Yvette Delcourt – Coach/Club Administrator of the Kelowna Skating Club
BIO

- Born in Duncan, BC, raised on Vancouver Island. Married with three children and seven grandchildren.

- Figure Skated throughout her youth, then in 1958, at the age of 18 became a professional skating coach. Involvement as a coach and/or administrator will be 50 years this coming Fall of 2008

- Throughout the years, coaching skaters took place in skating clubs in Victoria, Nanaimo, Prince George, and Kamloops, and has been with the Kelowna Skating Club since 1973.

- Became an Elementary School teacher, coaching skating while at university in Victoria. The teaching skills learned were applied to coaching on the ice.

- During the coaching years, also performed administrative duties for a skating school of her own as well as for some of the clubs where she coached, particularly here in Kelowna.

- During the mid-1990's the Kelowna Skating Club was growing rapidly, so Yvette became a full time Administrator and after 35 years slowly cut back on the coaching in 1995. A Coach/Club Administrator was a fairly new position for skating clubs, so she was asked to give workshops at coach conferences and club AGM's on the benefits of clubs turning to Coaches for the administration of their clubs.

- In 1995, she assisted in the implementation of the Kelowna Skating Club as a PacificSport Regional Training Centre.

- During the coaching part of her career, she took skaters to the provincial championship level, but her heart always seemed to be in the grassroots part of the sport. Today, Kelowna Skating Club is the largest skating club in western Canada and has won awards for the last 2 years for the largest increase in the learn-to-skate CanSkate programs in the province, while at the same time the Regional Training Centre has produced top skaters up to the Canadian Championship level.

- Coaching young hockey players in their skating, was also part of this love to teach skating, and she developed a large PowerSkating program in Kelowna for male and female hockey players and also taught skating to the 5&6 yr old Tyke division for eight years.

- In addition to the Administrator's job, following are some of the Volunteer Skating Committee Positions held over the years:
  - Various Kelowna Skating Club Committees
  - Regional, Provincial, National & International Championship hosting committees
  - 4 years on Executive of Kelowna Minor Hockey

- Kelowna Arena Advisory Committee since it began
- on Executive of the Okanagan Figure Skating Coaches Association for 19 years
- Various positions on BC/YT Section-Okanagan Region Board for 16 years
- Vice Chair on BC/YT Section Skate Canada Coaches Committee for 16 years

- Presentations:
  - 1996 BC/YT Section Skate Canada ”Lifetime Achievement Award”
  - 2000 Investor’s Group “Community Sport Administration Award”