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CINDY DEVINE

The Canadian Cycling Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome the first-ever women's downhill World Champion and trail blazer, Cindy Devine, as an inductee for 2021.

Cindy, who was born in Venezuela before moving to the North Shore of Vancouver, fell in love with mountain biking by accident, but the impact she made on the sport would be everlasting. Throughout her childhood, she looked towards any sport that could keep her moving such as track, basketball or volleyball. On weekends, she would find herself biking 80 kilometres from her house to get to the beach.

By the time she was in university in 1981, Cindy was completing cycling tours, with the first taking her from Prince Rupert and back. Over the next few years, she decided to tackle tours in Fiji, the Cook Islands and New Zealand where she lived for three years.

By 1987, she had returned home to Canada and had fallen in love with mountain biking. She signed up for a few bike races, which she won, and the following year, at the age of 28, was sponsored by *Rocky Mountain Bicycles* which helped fund her downhill career.

It was in 1989 when Cindy started to turn heads, winning gold and bronze at the first unofficial Mountain Bike World Championships. In 1990, she officially made history as she raced to win Canada's first-ever gold medal at the inaugural UCI Mountain Bike World Championships, winning the women's first downhill title. Following her gold medal performance, she would see the World Championship podium four more times, winning a bronze medal in 1991 and 1992, and finishing in the top-5 the two following years before announcing her retirement from the sport.

In addition to her success on the international scene, Cindy was a five-time undefeated Canadian champion, earned three Kamikaze downhill titles and was inducted into the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame in 2003.

Upon her retirement, she spent years passing on her knowledge, skills and love for the sport at the West Coast School of Mountain Biking and the Shimano Dirt series focusing on getting more women and girls into mountain biking.

While she may have discovered the sport by chance, the trail of accomplishments she left behind are surely an inspiration to the Canadian cycling community to this day. Cindy Devine, we are honoured to officially induct you into the Canadian Cycling Hall of Fame.