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### Weymouth's Gary Sabean entering Hall of Fame



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**Gary Sabean of Weymouth, a nine-time national black belt karate champion, is among six athletes and three builders who will enter the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame at a gala induction ceremony Saturday at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax.**

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*Gary Sabean, a nine times national karate champ. Contributed photo*

Close to 1,000 people are expected at the ceremony to honor Olympians, world champions, Commonwealth Games standouts, Canadian champions, national team members, Canadian University Sport all-Canadians, Atlantic University MVPs and all-stars, as well as builders who have made an outstanding mark in their sports, plus leadership and volunteerism.

Sabean, who is now based in Calgary, was National Athlete of the Year in 2000 and national coach of the year in 2007 and 2009. He is Alberta head karate coach and a coach with the national team.

Along with his nine national titles, Sabean was grand champion at the 2004 world championships in 'forms and sparring' disciplines, and grand champion in sparring at the 2001 world championships.

Also being inducted this weekend are Olympic gold medal-winning rower Mike Forgeron, middle-distance runner Robyn Meagher, national soccer and ringette athlete Janice Cossar, national soccer player Cindy Tye and all-Canadian soccer player Ross Webb.

Builder inductees are Dr. Carl 'Bucky' Buchanan for his efforts in hockey, soccer and gymnastics, football volunteer Rick Rivers of Halifax, and track and field coach and administrator Kevin Heisler of Halifax.

Charlottetown news anchor Bruce Rainnie will be master of ceremonies for the evening.