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Life Membership of the British Columbia Soccer Association is presented to individuals in recognition of long-time service and distinguished contributions to soccer in British Columbia.

BC Soccer Honorary Life Members include those who became Life Members of BC Soccer or of BC Youth Soccer prior to the amalgamation in 1998 and those who have become Life Members of the BC Soccer Association since 1999. Up to 2018, life membership has been bestowed on 79 people who have made a lasting impact on the development of the sport in BC over the last 120 years.

This document gives short biographies of the 79 Life Members of the Association. Where known, in each case their profile includes: a one-sentence summary; how they became involved in soccer; their history and achievements as a player, coach, official and in leadership positions; and their awards and recognition. We have tried to keep the profiles within 250 words. Profiles are available for all life members, but information is limited on the earliest inductees. Similarly, the specific dates on which some Life Members who were inducted before 1963 are not known.

This document was prepared by Life Members Roger Barnes and Rob Brown. They drew on profiles in the 1998 BC Youth Annual Report and have much appreciated biographical notes and help from Life Members and others in the community.

We expect that this report will contain some errors and omissions. We would welcome any edits, corrections, additions or suggestions about these biographies so they can be improved. Please send any comments or suggestions to: Roger at 604-803-2956 or roger@rogerbarnes.ca or Rob at 604-796-0138 or regoli@shaw.ca.

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British Columbia Soccer Association Life Members

With year awarded

Bob Allen	2007	Angus MacSween	1990
Deb Anglos	2010	Maybelle Mansfield	1992
Frank Ashdown	1953	Albert Massey	1960
Cyril Ashdown	1964	Jan McLennan	1993
William Azzi	2013	Keith Millar	1996
Russ Bagan	1965	Roy Mitchell	2010
Roger Barnes	2016	Victor Montagliani	2013
Maira Barnetson	1991	Alex Murray	1964
Ron Batch	1991	Thomas Nelson	<1963
Don Bell	1996	John Nielsen	2015
Roy Branco	2007	Roy Nosella	2011
Len Bridgeman	2005	Laurel Pokoyski	1995
Rob Brown	2000	Robert Quinn	<1963
Alan Churchard	2008	Shafeed Rahman	1998
Charlie Cuzzetto	2017	Steve Reed	2013
Doug Day	1990	Morrie Rentmeester	1986
Larry Diehl	2003	Jim Richardson	2010
Ed Drummond	1975	Val J Roche	<1963
Neil Ellett	2004	John Russell	<1963
Bob Elliott	1994	Robert Sawtell	2013
Ken Fowler	2002	Arthur Shaw	1991
Dave Fryatt	1980	William A Simpson	<1963
Mike Gilmore	2012	Les Sinnott	2013
George Graveson	1988	George Smith	2001
Les Hibbert	1989	Leeta Sokalski	1999
Clive Hughes	1991	James H Spencer	1971
Deryl Hughes	1989	Jim Spencer	1988
Fred Jopson	1977	Joe J Stefanini	1962
Rev O R Kelly	<1963	Mark Stockdale	1989
Thomas Kelly	1996	Joseph Sutton	1933
Alex Kemp	1968	Erwin Swangard	1967
R J Kenmuir	<1963	F J Townsend	<1963
Herbert W King	<1963	Alex Turkington	1975
Jim Lamond	1996	Janet Tyrell	1968
Jackie Larson	2018	Ron Whitworth	1995
Martin Lee	1993	Werner Winsemann	2014
Tina Leuven	1997	Harold J Witter	<1963
Keith Liddiard	1997	Robin Woods	2012
Ken Lind	1984	John Woodward	1997
Ken MacKenzie	2007		

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Honorary Life Member Biographies

BOB ALLEN (2007)

Robert (Bob) Allen was a top-flight player and FIFA referee who served as BC Soccer Director for ten years to 1997. Born in Vancouver in 1938, Bob played with Vancouver Firefighters, winning championships in the Pacific Coast League (1964-1965), Canadian National Championships (1965, 1973) and the John F Kennedy Cup (1966). Bob became a referee, rising to be appointed to the FIFA List for 1983 to 1987. Highlights of his refereeing career included officiating in the North American Soccer League (NASL) from 1977 to 1982, appointments to the FIFA Under 16 World Cup (1987), lining the NASL Soccer Bowl (1982), the opening match at BC Place (1983) and Canada vs England (1986). Bob was President of the British Columbia Soccer Referees Association (BCSRA). Bob was elected a Director of BC Soccer for ten years, from 1987 to 1997, serving as Vice-President for 1995-1996. His honours include being Sport BC's Official of the Year (1985), Canada Soccer's Ray Morgan Memorial Award in 1986, BC Soccer's AC Sanford Award (2006), and Life Membership of BC Soccer in 2007 and of BCSRA in 2014.

DEBBIE ANGLOS (2010)

Debbie (Deb) Anglos was a Director of BC Soccer from Saltspring Island who served as Vice-President Youth from 2002 to 2004. Deb coached girls teams with the Saltspring Island youth club, joining the executive and then became President of the club. She became involved with Lower Island girls soccer as the Saltspring club representative, and then became their Registrar. Deb was elected to the BC Soccer board in 1999, serving for five years. She was Vice-President Youth from 2002 to 2004. In this role she was active with provincial cup competitions, working with numerous local organizing committees and attended club nationals. After stepping down from BC Soccer, Deb moved to the Upper Island and volunteered with the youth district, including being a member of with the Discipline Committee, after which she retired from soccer. Deb was awarded Life Membership of BC Soccer in 2010.

CYRIL H ASHDOWN (1964) *Deceased*

Cyril H (Cy) Ashdown was a leader promoting the growth of boys and girls soccer in BC and in the US Pacific Coast for over 30 years. Cy's contribution began with coaching and managing Juvenile teams, and fostering the growth of the Vancouver juvenile (youth) league. A long-time West Vancouver resident, and brother of Frank, Cy served 25 years on the provincial youth board from 1948 to 1974, including as Registrar, Secretary (1948-1954), Director, Vice-Chair (1973-1974) and Chair (1964 to 1966). Cy was an original member and Secretary of the Sun Tournament of Champions Organizing Committee and was also instrumental in launching the Pacific Coast International Youth Soccer Tournament in 1968, involving teams from California, Washington, Oregon and BC. Columbia. Cy was also involved in developing the hugely popular BC/Washington Exchange. Cy was also a strong proponent of the growth of youth soccer throughout the interior of BC in the 1970s. With Ron Batch and others, Cy was one of the soccer leaders who created the BC Girls' Soccer Association in the 1970s. Cy was honored with Life Memberships of BC Youth in 1964 and of BC Girls SA in 1980, just before its merger with BC Youth.

FRANK ASHDOWN (1953) *Deceased*

Frank Ashdown was a standout goalkeeper but most known as a referee, for youth referee development and author of the BC Youth referee guide. Born in Nanaimo in 1920, long-time North Shore resident Frank Ashdown was involved in soccer, especially referee development, for over 60 years. Frank played at John Oliver High School and then in Winnipeg during RCAF training. He played in goal for South Hill of

the Vancouver & District League, and for the Pacific Coast League North Shore United, winning the national championship in 1949. In the same year, Frank began his 47-year referee career, and refereed or was AR in over 25 Coastal/Provincial Cup finals and in national and international competitions. Frank later concentrated his energies on the development of the North Shore and BC's youth referees, through his renowned youth refereeing guide, BCSA's Summer Soccer Academy, certification clinics and referee assessment, which he continued to age 85. Frank coached for Capilano Thunderbirds, winning youth provincial cup titles. Active with the North Shore youth district, for whom he was Referee-in-Chief, Frank served on the BC Youth board from 1949 to 1953 and 1991 to 1993, being President from 1951 to 1953. He was on the founding committee for the Sun Tournament of Champions. In 1975 Frank was inducted into the North Shore Sports Hall of Fame, was made a Life Member in 1953, received BC Soccer Special Recognition in 1995 and the AC Sanford Award in 1999. Ashdown Park in North Vancouver is named for Frank and his wife. Frank passed away in 2009.

WILLIAM AZZI (2013)

William (Willy) Azzi has been a prominent builder in lower mainland soccer. As a teenager, William and his elder brother Gianni were involved in founding Columbus FC in the 1950s. William later coached youth teams in Coquitlam for the Cape Horn club. In 1984, he was one of the founders of Coquitlam Metro Ford, developed to run Select teams in Westminster youth district. Metro-Ford grew from this small base into a successful youth and adult soccer club, producing high calibre players and winning numerous provincial and national championships. William managed the club and coached many teams, including to provincial youth championships. In adult soccer, William was at the helm of the Vancouver Metro Soccer League for 24 years from 1993 until 2017. He served for one year as a BC Soccer Director in 1996-1997, before returning to VMSL to lead the league back to strength after financial challenges. His weekly report of the VMSL Premier Division was a mainstay of local soccer discussion for 20 years. William's honours include twice winning Sports BC's President's Award for soccer, in 1998 and 2005, winning BC Soccer's AC Sanford award in 2012, being inducted into the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame in 2012 and BC Soccer Life Membership in 2013.

RUSS BAGAN (1965) *Deceased*

Russell (Russ) Bagan was Secretary and Director of BC Youth, known for promoting Interior youth soccer. Russ was born in Port Arthur, Ontario and moved to BC as a young boy. He graduated from John Oliver High School, and then the University of Oregon. Russ served as volunteer Secretary of the BC Juvenile Association for ten years from 1954 to 1964, and later was a Director from 1972 to 1975. He was a proponent of a focus on participation in Canadian participation, and the executive of his time brought financial stability to the organization. He acted as a liaison and mediator that led to expansion of BC Juvenile to the interior of the province, overseeing the affiliation of the Central Okanagan (Kelowna), Kamloops, Prince George and North Okanagan (Vernon) organizations. Russ was also actively involved in the Sun Tournament of Champions, especially the ticket sales program that was BC Juvenile's major fund-raising program. Russ became a Life Member in 1965. Russ passed away in 2014.

ROGER BARNES (2016)

Roger Barnes, from the Richmond district, was BC Soccer President from 2012 to 2016. Born in Wolverhampton in 1951, Roger moved from Worcestershire, England to BC in 1979. His BC soccer involvement started by coaching his son in Coquitlam, continuing after moving to Richmond. He coached the team throughout youth and then four years in Richmond Senior Soccer, sometimes playing alongside his son. In 1995 he joined the West Richmond Club Board, of which he was President from 1997 to 1999, when he was elected to the Richmond district board. He served seven years as district President from 2003 to 2010, during which time he was Hosting Committee Chair of two Provincial and

one National Championships and Chair of the (boys) 4 District League. In 2010 he was elected to the BC Soccer board, being President from 2012 to 2016, and BC's first member of Canada Soccer's new Members Forum. He is a Life Member of Richmond Soccer and Richmond Sports Council, of which he was Vice-Chair for seven years, Vice-President Sport for the 2009 BC Seniors Games and was an inaugural Director of the Richmond Olympic Oval Corporation. He was honoured to receive Richmond's Mayor's Award in 2006, Sport BC's Presidents Award in 2007, BC Soccer Life Membership in 2016, Canada Soccer's Aubrey Sanford Award in 2017 and BC Soccer's AC Sanford Award in 2018. Since retirement he has worked on the Nominations Committee and the Archives.

MOIRA BARNETSON (1991)

Moira Barnetson was a leader in the growth of girls' soccer in BC and the first female President of BC Youth Soccer. Moira was born in Scotland, moving to Canada in 1960 and becoming involved in soccer when her children registered. Moira managed the (Coquitlam) Blue Mountain Rangers from U11 to U18, while her husband Cam was Coach. At U18, the team took part in the first-ever Sun Tournament for Girls, winning the Coastal Final and being chosen as the tournament's most outstanding team. Moira and Cam took the Rangers to two national youth club championships. Moira was President of the Blue Mountain Club from 1973 to 1978 and Chair of the North District Girls District for three years. She was a Director of the BC Girls' Soccer Association from 1976 to 1980, helping facilitate the smooth amalgamation of the boys and girls provincial bodies in 1980. After the merger, Moira took on an even larger role. She served as Director of BC Youth from 1980 to 1987, including a year as Vice-Chair in 1984 and a year as BC Youth Soccer President in 1985, when she became the first female chair of a BC provincial soccer body. Moira was made a Life Member in 1991.

RON BATCH (1991)

Ron Batch played a significant role in the development of girls' soccer in BC in the 1970s and 1980s. Vancouver-born Batch had no children, becoming a youth soccer coach after his playing days were over, often coaching multiple teams. On a trip to Washington State in the early 1970s, Ron saw an organized girls' soccer program, and felt this was preferable to the informal girls' soccer then in BC. Along with Cy Ashdown, Batch's promotion in the early 1970s resulted in tremendous growth of girls' soccer and the establishment of the BC Girls' Soccer Association. Batch, Ashdown and others steered BC Girls for a decade until amalgamation with BC Juvenile in 1980. After amalgamation, he served on the BC Youth board from 1980 to 1984, one of these years as Vice-Chair. Ron also served as Chair of the Metro Women's League for five years. In 1982 New Westminister's Columbian newspaper recognized Ron as Sports Citizen-of-the-Year, and he became a BC Soccer Life Member in 1991.

DON BELL (1996)

As Public Affairs Manager of Canada Safeway, Don Bell led his company's sponsorship of major BC Youth Soccer programs from 1986 to 1996. Originally planning to sponsor the annual Safeway Mini-Soccer Festival at BC Place, Don and Safeway stepped in to sponsor BC Youth's Provincial Cup program after the long-time sponsor Vancouver Sun withdrew in 1986. Don promised Safeway would be a long-term supporter, on which they followed through. Don's Life Membership in 1996 was awarded not just for his influence in Safeway's support, but in appreciation of Don Bell the individual who gave an unwavering personal commitment to youth soccer, with almost 100 percent attendance at BC Youth functions which Safeway sponsored over ten years. Since leaving Safeway in 1996, Don served as Councillor and Mayor of the North Vancouver District, Councillor of the City of North Vancouver and Member of Parliament. Don's community recognition includes the Freedom of the District of North Vancouver, Honorary Chair of the BC Special Olympics, the Canada 125 Medal and the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Medal.

ROY BRANCO (2007)

Roy Branco was Vice-President Youth of BC Soccer and is a noted referee and National Referee Assessor. Roy's soccer involvement started as a player with Delta United in the Fraser Valley Soccer League. He became a referee in 1979 and officiated in VMSL and the Pacific Coast leagues. Roy coached both of his daughters' teams for 15 years through youth soccer, with each team winning three Provincial Cups. In 1994 Roy coached Sur-Del Celtic in the U17 National Club Championship in Toronto. Roy's off-the-field contributions included being elected to the Board of Semiahmoo Girls Soccer in 1983, serving for five years. He was Vice-President and League Scheduler on the Board of South District Girls SA. Provincially, he was Director of BC Youth from 1996 to 1998, serving as Chair of Discipline, Competitions and Technical Committees. Following the amalgamation of the senior and youth associations, Roy was Vice-President Youth of BC Soccer from 1998 to 2002. Roy's refereeing responsibilities have continued as a Canada Soccer National Assessor and Supervisor of Officials at several national competitions. He is currently a member of BC Soccer's Referee and Discipline Committees and Head Referee with West Coast FC. Roy's honours include being awarded BC Soccer's Official of the Year in 1997 and Life Membership in 2007.

LEN BRIDGEMAN (2005) *Deceased*

Leonard (Len) Bridgeman was a community sports builder and soccer referee in Victoria. Len was born in 1927 in Middlesex, England. After serving in the Royal Navy in World War 2, Len immigrated to Canada in 1953 along with his wife and two sons, settling in Victoria. Len was a pioneer in founding Lakehill Soccer Club in Victoria, and coached their teams for many years. Len was also a notable soccer referee. He was President of the Vancouver Island Referees Association, chaired the Vancouver Island discipline committee and involved in BC Youth Soccer. Len also coached for the Lakehill Little League and was a member of the 800 Pacific Wing. Len Bridgeman was made a Life Member in 2005, and passed away in 2015.

ROB (BOBBY) BROWN (2000)

Rob Brown was a FIFA Assistant Referee, Chair of the Fraser Valley Soccer League and is currently a BC Soccer director. Born in Huddersfield, England in 1949, Rob moved with his family to Vancouver in 1967 at age 17. He played soccer in the Mainland League and coached boys with Lake City Youth Soccer and for Wesburn Women's Soccer, winning the First Division in 1992. In 1977 Rob joined the referee ranks in the Fraser Valley Soccer League, where he refereed for 30 years. During that time he officiated in the Pakenham Cup, Bradner Cup and League Finals numerous times. Rob became a National Referee in 1988 and a FIFA Assistant Referee in 1991. He was a Match Official in five Provincial Men's and Women's Final matches, a match official in two CSL Finals, one APL Final, one Canadian Men's Club Nationals Final and officiated in the North American Soccer League. As an administrator, Rob was Referee Scheduler, Registrar, Discipline Chair and President of the Fraser Valley Soccer League. Rob has been a BC Soccer Director three times (1985-7, 1993-9 and 2012 to date), been Vice President of Adult Soccer in 1998-1999 and 2013 to date, and served on Competitions, Referees, Awards & Scholarships and Hall of Fame Committees. He is a Life Member of the Fraser Valley Soccer Referees and the Fraser Valley League, who named their Masters Cup after him. He became a Life Member of BC Soccer in 2000.

ALAN CHURCHARD (2008)

Alan Churchard was BC Soccer Technical Director from 1982 to 2000. Raised in Leicestershire, England, Alan played for his county, Leicester City's youth and B teams and Hinckley Athletic and had trials with Arsenal and Tottenham. He specialized in Physical Ed at Leicester University School of Education. Immigrating to Canada in 1967, Alan taught at Upper Canada College, played with Toronto City and became Staff Coach and NCCP Instructor with Ontario Soccer and founded a soccer school and Winter

Residential Academy. In 1978, Alan moved west, teaching at Nelson High School and coaching at Selkirk College. In 1982 Alan became BC Soccer's Technical Director, a position he held for 18 years. At BC Soccer, he led the implementation of small-sided games, regional training centres and overseas soccer schools. He and Keith Liddiard set up the BCSA Shawinigan Lake Residential Academy and the BC Place Mini-Soccer Festival. Nationally, Alan was Chair of Canada Soccer's Coaching Committee and conducted CSA/NCCP awards. After BC Soccer, he was involved with UBC, More Sports Inner City programs, Lower Island, Sentinel High and Burnaby Central schools, the NCCP program and Premier Soccer Experiences. At the Canada Games he was Head Coach (1973 Ontario Men), Manager (1985 BC Men) and Assistant Coach (2009 BC Women, Gold Medal). For Canada, he was Assistant Coach 1976 Olympic Games, Head Coach CONCACAF 1976 Youth Championships and Assistant Coach 2004 World Paralympic Championships. Alan became a BC Soccer Life Member in 2008 and received Canada Soccer's President's Award in 2017.

CHARLIE CUZZETTO (2017)

A leader with Columbus and Futsal Canada, Charlie Cuzzetto was BC Soccer President from 2009 to 2012 and is currently a Canada Soccer director. Born in 1949 and raised in Vancouver, Charlie played youth soccer with Norburn SC and college with VCC. After an injury he switched to coaching, including Vancouver Youth Selects, and in 1976, one of the first women's teams, Rino's Shoes. In 1978 Charlie began a 12-year term with Columbus FC, coaching the U-21 team and managing the senior team from 1979 to 1989, winning the PCSL championship, the US/Canada Kennedy Cup and the semi-pro Pacific Rim League championship in 1985/6. Charlie then began two decades of involvement with Futsal Canada, coaching/managing teams at four world championships. During his 1991-2003 term as President, Futsal Canada affiliated with Canada Soccer. Charlie served as a BC Soccer board member from 2004 to 2012, including President from 2009 to 2012. He chaired strategic planning and development committees and oversaw adult competitions as Vice President Senior. He championed governance reform, transparency, consultative decision making and strategic thinking. Charlie's player development commitment saw BC becoming the first province to establish a youth high performance league. Subsequently, Charlie has been a Director of Canada Soccer from 2009 to date, Head of Delegation at numerous international competitions and is a member of the CONCACAF Appeals Committee and the FIFA Disciplinary Committee. Charlie was made a BC Soccer Life Member in 2017 and was the second inductee in Futsal Canada's Hall of Fame.

DOUG DAY (1990) *Deceased*

Doug Day spent over 40 years working to develop soccer in Vancouver Island after arriving in Victoria in 1948 from London, England. He volunteered with the Victoria Soccer School program and then Gordon Head Soccer Association. He became president of the latter, and then served eight years as President of the Lower Island Juvenile Soccer Association. Doug then went on to lead the expanding Victoria & District Senior Soccer League, serving as president through the 1970s, when the league changed over to the Vancouver Island Soccer League and Victoria had its first successes in national club championships. During the 1980s he held various VISL executive positions before stepping down, but in 1992 he returned to help the fledgling Vancouver Island Woman's Soccer Association to become established. Doug Day represented soccer on the Victoria Sports Council from 1968 to 1993. Doug's dedication has been recognized by his being honoured as Victoria's 1973 Sportsman of the Year, Gordon Head Soccer Association naming a field after him, BC Soccer Life Membership in 1990 and in 1995 the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame selected Doug as one of its first inductees as Builder. The LIWSA Division 1 Cup and BC Soccer's Men's Under 21 Provincial Cup are both named for Doug. Doug passed away in January 2001 aged 83.

LARRY DIEHL (2003)

Larry Diehl was a player, coach, referee, organiser and administrator for three decades, overseeing expansion of youth soccer programs and the 1998 BC Soccer amalgamation. Larry started his leadership involvement by initiating, organizing and administering female youth soccer in Richmond, Fraser Valley South and Vancouver. His youth soccer positions included: Club, District and Provincial Select Coach; Director and Chair at Club and District level; and Provincial Youth Player Development Coordinator. He was club coach and director in senior soccer. Larry was Director of BC Youth from 1993 to 1995 and Director of BC Soccer for eight years from 1994 to 2002. From 1998 to 2002, he was the first President of the amalgamated BC Soccer, having been Co-Chair of the committee that facilitated the union of the provincial senior and youth soccer associations. Nationally, Larry was a Director of Canada Soccer and the CSA Competitions Committee Chair. Larry was also Regional Sport Coordinator for the BC Summer Games. Larry was recognized with a BC Soccer Award of Merit in 1997, Life Membership of Richmond Youth Soccer, BC Soccer in 2003 and Richmond City Sports Council, and received a Canada Soccer Award of Merit in 2003.

EDWARD DRUMMOND (1975)

Ed Drummond was a Director of BC Youth for 18 years and President in 1971/1972. Ed began his juvenile soccer career as a player in the 1930s for the Hasting News, followed by the Senior Wednesday League. His first involvement as a youth team manager and coach was with the Renfrew Ares from 1952 to 1958 and the Grandview Legion Aces from 1959 to 1961. The Aces won the Sun Tournament Division 1 (U18) Championship in 1961. Ed was a member of the Vancouver and District Junior & Juvenile Promotion Committee for six years, and was then elected a Director of BC Juvenile (BC Youth) in 1957. He served on the provincial youth board for the next 18 years, including Vice-Chairman in 1969 and 1970 and Chair in 1971 and 1972. Ed served as Sun Tournament Ticket Chair from 1966 to 1970. He was one of the first BC Youth delegates to the Pacific Coast International Youth Tournament, and Chair of the 1971 hosting committee in Vancouver. Ed later returned to organizing house league soccer in East Vancouver. Ed was made a BC Youth Life Member in 1975.

NEIL ELLETT (2004)

Neil Ellett played for Canada and scored the first ever goal in Vancouver Whitecaps history, later becoming a referee, assessor and BC Soccer Director. Joseph Neil Ellett was born in Vancouver in 1944 and raised in Burnaby, and twice competed in the Sun Tournament. From the age of 17, Ellett played adult soccer for Vancouver North Shore, Croatia SC and Vancouver Eintracht. Neil represented Canada at the Pan Am Games in 1967 and 1971, as well as Olympic Qualifying games in 1971, scoring in the 1-0 win over Mexico. In 1972, he was called up to the senior Canadian national team, playing seven times in 1972 and 1973. Ellett was an original member of the Vancouver Whitecaps playing 24 games with them in 1974 and 1975. He scored the Whitecaps first ever goal on May 4th 1974 at Empire Stadium. After his playing career, Neil turned to refereeing, rising to be a Class 1 referee, and spent three years as an NASL assistant referee. Neil went on to become a noted referee assessor at the provincial and national level and an MLS Professional Match Evaluator in Vancouver for 2011-15. From 1980 to 1988, Ellett served as a Director of BC Soccer. Neil was made a Life Member of BC Soccer in 2004 and inducted into the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame in 2007 and the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame in 2009.

BOB ELLIOTT (1994) *Deceased*

Robert (Bob) Archie Elliott was Registrar and President of BC Youth Soccer from 1986 to 1988. Born in Saskatoon in 1931, Bob began his over 20 years of involvement with youth soccer with the North Delta Soccer Club, coaching and managing his son's team from 1977 through 1985. During his time with North Delta, he took two teams to the Sun Tournament finals, winning the U18 Division. He also managed the

U-16 and U-18 Delta district teams in inter-district competitions that preceded the Metro League. Bob served for ten years on the Delta district board, including as District Secretary and Registrar, and was Chair for the three years to 1985. During his time with Delta, Bob was instrumental in establishing the Metro Inter-District (BC Youth Select) League. Bob was elected to the BC Youth board in 1985, a position he held through to 1998, additionally serving as Provincial Registrar from 1988 to 1997. Bob was Chair of BC Youth from 1986 to 1988. After amalgamation, Bob served on the BC Soccer Board from 1998 to 2000. He became a Life Member in 2004, and passed away in 2008.

KEN FOWLER (2002) *Deceased*

Ken Fowler was a BC referee who served on the BC Soccer and Canada Soccer boards in the 1980s and 1990s. Born in 1929 and raised in Gloucestershire, England, Kenneth J Fowler moved to Canada in 1957. Ken started refereeing in 1970 with the Ridge Meadows Soccer Association eventually becoming a Class 1 (Provincial) referee in 1975. He joined the Fraser Valley Soccer Referees Association serving later as Treasurer/Registrar of the BC Soccer Referees Association from 1981 to 1987. Ken served as a Director of the BC Soccer Association from 1987 to 2000. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Soccer Association from 1995 to 1998, and was head of delegation with Canada's national and youth teams, including the 1994 CONCACAF Men's U-20 Championship. A Life Member of the FVSRA, in 1989 Ken received a Recognition Award from the Fraser Valley Soccer League for his service. Ken was awarded the Canada Soccer Award of Merit in 2001, BC Soccer Life Membership in 2002 and was awarded BC Soccer's AC Sanford Award in 2004. Ken passed away in 2016.

DAVID FRYATT (1980) *Deceased*

Dave Fryatt was very aptly named "Mr. Soccer" by local media for his 40 years of service to BC Youth, Canada Soccer and BC Soccer, of which he was President for 18 years. David Marks Fryatt was born in 1921 in Chilliwack moving to Vancouver to work at the Vancouver Province aged 15. He played soccer for Collingwood SC in Vancouver, captaining the Senior A team from 1947 to 1952, when he was also Club Secretary. Dave was a director of BC Soccer for 32 years, from 1953 to 1967 and 1975 to 1993. This included 18 years as President, from 1955 to 1961 and from 1975 to 1987. For BC Youth, Dave was a member of the original Sun Tournament Organizing Committee in 1952, and trustee of BC Youth's Finance Committee for 32 years, and their volunteer auditor for 34 years. Dave spent six years on the Board of the Pacific Coast Soccer League from 1957 to 1962 as Vice-President and Treasurer and was a founding director of the Vancouver '86ers. Dave made major contributions nationally, as a Director of Canada Soccer for 23 years, from 1954 to 1972 and from 1977 to 1982. He was the CSA's Treasurer/Director of Finance for eight years, Vice-President in 1962 and Canada Soccer's 22nd president in 1963–1964. While with CSA, he was head of delegation for Canada's national teams from 1957 to 1987, including World Cup Qualifiers, Pan American Games and Summer Universiade. He attended 48 successive CSA AGM's from 1953 to 2001. Dave Fryatt is the most-honoured person in BC Soccer's history. BC Youth presented him with a Merit Certificate in 1966, the Government of Canada awarded him a Centennial Medal in 1967, Canada Soccer the Aubrey Sanford Meritorious Award in 1989, BC Soccer the AC Sanford Award in 1993 and Sport BC their President's Award in 1996. A Life Member of Canada Soccer (1972) and BC Soccer (1980), he is a member of the BC Sports Hall of Fame, the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame and Burnaby's Sports Hall of Fame. Dave Fryatt passed away in October 2015.

MIKE GILMORE (2012)

Mike Gilmore was goalkeeper for two Club National Champion teams and a BC Soccer Director for 13 years to 2007. As a youth keeper, Mike won Sun Tournament championships at Div. 1 (U18) in 1963 and 1964, being selected to the All-Star team. He moved on to Junior soccer with Vancouver Firefighters in 1966 and 1967, winning the Seggie Cup and being a League All-Star. He kept goal at Swangard Stadium

in 1967 for Vancouver All-Stars against visiting professional teams Chelsea and the Scottish FA, and in 1969 for Vancouver Spartans against Ipswich. Mike won Canadian Club National Championships with New Westminster Blues in 1972 and Vancouver Firefighters in 1973, keeping a clean sheet in both finals and being selected MVP in 1972. In addition to playing ten years for the Firefighters, Mike served on their board for 26 years, coached the first team for six years and the second team for ten years, as well as coaching youth soccer for 15 years. Mike was elected Director of BC Soccer in 1992, serving for ten years through to 2002, then serving three further years from 2004 to 2007. Mike was particularly involved with BC Player Development, chairing that program for six years. Mike was a firefighter for 30 years, winning "Firefighter of the Year" recognition in 1998, retiring as Captain. Mike was chair of Sport Venues for the 2009 World Police/Firefighter Games and became a BC Soccer Life Member in 2012.

GEORGE GRAVESON (1988) Deceased

George Graveson of North Delta was President of BC Youth and BC Soccer. George was born in Warton, Lancashire, England in 1932, moving to Canada in 1953. A founding member of North Delta Soccer Club in 1967, Graveson spent his first seven years coaching youth soccer. He served for six years on the North Delta executive, was the club's second president in 1968 and the representative on the district board. He was Chair of the Delta district in 1972 and 1973. Elected to the BC Youth board in 1975, George assumed responsibility for Sun Tournament ticket sales and interior soccer development. During the time George chaired the Interior Development Committee, BC Youth grew from only four affiliated districts to covering most players across BC. George was Vice-Chair of BC Youth for four years from 1978 to 1981 and Chair from 1982 to 1984. After 11 years on the provincial youth board, George became a Director of BC Soccer in 1987, and its Vice-Chair in 1989. He served as Chair of BC Soccer from 1990 to 1992. George was actively involved in the 1998 amalgamation, stepping down from the Board two years later in 2000. In addition to his Life Membership in 1998, George's outstanding contribution was recognized by his being awarded the BC Soccer AC Sanford Award in 2002. George passed away in 2016.

LES HIBBERT (1989) Deceased

C Leslie Hibbert was an outstanding player in the 1940s and 1950s and a BC Soccer Director in the 1970s and 1980s. A juvenile player with Marpole, Les was a South All-Star in the annual Juvenile All-Star game in 1948. Les graduated to senior soccer in 1949, and was awarded the Ed Bayley trophy for 1949/1950, this trophy being awarded annually to the top juvenile graduate to senior soccer. Les went on to play for the Westminster Royals, winning national club championships in 1953, 1955 and 1958. The team also won the Pacific Coast League Championship in 1952/53 and 1956. Les was a Director of BC Soccer from 1970 to 1987, including being Vice-Chair for eleven years, from 1976 to 1987. Les was awarded BC Soccer Life Membership in 1989 and the AC Sanford Award in 1994.

CLIVE HUGHES (1992) Deceased

Clive Hughes championed BC Soccer's youth development program in the 1970s. Clive Rollason Hughes was born in 1934. His involvement with youth soccer began in the early 1960s as a house league coach with Burnaby's Wesbum Soccer Club. He was also coach of the Wesbum Scotty Shell boys' team that were finalists in Sun Tournament in 1978 and 1980. In 1968 Hughes was appointed to coach and manage the first "provincial team" BC Youth put together, to meet touring Manchester County schoolboys. That started a provincial player development program which helped youth players achieve success as professionals and for the national team. From 1972 to 1980 Hughes was manager, head coach or assistant coach to provincial U16 and U18 boys teams, winning several national titles. Hughes was BC Youth director from 1974 to 1981, when BC Youth introduced a Scholarship Program to assist graduates in post-secondary education. Clive chaired the Scholarship Committee from inception through to well after he stepped aside from the Board. He became a Life Member in 1992, and passed away in 2009.

DERYL HUGHES (1989) *Deceased*

Deryl Hughes was BC Soccer Registrar for 30 years to 1998. Deryl Willard Hughes was born in 1920, serving in the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers during World War 2. After the War, he served in the Vancouver Fire Department for over 30 years, retiring as Captain, and was a long-time leader of the Vancouver Fire Fighters' FC. Deryl was one of BC Soccer's longest serving Board members, and the Association's Registrar for thirty years, from 1969 to 1998. Deryl's contribution was recognized with Life Membership in 1989, a Canada Soccer Award of Merit in 1996, BC Soccer's AC Sanford Award in 1997, and BC Soccer naming the Men's Masters Provincial Cup after him. Deryl passed away in 2004.

FRED JOPSON (1977) *Deceased*

Fred Jopson oversaw the growth of youth soccer during 25 years on the BC Youth Board and national youth soccer bodies. Frederick Ernest Jopson was born in 1919 in East Vancouver. After settling in West Vancouver in the 1940s, his outstanding service to youth soccer began as coach and manager of the West Van Blue Devils, four-time Sun Tournament and three-time provincial champions. Fred was President of West Van Soccer Club for four years and Vice-President of North Shore Youth for another four years. Provincially, Fred was a director of BC Youth for 25 years from 1961 to 1986, and its President from 1968 to 1970. He was one of the founders of the BC/ Washington Exchange, manager of the first provincial select team in 1968 and then instrumental in developing the BC provincial team program. He managed the North American (UCT) Championships for seven years and helped launch the Pacific Coast Youth Tournament. Nationally, Fred was a founding member of the Canadian Youth Soccer Association and its Vice-Chair for eleven years. Her then spent seven years on Canada Soccer's Youth Committee after CYSA was absorbed. From 1972 to 2013, Canada Soccer named the national All Stars trophy for U16-U18 in his honour. Fred was made a Life Member of North Shore Youth in 1986, a Life Member of BC Soccer in 1977 and a Life Member of Canada Soccer in 1987. He was recognized with the Sport BC Daryl Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award in 1993 and the BC Soccer's AC Sanford award in 1996. Fred was named West Vancouver's Citizen of the Year in 2015 and a soccer field at Ambleside is named the Fred Jopson Field. Fred passed away in April 2017 at the age of 97.

REV O R KELLY (Before 1963) *Deceased*

It is believed that this Life Member is actually Reverend Peter R Kelly, a pioneer in youth soccer in Nanaimo and BC in the 1920s. Reverend Kelly was an active proponent and leader of juvenile soccer in the Nanaimo area in the 1920s, with Joe Sutton. He was the inaugural Vice-President of the Nanaimo district juvenile league in 1923, later becoming President. Reverend Kelly was a Vice-President of the BC Juvenile Football Association from 1925 to 1927. He was an Honorary Vice-President in 1931. Reverend Kelly was awarded Life Membership of BC Juvenile Soccer (later BC Youth) prior to 1963.

THOMAS KELLY (1996) *Deceased*

From Richmond, for many years Tom Kelly was a leader of BC Soccer's referee assessment board and a referee instructor and examiner, working with Dan Kulai in developing new BC referees. Tom was awarded a BC Youth Award of Merit in the mid-1980s and a BC Soccer Life Membership in 1996. Tom was also a member of the Burma Star Association. Tom passed away in August 1997 aged 77, at which point a BC Soccer scholarship was set up in his name.

ALEX KEMP (1968)

Alex (Scotty) Kemp was Secretary of BC Soccer for 27 years and President of BC Youth. Alex arrived in Vancouver in 1948 from Aberdeen, Scotland, playing for Burnaby teams in the Vancouver & District 1st Division and Junior/Intermediate divisions. From 1949 on, he coached with Eagletime, Glenburn Dairy and Vancouver Eagles. From 1960 to 1967 he coached for North Burnaby Legion #148, winning the

Canadian Club Championship in 1966. Alex refereed youth soccer from 1954 through to 1980. Between 1951 and 1956 Alex served on the Vancouver & District executive, acting as Chair for two years. Alex was a Director of BC Youth from 1959 to 1967, its President from 1962 to 1964 and BC Soccer Secretary for 27 consecutive years from 1971 to 1998. Alex was Scheduling Coordinator for the Sun Tournament for nearly 20 years. Nationally, Alex was a member of the Canada Soccer Youth Sub-Committee, helped establish the Canadian Youth Soccer Association and was its General Secretary from 1969 to 1971. Alex received Life Membership in 1968, Canada Soccer's Award of Merit in 1996, the BC Soccer AC Sanford Award in 1998 and he was inducted into the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame as a builder in 2003.

ROBERT J KENMUIR (Before 1963) *Deceased*

Robert J (Bob) Kenmuir was a BC Soccer Commission Director from 1948 to 1960. He was awarded life membership of BC Soccer prior to 1963. While not certain, it is most likely that this Life Member is the Bob Kenmuir whose obituary appeared in 1972. Kenmuir was born in Kilkeel, Northern Ireland in 1881/1882, coming to Vancouver in 1910. He was President of the Union Oil Company of Canada, and very active in the community, including being a Director of the Salvation Army, Terminal City Club, Navy League and Pacific National Exhibition, a Life Member of the Vancouver Club, a member of the Vancouver Rotary Club and the University Lodge of the Masonic Order, was "active in organized soccer" and President of Shaughnessy Golf Club in 1939. Bob Kenmuir passed away in December 1972 aged 90.

HERBERT W KING (Before 1963) *Deceased*

Herbert (Herb) King was President of BC Juvenile Football Association (later BC Youth) from 1931 to 1934. Herbert King of Vancouver served eight years as a Director of BC Juvenile Football, from 1926 to 1934. He was responsible for registration and records from 1929 to 1931, when he became President, with a "strong understanding of justice" and government of the sport. He served as President for three years until stepping down in 1934. Herbert King was awarded life membership of BC Juvenile/BC Youth Soccer prior to 1963.

JIM LAMOND (1996)

Jim Lamond was President of BC Youth and a Canada Soccer Director and is a Richmond sports leader. Born in Greenock, Scotland in 1929, Jim Lamond moved to Toronto in 1952 following service with the Royal Artillery during the post-war Berlin Airlift. He transferred to BC in 1966 and became a coach with Richmond South Arm Soccer Club and a referee. In the early 1980s he was elected to the Richmond district board, serving as President for eight years. He was a Director of BC Youth from 1988 through to amalgamation in 1998, including Chair from 1992 to 1996, and Chair of the BCSA/BC Youth Joint Committee for two years, then a BC Soccer Director in 1998-1999. Jim was also Director of the Pacific Rim Senior Soccer League and manager of several Western Canada Games teams. From 2000 to 2003, Jim was a director of Canada Soccer, including Chair of the Competitions Committee and Head of Delegation with national youth teams in 2000-2001. In Richmond, Jim was a founding member of the Richmond Sports Council in the 1980s, and is still Chair. He was on Richmond's host committee for the BC Forester Games for disabled athletes and the BC Summer Games, and was Chair of the 2009 BC Seniors Games, and co-founder of Richmond's Kidsport chapter. Jim's recognitions include Richmond's "Sportsman-of-the-Year" in the 1990s, BC Soccer Life Membership in 1996 and Special Recognition in 1997, Canada Soccer Award of Merit in 2001, BC Soccer AC Sanford Award in 2003, Sport BC Community Hero Award in 2013, induction into Richmond's Sports Wall of Fame in 2016 and the BC Community Achievement Award in 2018.

JACKIE LARSON (2018)

Jackie Larson has been a leader in Vancouver Youth Soccer, coastal leagues and especially Discipline Committees for over 40 years. Jackie's involvement with youth soccer began when her son Bob signed up for Kensington Soccer Club. Jackie became the team manager, and sometimes the coach, from 1976 to 1984, and the Club Secretary. Jackie was first elected to the Vancouver YSA district board in 1979, which she continued to serve until 2018. At various times, Jackie was the VYSA Divisional Coordinator, Secretary, Registrar, Discipline Chair, Vice-Chair from 1998 to 2002 and 2006 to 2008, and Chair from 2002 to 2006, 2008 to 2010 and 2013/14. She also served on the 3 District/4 District Boys League Board, responsible for Discipline for 30 years, from 1987 to 2017, was the League Treasurer and authored the annual League Annual Operating Guide. Jackie has also regularly been involved with the BC Soccer Discipline Committee. Jackie's contribution has led to her being recognized with a BC Soccer Award of Merit, the 4 District Pioneer Award in 1997, the BC Soccer Administrator of the Year winner in 2000, a VYSA Lifetime Member Award in 2000, Sport BC President's Award in 2011, the BC Soccer AC Sanford Award in 2016 and BC Soccer Life Membership in 2018. When Jackie left the Vancouver YSA board in 2018, the district named a scholarship in her name. Since stepping down from Vancouver, Jackie has been Discipline Manager for the new BC Coastal Soccer League.

MARTIN LEE (1993) *Deceased*

Martin Lee of Richmond was a builder of girls' soccer in BC in the 1970s and 1980s. Martin was born in 1934 in Kamloops, grew up in Strathcona, Vancouver before moving to Prince Rupert and then Richmond, where he first became involved in soccer through his children. Son Mike began playing mini-soccer in the early 1970s and father Martin coached his team for seven years. Martin served on the Richmond YSA (boys) executive for a year and a half. About 1975, Martin's daughter Joanne wanted to play soccer but this was not available in Richmond. Martin, spurred on by long-time colleague Don Lightbody, became a founding member of the Richmond Girls' Soccer Club and served on its initial executive. Richmond then joined Delta and Surrey clubs to form the Fraser Valley South Girls' Soccer Association, of which Martin became an inaugural director. After a term on this district executive, Martin was elected to and helped build and strengthen the fledgling provincial body, the BC Girls' Soccer Association. In 1979 Martin was a BC Girls representative in meetings to discuss the proposed merger of the boys and girls provincial organizations, which amalgamated in 1980. Between 1980 and 1996, Martin was a director of BC Youth Soccer Association for 15 years, two of which he served as Vice-Chair and was made a Life Member in 1993. Martin passed away in July 2015.

TINA LEUVEN (1997)

Tina Leuven of Richmond was a BC Soccer director in the 1990s who developed Special Olympics soccer programs. Tina's 15-year involvement in youth soccer started in 1981 when she was appointed manager of a West Richmond club team - a position she filled for two years before she was elected to the West Richmond club executive. From 1988 to 1992 she served on the Richmond district board and took responsibility for scheduling all juvenile soccer games, and was the district's representative on the Richmond Sports Council. In 1990 she was made a Life Member of Richmond YSA and in 1991 she received the Harry Minns Award in recognition of outstanding service to Richmond youth soccer. In 1992 she was elected to the provincial board for four years, to 1996. Tina served on and then chaired the Player Development Committee for three years. A particular passion of Tina's was Special Olympics athletes. She led the introduction and then organized a league devoted solely to Special Olympic athletes. Tina was made a Life Member of BC Soccer in 1997.

KEITH LIDDIARD (1997)

Keith Liddiard was Executive Director of BC Youth for 20 years. Born in Bedford, England in 1953, Keith Liddiard came to Vancouver in 1967 aged 13. He joined Marpole Athletic, with whom he won two Sun Tournament Champion medals. Keith progressed to local semi-pro teams which led to trials in 1974 with the Whitecaps, Portland Timbers and LA Aztecs. He also volunteered as a youth coach with Burnaby Willingdon SC. In January 1978, Keith was appointed BC Youth Soccer's Executive Director. Keith was a multi-media marketer, having worked at CKNW radio, writing BC Soccer's "The Whistle" magazine, and helping host and produce "60 Minutes of Soccer" on Community Cable TV, which led to the Sun Tournament finals being broadcast live across BC. In 1984, Keith and Alan Churchard initiated the Shawnigan Lake residential academy, a week-long soccer immersion for players, coaches and referees, which ran for 14 years. Keith also developed and managed the annual winter BC Place Mini Jamboree, with 300 young mini teams playing in the stadium. After twenty years at the helm of BC Youth, Keith became a partner in Premier Soccer Experiences and Technical Director with Pitt Meadows SC, followed by ten years as Executive Director of Kamloops Youth Soccer. In 1997 Keith was recognized with the Sport BC Professional Sport Administrator Award and BC Soccer Life Membership. In 2018, after 38 years in soccer, Keith retired.

KEN LIND (1984)

In the 1970s and 1980s, Ken Lind was BC Youth's President for 11 years. Alberta-born Ken Lind came to BC at age five, and quickly was tagged with the nickname "Beaver" for his bustling play in school soccer. A second broken leg in as many years forced Lind to quit playing in his early 20s in 1963, after which he moved into thirty years of service leading youth soccer. In 1960 Ken was an inaugural director of Burnaby Youth district, serving as Chair for three of his seven years on the district board. In 1967 he was elected to the BC Youth executive, a role he carried out for 20 years. He was Chair for eleven of those years, from 1972 to 1982, and 1984/5, making him BC Youth's longest serving Chair. Ken's achievements include growing the BC/Washington Exchange, helping start the Pacific Coast International Youth Soccer Tournament, and guiding the amalgamation of BC Youth and BC Girls' in 1980. Ken served on the Canada Soccer Board in the early 1980s, including chairing the Professional and Non-Amateur Committee for two years. Ken became a Life Member in 1984, received a Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Youth Soccer Association and was made a member of the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

KEN MACKENZIE (2007)

From Parksville-Qualicum on Vancouver Island, Ken MacKenzie was BC Soccer First Vice-President from 2001 to 2007. Ken coached teams for Oceanside Youth Soccer Club from 1986 to 2000 and a club director from 1988 to 1991. He then moved on to be a Director of the Nanaimo District Association from 1992 to 1997, including District Chair from 1995 to 1997. In 1998 Ken was elected a Director of BC Youth Soccer and a Member of the Board of BC Soccer after amalgamation later that year. Ken served as a Director until 2007, a total of nine years, of which he was First Vice-President for six years, from 2001 to 2007. Ken was also active on the field for over twenty years (1983 to 2005) as a senior referee. Nationally, Ken was the Head of BC's delegation at Canada Soccer AGMs and served Canada Soccer on the Competitions Committee for two years and the Professional Soccer Committee for two years. Ken attended four national youth championships as BC representative and was the Canada Soccer representative at a senior national championship. Ken was inducted as a BC Soccer Life Member in 2007. After leaving the board, Ken remained active on the Governance and Appeals Committees.

ANGUS MACSWEEN (1990) *Deceased*

Angus (Gus) MacSween was born in 1921 in North Vancouver, living on the North Shore, and involved in soccer all his life. Gus attended UBC, where he captained the UBC soccer team, later playing senior soccer for North Shore United. Gus was also a Board member and President of the Pacific Coast League, and a Director of BC Soccer from 1981 to 1987. Gus was a teacher in Vancouver, including 15 years as a Principal. Gus was awarded Life Membership in June 1990 and passed away aged 81 in January 2002.

MAYBELLE MANSFIELD (1992) *Deceased*

Maybelle Mansfield is credited with helping to build the Central Okanagan Youth Soccer Association from a fledgling organization with 75 players in 1962 to one of the largest districts in BC. Maybelle and husband Joe immigrated to Canada from Kent, England and were both involved in the early development of youth soccer in the Kelowna area. Maybelle helped foster the growth of soccer in Kelowna as well as inter-play with Vernon and Penticton, and hosting the large annual COYSA tournament. Maybelle was instrumental in establishing the Interior Championships, first held in 1975. She was the Central Okanagan district's first registrar and held just about every administrative position within COYSA. In 1979 COYSA decided to appoint a staff administrator and Maybelle was hired to that position, which she held for 10 years. In 1990 Maybelle was elected to the provincial board where she served for one year responsible for discipline. She became a Life Member in 1992 for her contribution in the Okanagan. Maybelle Mansfield passed away in 2014.

ALBERT MASSEY (1960) *Deceased*

Albert (Ab) Massey was an active participant in Vancouver's Collingwood area for many years as a coach and manager of numerous youth teams. He served as Chair of the Vancouver & District Juvenile Soccer Association for three terms of two years from 1954 to 1960, and as Chair of BC Juvenile from 1956 to 1960, and stayed on the provincial board a director for one year after his four-year term as chair. A Life Member since 1960, Albert Massey passed away in 1986

JAN MCLENNAN (1993)

Jan McLennan's was a leader in the development of girls' soccer in BC in the 1970s and 1980s. Jan's involvement in girls' soccer started in the 1970s when she agreed to manage her daughter's team, Port Moody Sparks. She and husband Larry were instrumental in taking the Sparks to the Under 14 national club championships in 1980 where they took the silver medal. Her interest in guiding girls' soccer led to several years of service in the 1970s with the Port Moody Soccer Club and the North District Girls' Soccer Association. She began her Provincial level contribution in 1978 when she was elected to the BC Girls' Soccer Association board. She served with BCGSA through to the 1980 amalgamation with the boys' organization. When the two associations merged, Jan served as a Director of BC Youth for 7 years. Starting shortly after the amalgamation, she chaired BC Youth's Sportsmanship Jamboree Program - a series of recreational-level, non-competitive tournaments held throughout the province for five years. She was recognized with Life Membership in 1993

KEITH MILLAR (1996) *Deceased*

Keith Millar was a leader in play for recreational level players on the North Shore and Lower Mainland. Originally from England, Keith, a firm no-nonsense administrator, was influential in both men's and women's soccer in the lower mainland. Keith was Chair of the Mainland Soccer League before it became the Vancouver Metro Soccer League. Believing everyone should have a place to play, he formed the North Shore Intermediate League for graduating players and more recreational level play. Keith was active in women's soccer, promoting the women's game and coaching for many years in the Metro Women's Soccer League. Keith was the BC Soccer representative at the BC Summer games when adults

participated, before the advent of the Adult B level Provincial Cups. In 1993 Keith had been named BC Soccer's Administrator of the Year at the Annual Awards. A well-known personality on the North Shore, after Keith passed away in 1995, the North Shore Intermediate League was renamed the Millar League in his honour, he was made a BC Soccer Life Member in 1996, in 1997 a new field house at McCartney Creek Park was dedicated the Keith Millar Memorial Fieldhouse and BC Soccer named the Provincial Men's B Cup the Keith Millar Cup.

ROY MITCHELL (2010)

Roy Mitchell was a leader in the Surrey soccer community in the 1990s and 2000s, especially with Surrey FC and Surrey Boys Metro district. During Roy's tenure, Surrey FC grew to be one of Surrey's strong clubs in terms of youth membership, development of the Surrey Newton complex, team achievement and tournament hosting. Notably, the Surrey FC Pegasus men's team won the Canada Soccer National Club Championship in 2006. Roy was awarded a BC Soccer Award of Merit in 2000, the Award as the BC Administrator of the Year in 2006 and Life Membership in 2010.

VICTOR MONTAGLIANI (2013)

Vittorio (Victor, Vic) Montagliani was President of BC Soccer from 2004 to 2006 and is currently President of CONCACAF and a FIFA Vice-President. Victor, born in 1965, was raised in East Vancouver, playing youth soccer with Grandview Legion and adult soccer with Columbus FC. After playing as a Canadian futsal international, an injury ended his playing career at 28 and he qualified as a B Licence coach in 2002. Victor was a BC Soccer director for six years from 2000, serving as President from 2004 to 2006, when he became a Director and Vice-President of Canada Soccer for six years. From 2012 to 2017, he became the 33rd President of Canada Soccer. In 2016, Victor was elected President of CONCACAF and a Vice-President of FIFA, the first Canadian to hold that office. His CSA presidency was highlighted by Olympic Bronze medals for the Women's national team in 2012 and 2016 and by hosting the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup 2014 and the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015, events for which he chaired the National Organizing Committee. At CONCACAF, he has served on Gold Cup Committees, the 2015 Reform Committee and the Executive Committee. At FIFA, he has been a member of the Legal Committee and the 2016 Reform Committee and is Chair of the Football Stakeholders Committee and Chair of the Board of FIFA Ticketing AG. Victor was inducted as a BC Soccer Life Member in 2013.

ALEX MURRAY (1964) *Deceased*

Alex (Alec) Murray from Vancouver was involved in youth soccer from the 1930s to the 1960s, especially as a referee and in promotion and fund-raising. Alex was a coach with the Vancouver Marpole Redwings of the Vancouver and District Sunday School League. He took them to two Lower Mainland/Provincial Cup finals, losing both times, and also took the Vancouver Deeks to a Provincial Cup final. Alex began a long career refereeing juvenile games in 1932, when games took place at the Cambie Street and Powell Street grounds on Saturday mornings before the afternoon's senior games. Alex served as Chair of the BC Junior and Juvenile Referees' Association, Chair of the Vancouver Junior and Juvenile Association, head of the BC Juvenile Promotion Committee, and was Ticket Chair of the Sun Tournament of Champions for twelve years. He served as a Director of BC Juvenile in 1960-61, and on the BC Soccer Commission from 1964 to 1969, becoming a Life Member in 1964.

THOMAS NELSON (Before 1963) *Deceased*

Tommy Nelson of North Shore was President of BC Youth after World War 2. Born in Scotland, Thomas (Tommy) Nelson first immigrated to Winnipeg, then to Vancouver in 1918. He became involved in local soccer immediately with the Wallaces, the year's BC champions. He was the initial manager of the North Shore United Club in 1924, and became President of the Pacific Coast League for ten years through to

1946. He was a prime mover in “Juvenile Days” an annual fund raiser for youth soccer in the 1940s and was largely responsible for starting the North Shore juvenile league. Thomas was a commissioner of BC Soccer from 1947 to 1957, President of the BC Junior and Juvenile Soccer Association (later BC Youth) from 1945 to 1951 and was made a Life Member before 1960. Tommy passed away in September 1960. North Shore United instituted an award for their outstanding graduating juvenile player in his name.

JOHN NIELSEN (2015)

John Nielsen was a FIFA list Assistant Referee who is involved in referee development and assessment nationally and internationally. John Nielsen was born in 1954 in Roskilde, Denmark where he played youth soccer at the highest level. John left Denmark in 1976, traveled for three years in Asia, coming to BC in 1979. He received Interim Class 3 Referee status in 1984 and progressed to Provincial Class 1 Referee in 1992. In 1993 John was appointed to the FIFA list as an Assistant Referee. Between 1993 and 1999, he officiated in 39 matches including the Final Match of the 1998 Gold Cup. From 1996 to 2015 John was a member of the BC Soccer Referee Committee, the chair of the Education Portfolio and a BC Soccer Instructor and Assessor. To assist referee development, John annually designed and produced teaching material and supporting video clips before such tools were developed elsewhere. John is currently a member of the Canada Soccer Referee Committee, the Supervisor of Referee Assessors for CONCACAF and a member of the CONCACAF Technical Advisor Committee. BC Soccer made John a Life Member in 2015 and Canada Soccer recognized John’s achievements with both of its referee awards, the Ray Morgan Memorial Award in 1998 and the International Achievement Award in 1999.

ROY NOSELLA (2011)

Following successful playing careers on the soccer pitch and baseball diamond, Roy Nosella served as a Director of VMSL and Director and Vice-President of BC Soccer. Born in 1940 in Vancouver, Roy played and held the goal-scoring record for the UBC Thunderbirds, following this by winning the Canadian National Club Championship with Columbus in 1964. He won a Pacific Coast League Winners Medal in 1958, and was co-winner of the league’s top scorer award in 1968-69. Roy also refereed in the Metro Women’s Soccer League where he instituted a mentorship program. Roy’s goal-scoring prowess was followed by soccer leadership. He was a director of Vancouver Metro Soccer League for seven years and served on the Vancouver Athletic Commission for 43 years including a stint as its Chair. Roy was a Director of BC Soccer for nine years, from 1985 to 1992 and from 1993 to 1995, serving as Vice-President for three years, in 1987-88 and 1993 to 1995. Roy was recognized with a BC Soccer Award of Merit in 1996, the BC Soccer AC Sanford Award in 2010 and Life Membership in 2011, and he was inducted into the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame in 2014.

LAUREL POKOYSKI (1995)

Laurel Pokoyski was President of BC Soccer from 2002 to 2004. Introduced to soccer through her children, Laurel decided to play a more active role in administration of the game in 1981 when she joined the Whalley Soccer Club executive, acting as the club's scheduler and treasurer for six years. She was elected to the Fraser Valley YSA board in 1984, serving as district secretary for two years and Vice-Chair. She was first elected to the BC Youth Board in 1987, serving ten years through to 1997. She chaired the Discipline and Mini-Soccer Festival, Provincial Cup and Finance Committees, and was Vice-President from 1994 to 1996. In 1998 Laurel was elected to the newly amalgamated BC Soccer board. Her six-year term of office included two years as Vice-President Senior (2000-2002) and she was President from 2002 to 2004. During her presidency she was a member of the Canada Soccer Executive and was Head of Delegation with national senior and youth teams in 2003 and 2004. Laurel was awarded BC Soccer’s AC Sanford Award for her lifetime exceptional contribution to the sport in 2011, following Life Membership in 1995.

ROBERT QUINN (Before 1963) *Deceased*

Robert Quinn was an early youth soccer pioneer in British Columbia in the 1920s through to the 1940s. EA Robert (Bob) Quinn was born in 1881 or 1882, growing up as an accomplished youth sportsman in South Africa, moving to the UK and then Canada. A veteran of World War 1, Bob was later a member and President of Lions Gate Branch 79, Royal Canadian Legion. He was for decades the Engineer at General Gordon School, where he founded numerous youth soccer and cricket teams, which grew into the Pro-Rec organization, of which Bob was field organizer. Often referred to as “Big Bob”, Bob was coach/manager of the Maple Leafs in the Wednesday Soccer League and of Pro-Rec teams in Vancouver football leagues up to the 1940s. Bob was on the executive of the Vancouver and District Juvenile Football Association and was President of the BC Juvenile Football Association in 1925-1926. Bob was awarded life membership of BC Juvenile Soccer (later BC Youth Soccer) prior to 1963. He passed away aged 65 in March 1947, the Vancouver Sun noting him as: “the fellow whose name stood for all that is best in sportsmanship”.

SHAFEEED RAHMAN (1998)

Shafeed Rahman was a builder of youth soccer in Prince George and across BC in the 1980s and 1990s. A native of Fiji, Shafeed Rahman of Prince George first became involved in soccer in 1977 by coaching and helping set-up secondary school soccer. That was the beginning of a 20-year commitment to all aspects of the sport. Shafeed became involved in community soccer in Prince George in 1982, coaching a girls' team and as a referee. He was elected to the Prince George YSA board in 1983. During his eight years on the executive he served as Secretary, Vice-Chair and then Chair, organized PG's hosting of the 1988 Provincial B Cup Finals, and was one of a group in PG who envisioned PG's first-class field and clubhouse. Shafeed was also central in establishing formal indoor soccer in Prince George. In 1991 he was the first Prince George resident to be elected to the Provincial Youth Board, a position he held for six years, chairing the Interior Development Committee and serving on the Mini-Soccer Festival and Player Development Committees. He was a strong advocate for regional representation. He served as a BC Soccer Director from 1997 to 1999, covering the amalgamation period, becoming a Life Member in 1998.

STEVE REED (2013)

Steven Robert Reed was BC Soccer President from 2006 to 2009 and is currently President of Canada Soccer. Born in 1956 in Portsmouth England, Steve played youth soccer with MacSween Highlanders in North Vancouver, and adult soccer for 32 years, with Royal Oak, Gorge, Pegasus and Surrey United. Steve won the BC Province Cup Championship with Pegasus in 1995 and 1997 and Masters Provincial Championship with Surrey United in 2001, 2002 and 2004. Steve won a Canada Club Nationals bronze medal in 1995 and silver medal in 1997 and a Western Masters gold medal in 2004. A “C Licence” coach, Steve coached youth teams with Gorge, Whalley and Surrey FC, winning a U-14 BC provincial championship, and VMSL Premier with Pegasus. A director of Surrey Youth from 1996 to 2001, Steve served as a BC Soccer Director from 2000 to 2009, the last three years as President, after which he became a Director of Canada Soccer. A CPA, Steve was BC Soccer VP Finance from 2001 to 2006, a member of CSA Finance Committee from 2002 to 2009 and CSA Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair from 2009 to 2017. After being elected Canada Soccer Vice-President from 2012, during which he worked on the 2015 Women's World Cup Organizing Committee and the National Teams Committee, Steve became the 34th President of Canada Soccer in 2017. Steve was inducted as a BC Soccer Life Member in 2013. In 2019, the CPA recognized Steve's contribution to the community and accountancy by awarding him a fellowship, the highest honour within his profession.

MORRIE RENTMEESTER (1986) *Deceased*

Marinus (Morrie) Rentmeester was active in Vancouver and BC youth soccer in BC for over 30 years. Morrie was born in Raymond, Alberta in 1926 moving to BC as a seven year-old. Not having played soccer himself, Morrie became involved initially as coach and manager when his son Jim played with Grandview Legion, which began his involvement from grassroots to the provincial level. Morrie then became a highly regarded youth referee, having been mentored by legendary instructor Dan Kulai. Off the field, Morrie served as Chair of Vancouver Youth Soccer for eight years. He then moved to the provincial level, as a Director of BC Juvenile/Youth from 1975 to 1985, including Vice-Chair from 1982 to 1984. He served on and chaired most BC Youth Committees at some time, especially helping to grow youth soccer in the BC Interior, before retiring in 1990. Morrie also volunteered and umpired baseball, bowled and played golf and kept racehorses. Morrie was made a Life Member in 1986 and passed away in 2007.

JIM RICHARDSON (2010)

Jim Richardson was responsible for technical development in soccer in BC in 1975 to 1981. James Richardson was born and raised in England. Although invited to join West Ham's youth team in 1942, he volunteered to join the Royal Air Force, which he served until 1945. Jim emigrated to Ontario in 1947, settling in Newmarket. There he began 17 years growing and developing soccer, as First Vice President of Ontario Soccer and its Director of Coaching and Referee Development, President of Newmarket District Association and President of Newmarket Soccer Club. In 1967 Jim was appointed Manager of the Canadian National Team for the 1970 World Cup. In 1972 Jim moved to British Columbia to work for the BC Government. From 1975 to 1981, Jim was appointed Provincial Development Coordinator for soccer in BC, in effect BC Youth's Technical Director. He supervised all development, built the provincial Summer Soccer School program, and contributed regular articles to the Whistle. Later, until he retired in 1990, Jim was the province's "Manager of Games", overseeing and Chef de Mission for all BC's Canada Games and Western Canada Games teams. Jim was also a major force in developing futsal in Canada, including coaching Futsal Canada's national team. Jim's contribution in Ontario was recognised in the province's Achievement Awards in 1967, 1969 and 1970. Jim was inducted into BC Soccer Life Membership in 2010, the York (Ontario) Region Soccer Hall of Fame in 2016 and the Newmarket (Ontario) Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

VAL J ROCHE (1957) *Deceased*

Val Roche was a pioneer of youth soccer in British Columbia. Valentine James (Val) Roche was born in London, England in 1892, emigrating to Canada in 1913. Val was a teacher and journalist, and editor of the Burnaby Advertiser newspaper. Val was a strong promoter of many youth sports between the 1920s and 1950s, especially soccer, lacrosse and boxing. Val was the first President of the BC Juvenile Football Association, formed on November 7, 1923 and was in later years a Director again in 1954 to 1957. He coached or managed boys youth teams for nearly 35 years, his teams including the Crusaders, Hotspurs, Zeniths and North Burnaby Legion. Val was made a Life Member of BC Juvenile Soccer at Callister Park, Vancouver in 1957. Val was also recognised by the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as "the father of lacrosse in North Burnaby", and founded the Silver, Bronze and Emerald Glove junior boxing tournaments. He is a member of the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame, inducted in 2017. Val Roche passed away in February 1958, when the renowned Vancouver Sun sports columnist of the time Dick Beddoes described him as "a major leaguer in minor athletics".

JOHN RUSSELL (1958) *Deceased*

John Russell was President of BC Soccer in the 1920s and President of Canada Soccer from 1925 to 1931. Born in Edinburgh in 1885, John Russell settled in Vancouver in 1905, becoming one of Canada's leading soccer administrators, dedicating over fifty years to the game as a player, builder, and administrator. In 1907, Russell played soccer with the Vancouver Athletic Club in the Vancouver & District Amateur League and later became the club's secretary. He served on the executive of the Vancouver & District Referees Association, the Lower Mainland Football Association, and the BC Football Association of which he became President in 1920. While with the Vancouver Province newspaper, in 1921 Russell inaugurated the "Daily Province Cup" for the senior soccer provincial championship. Russell served on the BC Soccer Commission for twenty-four years until his retirement in 1958. Russell was Vice President of the Dominion Football Association (later the CSA) from 1922 to 1925 and its president from 1925 to 1931. In 1946 he became the CSA General-Secretary. He was made a CSA Life Member in 1934, a BC Soccer Life Member in 1958, a Member of the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 1996 and a member of the Canada Soccer Hall of Fame in 2010. John Russell passed away in 1964.

ROBERT SAWTELL (2013)

Bob Sawtell was a FIFA Referee and is a National Referee Instructor and Assessor. Bob was born in Bristol, England in 1950, where he certified as a Referee in 1977. He immigrated to Canada and joined BC Soccer in 1980. He worked in grassroots soccer with the Whalley Soccer Club. He quickly moved through the refereeing ranks, being appointed a National Referee in 1986 (refereeing the Provincial Cup Final in 1989), and a FIFA Referee in 1990. He was appointed to officiate at the 1991 FIFA U-20 World Cup in Portugal and refereed the 1993 CONCACAF Gold Cup Final. Bob is a National Assessor (working with CONCACAF and the MLS), a National Instructor, where he continues to develop and deliver national programs. He was Referee Liaison Officer for the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015. With BC Soccer he assesses, mentors, instructs and evaluates referees across BC. Bob's commitment to the development of referees is reflected in his membership of BC Soccer and Canada Soccer Referee Committees and being a Past-President of BCSRA. Bob was recognized with Life Membership of BC Soccer Referees Association, was awarded BC Official of the Year in 1993, received BC Soccer's AC Sanford Award in 2017, CSA's Aubrey Sanford Award in 2018, and was inducted into the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame in 2009.

ARTHUR SHAW (1991) *Deceased*

Arthur (Art) Shaw of Victoria was a National Referee Assessor and BC Soccer Director. Born in Bradford, Yorkshire, England in 1925, Art moved to Victoria in 1948, working for the Provincial Government for 35 years. Art was a dedicated volunteer with the BC Soccer Association and Canadian Soccer Association, especially devoting his time to Referee Programs as an Assessor, rising to appointment as a National Assessor of Referees. Art was a Director of BC Soccer for 12 consecutive years, from 1974 to 1986. Arthur Shaw passed away in August 2006.

WILLIAM SIMPSON (Before 1963) *Deceased*

William A Simpson was awarded life membership of BC Juvenile Soccer (later BC Youth) before 1963. While not certain, it is believed that this life member is William S. Simpson, an early youth soccer pioneer from New Westminster. William Simpson was President of the Lower Mainland Junior Football League in 1923, who promoted a larger juvenile body for the Greater Vancouver area. In 1923, Mr. Simpson became the first Secretary of the new BC Juvenile Football Association. He became President of BC Juvenile Football Association in 1924 and Vice-President in 1925 and 1926.

LES SINNOTT (2013) *Deceased*

Les Sinnott of North Shore and Terrace was Vice-President of BC Soccer and a national governance leader. Les was born in Liverpool, England in 1952, moved with his family to Canada in 1965 and played youth soccer for West Vancouver. As an adult, his leadership contribution for over 25 years began with the North Shore Girls Soccer Club, where he coached the “Blue Bombers” from 1986 to 1999, and was a Class 3 referee. He became Equipment Manager and then Club Chair from 1992 to 1997, thereafter becoming Chair of North Shore Youth district. After relocating to the North-West, he served as Chair of Terrace Youth Soccer. In 2002, Les joined the Board of BC Soccer, which he served for ten years. From 2006 to 2009, Les was Vice-President Youth, and then First Vice-President. Les was the “face of BC Soccer” to Northern BC members, which he regularly visited, and was BC Soccer representative at many provincial and national championships. Les was known as the “Governance Guru,” helping the association and many of its clubs and districts to better governance. Les was also a member of the Canada Soccer Governance Committee from 2008 to 2012, a leader of its governance reform. Les Sinnott passed away while in office in August 2012. As marks of his contribution, in 2013 Les was posthumously awarded BC Soccer’s AC Sanford Award and Life Membership, Canada Soccer’s President’s Award and Sport BC’s President’s Award.

GEORGE SMITH (2001)

George Smith was a leader in Victoria and Vancouver Island soccer for over 40 years. George emigrated from Scotland to Canada in 1958 and became involved in many different aspects of soccer on Vancouver Island. He worked with the University of Victoria Vikes soccer team from 1965, including being Manager from 1970 to 1979, with the 1975 team winning the national CIAU championship, for which they were inducted into the Vikes Sports Hall of Fame. George coached Youth Soccer with Cadboro Bay Soccer Association from 1968 to 1975 and was a founding board member of the Victoria Vistas of the Canadian Soccer League in 1989/1990. George was involved with the organizing committees the Olympic and World Cup Qualifying games played in Victoria. George spent 20 years as a Director of the Vancouver Island Soccer, serving as League President for seven of those years. George also served as a Director of BC Soccer from 1987 to 1989. In recognition of his service to soccer, the Vancouver Island Soccer League has named their U-21 Cup for George. George was made a Life Member of BC Soccer in 2001 and received the University of Victoria ‘Vikes’ Legacy of Sport Award’ in 2011.

LEETA SOKALSKI (1999)

Leeta Sokalski was BC Soccer’s first female Chair, and was integral to development of Canada’s women’s soccer program. Leeta started her soccer career as a player in the Mainland Women’s Winter Soccer League in 1979. She went on to become Registrar and then Chair of the Metro Women’s Soccer League from 1980 to 1986. Leeta was a member of BC Soccer’s Board of Directors from 1986 to 1998 and 1999-2001. She was a Director from 1986 to 1987, BC Soccer’s first female Chair from 1987 to 1990 and its Treasurer from 1990 to 1998. After amalgamation, Leeta served as BC Soccer’s Vice-President Senior and First Vice-President from 1999 to 2001. At the national level, Leeta was part of the very first CSA Women’s Advisory Committee (1986-1987) that laid the groundwork for the Women’s National Team program. Her other achievements with Canada Soccer from 1987 to 2006 included being the provincial representative on the Board of Directors, a member of the CSA Finance Committee and the Director of Female Soccer. Awarded Life Membership of BC Soccer in 1999, Leeta also received a BC Soccer Achievement Award in 1996, a Canada Soccer Award of Merit in 2014 and BC Soccer’s AC Sanford Award in 2015.

JAMES H. SPENCER (1971) Deceased

James Haggarty Spencer, born in North Vancouver in 1915, is regarded as one of Canada's best ever goal scorers. Jimmy Spencer captained his North Vancouver high school team and played juvenile with the North Shore Bluebirds. At senior, Spencer played with North Shore United from 1933 to 1950 and was a major part of two Dominion Cup championship teams in 1938 and 1949. During the 1937/38 league season, Spencer scored forty-nine goals. He was selected to every all-star team in BC from 1933 to 1948. He turned down two offers to play professionally in England. Spencer was chosen by sports writers as the "Most Valuable Player in BC" in 1940 and 1942. Jimmy started his involvement in the juvenile program in 1946 on the North Shore. He served as director of the North Shore Juvenile SA from 1945 to 1976 as director, secretary, treasurer and chair. He was a director of BC Juvenile from 1961 to 1975 including President from 1966 to 1968, and was on the BC Soccer Board from 1970 to 1972. He refereed in the youth program for thirty years to 1975. His honours include the BC Sports Hall of Fame, the Canada Soccer Hall of Fame, North Shore Youth life membership and inclusion in CSA's "Top 100 Players" in Canada's first 100 years of soccer. James Spencer passed away in April 1990.

JIM SPENCER (1988) Deceased

Jim Spencer of Victoria was President of BC Soccer from 1996 to 1998. Born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1931, Jim began his involvement in youth soccer immediately on arriving in Victoria in 1967. He managed an Under-14 boys' side that won the Sun Tournament in 1969, with the Sun Soccer Boy that year, Bobby Duncan, being chosen from Spencer's team. Spencer became Assistant Secretary of the Lower Island Youth Soccer, and shortly afterwards, its Secretary. In 1972 Spencer was elected to the provincial youth board which he served for eleven years until 1983, following which he returned to the Lower Island YSA as chair for four years. Jim was a director of the Victoria Vistas, the Canadian Soccer League club in 1989/1990. Jim was a Director of BC Soccer from 1993 to 1999, including President from 1996 to 1998, the lead-up to the amalgamation with BC Youth. The Vancouver Island Kiwanis Club awarded Spencer their Award of Merit in 1980 for his service to Lower Island soccer. Jim Spencer passed away in December 2017.

JOE J STEFANINI (1962) Deceased

Joe Stefanini was a BC Soccer Commission Director from 1949 to 1962 and the BC representative at Canada Soccer. Joseph J (Joe) Stefanini was born in 1909 or 1910. He was charter member of the Collingwood Athletic Club in Vancouver, involved in founding its soccer program. He was a director of the BC Soccer Commission from 1949 to 1962, a total of 13 years. During this time he was the BC representative on the Canadian Soccer Football Association (CSA), Vice-President of the Pacific Coast Soccer League and was on the first executive of the Inter-City Junior League. He was the Chair of the Juvenile Promotion Committee when the Vancouver Sun first sponsored the BC Juvenile Sun Tournament in 1953. Joe was awarded Life Membership of BC Soccer in 1962 when he left office. Joe passed away in May 1968 aged 58, with BC Soccer Commission directors acting as pall-bearers.

MARK STOCKDALE (1989) Deceased

Mark Stockdale was a youth soccer leader in Burnaby and BC Youth Vice-Chair. Born in Kent, England, Mark spent 40 years involved in amateur soccer in BC. In addition to coaching at all levels, from 1970 to 1987, he served as the chairman of Burnaby's Cliff Avenue Soccer Club. Along with Merrill Gordon he helped build the organization from a single boys' church team into a leading boys and girls club. Cliff Avenue teams won many provincial titles and two national club championships under his leadership, including three Division One titles at the Sun Soccer Tournament of Champions. Stockdale served on the BC Youth Board for eight years from 1970 to 1978, the last four of these as Vice-Chair. He was especially involved in building the exchange between BC, Washington and Oregon. In total he helped institute four

soccer and field hockey leagues. Outside soccer he was a renowned rose grower. He has been honoured with life membership of BC Youth Soccer in 1989, membership of the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 and life membership of Burnaby Youth District. Mark passed away aged 72 in 1996.

JOSEPH SUTTON (1933) Deceased

Joe Sutton was a very early pioneer and leader of youth soccer in BC. Joseph (Joe) Sutton was born in 1879 in Cannock, England, coming to Canada in 1912. After a short stay in Fernie, he moved to Nanaimo. Joe was one of the earliest youth soccer pioneers in BC, spending 50 years involved in soccer, especially boys' soccer in the Nanaimo area, and was responsible for much of soccer's development in the Upper Island, and was a member of the provincial juvenile body in the 1920s. Joe was recognized for what he had contributed to youth in BC with a Vancouver Sun trip to New York in 1960. Joe was active throughout his life in support of young and less privileged people. He was involved with the Salvation Army, and was responsible for better working and living conditions in BC's coal-mining communities. In this later life he was active aiding the area's seniors. Joe was made a Life Member of BC Juvenile Football in 1933. He passed away in Nanaimo aged 96 in February 1976.

ERWIN SWANGARD (1967) Deceased

Erwin Swangard is one of the best known names in BC's sport history. He was a prime catalyst of the BC Youth Tournament of Champions in 1953 while Sports Editor of the Vancouver Sun. Born in Munich, Germany in 1908, Swangard moved to Canada in 1930, played semi-professional soccer and in 1938 was a member of the Saskatchewan senior men's championship-winning team. Swangard worked as a sports reporter, moving to BC with the Province in 1944. In BC, Swangard vigorously supported many minor and major athletic activities. He was instrumental in helping bring the 1954 British Empire and Commonwealth Games to Vancouver and chaired the Bid Committee for the 1955 Grey Cup. He was one of founders of the BC Lions. Swangard personally helped raise over \$1 million dollars toward building an amateur sports stadium in Burnaby, aptly called Swangard Stadium when it opened in 1969. He was President of the PNE from 1977 to 1989. Mr. Swangard is a member of the BC Sports Hall of Fame, the Canadian Football Hall of Fame, and was made a member of the Order of Canada in 1989 and the Order of BC in 1990. Erwin Swangard passed away in 1993.

F J TOWNSEND (Before 1963) Deceased

F J Townsend was an early youth soccer pioneer in the 1920s. F J Townsend was Vice-Principal of the private Kingsley School in North Vancouver in 1923 when he was a founder member of the Greater Vancouver Juvenile Football League of private schools. Townsend became 3rd Vice-President of BC Juvenile at its first AGM in November 1923, later becoming President in 1926. He was also President of the equivalent organization for school baseball in 1925. He was awarded life membership of BC Juvenile Soccer (later BC Youth Soccer) prior to 1963.

ALEX TURKINGTON (1975) Deceased

Alex Turkington was a referee and leader of BC Youth, especially as Secretary. An outstanding youth and Vancouver schools athlete, Alex excelled at softball, football, rugby, soccer and track and field, with his 1941 long jump of 20' 3" an Inter-High Schools record. After serving in the Canadian Navy in World War 2, Alex spent many years as a Firefighter, rising to Deputy Chief, and a leader in the Firefighters Union and the related Credit Union and Benevolent Associations. In juvenile soccer, Alex was also an outstanding referee for most of his adult life. As a juvenile soccer leader, Alex was Secretary of the Vancouver District for four years and Burnaby area director for two years, and then served as the volunteer Secretary of BC Juvenile (Youth) from 1964 to 1974, three of these years doubling as a director on the provincial board. After his service to youth soccer, Alex served as a director of BC Soccer

for eleven years from 1976 to 1987. A Burnaby Parks Commissioner, and active in numerous Burnaby non-profit groups, Alex was a recipient of the Queen's Own Golden Jubilee Medal and in 2004 was inducted into the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame. Made a Life Member in 1975, Alex passed away in 2015.

JANET TYRELL (1968) *Deceased*

Janet Tyrell was BC Youth Provincial registrar for 20 years. From 1952 to 1960 Janet was the team manager of the Vancouver Renfrew Aces boys team which she and her husband Bob formed, taking them from Under-11s to their finale in U-18. She accepted a request to become Provincial Registrar in 1959, a position she held for twenty years through to her retirement in 1980. In 1959, youth registration was 3,700, largely in Vancouver and District, but by 1980 the registered player base had grown to 31,000 across BC. Janet's volunteer position had grown to take up about 1,800 hours of work a year handling registrations and transfers for 2,200 teams. For her 20-year contribution, Janet received BC Youth Life Membership in 1968 and public recognition through presentation of a BC Soccer plaque at half-time in a Vancouver Whitecaps NASL game. Janet passed away in March 2000.

RON WHITWORTH (1995)

Ron Whitworth from Mission was President of BC Youth from 1988 to 1992. Ron began coaching in 1980, with his son's Mission youth team. A rumor in the club that Ron had played soccer in England prior to immigrating to Canada also led to him being asked to coach a Mission recreational league team. He was elected to the Mission Soccer Club executive a year later, serving as President for three years. During his Presidency, Mission launched a mini-soccer program and saw enrollment grow from 200 to 600 players. Ron joined the Westminster YSA district board in 1981 and in 1982 became the first Chair of the new Alouette YSA, when the Westminster district was split in two. He held that position for three years before moving to the Provincial Board in 1985. Ron was a Director of BC Youth from 1985 to 1993, including Chair for four years, from 1988 to 1992. Ron then joined the BC Soccer board from 1992 to 1994, including chairing Competitions and Coaching Committees. Ron was made a Life Member in 1995.

WERNER WINSEMANN (2014)

Werner Winsemann is the only Canadian to be Centre Referee in a men's FIFA World Cup Finals match. Born in Bremen Germany in January 1933, Werner Winsemann moved to Canada in 1954. In 1960, Werner became a Canadian citizen and began refereeing. Werner became a National Referee in 1970 and a FIFA Referee from 1971 to 1980, his appointments including the 1974 and 1978 World Cup tournaments and the 1972 and 1976 Olympic Games. To date Werner is the only Canadian to be the Centre Referee of a men's FIFA World Cup Finals match: Netherlands vs. Sweden in 1974. Werner refereed in the North American Soccer League from 1975 to 1981, most notably the 1975 Soccer Bowl championship and the 1980 Franz Beckenbauer Farewell Match. Werner served on the CSA's Referees Committee and as a National Assessor. Werner was a BC Soccer Director from 1978 to 1980 and later served on its Referee Development Committee. Werner helped found the British Columbia Soccer Referees Association (BCSRA) serving as Vancouver Area President. Recognized as BC Soccer's Official of the Year in 1999, the Association's High Performance Official Award is now named for Werner. An inaugural inductee of the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame and inaugural CSA Ray Morgan Award and CSA International Achievement Award recipient, Werner is a Life Member of BC Soccer, BCSRA and VASRA.

HAROLD J WITTER (Before 1963) *Deceased*

Harold Judson Witter was one of soccer's earliest youth soccer pioneers in Vancouver. Harold Witter was born in Atlantic Canada in 1877 or 1878. He became Secretary of the Great Vancouver Sunday School League for boys in 1917, a position he held for 40 years. The Sunday School League, with up to 70 teams, was an inclusive, grassroots league developed to serve children who would not otherwise get to

play soccer. It was said of Harold that “He gave kids a chance to play”. When talking about Harold, the legendary hockey player Fred (Cyclone) Taylor said: “He was one of the best sportsmen I ever had the pleasure to be associated with.” He was an Organizing Committee member for the Sun Tournament of Champions in the 1950s. Harold was also a member of Western Star Lodge No. 10 IOOF. Harold Witter passed away in August 1957 aged 79, while still in office as League Secretary. He was made a Life Member before 1963.

ROBIN WOODS (2012)

Robin Woods is a long-time referee and referee mentor on the North Shore and was BC Soccer VP Finance. Robin Woods’s soccer career began in North Vancouver in 1978 when he was presented with soccer balls, a group of 7 year old girls and informed that he was their Coach. This was the start of 15 years coaching youth teams on the North Shore. Robin also became a highly regarded referee. He obtained his first certification in 1991, actively officiating through to 2010. His refereeing skills were recognized with annual awards for both the BC Youth Soccer Youth Referee in 1998 and the BC Soccer Senior Official of the year in 2006. He continued to contribute after that by managing and coordinating the North Shore district’s Referee Mentoring program. From 1982 to 2007 he served on Club and Youth District Boards on the North Shore, managing Discipline, Referee and Finance portfolios. From 1998 to 2003 he was elected VP Finance of BC Soccer, managing the financial affairs during the amalgamation of the youth and senior organizations, and becoming the combined BC Soccer’s first VP Finance. He was also active with BC Soccer on the Referee, Discipline, Appeals, and Competition Committees. Robin was awarded Life Membership of BC Soccer in 2012.

JOHN WOODWARD (1997) *Deceased*

John Woodward was a North Shore and BC Youth leader especially involved with the BC/Washington Exchange. John’s 30-year youth soccer connection began in 1967 when he managed his son's team in North Vancouver. Once smitten by the soccer bug, he was elected to the executive of the Lynn Valley Soccer Club, serving for six years, including a year as Chair. John then served for a decade on the North Shore executive, the last two years as Vice-Chair. John then completed an eight-year spell on the provincial BC Youth board. John’s most influential contribution to soccer came through his role as Provincial Coordinator of the BC/Washington Exchange, in its heyday the largest international soccer exchange of its kind in the world. Starting as the North Shore district coordinator for six years, John then became Provincial Coordinator overseeing the entire BC program for 16 years, through to the late 1990s, In addition to this longstanding involvement, he also served on the Soccerfest, Constitution, Discipline and Player Development committees. John was made a Life Member in 1997.