



Wally Koop

Sports Volunteer of the Year Award

Wally Koop is being presented today with the Sports Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of his commitment to the curling community of Mission. Wally moved to Mission in 2004 and became involved with the curling club as a way to keep active in his 70s. After six years of curling, he now says that he loves the sport more than any other.

When he's not travelling on his Honda Goldwing motorcycle with his wife, Wally can be found curling with the Senior Men's League on Wednesdays, and Senior Mixed League on Thursdays.

He has also learned how to prepare the ice for tournaments. For the past two years, he has been assisting with the ice maintenance at the curling rink, volunteering with the ice maker on weekdays and for bonspiels on the weekends. Wally also helped prepare the ice for the 2011 Winter Paralympics, and even made ramps for the Korean team.

In addition, Wally finds time to help school and home school groups learn how to curl and, with humour and enthusiasm, he continues to share his love of the sport with others.