

Brian Pipes

2011 Inductee - Special Recognition Category



Brian has coached baseball and softball in the Trail area for over 40 years. Brian has been elected a member of BC's Babe Ruth Hall of Fame and Baseball BC's Hall of Fame, where he has received the Silver Diamond Award for his work in baseball in the Province.



In 1985, four sports-minded people who wanted a more competitive softball league – Richard Rhodes, Karla Gardiner, Liz Lord and Brian Pipes started the Lower Columbia Girls' Softball League. The teams in this league for girls aged 8 to 16 were Trail, Warfield, Genelle, Montrose, Fruitvale and Salmo. Later 17 to 18-year olds were included. From 1985 to 2003, teams have medalled in eight Provincial Championships. When you consider the size of the athlete pool in the communities of Castlegar, Trail and Salmo this is no mean feat. In 1989, Brian coached in the BC Summer games and led his team to a silver medal.

From 1990 to 1999, Brian worked with Pee Wee aged players in the Thunder Fastpitch program, and in 1997 he was honoured as the Citizen of the Year in the City of Trail. Brian is still a volunteer coach and continues to conduct pitching clinics and development camps in Trail, Salmo and Castlegar. With his dedication, support and coaching talents, Brian has sent 14 girls to US colleges and universities on scholarships, including Lauren Bay-Regula.

In 2005 Brian was honoured as a Champion of the City of Trail (Individual) for outstanding work in youth baseball and softball in Trail and District.