

Tom Taylor

2012 Inductee - Builder Category



In his first Minor Director's Report as a member of the Softball BC Board of Directors, the question was posed to Tom "Is the whole season going to be a full moon" and his answer was "Yes - but we all survived to play another season and remember if you had the season from hell, to ask yourselves, "Can next season be that bad?" Tom must have been the eternal optimist as he spent the next 16 years on the Softball BC Board of Directors ever certain that the next season could not be that bad.



Tom became involved with Softball at the local level in North Vancouver, where he served as the North Shore Girls president from 1982 to 1992. In 1989, he became the District 4 Minor Coordinator and joined the Softball BC Board in 1992 as the Minor Director. He served as the first Vice President from 1997 to 2000 and became the President of the association in 2000. In his first year as President Tom chided everyone that we could not 'promote, govern and build' the sport if we held on to old ideas and were unwilling to change. His answer was to "Get over it and move on!" A sentiment that would set the tone of his leadership of the association for the next 6 years.

During his time on the Board of Directors:

- Mission Staff Team BC Summer Games-1997
- Director-in-Charge of NCCP - 4 years
- Member of Softball B.C. Finance Committee - 6 years
- Softball B.C. rep at numerous Provincial Championships
- Western Canadian rep at Senior Men & Women; Bantam Girls & Boys; Sic-Pitch; Mixed Orthodox and Midget Girls & Boys

In 2004, Tom became a Softball Canada Board of Director, a position he held for 4 years. During that time he was involved in many activities nationally that included: Softball Canada Finance Committee, Coaching Committee, Long Term Athlete Development Committee, Slo-Pitch Committee and the Canadian Championship Committee.