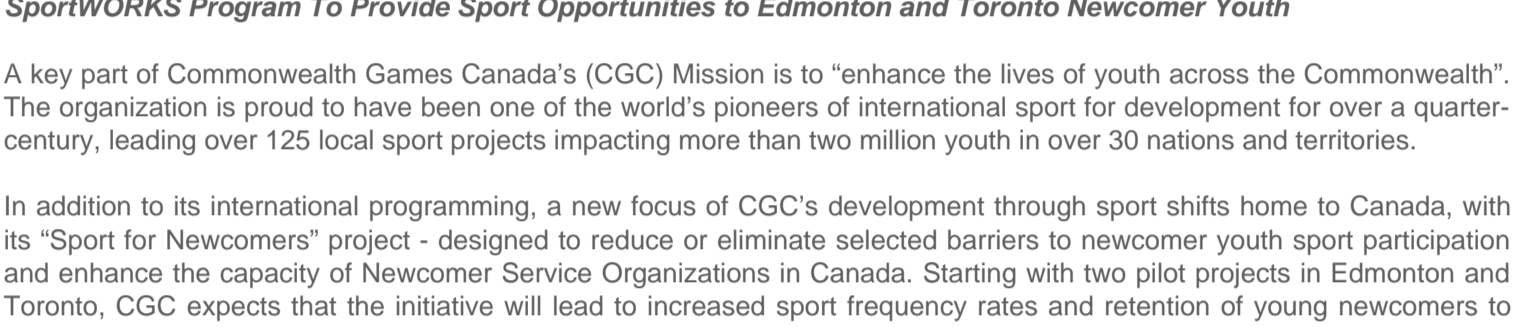
## WHAT MAKES CGC AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES UNIQUE?

**The Commonwealth**, a voluntary association of 71 nations and territories, is a living demonstration of unity in diversity. It is held together by shared principles and a commitment to creating a peaceful, equal, just and prosperous global community.

**The Commonwealth Games** are the only major international sporting event in the world to trace their roots to Canada. The Games are the cornerstone of the Commonwealth and have brought together athletes and officials from all continents, religions and races since they began in Hamilton in 1930. Instilled in the 'Friendly Games' are values that have stood the test of time: the spirit of friendship, the ideals of goodwill and understanding - and great sporting competition!

**Commonwealth Games Canada** exists to support our country's participation in this unique 'family of sport' competition and is also a leader in sport and development internationally. CGC is the only Canadian sport organization that delivers both high performance sport programs in Canada and sport for development programs here and abroad.

As a CGC alumnus, you are part of this unique story.



## BIRMINGHAM 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES UPDATE

### ADDITIONAL SPORTS ADDED TO THE PROGRAMME

In June 2019, Birmingham 2022 proposed the addition of women's cricket, para table tennis and beach volleyball to the sport programme for the Games. These proposals were accepted by the Commonwealth Games Federation Executive Board and a resolution was voted on by the Commonwealth Games Associations. Following this vote, it was confirmed in August 2019 that these sports could be added to the programme.

This means that Birmingham 2022 will now feature 19 sports, with an integrated programme of eight para sports – the biggest ever para sport programme at a Commonwealth Games.

The 19 sports that will feature are: Athletics, Aquatics (swimming and diving), Badminton, 3 x 3 Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Cricket (women's), Cycling (road, track and mountain bike), Gymnastics (Artistic and rhythmic), Hockey, Judo, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby Sevens, Squash, Table Tennis, Triathlon, Weightlifting and Wrestling.

The eight para sports are: Para Athletics, Para Swimming, Para Track Cycling, Para Lawn Bowls, Para Powerlifting, Para Triathlon, 3 x 3 Wheelchair Basketball, Para Table Tennis.

Source: *Birmingham 2022 CGA Newsletter – Sept 2019*

The full Birmingham 2022 CGA Newsletter can be found: [HERE](#)

## SportWORKS



## CGC BRINGS ITS AWARD-WINNING INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SPORT PROGRAM HOME WITH NEW "SPORT FOR NEWCOMERS" INITIATIVE

### SportWORKS Program To Provide Sport Opportunities to Edmonton and Toronto Newcomer Youth

A key part of Commonwealth Games Canada's (CGC) Mission is to "enhance the lives of youth across the Commonwealth". The organization is proud to have been one of the world's pioneers of international sport for development for over a quarter-century, leading over 125 local sport projects impacting more than two million youth in over 30 nations and territories.

In addition to its international programming, a new focus of CGC's development through sport shifts home to Canada, with its "Sport for Newcomers" project - designed to reduce or eliminate selected barriers to newcomer youth sport participation and enhance the capacity of Newcomer Service Organizations in Canada. Starting with two pilot projects in Edmonton and Toronto, CGC expects that the initiative will lead to increased sport frequency rates and retention of young newcomers to Canada.

"Our SportWORKS projects have impacted the lives of millions and transformed communities around the world," said Richard Powers, CGC President. "We are thrilled that the model we have used successfully for a quarter-century is now being brought to Canada and are proud to be launching two pilot projects in Edmonton and Toronto. We believe in the power of sport and its ability to transform lives, and know that newcomers to Canada will benefit from the social and health impacts of participating in sport."

In Edmonton, CGC has partnered with a Union for Healthy Communities (AHC), a registered community development model for the last 25 years. Its objective is to build the capacity of individuals and groups to improve their lives and communities through a community building process, including needs assessment, support, mentoring and skills development. The organization works with all population groups including newcomers from the Greater Edmonton area and multiple small towns in northern Alberta in order to assess their needs and provide required assistance with a focus on building inclusive communities. "We are proud to partner with Commonwealth Games Canada in the Sport for Newcomers initiative," said Aftab Khan, Executive Director of Action for Healthy Communities. "SportWORKS has a great track record of using sport to effect change and we believe that in partnering with CGC in this project, we will be able to impact our community in a positive way by offering newcomer youth opportunities through sport."

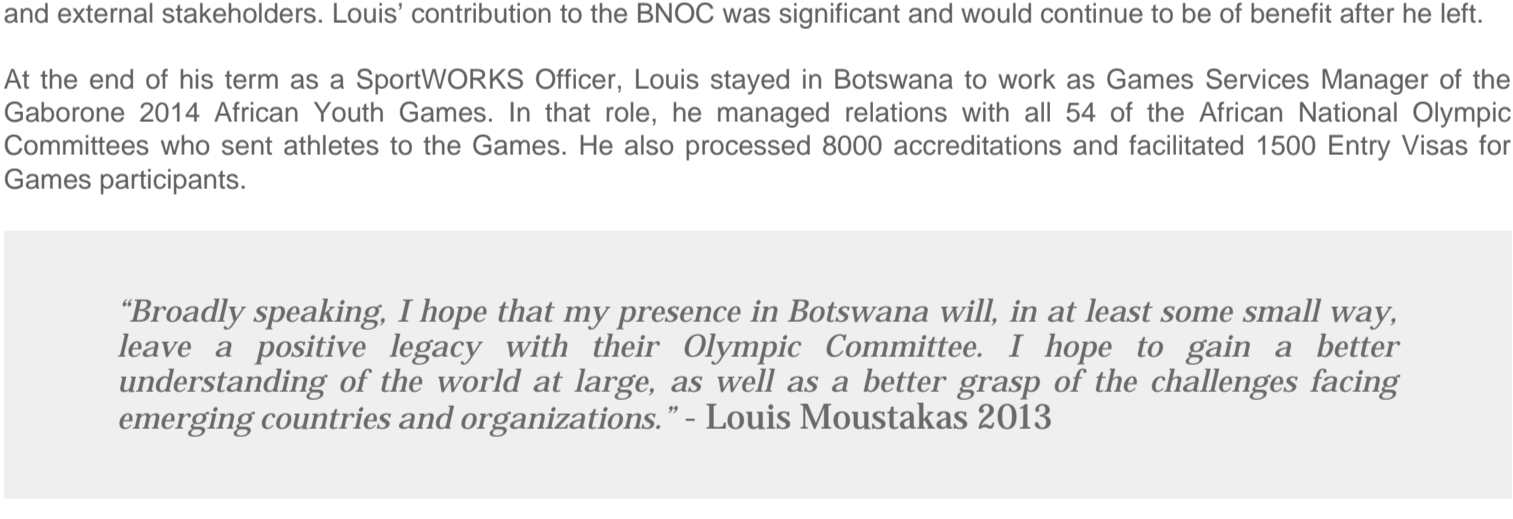


In Toronto, CGC is partnering with the Jane Finch Community & Family Centre, a multi-service, community-based organization with a strong focus on poverty reduction through resident engagement, capacity building and anti-oppression. "For over 40 years, our organization has been focused on health and well-being," said Obosa Obazamowan, Settlement Worker, Jane Finch Sport Youth Centre, "and we know of sport's incredible ability to contribute to both of these elements. We believe that working with CGC on the Newcomers initiative will enhance our current programs for newcomer youth in our community and look forward to seeing the impacts first-hand."

The two pilot projects will be led by SportWORKS Officers who will volunteer full-time with each recipient organization for eight months to increase opportunities and accessibility to sport programs for newcomer youth, especially girls. SportWORKS Officers will assist through the development, execution and cataloguing of newcomer youth focused sport program planning & delivery adaptations that recognize the unique cultural needs of newcomer youth while reducing/eliminating barriers by providing skill-appropriate sport participation and learning opportunities which align with the principles of quality sport. Furthermore, a formalized referral process for newcomer youth to access existing local sport opportunities and capacity building will be the development of a variety of new "train the trainer" programs and communication resources for use by NSO staff will be delivered.

In Edmonton, Kirstina Turner, a recent University of Edmonton Sport Management graduate, volunteer and athlete will be working with the Action for Healthy Communities organization. In Toronto, Dante Losardo, a Sport Management graduate and former SportWORKS Officer (Botswana) will join the Jane Finch Community & Family Centre as their project lead.

The Sport for Newcomers Initiative is part of CGC's SportWORKS Program, which sends Canadian sport leaders to host organizations in Canada and throughout the Commonwealth to deliver sustainable sport programs and build sport system capacity. SportWORKS prides itself on "Making a Difference and Becoming Different." The Sport for Newcomers Initiative aims to not only assist the host organizations and newcomers, but also to make a difference in the lives and careers of SportWORKS Officers.



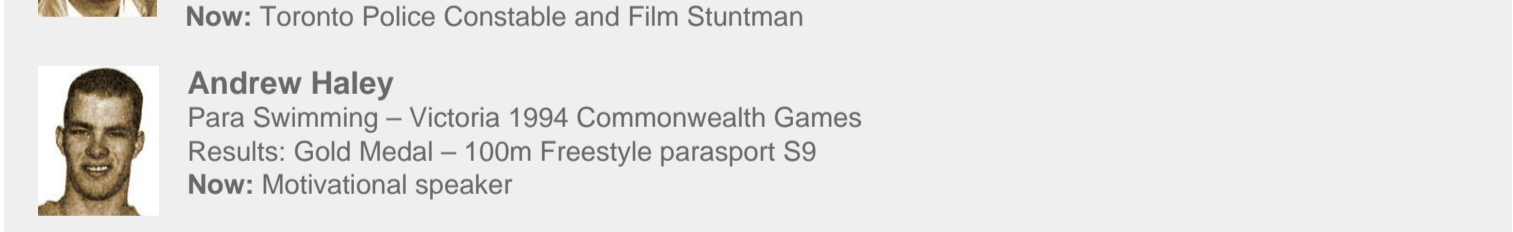
## CGC AND KUKRI SPORTS RENEW THEIR PARTNERSHIP FOR BIRMINGHAM 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Commonwealth Games Canada and Kukri Sports have announced the renewal of their partnership as Kukri is named the official apparel partner for Team Canada at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England. The clothing kit provided to Canada's Team, at the 2022 Games will include apparel for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, as well as casual pieces for wearing in the Athlete's Village and other locations while at the Games in England. Kukri was also Team Canada's official apparel partner for the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast Australia.

Richard Powers, President of CGC said: "We are delighted to renew our partnership with Kukri as our Official Apparel Partner for the 2022 Commonwealth Games team. Our athletes were impressed with the quality and the design of the clothing for our 2018 team kit, and we look forward to working with Kukri to develop an impressive clothing package as we prepare for the 2022 Commonwealth Games."

Wendy Hughes, General Manager Kukri Sports Canada said: "We are thrilled to extend our partnership as the Official Apparel Sponsor to Team Canada once again. The working relationship we had both leading up to and at the Games in 2018 was fantastic. With this experience and feedback from the Gold Coast, we are confident we will be able to provide Athletes and Delegates with a new and unique identity that they can be proud of for the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England."

The partnership agreement includes an increased clothing commitment from 2018, uniform storage, shipping and tailoring on site at the Games, as well as corporate apparel for CGC representatives. The Team Canada 2022 Uniform Reveal is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 27th, 2021, the "1 year-to-go" countdown to the Opening Ceremonies of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.



## UPDATE ON THE PROCESS TO SELECT CANADA'S CANDIDATE CITY FOR THE 2026 OR 2030 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The bid process for the 2026 or 2030 Commonwealth Games is currently in the Domestic Phase. November 22nd was the deadline for interested Canadian cities to submit Part 1 of their Hosting Plan Proposals to Commonwealth Games Canada.

The bid group from Hamilton has submitted a Hosting Plan proposal for a potential 2030 Commonwealth Games bid. 2030 will mark the 100th anniversary of the first Commonwealth Games (then known as the British Empire Games) which were held in Hamilton.

On August 2nd, 2019, representatives from the Commonwealth Games Federation visited Hamilton to explore the city's plans for the bid. During the three-day visit, CGF delegates, including CEO David Grevenberg, were taken on a tour of proposed venues.

One other Canadian city has submitted a Hosting Plan Proposal but has not yet publicly announced its intention to bid for the Games.

CGC is aiming to select Canada's "preferred city" for the 2026 or 2030 Commonwealth Games by March 2020.

## SportWORKS



## ALUMNI PROFILE

**Louis Moustakas** CGC SportWORKS Officer (2013 Capacity Support Program)  
Sport and International Development Professional

Through its SportWORKS programming, Commonwealth Games Canada has had the privilege of being associated with some amazing young people who have demonstrated sports power to make a difference. The SportWORKS tag line, "Making a Difference and Becoming Different" has been embraced by our volunteers. Louis Moustakas is no exception.

Originally from Quebec City and educated at Laval University, Louis joined the CGC SportWORKS program in 2013, where he was a Capacity Support Officer working with the Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC). The Capacity Support Program was a joint initiative of CGC, the Commonwealth Games Federation, and Olympic Solidarity, designed to develop and strengthen the capacities of Commonwealth Games Associations and National Olympic Committees around the world.

During his time in Botswana, Louis was responsible for implementing an Athlete Data Management System for the BNOC. He also developed a new Code of Conduct and Communications Policy in collaboration with that organization's internal and external stakeholders. Louis' contribution to the BNOC was significant and would continue to be of benefit after he left.

At the end of his term as a SportWORKS Officer, Louis stayed in Botswana to work as Games Services Manager of the Gaborone 2014 African Youth Games. In that role, he managed relations with all 54 of the African National Olympic Committees who sent athletes to the Games. He also processed 8000 accreditation and facilitated 1500 Entry Visas for Games participants.

"Broadly speaking, I hope that my presence in Botswana will, in at least some small way, leave a positive legacy with their Olympic Committee. I hope to gain a better understanding of the world at large, as well as a better grasp of the challenges facing emerging countries and organizations." - Louis Moustakas 2013

One of the objectives of CGC's SportWORKS program is to give valuable hands-on experience to our SportWORKS Officers so they can go on to make a difference within the Canadian sport system - or in Louis' case, with other international organizations. Louis has shown a continued commitment to Sport Development following his experience in Botswana.

In January 2015, Louis became a Research Assistant at the Institute for European Sport Development and Leisure Studies. There he manages research on the implementation of projects related to coaching, intercultural education, social inclusion and development. He also lectures in the Master of International Sport Politics and Development Programme. Louis also develops monitoring and evaluation tools for sport for development projects focusing on social inclusion and structural development.

Louis Moustakas currently lives in Germany, speaks three languages, and is putting together his second Masters Thesis on the role of NGO's in Botswana's development.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### ATHLETES

**Curtis Hibbert**  
Gymnastics, Auckland 1990 Commonwealth Games  
Results: 5 x Gold Medals: Horizontal Bar, Rings, Parallel Bars, Individual All-Around and Team  
1 x Silver Medal: Vault, 1 x Bronze Medal: Floor  
Now: Toronto Police Constable and Film Stuntman

**Andrew Haley**  
Para Swimming – Victoria 1994 Commonwealth Games  
Results: Gold Medal – 100m Freestyle parasport S9  
Now: Motivational speaker

**Carol Huynh**  
Wrestling – Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games  
Results: Gold Medal – 48kg Women's Freestyle  
Now: Next Gen Coach, Wrestling Canada

### COACHES

**Aurelie Gibson**  
Coach (Women's Apprenticeship Coaching Program)  
Diving – Victoria 1994 Commonwealth Games  
Now: Head Coach, Diving – South Australia Sport Institute

**Gord Apolloni**  
Coach, Boxing – Kuala Lumpur 1998 Commonwealth Games  
Bahamas 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games  
Now: Founder, Top Glove Boxing Academy  
The Top Glove Academy gym in Sudbury, Ontario was used in the 2013 Hollywood film "A Fighting Man".  
Gord Apolloni taught the lead actors how to box in preparation for filming and choreographed all the fight scenes. He also appeared in the film himself, playing the role of a fight referee!

### VOLUNTEERS / BUILDERS / SportWORKS / MISSION STAFF

**Mike Smith**  
Mission Staff - Athlete Advocate, Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games  
Mission Staff, Pune 2008 Youth Games  
Operations Team, Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games  
Now: Partner, Langevin Morris Smith LLP, Lecturer, Criminal Law – Carleton University  
Head Coach, National Capital Wrestling Club

**Caitlin Devlin**  
SportWORKS Officer  
Capacity Support Program, Zambia – 2013  
Now: Coordinator Domestic Events, Volleyball Canada

## KEY DATES ON THE CGC CALENDAR

**November 25, 2019** Launch of Commonwealth Games Foundation of Canada's End-of-Year Fundraising Campaign



Opening Ceremony, Hamilton 1930 British Empire Games

## GREAT MOMENTS IN COMMONWEALTH SPORT

### GORDON SMALLACOMBE OF CANADA WINS THE FIRST EVER GOLD MEDAL AT THE BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES

1930 British Empire Games, Hamilton  
Athletics, Men's Triple Jump

On August 16, 1930, just a few hours after the inaugural British Empire Games were declared open, Gordon "Spike" Smallacombe of Toronto won gold for Canada in the Men's Triple Jump - then known as the "Hop, Step and Jump". His winning jump measured 4ft 11 5/8 in (14.76 m) and was a new Canadian record. Smallacombe's victory also earned him a place in the record books as the very first gold medal winner at the British Empire Games.

Later that day, Smallacombe received his gold medal in a new and unusual way: he stood on a wooden platform with the silver and bronze medalists to his left and right on lower platforms. It was the first time a podium had ever been used at a medal ceremony in any games. The idea so impressed Count Henri de Baillet-Latour, President of the International Olympic Committee, that he decided to make the podium a part of Olympic medal ceremonies from 1932 onwards.

To date, Gordon Smallacombe is the only Canadian ever to win the Men's Triple Jump at a Commonwealth Games.

## GET IN TOUCH. PASS IT ON!

We would love to hear your story. Don't be shy, drop us a note at: [alumni@commonwealthgames.ca](mailto:alumni@commonwealthgames.ca) if you would like your profile published!

Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to any other Commonwealth Games Canada Alumni who may not have already received it – and please encourage them to get in touch with CGC to become an Alumni Program Member!

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