

Olympic canoer to be honoured in Montreal

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John Wood won a silver medal at the 1976 Olympic games in Montreal.

The memory of longtime Mississauga Canoe Club paddler John Wood will live on in Montreal, where he won a silver medal at the 1976 Olympic Games.

On Tuesday, a commemorative plaque will be unveiled in his honour on the finish tower at the Olympic Basin.

As well, the John Wood Legacy Fund will be launched in support of women's canoeing.

Wood, who died in January at the age of 62, pushed for equity in the sport and believed everyone should have the support to

chase their dreams.

The fund will continue to assist Canada as an international leader in developing women's canoeing.

In 1976, Wood narrowly missed out on gold in the C-1 500-metre individual final, finishing 34/100ths of a second behind the Soviet Union's Alexandre Rogov.

It was the first canoeing medal won by Canada since the 1952 Games in Helsinki.

No one from Canada was able to win gold at the '76 Games.

Wood's wife, Debbie Daymond, and their four children, Jason, Michael, Allan and Jenny, will be in Montreal for the plaque unveiling.