

John Zboya

2006 Inductee - Builder/Sportsperson Category

John's involvement with Softball BC commenced in 1978, as the first employee ever hired by the Association. Shirley Randall was the President responsible for this bold move of hiring an employee. John started his tenure as Executive Director working out of his house in the early years, until an office devoid of windows was located in the basement of the Sport BC building on Hornby Street. John was the only staff person of the Association, until in 1982 a part time Secretary was hired. John served as Executive Director for Softball B.C. from 1978 to 1992. During this time he began his involvement with the NCCP program. He attended his first NCCP clinic in 1980. Within a few years John became one of Softball B.C.'s NCCP Course Conductors and in the early 90's became one of B.C.'s Master Course Conductors.



John Zboya's playing career began at the Senior Men's Fastpitch level in 1972, and much of that time was spent as a playing assistant coach. In 1987, he hung up his glove to devote all his time to coaching. John had been coaching his 5 year old son Jacob in North Delta in 1985, and in 1988 moved on to coach his daughter Sara with the Langley Rebels Rep Program. John coached the Langley Rebels through to the junior category and at the Senior B level. Because of work commitments, John served as a guest coach for a number of teams.

John worked with and was a member of Softball Canada's Coaching Development Committee. He also served on Softball Canada's Initiation Committee that launched the Learn to Play Program. He continued to devote his time and effort as one of Softball B.C.'s Master Learning Facilitators by launching the new NCCP/CBET program.

John was involved with the training of over 1400 coaches and approximately 30 NCCP Course Conductors in many communities across B.C. and the Yukon. He was a tireless worker and a great asset to the sport of softball.