

Jack McBride
Racquetball Canada Hall of Fame
Acceptance Remarks
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I am very grateful for the honour of being inducted into the Racquetball Canada Hall of Fame as a builder. It is different as a builder, in that an athlete deals with predominately a coach and a trainer, and his or her abilities. A builder relies on many other people to achieve success. It cannot be done alone. In my case, I worked with board members, volunteers, Sport Canada and leaders within the membership. I was very fortunate to have such people assisting and guiding me on my tasks that lay ahead.

The first was Cheryl McKeeman. She was there to prepare me for what was ahead right from the onset. She mentored me in many areas, was always available to take on extra tasks requiring her leadership abilities and assisted in the writing of many Racquetball Canada protocols.

The second individual who had the arduous task of dealing with my inability to use a computer to a satisfactory ending, was Cheryl Adlard, our Executive Director. She was patient and understanding, and even became amazed at my level of growth on the computer. She instilled in me the confidence one requires to manage, to delegate, to self-initiate and become a leader. I cannot thank her enough for her patience and professionalism.

My wife Marion, whom you have all grown to love over the years. She spent many days and weeks at home alone while I traveled as Racquetball Canada's representative and while I was on endless committee meetings by skype or conference calls. The fact that she played racquetball was a saving grace for me, as on occasion we got to travel together. She has been there for me throughout. In fact, she insisted that I attend the induction as she felt I had earned it. We have just celebrated our 64th anniversary on the 17th of May.

There are many others that deserve credits. To name a few, Ron Brown, on how to be a leader. Jan Hanson, on the hours she spends representing our sport. Terry Nelson for the years he has spent on Racquetball Canada's Board.

I am thankful that I had the privilege to work with these dedicated individuals.

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