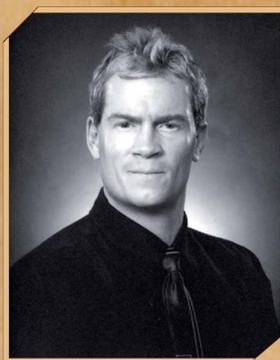




2006 ATHLETES



TREVOR HARDY

BOXING KICKBOXING

Trevor Hardy made a habit of winning when he put on the boxing gloves and stepped into the ring.

Whether at boxing or its variations, Hardy racked up an impressive assortment of titles in the mid-1980s into the new century, and that despite a one-eye condition that required periodic operations to stave its complications.

Hardy captured the Alberta Golden Gloves crown in the heavyweight division in 1992 and added the Alberta Diamond Belt and Alberta Championship titles the same year.

He was the Alberta Golden Gloves Superheavyweight Champion in 1996 and the same year claimed the western Canadian title and earned a bronze medal at the Canadian Boxing Championships.

Showing his versatility, Hardy was also the Western Canadian Cruiserweight Kickboxing Champion in 1996.

The success continued in 1997 with another Alberta provincial boxing crown in the heavyweight class.

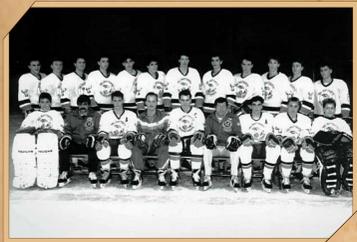
In 1998, Hardy earned Phase I JKD (Jeet Kune Do) instructor status through Progressive Fighting Systems International and became a full instructor in JKD in 2000.

He captured the Canadian Golden Gloves heavyweight crown in 2001 and the same year was the Canadian Mixed Martial Arts Heavyweight Champion.

A kickboxer, Hardy was undefeated for 18 years, earning the World Kickboxing Association's No. 1 ranking in Canada.

Hardy has also been successful in passing on his expertise to other ring competitors. Co-founder of Lethbridge's Progressive Fighting Academy, he was coach and trainer of Canadian Golden Gloves Kickboxing Champions Brad Wall and Robert Mein, and trained other nationally ranked kickboxers including Ricardo Alas and Michelle Hernandez. He also served for several years as strength and conditioning coach for the Lethbridge Hurricanes of the Western Hockey League.

In addition, Hardy designed and taught one of the country's first college credit courses in kickboxing.



1989 VAL MATTEOTTI GOLDEN HAWKS

HOCKEY

The Purulotaur Cup, symbolic of bantam hockey supremacy in western Canada, is the equivalent of the Stanley Cup in 14 and 15-year-old hockey players in Alberta, B.C., Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

In 1989, the Lethbridge Val Matteotti Golden Hawks captured that coveted title, a crowning achievement in Lethbridge's bantam hockey program.

Under the direction of coach Dan Rodell and his 16 years of coaching experience, assistant coach Rich West and manager Ron Sully, the Golden Hawks fashioned a glittering record of 18 wins, no losses and one tie during their schedule in the Calgary Bantam AAA League. Along the way, the Hawks scored 140 goals while allowing only 50.

The Golden Hawks went into the Purulotaur Challenge Cup tournament, held at Brandon's Keystone Centre, with an impressive overall record of 35 wins, nine losses and seven ties, having amassed 327 goals and allowed 190 along the way.

The previous seasons, the Hawks had finished second in the Alberta Provincial Championships to the Fort Saskatchewan Selects, who went on to win the Purulotaur Cup. The Hawks opened the 1989 tournament by beating the host Ft. and Wheat Kings 5-1. The next day they edged the B.C. champion Cranbrook Eagles 4-3, then doubled the Manitoba champs, Winnipeg Southwest Monarchs, 6-3 with the help of two goals by Stacy Roest.

Lethbridge dropped its final round robin game 7-5 to the Estevan Bruins, but a berth in the final was already assured.

In the championship game against Winnipeg, the Golden Hawks fell behind 3-0 before mounting an amazing comeback. Scott Townsend scored in the second period to put Lethbridge on the scoreboard, then Roest netted a pair of third-period goals to send the game into overtime. With 4:10 gone in the second overtime period, Grant Krysiak deflected a point shot taken by Ryan Smith and the Golden Hawks were 4-3 victors as well as champions of western Canada.

Back Row (L-R): Stacy Roest, Ryan West, Travis Ring, Jason Wilmer, Jeff Lewis, Darcy Jerome, Ryan Smith, Grant Krysiak, Jason Harnappelbauer, Kevin Hart, Scott Townsend, Mike Weyers
Front Row (L-R): Jeff Gilgic, Ron Sully (Manager), Mike Broobol, Rich West (Asst. Coach), Jeff Cowie, Dan Rodell (Coach), Danny Faassen, Stacey Seredinski, Danny Rude
Missing: Aaron Boh



2006 TEAMS



2006 SPECIAL



JACK NAGAI

SPECIAL AWARD

Unseen behind the scenes ranging from baseball and hockey games to basketball and soccer tournaments. And while it's hoped they won't be called into action, when they are, their efforts can take on greater importance than those of the athletes and coaches.

First aid attendance play a crucial role at sporting events and it's a role to which Jack Nagai has contributed in southern Alberta for a quarter century.

Since 1980, Nagai has accumulated more than 4,000 hours of volunteer hours with the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The oldest and longest-serving member of Lethbridge Brigade 454, he regularly travels the 50 kilometers from his rural home to Lethbridge to attend meetings and perform duties at various sporting activities such as hockey games, soccer tournaments and the annual Lethbridge Moonlight Run.

Besides showing exceptional pride and dedication in his first aid work, Nagai brings to the position a positive attitude and kind disposition that make him a pleasure for his fellow brigade members to work with. He also assists other brigade members by arranging transportation and has attended provincial St. John Ambulance conferences in Jasper, Calgary, Red Deer, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge.

A 2005 recipient of the Officer medal in the Order of St. John, Nagai's efforts have also been recognized through the years with the Serving Brother Award in 1988, presented by then Governor General Jeanne Sauve; the Long Service Medal in 1993, awarded by then Lieutenant Governor Gordon Towers; and the Edward Boyd Award in 2005. That same year he received an Alberta Centennial Medal in recognition of his volunteerism in the community.



1975 CANADA GAMES SOCIETY

SPECIAL AWARD

Lethbridge and area continues to benefit more than 30 years later from the hard work of a group of dedicated organizers who helped the city and region stand before a national audience.

When Lethbridge was chosen to play host to the 1975 Canada Winter Games, there were doubters. It marked the first time the games, born in Canada's centennial year of 1967, were destined for such a small community (population 45,000 at the time). Previous Games had been held in Quebec City, Halifax/Dartmouth, Saskatoon and New Westminster/Burnaby.

However, the plan wasn't for Lethbridge to tackle the event alone, but as a region, with 13 other communities taking part. It was a new and ambitious concept but southern Alberta proved equal to the challenge.

Organizers demonstrated great creativity, solving the need for accommodations for 2,400 athletes by turning several downtown area schools into athlete's villages. When visiting parents found the area hotels filled, southern Alberta hospitality took over and residents took the visitors into their homes.

All athletic events except ski jumping (which took place in Devon, south of Edmonton) were held in Lethbridge or southern Alberta communities.

More than \$4 million of the approximate total cost of the \$5 million was spent on the "Canada Games Sportsplex". This facility enabled the city to attract a western hockey league, major sporting events, conventions and concerts.

The Canada Games left a legacy that includes, the Sportsplex, hundreds of volunteers as trained sports officials, sports equipment that was donated to each town that hosted an event and finally scholarships at the University of Lethbridge Community College.

Front Row (L-R): Gary Bowie (Sports), Tom McNab (Friends of the Games), Dwight Ganske, Keith Lees (General Manager), Charles Vinton (President), Vera Ferguson, Ian Howard, Juan Trevin
Middle Row (L-R): Dick Papworth, Phil Hoffert, Unknown, William "Bill" Kerger (Facilities), Cameron "Cam" Barnes, Ron Jacobson (Services), Unknown, Roy Blais (Regional)
Back Row (L-R): Dave Leary, Bob Jacobson, Connie Rhy, Max Gibb, Dean Cooper (Finance)
Missing: Douglas Dunlop (Public Relations), Robert Barber (Chairman of Management Committee), J.E. McDonald, Frank Capton, W.G. Geldert, Hubert West, Dan McKim



2007 BUILDERS



SHEILA BUSLOW

RINGETTE

Approximately 100 girls enjoy playing the sport of ringette in Lethbridge and they have Sheila Buslow to thank for it.

In the mid-1970s, the sport didn't exist in the city. In fact, ice sports for girls was limited mainly to figure skating, with a bit of hockey as well.

Noting that void, Buslow took it upon herself to schedule ice time and arrange opportunities to introduce girls to ringette. She also organized workshops and other training opportunities for coaches and referees, as well as skill improvement clinics for players.

Buslow worked with other volunteers in setting up an administrative structure for the sport, and was instrumental in obtaining not-for-profit status for the fledgling organization while also getting in place funding strategies.

She served for a number of years on the sport's provincial board, helping not only to assist in the growth and development of the sport in Alberta but also advocating for needs in Lethbridge.

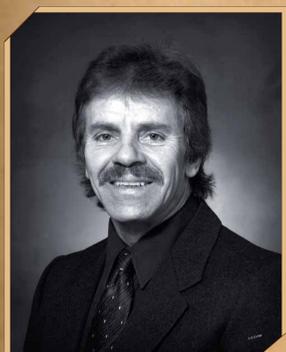
Her love for the sport included hands-on involvement by instructing the youngest age group, the Bunnies, long after the local organization had become firmly established.

By the time Buslow retired from ringette, she had devoted 25-plus years to the sport, coaching countless children and parents in a positive way during that span.

Her passion for ringette and her tireless efforts on the sport's behalf built the foundation on which the local organization stands today.



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MIKE MARCINKOWSKI

POWERLIFTING

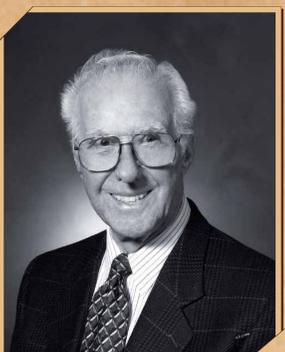
Mike Marcinkowski has proven himself to be one of the best in the world when it comes to heavy metal...not playing it, but lifting it.

A latecomer to the sport, he was in his 40s when the 1997 World Drug-Free Powerlifting Championships in Tulsa inspired him to try it...the nature of Poland has gone on to rack up six World Drug-Free Powerlifting Federation titles in the Masters Division.

His career as a powerlifter started with a bang in 1998 when he won the Canadian Drug-Free Powerlifting Association National Championship in the 75-kilogram (165-pound) weight class in his master's age division. He did so in grand style, setting new CDFPA records in the squat, bench and deadlift.

He won his first world title later that year in Atlanta, Ga., then added the 1999 Pan-American Championship in the Masters Division while placing second in the open class.

Other world titles followed in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. He also won the 2000 Drug-Free Single-Event Squat World Championship in 2000, captured three gold medals at the 2001 Canadian Single-Event and Powerlifting Championships (including winning the open class) and set two world records in winning the squat and deadlift crowns at the 2001 Single-Event World Championships.



CLARENCE YANOSIK

BASEBALL

Lethbridge has long enjoyed a stellar reputation as a hotbed of baseball and one of the game's key figures locally during the 1940s and 1950s was Clarence Yanosik.

Early in Yanosik's baseball career, Lethbridge featured just one senior baseball team, the powerful Galt Minors. It was a tough lineup to crack, but young Yanosik and Johnny Klem, who would remain Yanosik's roommate for years, managed to land spots with the club. Yanosik and Klem later teamed with Steve Odery to form an outstanding outfield that was dubbed "the Awesome Threesome."

In 1948, while he was attending and playing baseball at the University of British Columbia, Yanosik's talent caught the attention of a pro scout who signed him to play for the Vancouver Caplans of the Western International Professional Baseball League.

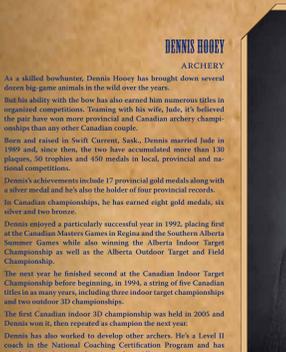
Yanosik later chose an academic career over baseball and went into a long and successful law career, climbing the ladder from lawyer to become a judge in the Court of Queen's Bench.

But while he opted against pro baseball, Yanosik continued to hone his skills at the senior level, helping the Lethbridge Cubs to the Alberta Senior Baseball Championship in 1951, 1952 and 1953.

In the 1952 Alberta final, Yanosik had three hits in the Cubs' 2-2 win over Brooks and was named center fielder on the All-Alberta team.

The Cubs also captured the White Lunch Challenge Cup, sponsored by Lethbridge's White Lunch Cafe, in 1950, 1951 and 1952. The rule stated any team winning the cup three straight years could keep it and the trophy still sits in the Yanosik home.

Yanosik was a player-coach in 1965 when an all-star squad crafted from southern Alberta clubs captured the prestigious Lethbridge Rotary Baseball Tournament.



DENNIS HOBERY

ARCHERY

As a skilled bowhunter, Dennis Hobery has brought down several dozen big game animals in the wild over the years.

But his ability with the bow has also earned him numerous titles in organized competitions. Training with his wife, Jude, it's believed the pair have won more provincial and Canadian archery championships than any other Canadian couple.

Born and raised in Swift Current, Sask., Dennis married Jude in 1989 and, since then, the two have accumulated more than 130 players, 50 trophies and 60 medals in local, provincial and national competitions.

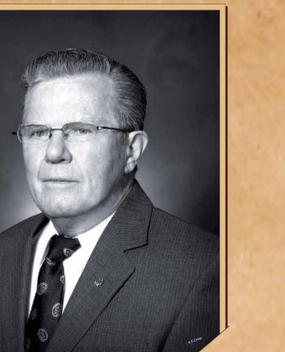
Dennis's achievements include 17 provincial gold medals along with a silver medal and he's also the holder of four provincial records. In Canadian championships, he has earned eight gold medals, six silver and two bronze.

Dennis enjoyed a particularly successful year in 1992, placing first at the Canadian Masters Games in Regina and the Southern Alberta Summer Games while also winning the Alberta Indoor Target Championship as well as the Alberta Outdoor Target and Field Championships.

The next year he finished second at the Canadian Indoor Target Championship before beginning, in 1994, a string of five Canadian titles in as many years, including three indoor target championships and two outdoor 3D championships.

The first Canadian indoor 3D championship was held in 2003 and Dennis won it, then repeated as champion the next year.

Dennis has also worked to develop other archers. He's a Level II coach in the National Coaching Certification Program and has coached many junior archers in southern Alberta.



JUDE HOBERY

ARCHERY

Part of Lethbridge's "Royal Couple" of archery, along with husband Dennis, Jude Hobery has amassed an amazing collection of accomplishments in the sport since taking it up on a whim in 1989.

Born and raised in Lethbridge, Jude's name is as prevalent in the Federation of Canadian Archery record book as is Wayne Gretzky's in the list of NHL records. Hobery has accumulated 19 national and 27 provincial records while also earning a slew of provincial, national and international medals.

In the Master Women Bowhunter Unlimited category of the FCA's record book, for example, Jude owns every record in the open class from 30 metres and beyond, 11 records in all.

Her impressive resume includes 16 gold medals, 11 silver and two bronze at provincial championships, 15 gold medals, seven silver and four bronze at nationals and a gold and a silver at international championships.

Jude has represented Canada three times at the World Archery Championships and in 1995 was named Female Athlete of the Year by the Federation of Canadian Archers.

Her achievements include winning the amateur women's category at the prestigious Vegas Shoot in 1991.

She is a certified Level III coach in the National Coaching Certification Program and is working on her Level IV. She is a coach/instructor with the Federation of Canadian Archers and has served as Head Coach of the Lethbridge Junior Archery Program since 1992.

Jude was also Vice-President of the FCA for eight years.

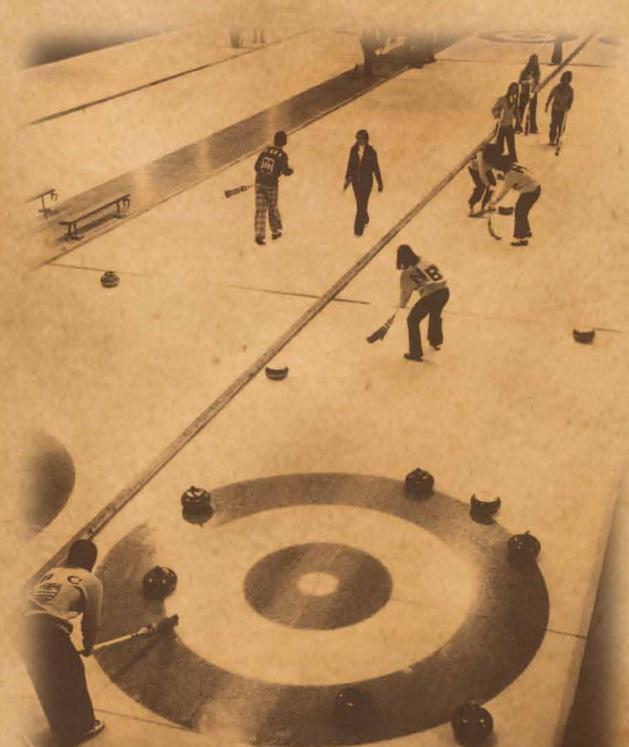


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Curling - Canada Winter Games at Lethbridge February 1975