

Jo Mathieson-Parkin

2002 Inductee - 50 Year Club



Jo started playing ball as a teenager in Vancouver, in 1947, when Frank Marshal recruited her after seeing her play in high school. Little did she know, she would gain a lifelong love of the game. Jo played many years of Senior A softball and was a member of the team representing BC at the first ever Canada Summer Games, held in Nova Scotia. At the completion of the Games, Jo and the team traveled to Fort Erie, Ontario for the Sr. Women's Canadian National Championships where Jo was named the All-Star Catcher.



In the early 70's, Jo left the competition side of the game to play in North Vancouver, where she started the next phase of her softball career, coaching. Jo started coaching at the juvenile division and moved on to Junior Softball. Then about 22 years ago, she joined forces with Cec Larocque and started coaching in the Senior A ladies league at South Memorial. In 1982, Jo was named Softball BC's Coach of the Year. Jo has continued to coach and is currently helping to coach the Burnaby Oakeys at the Midget A level.

In addition to her playing and coaching, Jo took on the responsibility of District 4 Senior Coordinator for approximately 10 years during the late 70's and early 80's.

Over the years Jo has played or coached in numerous Provincials, Westerns and Canadians bringing home too many medals to count. Jo continues with the game she started playing because she loves the game. Jo has given softball so much over her many years of involvement. As a player, coach or administrator Jo has been and still is a wonderful ambassador for the game of softball. Her love and commitment alongside the joy of playing and coaching represent Jo as a great supporter and a doer. Softball is lucky to have Jo and we are a better sport because of her.