

# Jack Bell

1994 Inductee - Builder/Sportsperson Category

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With over a decade of service as general manager of the Victoria Bates/Budget Men's fastpitch dynasty, Jack Bell's name became synonymous with softball in the Northwest and across the country.

Instrumental in the creation of the Super Series that saw the best in the world come to play in Victoria, Jack was a key partner in the Brian Trust of Herb Bate and Joe Patterson that justly deserved great credit for building fastpitch in Victoria and the Pacific Northwest.



His marketing and community relations skills were critical to the establishment of an incredibly loyal fan base that continues even to this day.

Bell was the skilled organizer behind the successful hosting of a Canadian National Championship and volunteered these skills in service as an executive of the Northwest League.

His clubs featured a who's-who of Canadian and International softballs. Legendary names such as Bob Burrows, Jim McMillan, Stan Kern and Reg Underwood were among the many greats who toiled under Jack Bell and fellow Hall of Famer, Joe Patterson. With perhaps the finest collection of playing talent ever assembled on a club team, Jack's squad captured five successive Provincial golds, a National Championship and a Co-World's title.

Jack Bell was inducted into the Softball BC Hall of Fame as a sportsperson/builder in 1994.