



Tunnel Town Curling Club
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TUNNEL TOWN CURLING CLUB LIFE MEMBERS

Tunnel Town Curling Club has, to date, inducted ten members as Honorary Life Members for their contributions to the club and the game of curling. A brief biography of each of them follows:

NAME: JUNE FRANKLIN

YEAR INDUCTED: 2018

EDUCATION:

Stenography Leeds High School
Leeds, England
Accounting Remington Accounting
Leeds, England



CURLING CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:

Tunnel Town Curling Club Delta, B.C. 1967 - PRESENT

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

June Firth was born in the city of Leeds, Yorkshire County, England. She emigrated with her family to Rocky Mountain House in Alberta Canada in 1947, but the family returned to England after spending one winter in Canada. June returned to school in Leeds and completed her high school at the age of 16. She took a job with a local company who, in response to her request, agreed to send her for accountant training. When June's father died at a young age, she talked her mother into again emigrating to Canada, but this time to Burnaby BC.

However, once again they were homesick for England, and returned after only a few months in Canada. After returning to Leeds in 1957, June obtained a position in the accounting department of sewing machine factory there. She married Ron Franklin, who worked as sewing machine technician, at the same factory, in 1959. They immigrated to Vancouver, Canada in 1965 where Ron started his own business which sold and serviced industrial sewing machines and cutting equipment. June did the accounting and office work for their company. She also worked as an accountant for Richmond Building Supplies for many years.

Ron and June met another British expatriated couple, Ron and Bessie Hails, who had recently bought a house in Tsawwassen, which was just starting to develop, in the mid sixties. Ron & June liked the area and purchased a new home there in 1966. Ron Hails was a members of Tunnel

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Town Curling Club and invited Ron to curl with him for the 1966/67 season. Ron talked June into joining the club the following year. June has been active members of Tunnel Town Curling Club since then.

Ron & June's two children Graeme, and Julie, who were born in Tsawwassen, were introduced to curling, and with the support of their parents soon became very proficient members of an active youth and junior program at Tunnel Town. Graeme skipped the BC Junior Men's Provincial Champions in 1986, and played in the 1988 Brier. Julie's team won the BC High School Girls Provincial Playdowns in 1983/84.

June was on Tunnel Town's Board of Directors and Secretary for the 1977-78 season .

June has been successful in her fifty years of curling at Tunnel Town. In the past twenty years she has been on the team that won a Wednesday Morning Ladies League 8 different times. She has won the mixed championship a couple of times, won several prizes at the Club's Ladies and Mixed Bonspiels, and has had wins at various bonspiels hosted by other clubs.

June, who will be 79 years old in August, 2018, continues to curl, using a delivery stick device, in the Wednesday Morning Ladies League. She also golfs with other Curling Club Members in the summer. She spends a lot of time watching her five grand children, who are very athletic, participate in their sport activities. Her grandson Carson, plays in the Alberta Junior Hockey League.

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TTCC LIFE MEMBERS (continued)

NAME: RON HAILLS

YEAR INDUCTED: 2015

EDUCATION:

Grade 8 - 1942 Wordsworth Road School
London England



CURLING CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

Tunnel Town Curling Club Delta, BC 1965 - Present

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

Ron was born in Bethnal Green, East London, England. He had five sisters, and two brothers. He attended elementary school at Wordsworth Road School from 1934 until 1942 when his education was interrupted by the second world war. His family relocated to North London during the war.

Ron left school at the age of 14 to work in a warehouse and drive trucks until 1946 when he enlisted in the Royal Air Force Regiment. He served with the British Air Force of the Rhine in occupied Germany until he was released in 1950. He held the rank of an AC-2 when he left the RAF after three years. He returned to London and worked on the London Docks with a company called TF Maltby.

Ron married his wife Bessie Good in 1950 in North London, England. In May 1957, Ron and Bessie emigrated to Canada. They spent the first month with friends in Regina SK, before relocating to Vancouver BC. where they lived until 1964, when they moved to their current home in Tsawwassen.

Ron got a job as a Shipper in a warehouse owned by Martin & Robinson Ltd., shortly after arriving in Vancouver. He worked his way up to Warehouse Manager and remained in that position until the warehouse was purchased by Johnston Terminals. He worked for them as a Shipper until he retired in 1988.

Ron and Bessie had one daughter, Sandra, who was born in Vancouver in 1960. Sandra has four children, three boys and one girl. Sadly, Bessie passed away in 2014

Ron started curling with the Tunnel Town Curling Club in 1965 when the club curled in a converted aircraft hanger at the Boundary Bay Airport. He has curled with the club every season since, giving him 51 consecutive years of membership by 2015 when he was made an Honorary Life Member.

Ron was on the Board of Directors of the Tunnel Town Curling Club for 3 season (71/72, 79/80 & 80/81). He was on the Board of Directors of the Senior Men's Division of the club for a total of 10 years.

Ron was on the T.T.C.C. Guy Philp Representative Team a total of 6 times and was also on the club's 70Plus Representative Team a total of 5 times.

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TTCC LIFE MEMBERS (continued)

NAME: BOB FISHER

YEAR INDUCTED: 2010

EDUCATION:

Grade 12; Lloydminster High School,
Lloydminster, Sask.
B.Sc.- Civil Engineering University of Saskatchewan,
Saskatoon, Sask.



CURLING CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

Tunnel Town Curling Club	Delta, BC	1974 - Present
Peace Arch Curling Club	White Rock B.C.	1975/76
Richmond Winter Club	Richmond B.C.	1971 - 1974
Mountain Shadows Curling Club	Kelowna, B.C.	1968 - 1970

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

Bob was born in Lashburn SK where the Hospital, which was closest to their family farm, was located. Bob's parents purchased a house in Lloydminster, SK in 1945, and Bob attended school in that city until his parents relocated to Mission City, BC in 1950. Bob moved back to Lloydminster in 1956, following the death of his parents. He completed grades eleven and twelve there prior to attending university Saskatoon SK, .

Bob accepted the position as Resident Engineer, with Public Works Canada in their Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, office, following his graduation from university in 1962, and was involved in the design and construction of Highways.

Bob next accepted a position with Transport Canada, and from 1965 to 1972 managed contracts for the construction of facilities at airports throughout B.C. He relocated to the Vancouver International Airport in 1973, and became responsible for Transport's construction program there. He remained in that capacity until 1993, however through a re-organization in 1987, Public Works became his employer again. He was manager of the Air Transportation Services' Architectural and Engineering Design Group in the Vancouver Regional office during 1994 & 1995, and then took on the job as Project Manager for construction of the New Control Tower at the Vancouver International Airport, preceding his retirement in March, 1996.

Bob met Joyce Antoni, while working in Kelowna in 1967, and married her in 1973. They have two son's, Robert, born in 1977, and Michael who was born in 1979.

Bob and Joyce took up curling in a mixed league at the Mountain Shadows Curling Club, in Kelowna, in 1968, and have both been actively involved in the game since that time. Bob was on Continued on next page..

the Tunnel Town Board of directors from 1995 through 1998, serving as the club president for the 1997/98 season. He was the club's delegate to the PCCA from 1997 to 2000. Bob volunteered at the Casino Night held through the BC Gaming Commission in February 1996, which raised \$45,880 for the club.

Bob & Joyce were co-managers of Tunnel town Curling Club from August 1998 to April 2001. Bob prepared a successful application to the BC Gaming Commission resulting in a \$39,000 grant to the club in 2000, which helped to pay for installation of a new "desicant" type De-humidifier. He worked with the Club Treasurer in getting the club's finances on to a computerized system for the 2000/01 season.

Bob became chairperson of the Club's Heritage Committee in 1995, and developed it's terms of reference making it responsible for the following functions:

- Preparing and maintaining a club history document.
- Reviewing club document's and selecting those for archives or for destruction.
- Preparing and maintaining an inventory of the club's active and archive trophies.
- Arranging for the engraving of active trophies.
- Organizing the presentation of awards at the Annual Awards Banquet.
- Maintaining Photographs of the Club's presidents and Honorary Life Members.

Bob has continued to carry out these functions to the present time. He worked with the municipality and sponsoring club members to construct a trophy case in 1998, which is still in use.

Bob was a member of the Bert Reinch team which won the club men's championship in 1994, and the Dale Larock team which won the men's championship in 2002, 2003, & 2005. The Larock team also won the Mens Grand Aggregate 5 times between 2000 and 2006, and were a Mens League Overall Winner 6 times between 2000 and 2009.

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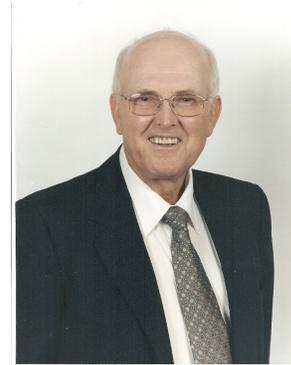
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NAME: RON FRANKLIN

YEAR INDUCTED: 2007

EDUCATION:

Grade 12 Leeds High School
Leeds, England



CURLING CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:

Tunnel Town Curling Club Delta, B.C. 1966 - PRESENT

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

Ronald Franklin was born in the city of Leeds, Yorkshire County, England. He learned his trade as a industrial sewing machine technician working at the sewing machine factory in Leeds. He served in the Royal Air Force from 1951 - 53, and marched in King George VI's funeral precession. He married his lovely wife, June, who worked in the accounting department, at the same factory, in 1959. They immigrated to Vancouver, Canada in 1965 where Ron started his own business which sold and serviced industrial sewing machines and cutting equipment. Ron has been trying to retire for the last several years, but his skills and dependability are in such high demand, one customer or another is always talking him into coming to their assistance, just one more time.

Coming from England, Ron was not familiar with the game of curling, until a business associate told him about it, and invited him to the Coquitlam Curling Club to see the game. Ron was soon on the ice learning to throw the stones.

Ron and June met another British expatriated couple, Ron and Bessie Hails, who had recently bought a house in Tsawwassen, which was just starting to develop, in the mid sixties. Ron & June liked the area and purchased a new home here in 1966. Ron Hails was a members of Tunnel Town Curling Club and invited Ron to curl with him for the 1966/67 season. Ron talked June into joining the club the following year. The two of them have been active members of Tunnel Town Curling Club every year since then.

Ron & June's two children Graeme, and Julie, who were born in Tsawwassen, were introduced to curling, and with the support of their parents soon became very proficient members of an active youth and junior program at Tunnel Town. Graham skipped the BC Junior Men's Provincial Champions in 1986, and played in the 1988 Brier. Julie's team won the BC High School Girls Provincial Playdowns in 1983/84.

Ron was on Tunnel Town's Board of Directors from 1975 to 1979.

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Ron has been very successful in his forty two years of curling at Tunnel Town. He has been on the Men's Club Championship team five times, with the last time being in 2004/05, when he was a youthful 71 years of age. He has also won the Mixed Championship twice. He has been on a team which won the Men's Grand Aggregate 7 times and the Mixed Grand Aggregate once. Ron has played on the team which won the B & C Events of the TTCC Men's Bonspiel 2 times each, and he has had wins at various bonspiels hosted by other clubs.

Ron, who will be 74 years old this July (2007), continues to curl in the evening leagues, at a high level, as confirmed by the fact that his men's team was the Consolation Winner that year.

Ron lives a very busy life. He has been a member of the Hazelmere Golf Club since 1975 where he is currently on the Board of Directors for the Senior Men's Club. He also spends a lot of time watching his five grand children, who are very athletic, participate in their sport activities

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NAME: JOY McLELLAN

YEAR INDUCTED: 2005

EDUCATION:

Grade 12 Richlea High School
Richlea, Sask



CURLING CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:

Tunnel Town Curling Club	Delta, B.C.	1962 - PRESENT
Vancouver Curling Club	Vancouver B.C.	1949 - 1974
Richlea Curling Club	Richlea, Sask	1937 - 1942

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

Joy was raised and attended school in the small farming community of Richlea Sask, which is located about thirty miles east of Kindersley, Sask. She was an only child, so learned to entertain herself by designing and building things.

Joy moved to Vancouver, B.C. in 1943, where she got her first job at the Boeing Aircraft Plant, located at the Vancouver Airport, where she installed controls in the amphibian aircraft which were being assembled there as part of the WWII effort. She worked there through 1944, but then became seriously ill and had to quit. She spent 1945-46 recuperating with her parents who were living in Wells, B.C. at that time.

Joy returned to Vancouver and worked for the Hammond Furniture Company from 1946 to 1950, building furniture for \$0.80 an hour. Joy then spent a little over a year making caskets at the Imperial Casket Co.

Joy had always wanted to be involved in the design and construction of things and thought that a draftsman would be a great occupation. She had thought of entering a drafting course at Vancouver Vocational Institute, was told it was a male profession and turned away.

Joy obtained a position with Western Bridge Steel Fabricators, in 1952, running their blue print machine. She eventually talked her supervisor into letting her work on a drafting board. Two of her co-workers recognized her talent and provided her with on the job training. She became a very proficient structural steel draftsman and worked in that capacity with Western Bridge, which later became Cannon, for some thirty two years. Joy was the only female structural steel draftsman in Vancouver. Her last project was the detailing of the structural steel beams for the Alex Fraser Bridge.

Joy designed and prepared the drawings for the house which she had constructed in Tsawassen in 1962, and in which she still lives.

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Joy's involvement in the game of curling began at the age of twelve, in her home town of Richlea, where she curled as a school girl for six years before moving to Vancouver.

Ten prairie farmers each contributed \$10,000 and in 1949 constructed the Vancouver Curling Club, the first curling facility in the lower mainland. Joy, two male relatives and a girl friend entered the inaugural "Open Bonspiel" and won the event, beating some of the big name mens rinks in the process, including Hugh Miller, in the final.

Joy was a founding member of the Business Girls League at the Vancouver Club, where she curled for twenty five years. She was the Draw Master each of these years and she was made an Honorary Life Member of the League in 1973. One year Joy's ladies team joined the Burnaby Winter Club on the understanding that they would play in a mens league. They ended up winning the league, but then the club decided that they were not eligible to play for the men's club championship because they were women. Needless to say they did not return the next season!

Joy remembers in the early days that bonspiels were large and teams were entered into both the "A" & "B" Events. Losers in "A" would drop to "C" and Losers in "B" would drop to "D". She recalls a bonspiel in Victoria where their team won 9 games in a row, winning the "A" and having to default the "B" final. They had played five 10 end games on the Saturday, to accomplish this feat.

Joy moved to Tsawwassen in 1962, and joined the local curling club, which had just changed its name from the "Ladner Curling Club" to the "Tunnel Town Curling Club". She curled on a mixed team with Bill Bennett at the old Hanger facility for many seasons. She has been a member of TTCC every season since 1962. She has curled for a total of 62 years, as of 2005 with the last 56 years being consecutive. She started to use the "Delivery Stick" in her 61st year, at the age of 79.

Joy was a Director on the Tunnel Town Ladies Curling Club for three years, acting as Senior Ladies Rep in 84/85, and Draw Chair in 86/87 & 87/88. She did the draws for the Friday Morning Senior Ladies from 1973 to 1992, and she was either, the before, or the after, Xmas league winner, a total of 13 times, during this period. She also has done the draws for the Ladies Wednesday Morning League for many of their seasons and has won that league five times.

Joy's name appears many times on various club trophies. She has scored one eight ender during her long career. Joy entered a Sr. Ladies Team, having a combined age of 280 years, into TTCC's 2005 Ladies Bonspiel, and placed 3rd in the "A" Event, losing to the Chinese National Team, who went on to win the Bonspiel.

When Joy is not curling she spends a lot of time putting together many different types of puzzles. This helps to satisfy her life long desire to construct things.

Joy died in June 2010 of liver failure.

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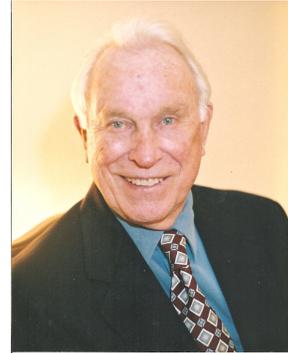
NAME: JACK COOPER

YEAR INDUCTED: 2000

EDUCATION:

Grade 11

St. John's Tech
Winnipeg, Manitoba



CURLING CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:

Tunnel Town Curling Club

Delta, B.C.

1959 - Present

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Jack was born and attended school in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Following completion of grade 11, in 1936, Jack took a job in the office of the Grain Exchange in Winnipeg, where he worked for about a year. He then moved to Burns and Co., where he did clerical work during 1938 through 1940. Jack enlisted into the Army in 1941, and spent two and a half years stationed at Shilo, Manitoba, serving as an Office Clerk. Jack transferred to the Air Force in 1943, and commenced training as a Wireless Operator/Gunner.

Jack married his wife Audrey, in 1943. Jack and Audrey were neighbours when they were young children, until the Shaw family moved to the other side of the city when Audrey was about 14 years old. The families continued to keep in touch, but Jack and Audrey had not started to date until after Jack joined the Army in 1941. With the end of the Second World War in 1945, Jack was discharged, and returned to Winnipeg.

Jack was hired by Trans-Canada Airlines (now Air Canada) in 1946, to work as a clerk in their accounts office in Winnipeg, where he remained for ten years, working his way up to a Travelling Auditor. Jack and Audrey's son, William, was born in 1951. Jack was promoted to Computer Systems Specialist, and transferred to the Montreal office in 1956. Jack switched from Operations, to the Maintenance Division of Air Canada in 1958, and was transferred to Vancouver, where he was in charge of the budget for the Maintenance Base. He retired from Air Canada in 1977, following 32 years of service with them.

Jack and Audrey settled in Ladner upon reporting for work in Vancouver in 1958. Jack soon became heavily involved in the Delta Ice Stadium Society which was formed to organize and raise funds for the construction of an Ice Arena and Curling Rink in an old hanger at the Boundary Bay Airport. He was elected as the third president of the Delta Ice Stadium Society, which operated these facilities under a lease from the municipality.

Jack joined the Ladner Curling Club (which became TTCC in 1962) for its first year (1959) of operation in the Hanger at the Boundary Bay Airport, and has curled at this club every year since then. He was also the President of the TT Sr. Men's CC for the 83-84 season, a member of their executive for 2 years, and a director for several years.

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TTCC LIFE MEMBERS (continued)

NAME: JACK SMITH

YEAR INDUCTED: 1996

EDUCATION:

Grade 12	United College Winnipeg, Manitoba
B.Sc. (Civil Eng.)	University of Manitoba Winnipeg, Manitoba



CURLING CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:

Tunnel Town Curling Club	Delta, B.C.	1973 - 91 & 96 - 97
Tartan Curling Club	Regina, Sask.	1968 - 72
Civic Caledonia Curling Club	Winnipeg, Man.	1946 - 57

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Jack attended Dugald Secondary School there, where he won a scholarship in grade eleven, to attend United College for his final year of high school. He went on to the University of Manitoba, and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1951. He spent the next 30 years climbing to the top of his profession, which took him to places as far away as Ceylon and Africa, as well as all across Western Canada. Jack worked his way up the position of the President of Standard General Construction, which had its head office in Vancouver, B.C.

Jack began curling in Winnipeg in 1946, while attending University, but it was not until he moved to Tsawwassen in 1973 that his involvement in curling grew beyond just playing the game. During the next twenty years Jack spent many hours on the administration, promotion and enhancement of the sport. As in his professional career, Jack brought dedication and hard work to his to curling activities.

He was elected to the Board of Directors of the TTCC in 1975, and served as a director and member of the executive until 1982. During this time he was the Club President for the 1979/80 and 1980/81 seasons.

Jack was elected to the Board of Directors of the Fraser Valley Curling Association in 1978, and sat on that board until 1985, serving as the Association's President for the 1984/85 season. He was again elected to the FVCA Board in 1986 and continued on the board and executive until poor health forced him to resign in February 1995. He was serving as the Association's President, for the second time, during that 1994-95 season.

Jack was also elected to the Board of Directors of the Pacific Coast Curling Association in 1978, and served on that board through until the end of the 1985/86 season. He was the PCCA Curling Coordinator for the 1980 B.C. Winter Games in Fort St. John, for the Labatt Bier in Vancouver, and for the World Curling Championships at B.C. Place in Vancouver. He twice represented TTCC at the PCCA's International Tankard, and he was TTCC's Representative with the PCCA from 1990 to 1993.

Jack was also a dedicated family man, and he was very proud of his wife Beth, and their three lovely daughters, Laurie, Johnny, and Carol.

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TTCC LIFE MEMBERS (continued)

NAME: AMY SAWATSKY

YEAR INDUCTED: 1985

EDUCATION:

Grade 9, Buffalo Lake School,
Buffalo Lake, Alta.



CURLING CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:

Tunnel Town Curling Club Delta, B.C.

1959 - Present

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

Amy was raised on a farm at Buffalo Lake Alta, which is near Sexsmith, Alta. Amy moved to Grand Prairie, Alta, in 1939 to work. She met and married Walter Sawatsky in 1943 in Grand Prairie. Walter was in the Canadian Army, and was posted to Victoria, B.C. in 1947. Amy and Walter moved to Boundary Bay in 1949 when Walter was posted to the Vancouver Wireless Station there. Amy was one of the founding members of TTCC in 1959. Walter became the manager of the TTCC in 1970, and Amy was is un-paid assistant until the 74/75 (79/80 in PCCA) season when the club made her a Co-Manager. Walter and Amy Co-Managed the TTCC until the end of the 1984/85 season, when they retired. Amy still attends many of the club functions.

Amy passed away in July 2010.

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TTCC LIFE MEMBERS (continued)

NAME: WALTER SAWATSKY

YEAR INDUCTED: 1985

EDUCATION:

Grade 10, Aberdeen School,
Aberdeen, Sask.



CURLING CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:

Tunnel Town Curling Club,	Delta, B.C.	1959 - 89
Aberdeen Curling Club	Aberdeen, Sask.	1934 - 36

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

Walter was raised on a farm near Aberdeen Saskatchewan. He joined the Canadian Army in 1940, and took his basic training in Kingston Ontario. Walter was posted to the Wireless Station in Grand Prairie, Alta. in 1941. Walter met Amy Forseth in Grand Prairie, and married her in 1943. Walter was posted to Victoria, B.C. from 1947 to 1949. Walter and Amy moved to Boundary Bay in 1949, when he was promoted to a Warrant Officer, and posted to the Vancouver Wireless Station there. Amy and Walter lived on the Army base until 1963 when they moved to a house in Ladner, B.C. Walter retired from the Army in 1964. and sold life insurance for Canada Life Insurance Co. from 1964 until 1970. Walter was one of the founding members of TTCC in 1959, and was the Club President for 1965/66 Season. The club hired Walter as the Club Manager in 1970. Walter's wife Amy worked as his un-paid assistant until the 1974/75 season when the club made them Co-Managers. Walter and Amy continued to Co-Manage the club until the end of the 1984/85 season, when they retired.

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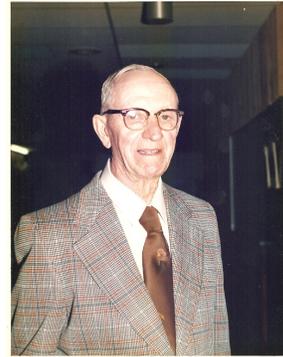
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NAME: NORM COULTER

YEAR INDUCTED: 1979

EDUCATION:

Grade 8 Walkerton School
 Walkerton, Ont



CURLING CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:

Tunnel Town Curling Club	Delta, B.C.	1959 - 86
Ladner Curling Club	Delta, (Cloverdale) B.C.	1958
Imperial Curling Club	Imperial, Sask.	1920 - 57

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:

Norm was born and attended grade school in Walkerton, Bruce County, Ontario. When Norm was 14 his parents sent him to work on his uncles farm at Cabri, Sask. Norm worked on his uncles farm for several years until he eventually acquired his own farm near Imperial Sask. He met his wife Eleanor at Imperial and married her in 1923. Eleanor's parents were homesteading a farm near Last Mountain Lake, near Imperial. Her parents were from the U.S.A., so Norm and Eleanor's wedding was actually held in Ohio. Norm's farm was about three miles from the town of Imperial. His daughter, Jane Thompson, recalls how he would often tell her it was too stormy out to take her ice skating in Imperial, but that it was never too stormy for him to go there and curl! Norm retired from the farm in 1958, and he and Eleanor moved to Ladner, B.C. Norm immediately joined the Ladner Curling Club and curled with them at the Cloverdale Curling Rink. Norm was a founding member of the Tunnel Town Curling Club and helped to construct the club facilities in the hanger at Boundary Bay Airport. Norm was also a founding member of the Tunnel Town Senior Men's Curling Club, in 1973, and he was named their Honorary Chairman in 1979. Norm continued to curl until 1985, at which time he was 86 years old.