Finn Kennedy

1993 Inductee - 50 Year Club

Finn Kennedy was involved in softball for an incredible 50-year span from 1938 to 1988, contributing to the game in nearly every capacity.

Over the course of his involvement, he served as a bat boy, player, coach, umpire, Minor Council member, and Minor Coordinator, and also held key leadership roles within the sport, including Vice President of the Colwood and District Softball Association and President of the Sooke Athletic Association.

His softball career within the BC Amateur Softball Association, began in 1938 with the Metchosin Rangers Senior B team. During the war years, he played for the Navy Team in Prince Rupert. After the war he returned to Sooke and played with the Sooke Seniors until 1954.

From 1956 to 1965, Finn coached minor boys and umpired minor and senior softball games. In 1956, he was appointed boy's minor council member for the lower Vancouver Island and continued in that position until 1965. From 1966 to 1969, he kept busy being Tournament Director or in charge of minor bc championships held on the lower island.

In 1968, he started coaching again, firstly with a young girls' team, and from 1969 through to 1979, he coached boys' teams. In 1968, he was appointed Minor Coordinator for District 1, and has continued in that position ever since. His love for the game and his untiring efforts have been instrumental in promoting minor softball in District #1, to the great extent that it is today. He has been recognized for his efforts with the following awards:

- 1967 – Centennial Award
- 1977/86 – First Canadian Minor Service Award
- 1979 – Lifetime Membership in Sooke Softball
- 1980 – First BC minor coordinator award
- 1988 – Life Member Softball BC
- 1993 – Inducted into the Softball BC 50 Year Club