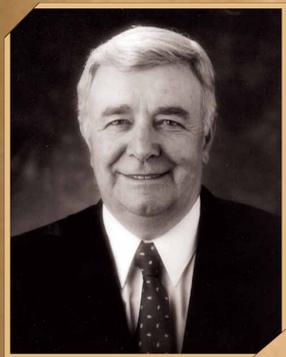




# 1996 BUILDERS



**ENZO BACCATA**  
CURLING

The sport of curling celebrated its 100th anniversary in Lethbridge in 1906, and Enzo Baccata was involved with the Lethbridge Curling Club for nearly half of its 100 years, initially becoming a member in 1951. Baccata served on the club executive from 1967 to 1975, including a term as President for the 1972-73 season. He also spent three years as a delegate to the Southern Alberta Curling Association. In 1975-76 he was committee chairman for the Seagram Mixed Canadian Championship and in 1986-87 he was a member of the Scott Tournament of Hearts committee. Baccata also held Level 1 and Level 2 coaching certificates, and from 1988 to 1995 was a clinic instructor for the beginner and advanced levels.



**BRENT & NANCY THORBURN**  
SOCCER

Since coming to Lethbridge in 1974, Brent and Nancy Thorburn were instrumental in turning soccer into a thriving sport in this city. Through their tireless efforts on and off the field the Lethbridge Soccer Association became one of the most respected soccer organizations in the province. The Thorburns not only contributed their administrative skills but also served as coaches, producing championships and developing the skills of countless players who went on to play in the college and university ranks. Brent became President of the Lethbridge Soccer Association in 1982 after serving on the board for three years. As President, he helped bring about new facilities for the sport in Lethbridge, including the indoor soccer facility. In 1993 Brent was elected President of the Alberta Soccer Association. Nancy worked for several years as the manager of the Lethbridge Soccer Association, running a sports program that served over 1,200 participants annually. She was also one of a handful of coaches in the province to hold a C license. Brent and Nancy built the Chargers Soccer Club into one of the most formidable teams in the province. In all, the Thorburns guided teams to 11 provincial titles, 2 silver medals at nationals, a bronze medal at nationals and a Western Canadian Championship.



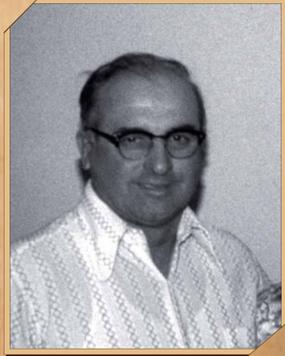
**DON & ETHEL HIGGINS**  
FIGURE SKATING

The sport of figure skating in Lethbridge owes a debt of gratitude to Don and Ethel Higgins, who were instrumental in the development of the Lethbridge Figure Skating Club. Don and Ethel were prominent figure skaters at the Wisconsin Winter Club in Englewood during their early years. Both were Canadian Figure Skating Association Bronze Medalists who skated solo and as a pair in ice carnivals throughout Southern Saskatchewan. In 1942 Don and Ethel were invited to participate in a local ice carnival. The Higgins not only added figure skating to the program, but soon became involved in forming the Lethbridge Figure Skating Club. The Higgins remained star attractions at skating events until 1950, when they made their final public performance.



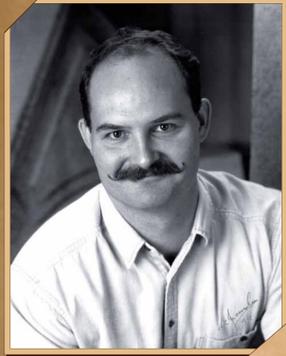
**RALPH OLER**  
MARKSMANSHIP

Ralph Oler captured 12 provincial and 11 national Titles in various classes of metallic silhouette shooting. Since '86, the first year of the High Power Hunter Rifle category, Oler dominated the event provincially. He also won the Smallbore Hunter AA's aggregate in 1990 and the AAA aggregate title in 1992. He captured the Smallbore Custom Rifle Championships in 1981, 1990, 1991 and 1992. Nationally, he has won titles in High Power Hunter, Smallbore Hunter, High Power Custom and Smallbore Custom Rifle categories. Oler also distinguished himself in international competition.



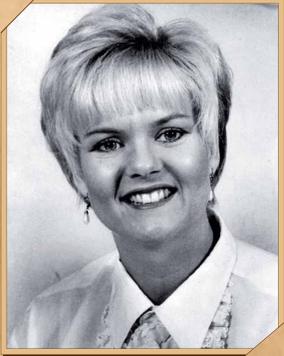
**BILL KOSKOKI**  
SOFTBALL

Bill Koskoki came to prominence on the ball diamond in 1942 when he helped pitch Commercial Printers of Lethbridge to the Alberta Junior Softball Championship. He was the winning pitcher in both Lethbridge victories in the best of three championship series with the powerful Calgary Victorias. In 1943 Koskoki put together a 14-0 record pitching for the Lethbridge Cubs, as the team captured the Holman Cup. He also pitched Columbus Club to the Alberta Senior Men's Softball Championships in 1944 and 1945. Koskoki was also an outstanding bowler in the '50s and earned a spot on the Western Canadian C Pin Men's Championship team in 1959. He was also a member of the Canadian Trash Wood Team.



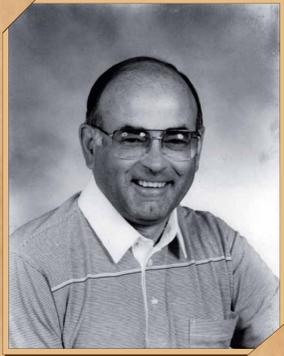
**BRUCE LYON**  
BASEBALL

Lethbridge's Little League baseball program has produced many outstanding players but one of the best was Bruce Lyon, who made it all the way to the professional ranks as a catcher in the New York Mets organization. Lyon's road to pro ball began in the '70s as a pitcher and shortstop, where he helped the Norcrest Little League All Stars to a second place finish at the Canadian Championships in 1974 and again in 1975. In the '75 championships he led all hitters with a .777 batting average. In 1977 Lyon was with the Senior All Stars, and he helped the team to the title at the Canadian Championships. In 1978 he was back at the national championship, and he and the team finished second. In 1979 he moved behind the plate and was instrumental in Lethbridge winning the Canadian Big League Championships in '79 and '80.



**KAREN EWASCHEN**  
POWER LIFTING

Ewaschen's accomplishments in powerlifting are testimony to her strength and dedication. In 1986 Ewaschen won the Women's Open Event at a competition in Gull Lake, Saskatchewan. That same year Ewaschen was second in the women's lightweight division at the Montana Open Masters Tournament. In 1988, Ewaschen placed first in her division at the Montana Open Championships and was named best female lifter. Ewaschen also won the Canadian Powerlifting Championships and captured the 114 pound division at the World Open Championships. In 1995, at the Western Canadian Powerlifting Championships, Ewaschen broke her own world record. Besides being an international caliber competitor, Ewaschen promoted and supported health and fitness, powerlifting, and body building in Southern Alberta for a number of years, both through her competitions and as a certified trainer.



**CORRADO SANTONI**  
SOFTBALL

No matter what the season, Corrado Santoni was involved in sports in one way or another. For 30 years Santoni was involved in football, both as a player and as a coach. He was the major men's football league batting champion in 1963, and an all-star outfielder in 1964. In 1965 he was a member of the Provincial Senior 'P' Champions Dallas Hotel Cowboys and helped the Lethbridge Minors to the Alberta Senior 'A' Championships in 1973 and 1975. In 1986, Santoni received the Harvey Kilfoyle Award for his work with minor softball and in 1989 he was again honored by the Alberta Softball Association with a merit award. Santoni also spent over 30 years refereeing basketball, officiating at the high school, college, and university levels as well as working at the 1975 Canada Winter Games in Lethbridge, plus the Canadian Championships in Burnaby, B.C. in 1981.



# 1996 TEAMS



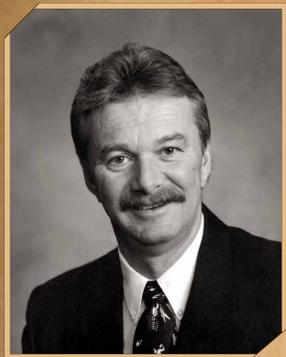
## 1988-89 LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE KODIAKS

**BASKETBALL**  
Lethbridge Community College's first national championship in basketball came in the 1988-89 season, when the LCC Kodiak women ran roughshod over their competition. After setting for the silver medal at Nationals the year before, the Kodiaks were not to be denied in the 1988-89 season. Led by 6-foot-7" Laurie Hockridge, an All Canadian and Alberta College Athletic Conference scoring leader, and ACAC All-Star guard Carrie Kuntz, who finished second in league scoring, the Kodiaks rolled to a 14-0 league record and were 35-1 overall. LCC edged host Red Deer College Queens 59-37 in the ACAC Final to advance to the National Championships in Grande Prairie. There they opened with a 74-44 rout of Berea Baptist College, then dispatched Douglas College 72-62. In the National Final, the Kodiaks avenged their loss to John Abbott Lady Islanders in the '88 title game by beating the Quebec squad 62-45. Kodiak Coach John Jasnikiewicz was honored as the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Coach of the Year. Flayers on the championship team were player-coach Barb Rabott, Carrie Kuntz, Shelley Korros, Laura Bethelshon, Lori Mathews, Carmen Kuntson, Loretta Hazelear, Amber Powelshon, Trish Murphy, and Laurie Hockridge.

Left to Right: Barb Rabott, Carrie Kuntz, Shelley Korros, Laura Bethelshon, Lori Mathews, John Jasnikiewicz, Carmen Kuntson, Loretta Hazelear, Amber Powelshon, Trish Murphy, Laurie Hockridge.



# 1996 SPECIAL



**STEVE FALLWELL**  
SPECIAL AWARD

Steve Fallwell was best known as the "Voice of the Lethbridge Hurricanes" on CJOJ but his involvement in the Lethbridge sports scene extended far beyond the hockey rink. For more than two decades, Fallwell broadcast major junior hockey from the Lethbridge Broncos of the 1970s and '80s to the Lethbridge Hurricanes. Fallwell announced more than 1,300 Western Hockey League games. Fallwell also promoted other local sports, ranging from baseball, basketball, football, and curling to soccer, swimming, volleyball, and track and field. Fallwell was also named Media Person of the Year in 1987 by the Alberta Curling Association.

Women's Basketball  
Canada Winter Games  
Lethbridge February 1975



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