

Clifford Bouillet

2004 Inductee - Sponsor Category



Attempting to describe Cliff is difficult in both Fastpitch and human terms. He is aggressive in the pursuit of goals, but personally is subtle, soft-spoken and gentlemanly in manner and speech. He shuns public attention for himself, but sought that same attention for his team and the game of Fastpitch. Cliff was a fan, a coach and the sponsor of the Regent Communications Fastball Team (later changed to the PoCo Ravens).

From a modest beginning with a Senior C team, over the next sixteen years he personally and corporately sponsored a Senior Men's team that achieved the highest level of success and respect at the local, provincial, national and international level. In the late 1980's, with the assistance of friends and colleagues, the team had achieved Senior A status and joined the Northwest league. The Regents won many medals at Provincial Championships and 2 Silver Medals at Canadian Championships. The team, also under Cliff's guidance, developed close relations with the New Zealand and Japanese National teams and in 1993 toured New Zealand, which led to the team winning the Winfield Cup in Auckland, New Zealand. They also had a highly successful tour of Japan in the mid 1990's.

In 1992 and 1996 in conjunction with the CASA, Cliff underwrote two tremendous Fastpitch events - North American Fastball Challenge Cup I and II. These events brought together the top four Canadian and top four American teams at Queens Park Stadium. With Cliff's sponsorship, the events drew thousands of fans and acquired local media attention. This tournament is probably one of the first softball events televised by TSN.

Cliff's dedication to creating a Fastpitch dream touched countless elite players, scores of fans and many developing youth players.