

# 2014 INDUCTEES



## Mac & BJ Marcoux – ATHLETES

A passion fueled by family support, fearlessness, and dedication led Mac Marcoux and his brother BJ in becoming two highly acclaimed Para – Alpine skiers on a global scale. Para-Alpine skiing is a breathtakingly fast sport that requires immense strength, agility, balance and technique. There are five major alpine events: Downhill, Super Combined, Super –G, Slalom, and Giant Slalom.

In 2007, Mac Marcoux lost his vision to a degenerative condition. Working together with his brother BJ, the Marcoux brothers became world

class para-alpine skiers. BJ Marcoux guided his brother approximately thirty meters ahead of Mac communicating through a headset, leading him through the terrain and upcoming turns or jumps. In 2013 Mac, guided by older brother BJ, competed in the IPC (International Paralympic Committee) World Cup. That year they had continued success as they accomplished multiple World Cup podium finishes, a silver medal at the World Championships in Spain, and became the Canadian Slalom and Giant Slalom champions. In 2014, The Marcoux brothers represented Canada at the Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. Prior to the first race, BJ had to withdraw due to other injuries, however, his brother Mac went on to race with a different guide – Robin Femy, a former downhill racer. Mac finished the first race winning a bronze medal. Mac became the first athlete to medal for Canada at the 2014 Paralympic Games. On the second event (Super – G), Mac encountered a radio communication problem and had to race with his guide (Robin) by yelling out signals from up ahead. Even with radio failures, Mac once again finished with a bronze medal. In his final event the Giant Slalom, Mac Marcoux claimed first place and won a gold medal. At their first Olympic game, Mac Marcoux became a three-time Paralympic medalist. Mac and BJ Marcoux have proudly represented Sault Ste. Marie and Canada.

## Accomplishments:

- 2014 Gold - Giant Slalom – Paralympics Winter Games – Sochi, RUS
- 2014 Bronze - Downhill & Super-G – Paralympic Winter Games – Sochi, RUS
- 2014 Gold - Giant Slalom – Copper, USA
- 2013 Silver - Giant Slalom – IPC World Championships – La Molina, SPA
- 2013-2014 Three-time Canadian Champion