

Frank Patrick
1885-1960

Nelson Hockey Club
Kootenay League and B.C. Hockey Champs, 1908-08
B.C. Sports Hall of Fame
1958 Hockey Hall of Fame

Frank Patrick was born in Ottawa, Ontario. He was a hockey player and coach in the NHL.

Born into a hockey family, Frank, along with his brother Lester and their father, Joe, developed a new 800 seat ice rink

Frank Patrick was inducted into the Hockey Hall on Hall Mines Road. In 1910, the family moved to the coast and founded the Pacific Coast Hockey Association, which took two Stanley Cups before it folded during the N.H.L. expansion.

Frank played for the Vancouver Millionaires from 1911-1918, winning a Stanley Cup in 1915. He also served as PCHA president until 1924. He became the managing director of the NHL in 1933-34 and resigned to become head coach of the Boston Bruins from 1934 to 1936.

Among Patrick's contributions to hockey were the blue line, the penalty shot, the boarding penalty, and the raising of the stick when a goal is scored, which he suggested. He also made a prophecy: "I dream of the day that teams will dress two goaltenders for each game." This became a reality in the NHL in 1964-65. of Fame as a *builder* in 1958. Patrick is also a member of the British Columbia Sports Hall of Fame, elected in 1966.

Greg Adams

1963-

N.H.L. Hockey - 1984 New Jersey Devils

1988 Vancouver Canucks

A native of Nelson, British Columbia, and Greg Adams played his junior hockey with the Kelowna Buckaroos of the BCJHL. At the age of 20 he enrolled at the University of Northern Arizona where Adams became one of the top offensive performers in the ACHA. NHL scouts took note of Adams's scoring prowess, especially during the 1983-84 campaign, when he netted 44 goals and 73 points in just 26 games.

In the summer of 1984, the New Jersey Devils, who offered him a free-agent contract, approached Adams. During his first year as a pro, Adams spent half the season with the Devils and the other half in the minors with the Maine Mariners where he developed into a stronger two-way player. In 1985-86 Adams won a spot on the Devils roster.

After another season in New Jersey, Adams was traded to the Vancouver Canucks along with goalie Kirk McLean. It was in Vancouver that Adams spent the bulk of his NHL career and is also where he enjoyed most of his personal successes.

Adams spent three years with the Dallas Stars, but once again found himself on the sidelines when the injury bug hit on more than one occasion. The Stars traded Adams to the Los Angeles Kings at the 1995 NHL Entry Draft, although he never actually played for them. Wanting to prove he could still play in the NHL, Adams signed a free-agent contract with the Phoenix Coyotes in 1998, and he responded with two consecutive 40-plus point seasons. Adams suited up for his 17th and final season in 2000-01 with the Florida Panthers.

After being away from the game for a year, Adams suited up for the Frankfurt Lions in 2002-03 before calling it a career for good after the season.

Rolly Anderson

1919- 1999

1987-88 Mid-Canadian Masters (15K), First

1987-88 Western Canada Masters (15K and 32K), Second

1987-88 Canadian Masters (30K), Second

Rolly Anderson is a Master's category skier. He was born on a farm in Kenora, Ontario. As a boy, he biked and swam in the summer and skied in winter.

He married May Harry in 1944 and has five children. He has worked here as the District Agriculturist, a successful dairy farmer, and as an instructor at L.V. Rogers. He taught math, English, and social studies.

Over the years, he has stayed fit and active: jogging regularly, boxing, swimming for conditioning, and cycling.

His skiing evolved from skiing as a mode of transport to cross-country track skiing, utilizing the classical techniques. His skiing now incorporates the free-style skating technique. His equipment has evolved from boards strapped onto regular boots to the current lightweight slim racing skis of today.

Rolly began downhill skiing in 1962 at the old Silver King slopes in Rossland. Then in 1982 when the Nelson Nordic Ski Club formed he switched over to this much more energetic form of skiing.

The first winter after his retirement, at the age of 66, Rolly entered his first ski race—the Castlegar Kootenay Cup. He came in first place. Rolly served as the executive of the Nelson Nordic Ski Club for several years and his major contributions are trail development and helping with the construction of the new ski lodge at the Apex Trails.

From the 1985-86 ski seasons through to 1987-88, he has won first place in eight of the nine Kootenay Cup races in this district, and has placed second or third in ten out of eleven Canadian National level races.

Emily Beauchamp

1948-

1961-65 B.C. Ski Team

1965-70 Canadian National Ski Team

Emily Beauchamp was born in Kimberley, B.C. In 1966, she moved to Nelson with the Canadian National Ski Team to attend Notre Dame University.

During junior high school in Kimberley, Emily had the privilege of receiving superb training from an Austrian ski coach. After three years, the B.C. Ski Team was made up almost entirely of members of the Kimberley ski team.

Emily spent 1965-66 at Sandpoint High School with a great coach. While there, she skied at the Pacific Northwest Circuit, competing against the U.S. ski team. At the end of the year, she raced against her former teammates in Rossland and did very well, ensuring her position on the Canadian National Ski Team, bringing her to Notre Dame University on a ski scholarship.

In 1968, Emily was named to go to the Grenoble Olympics in France, but unfortunately broke her shoulder in practice and was unable to attend. There was one way to reclaim this opportunity: she went to Aspen and Vaile to ski in an attempt to re-qualify for the Olympics on the U.S. ski team. However, dogged by misfortune, she fell and broke the same shoulder again.

Emily left Nelson and the ski team in 1971. She went to Vancouver to obtain her teaching certificate and returned in the summer to lifeguard and teach swimming. In the fall of 1971 and '72, she instructed skiing at Grouse Mountain in Vancouver, plus a special six-week skiing program for the visually handicapped from Jericho School in Vancouver.

Tracey Billett

1968-

1984-85 B.C. Ski Team

1985 Top Junior Westar Supergiant Slalom for Western Canada

B.C. Summer Games Cycling, 2 Bronze Medals

Tracey Billett was born in Lethbridge, Alberta. She moved with her family to the Nelson area in 1971, when Tracey was three years old.

Tracey started skiing when she was five years old. She was introduced to the sport through the Blewett School curriculum. Besides her outstanding performances in downhill skiing, Tracey has won two bronzes in the B.C. Summer Games in cycling: one in the criterion, the other in the road race. She has participated in Nelson's Triathlon and Cyswgon.

Tracey's ski racing career began when she was seven in the Nancy Green Ski League at Whitewater Ski Area and she entered the carded racing program at age 11, continuing until age 19. Tracey won gold in the B.C. Winter Games in Rossland in 1982 in the slalom. She also won the best overall woman for all three races. In the 1984-85 season she was a member of the B.C. ski team at age 16 and was the 1985 top junior for the Western Canadian Division in Fernie at the Westar Super Giant Slalom. In 1986 she placed second overall in the B.C. Cup points for the season.

Tracey is a C.S.I.A. Level II instructor, level II coach, Level III NCCP.

When not skiing, Tracey works as a Phys-Ed teacher. She also coaches in the Devine Ride mountain bike camps.

Dot Doyle

1926-

Skiing and Running

Dot Durrand (now Doyle) was born in Revelstoke to Bill and Olive Durrand. Like many other athletes, Dot was born into a sports conscious family. Her daughter, Sharon Best, was Nelson's 1988 Athlete of the Year. Mount Durrand and Durrand Glacier are named after her father, Bill, in recognition of his life-long contributions to park development.

Dot's early memories include ice skating at their rink at home and down at the C.P.R. pond. She learned skiing on barrel staves while in pre-school. She cycled everywhere and taught herself to swim. At school she was Sports Editor for her school annual. She played guard on the school's basketball team which won the Kootenay and Mainland Championships.

She was introduced to ski jumping watching the famous Bob Lyrnburn on Suicide Hill where her brothers jumped. She started jumping at nine on the smaller hills nearby. She was the first female ski jumper in Revelstoke, and for some time the only female jumper. She started slalom racing in junior high, along with two or three other girls. In 1936, '37 and '38 she was in the Western Canadian Downhill and Slalom Championships. She continued racing until 1948 when she moved to Nelson.

When her children became teenagers she reclaimed her athletic life and began hiking and Nordic skiing. In 1987 Dot won first in her category in the marathon 10 km run at Trail's Apple Blossom, in addition to being the oldest runner. In 1988 she received another first in the Apple Blossom marathon, and pulled in a bronze in the B.C. Senior games for swimming relay. Dot credited her successes to Sharon's encouragement and support in cycling, skiing, swimming and running.

Danny Gare

1954-

1974 Buffalo Sabre Captain

N.H.L. All Star team four times

1982-86 Detroit Red Wings Captain

Danny Gare was born in Nelson, B.C. At age seven he began playing hockey with the Mini Mites. At ten he played right wing/ forward in the Pee Wee Rep team. From 12 to 14 he was with the Nelson Bantam team, which won the B.C. Championship in 1969. After this win he was “bird dogged” to the Calgary Centennials hockey camp in Kamloops and in October 1971 joined the team in Calgary for three seasons.

In the autumn of 1974, the big draft with the N.H.L. occurred and he made the Buffalo Sabres. In his seven years with the Sabres, he was team captain three times, the first time making him the youngest team captain in the N.H.L. He holds the club record for the most goals in a season, 56 in the 1979-80 season. He was the team’s most valuable player twice and the most popular player in 1982-86 seasons. He has been a member of two N.H.L. All Star teams and a member of Team Canada in 1976 and 1981. He was captain of the Detroit Red Wings three of the four years that he was with the Red Wings. During his career, he established the Danny Gare Hockey Training Centre in Duncan, B.C. He ended his pro hockey career in 1986 and happily returned to Buffalo as the *Colour Commentator*, a talk show host three nights a week. He also operates a restaurant, *The Danny Gare Inn*. Danny has served over the years as honorary chairperson of the C.N.I.B. and of the Leukemia Foundation and as an honorary chief of the Stoney Plains Indian Tribe. In 2005 Danny Gare’s number 18 jersey was retired by the Buffalo Sabres.

Pat Price

1955-

1969 B.C. Bantam Hockey Champs

1974 #1 N.H.L. Draft Choice in the world

1974 - 1988 N.H.L.

Pat Price was born in Nelson, B.C. He was schooled at Central and Trafalgar and started hockey at the age of six. He played in the Atom, Pee Wee, Midget, Bantam, and Junior B leagues, and then for the Saskatoon Blades in the major junior category of the Western Canada Hockey League while he completed his education at Aden Bowman Collegiate.

By the age of 12, Pat knew his dream was to be a hockey player in the N.H.L. Pat's hockey hero was defenseman Bobby Orr. In 1969, at age 13, Pat's Bantam rep team won the B.C. Bantam Championship for Nelson. His friend Danny Gare was also on that team.

Pat played for numerous NHL teams in the run of his career including the New York Islanders, Edmonton Oilers, Pittsburgh Penguins, Quebec Nordiques, New York Rangers and Minnesota North Stars. He retired in 1988. After which Pat played with Team Canada a tournament against the Russians, in addition to exhibition games against Sweden, Finland and Czechoslovakia.

Danny McKay

1912-

Skiing and ski-Jumping

Danny McKay was born in Sandon, B.C. Danny co- founded the Nelson Ski Club in addition to being an all season athlete. He started skiing and ski jumping in Sandon in 1927 under the trained eye of a Norwegian miner, Strand Mikkelson, a former champion. Danny competed during those early years in tournaments in Revelstoke, Nakusp and Sandon before moving to Nelson in 1930.

On his arrival in Nelson, he rekindled his friendship with Roy MacKay also from Sandon and together they founded the Nelson High School Ski Club and built a ski jump for Sunday exhibitions at the site of the present gravel pit in Fairview. By 1934 they had a club house and Danny was on the circuit with Roy MacKay, Art Grodski, younger brother Bill and Trig Anderson, picking up honours throughout the Pacific Northwest.

In 1935 Danny won the B.C. Jumping Championship, B Class, at Hollyburn Mountain, near Vancouver. At that time Danny was being considered for the Olympics. At a Rossland tournament the Nelson team was without a slalom competitor, so without ever having been on a course, Danny entered and came third and soon after he built himself a slalom course near the cemetery above the CPR tracks. In 1938 Danny brought home the Kootenay Zone Slalom and Downhill Championship from Kimberley and the Walton Cup.

Unstable weather conditions and an accident to Roy MacKay at the Fairview site caused the club to move to the golf links in Rosemont. In the 1956 the club moved the rope tow out to Ymir Road (the present site of Thunderbird Electric) and set up a slalom course. Later that year they acquired the Silver King ski hill across the highway. The Silver King ski hill with two T-bars opened in 1958 and closed in 1974. Following high school Danny worked as a proofreader with the Nelson Daily News, then at Emory's Men's Wear until his retirement.

Ernie Gare
1928-1981
Hockey Coach

Ernie Gare was born in Govan, Saskatchewan, and came to Nelson in 1949.

Ernie completed his Masters in Physical Education in 1969. He coached minor baseball, as well as minor hockey. In 1975 he taught at Selkirk College and coached their hockey team, the Selkirk Saints, taking them to Western Canadian finals twice. He co-authored with his son, Danny a Hockey Drill book, designed for coaches and donated it to B.C. Amateur Hockey with proceeds to amateur hockey.

Ernie played defense for the Nelson Senior Maple Leafs senior for 12 years. Ernie's contribution to local sports includes: 12 years as athletic director of Notre Dame College and starting the Ernie Gare Hockey Scholarship Program. He also developed Nelson as home base for the Canadian National Ski team, bringing Nancy Green here. For three years he was recreation director for Nelson and developed the first hockey summer school in Western Canada, now called the Mike Laughton School.

An Ernie Gare Memorial trophy is an annual award bestowed on the Coach of the Year by the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association. In 1980 this association also honoured Ernie with their Diamond Stick award. Earlier that year, Ernie was declared a Freeman of the City of Nelson. He was a city alderman in 1969.

His children are also involved in athletic pursuits, his son Danny has gone on to hockey fame with the N.H.L. retiring in 1986 in Buffalo after a remarkable career.

Morey Gare played minor hockey here then went on to junior A hockey with the Penticton Nights. From 1981 through 1985 he went to Northern Michigan University on a hockey scholarship and was team captain for two years.

Ernie Jr., carries on the family tradition with four hockey playing sons. For the past two years Ernie has been the Vernon Lakers coach, winners of the 1987-88 junior A, B and C championships. He played minor hockey here and junior A with the Penticton Bronchos. Then he went to Eastern Washington University and played senior hockey for the Spokane Flyers.

Helen Butling
d.1989
Mountaineering

Born at Deanshaven on the shores of Kootenay Lake. Helen Butling (nee Deane) was raised, along with her two brothers and five sisters scrambling over the rocks and fishing up local creeks.

Following boarding school in England as a teenager, physiotherapy training in London as a young woman and then marriage, Helen and her family immigrated to Canada in 1939. Helen became the Supervisor of the Physiotherapy at the Kootenay Lake District Hospital, a department that she herself started in 1940 and where she worked until her retirement. But it was not until later in life @ 1958 that Helen discovered her place in the mountains and interest in attending an Alpine Club of Canada.

By 1964, Helen with a nucleus of friends, having spent many wonderful weekends exploring the local mountains, decided to form the Kootenay Section of the Alpine Club of Canada. Their motive was to share their knowledge and enjoyment of safe travel in the mountains. They hoped that membership fees would help with needed repairs to the cabins and with trail maintenance. In 1964 and 1965 and again in 1970 she was Chairman of the Kootenay Mountaineering Club. Helen Butling as one of the original members of the Club was a very key figure in the organizing of the work parties to rebuild the original Slocan Chief cabin. Art Waters supervised the workers and Helen planned and cooked the meals for the hungry gang. An old accounts book from 1962 shows a modest fee of 25 cents was charged for each meal.

Throughout her years of association with the club Helen has shared her ideals of wilderness protection. In 1960 she received an honour, the naming of Helen Deane Lake in Kokanee Park, a token to a staunch supporter.

In 1967 Helen was selected to be part of a women's climbing team for a special Centennial expedition. Helen was 54 years old at the time. There were 52 men and 4 women selected. Helen's team attempted to reach the peak of Mount Saskatchewan. In spite of their efforts they did not summit yet being part of the project was a high honour. In 1985 she was awarded a mountaineering award for her leadership and technical abilities from the Alpine Club of Canada.

Mary DeGirolamo Curling

In 1939 Mary DeGirolamo, *Mary D* to her friends began what has become the Nelson Ladies Curling Club. Prior to this time only men curled at the rink which was located at the site of the Alpine Motor Hotel.

Mary DeGirolamo was a keen curler and dedicated to playing her favourite sport four times a week. Curlers recognized her talent as soon as Mary stepped onto the ice: she was "a natural."

It took until 1950 to convince the Men's Curling Club that the women should be allowed to participate in the Mid-Summer Bonspiel. And that year a Nelson Ladies' rink skipped by *Mary D* of Nelson won the World's Championship. This rink comprised: Muriel Hesse, *Mary D*, Laura Wallace and Dorothy Thom. Vi Bush replaced Dorothy Thom in the 1955 Mid-Summer Bonspiel with honours there and at the Western Championships. That same year after the B.C. Championship, *Mary D's* rink went on to be the Provincial winner in the Western Championships in Winnipeg. In 1962 *Mary D's* rink, of Inez Eckmier, lead; Rose Kuntz, second; Ruth Bicknell, third won the West Kootenay Zone Championship. With an incredible memory for every rock placed in a given game, *Mary* again led this same rink to victory in 1964 and 1965 at the Mid-Summer Bonspiel. Sheila Champion replaced Rose Kuntz in *Mary's* rink and the women again won the West Kootenay Championship in 1966. Two years later Nini Benedetti replaced Sheila Champions and the rink took another West Kootenay Championship. In 1967 *Mary's* rink curled a perfect eight-ender at the Riondel Ladies' Bunkhouse. The other curlers were: Florena James, Gwen Buerge and Cathy McAdams.

Walter Wilson Wait

Walter was born in Qu'Apnelle, Saskatchewan and moved to Nelson in 1930, where he was an active and civic-minded citizen until his death in 1985. Walter received the honour of FREEDOM OF THE CITY of NELSON on January 14, 1985. This is the highest honour that the City can bestow on one of its citizens. Water received both the Freedom of the City and Citizen of the Year by the Knights of Columbus in recognition of his many generous contributions to the City, particularly in the field of sports. He organized and established the Interior Senior Curlers Association. He established the highly successful Nelson Midsummer Senior Curling Bonspiel. He was active in both hockey and figure skating both as a participant and an organizer. He was very active in coaching minor league hockey teams, In addition Walter was a writer and historian, penning the history of the Rose Bonspiel (Midsummer Bonspiel) and writing on sports and other historical items for the press. His collection of archival items from Nelson's past includes programmes, tickets letterheads and other memorabilia from the life of the City, and has been donated to the Nelson Museum by his widow, Ethel Wait.

Peter Engstad

Nordic skiing and ski Jumping

Trained by his father, Kare Engstad who had represented Canada at Lake Placid in 1932 Olympics, Peter began training when he was six years old. He won cups and trophies at Burns Lake, where he was living then and gradually placed in such events as the Western Canadian Championships at Kimberley in 1958, the 4way Inter- High School meet at Kimberley in 1960 the Western Canadian Championships in Vernon in 1961 and the Dominion Junior Championships at Jasper.

Peter Engstad was a student at L.V.R. when he entered the B.C. Junior Championships at Revelstoke in 1962 and came home with the B.C. Champion in cross country racing and ski jumping.

Kare Engstad

Nordic skiing

(pictured in photo to the far left)

Lester Patrick

1883-

Hockey

Curtis Lester Patrick was born in Drummondville, Quebec.

When Lester arrived in Nelson after graduating McGill in September 1907 his family was already here operating a successful logging operation on the Little Slokan River.

He had previously been star centre for the McGill basketball team and his hockey team had won the Manitoba league championship in 1903 with Lester scoring the winning point. He had been captain and rover for the Montreal Wanderers in 1905-06 and 1906-07 when the team won the Stanley Cup. Within three months of his arrival he played his first hockey game with Nelson.

In 1908-09 Lester played rover and his brother Frank played defense for Nelson team which won the-Kootenay league championship and the B.C. championship. Lester, Frank and their father put their creative heads together to design and develop an 800 seat ice rink at Hall Mines Road.

In 1910 the Patrick family sold their mill, moved to the coast and immediately started developing the Pacific Coast Hockey Association being the Victoria Aristocrats (Lester's), The Vancouver Millionaires (Frank's), and the New Westminster Royals (Joe's). In 1925 after winning two Stanley Cups, the league folded as a result of the N.H.L. expansion. By that time the league included Portland, Edmonton, Calgary and Saskatoon.

Lester was the first coach of the New York Rangers, from 1926 until 1939. During this time his nickname changed from the *Praying Colonel* to the *Silver Fox*. He was leader of the Broadway Blues for 20 years. Both his sons, Lynn and Murray developed careers in the N.H.L. and went on to hockey fame. The *Patrick Division* originates from the brilliant hockey family.

During his hockey career, Lester, Frank and Joe were credited with making the game of hockey faster and more popular, introducing the forward pass, the goal

crease, the blue line, penalty shots, and added assists to the scoring. They were first in any sport to number the sweaters and sell programs.

Mike Laughton

Hockey and Figure skating

Mike Laughton, a Nelson native, started skating at age three and attended his first competition that year. A month later he started playing hockey in the Maple Bud League. Coached by Pop Wallace along with Mike's dad, he developed skills quickly. While a student at Hume, he crossed the street at recess for a quick skirmish before heading back to the books. Mike spent most of his ice time figure skating because then that was what ice was available. Mary Rose Thacker, a world class figure skater, instructed him. He also took tap dancing for agility and performance skills.

Following many Kootenay titles in 1964 Mike competed in the Western Canadian Figure Skating Competition held in Kitsilano, at age 13, and placed fifth in the novice level. His coach and instructor was Jackie Lloyd. Mike's Midget team won the Championship of the Kootenays but got beat in the provincials in Kamloops. Ronny Nash and Jim Lowe were local sports organizers that figured in his eventual rise to NHL.

In Senior Hockey, Mike, along with other Nelson boys such as Ernie Gare, Howie Hornby, Bobby Krorrm, Frank Hufty Jr., Gus Adams and Wayne Farenholtz comprising the Nelson Maple Leafs went to the Canadian Finals in Sherbrooke, Quebec in May of 1965 after winning the Western Canadian Championship.

They came second but the play was the highlight of Mike's senior career. Nine of the Nelson Leafs, including Mike, were on hockey scholarships at Notre Dame. The following year Mike signed with the Toronto Maple Leafs and played with their farm team in Victoria in the Western Hockey League. Then there were only six teams in the NHL. In 1967 Mike was drafted by the Oakland Seals where he played for four years. As a result of a knee injury he was traded to Montreal in 1971. He was team captain and assistant coach for their farm team, the Nova Scotia Voyageurs. They won the Calder Cup in the American League that year. In 70-71 the NHL grew to 14 teams when Buffalo and Vancouver joined in.

Mike signed a three-year contract with New York Raiders. The team name changed, with different owners, from the New York Raiders to the Golden Blades and then the New Jersey Knights. Eventually it became the San Diego Mariners, and Mike moved to California. In 1975 Mike retired and then returned home to Nelson. Playing in the world's top league with the legends such as Gordie Howe, Jean Beliveau, and Bobby Hull was the highlight of his career.

T. D. *Deb* DesBrisay
Speedskating and Rowing

Deb DesBrisay, originally from Prince Edward Island, came West in 1895 to Donald, B.C. where he worked as a nightwatchman for the C.P.R. and on the survey crew in the Rogers Pass. Later he worked as a scaler. Although mostly know for his rowing Deb was also a speedskater and in 1886 and 1887 he had won the speedskating championship of the Northwest Territories that were held in Calgary.

Neil and Al Mason

Mogul Skiing

Both the Mason brothers were born in Nelson. Neil started skiing at 10 years old and Al at age 17 with his younger brother's influence.

They mostly skied weekends and first saw free- style skiing, moguls, ballet and aerials on TV. Al started attending clinics with freestylist Dave Lalit, *Lollipop* his hero up at Whitewater. *Lollipop* gave him the grounding he needed in aerials, and ballet. However, he became a mogul specialist because doing aerials without professional coaching was too uncertain. Neil at that point was skiing moguls under the tutelage of Jim Turner a competent Venture Leader. Al's enthusiasm for the sport took him to Silver Star in Vernon in 1982 and he brought home a first in the Western Canadian Freestyle Finals. His brother Neil won the following year. Later that year both Al and Neil had improved their technique and style sufficiently to attend the Canadian National Freestyle Competition in Belle Neige, Quebec. Both were among the finalists placing 16th and 20th respectively. The following year Neil placed 2nd on his first run and 12th on his second run because of a fall at Sunshine Village, Alberta in the Nationals.

In February of 1989 the Freestyle organization lobbied and won to have mogul skiing included in the Olympics. A mogul competitor must run a mogul course in addition to performing an aerial trick.

Al lives in Nelson with his family. He remains involved in the sport through coaching and certifying programs under the auspices of the National Coaching Certification Program. He served on the executive of the Canadian Ski Association. In addition He was the Freestyle Chairman for the '89 B.C. Winter Game.

Brother Neil also continues to be involved with skiing. He has been on the National Development team and in 1987 Neil placed 5th at the Nationals and earned a berth on the National Ski Team for European Competition. He was the third best Canadian in the moguls World Cup competition and at the Swiss Nationals in 1986 he claimed first.

Al Mason pictured in photograph

Wallace family

A sports family

The Wallace family comprising of parents Laura and Art, daughters Phyllis, Dorothy and Deanie, and sons Jerry and Dick arrived in Nelson from Cranbrook in 1934. Art or *Pop* was a promoter of all sports particularly lacrosse and hockey. He formed the Tiny Tots Hockey League, the Maple Buds, which spawned players like Mike Laughton. Laura is one of the seven life members of the Nelson Ladies Curling Club, and the club's first president in 1935. And in 1944 Laura and *Pop* organized the first high school curling in Nelson. In 1968 they were honoured for their efforts in establishing curling in Nelson. In 1950 when the women began to participate in the Mid-Summer Bonspiel a Nelson Ladies' rink skipped by Mary D of Nelson won the World's Championship, Laura Wallace was on her rink. Again in the 1955 Mid-Summer Bonspiel and at the Western Championships, this rink won.

Both Jerry and Dick were avid hockey players and swimmers. Dick was also a champion high jumper, and received an invitation to train with Joe Haley in Trail as a potential Olympiad. The brothers plus Ray Burgess regularly entertained locals with their diving antics down at Lakeside Park. In 1936-37 Dick's hockey team, the Fairview Athletic Association, won the Kootenay Junior title. That same year Nelson's rep lacrosse team took the Interior title.

Phyllis, the eldest daughter was a championship basketball and softball player with women's city teams in her teens. Later she instructed phys ed. Deanie Wallace played basketball with her big sister and picked up honours swimming. The *home run queen* she played girl's and women's softball. In the final game of the Championship of the Kootenays at Trail, Deanie hit a home run to bring the title to Nelson for the third year in a row.

Dorothy Wallace was an all-round athlete in running, high jump, broad jump, and hop, step and jump and took the Grand Aggregate trophy in the years between 1936 and 1949. Transportation was difficult then, however Dorothy did compete at one provincial meet in Vancouver. She had the assistance of a CP rail pass. She came third in the high jump and 5th in the broad jump and 60 yard dash. Dorothy was also an active swimmer, coached by Ed Kelter, the athletic director at the Civic Centre taking honours at provincial regattas. Dorothy's softball team made it to three provincial B playoffs.

Roy MacKay

Ski Jumping

The booming mining community of Sandon in 1913 was the birthplace of Roy MacKay. His first pair of skis were made from barrel staves but by the time he was making 70 ft. jumps he had a pair of Northlands. Roy was taught by Norwegian miner, Strand Mikkelson, a former champion. Roy won his first jumping tournaments while still in Sandon in 1926 in the D class with a 70 ft. jump and won a class C first at Revelstoke. The following year he won took first in the C class in Sandon with a 168 foot jump plus took a first in the longest standing jump in Revelstoke. In 1927 Roy moved to Nelson and continued high school. In 1930 he reconnected with his boyhood jumping pal Danny McKay. Together they formed the Nelson High School Ski Club and built a club house and jump at the site of the present gravel pit in Fairview. Here they staged jumping exhibitions for hundreds of fans. Albert Wallach, collected donations which financed their travel to tournaments. From 1927 until 1937 Roy picked up honours throughout the Pacific Northwest, competing in tournaments in Rossland, Revelstoke, Vancouver, Spokane, Kimberley, Mt. Hood, and Kellog, Idaho.

The Nelson Ski Club skiers staged a *rain or shine* exhibition in 1931 at the Fairview jump site Roy made a abrupt halt in the slush and injured his back. After this he wore a motorcycle brace while jumping. As a result the club moved the ski hut and jump site to the Rosemont golf links. Here Roy set up a rope tow using a motor from an old truck. Roy moved to Class A jumping with a first in 1932 in Nelson. In '34 and '35 Roy placed second at Kimberley and Nelson. The following year, he came first in both Rossland and Kimberley. At Kimberley he picked up the Grand Challenge Cup. In 1937 he was considered for the Olympics following a jump of 186 feet in Kimberley in the Western Canadian Championship.

The war was on. Roy was full time at Greyhound and bothered by his back injury. He made his last jump in 1939 with a second in Rossland.

But he put his mechanical genius to work again when the ski club acquired the use of the Silver King ski hill in 1956-57 (opposite Thunderbird Electric on Ymir Road). He and Ray Johnson built a small T- Bar. Ed Stiles arrived on the scene and constructed the second T-Bar.

Slim Porter

Minor sports

Manville Neil *Slim* Porter was born in Lethbridge, Alberta and in 1918 moved with his family to Nelson and completed his schooling here. That same year he joined the Fairview Athletic Club of which he later became a life member. Upon completion of his education *Slim* became an active sports organizer and for over 43 years he dedicated his life to the furthering of minor sports, particularly hockey. *Slim* organized and ran minor baseball, hockey and lacrosse practically single-handedly, instructing thousands of boys and girls in Nelson. In addition he was a mainstay with financial support for years, and without his assistance, minor sports in Nelson would have sorely suffered.

In 1935 he was elected to the executive of the F.A.C. making official the work he had been doing for the previous eight years. In 1937 he served as vice-president and in 1938 and '39 he was president, an office he gave up to spend more time coaching and managing. In 1941 -42 until 1946-47 *Slim* was president of Nelson Minor Hockey League as well as coaching the Nelson Juvenile Rep hockey team to the B.C. title in 1946-47. Girl's softballers in Nelson were victorious in the provincial playoffs in 1939 and 1940 with *Slim's* assistance as manager and secretary treasurer of the Reps team. In 1958 *Slim* received a diamond stick pin for service in minor hockey by the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association. Throughout his years in the arena, *Slim* has coached and trained such notable athletes as Mickey Maglio, Lee Hyssop, Geny, Fritz and Red Koehle of the Nelson Maple Leafs hockey club and the Hufty brothers of local baseball fame. *Slim* was an employee of Kootenay Forest Products for over ten years and in 1961 he was honoured by the Nelson Civic Centre and Recreation Commission at a *Slim Porter Night* for his untiring efforts in aiding and assisting Nelson's youth. The evening included an exhibition of Pee Wee hockey.

