

## **Jack Taunton**

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I am currently a Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Medicine, Division of Sports Medicine at the University of British Columbia. I have a clinical practice in sports medicine at the Allan McGavin Sports Medicine Centre where I was the director for over 25 years after co-founding the Centre in 1979. Thirty years ago I co-founded Sportmed BC while president of the Sports Medicine Council of Canada. I continue to be very involved in clinical and exercise medicine research with a keen interest in overuse injuries, injury prevention, concussions in sport and cardiac disease in athletes. I am a member and co-founder of Sports Cardiology BC.

My other involvements are as the Director of Medicine for Fortius Sport and Health and being on the board of directors of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport. I was the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and CMO for Canada at the Sydney Olympics, two Pan American and two World Student Games. I've worked with distance runners, cyclists, triathletes and other athletes both as doctor and coach. I was the Women's Team Physician and Association Coordinating Physician for Field Hockey Canada for over 25 years. I was also the Team Physician for the Vancouver Grizzlies NBA Team during its time in Vancouver. I was co-founder of the Vancouver Marathon, the Vancouver Sun Run and most recently the UBC Grand Prix of Cycling.

I have been a competitive runner, completing over 60 marathons and I am planning to continue to run and race as well as cycle and cross-country ski. I was inducted into the BC Athletics Sports Hall Of Fame and the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame and was named to the Globe and Mail 2012 Power 50. I was a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. In 2014 I was inducted into the Simon Fraser University Sports Hall of Fame and into the BC Sports Hall of Fame and was named as one of Simon Fraser University Faculty of Science's 50 most inspiring alumni. I received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Academy of Sport and Exercise Medicine in February 2015.

On a more personal note, I married Cheryl after graduating in the first Kinesiology Class at SFU in 1969. We both completed Masters Degrees at SFU and then I did Medicine at UBC. Cheryl has put up with me for 46 years and we have two wonderful daughters who both graduated from UVic.

Kristen graduated in Kinesiology and played Field Hockey followed by 10 years on the National Team playing 128 games for Canada around the world -playing seasons in England, South Africa and Perth and major games for Canada. She is now an Orthopedic Trauma Surgeon and is married to Scott, a Burnaby Firefighter. They have two wonderful daughters, Grace and Lily, who are the loves of our lives.

Carla studied Art History and was a rower for one year. She did a Masters at Carlton in Ottawa and PhD at Queens. She is now a professor in cultural studies in Halifax at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University with a particular interest in First Nations Art. Her partner is a boat engineer.

In October 2014, I retired from my academic position in the Faculty of Medicine at UBC. I am now Professor Emeritus doing contract and research work. I have had major spine surgery and am presently not working in my clinical practice. I am hoping to get a fusion in 5-6 months and get off my Nordic Poles and be able to run and cycle again and be able to enjoy some travel. My involvement in sport has taken me around the world but gave me little time to really appreciate the places I visited from the tourist point of view.

I am keen to catch up with everyone and thank you to the organizing committee for doing such a tremendous job.

