



Lauri Wenting

Sports Volunteer of the Year Award

Lauri Wenting has lived in Mission since 1988. She is being recognized today with the Sports Volunteer of the Year Award for volunteering as a coach with the Mission Racers Speed Skating Club for nearly a decade.

Lauri met her husband Bruce while attending Fraser Valley College in Abbotsford and together they coached speed skating in Sardis from 1984 to 1988. She hung up her skates for a while with the arrival of their two daughters.

In 2002, one of Lauri's daughters asked if she could try speed skating, unaware that her parents had been coaches in the past. Lauri once again began coaching young skaters and has been giving lessons three times a week for six months of every year since. This type of selfless devotion is what allows our youth to enjoy sports in our community. Lauri is one of those quiet people who takes on tasks in an understated way and gets the job done. The Mission Racers Speed Skating Club has been in our community since 1972 and, without volunteers like Lauri, would not have enjoyed the success it has had in providing opportunities for Mission's youth.

Coaching speed skating takes many hours of Lauri's time, but that is not all that she does. Lauri has also been a Girl Guides leader for the past six years, a volunteer position that makes her hours coaching pale in comparison. Lauri will be hanging up her coaching skates at the end of this season. Her devotion to coaching beginner speed skaters will be greatly missed.