

Ken Kelbough is a Past President of the Association (1981-1982). He also served on the Executive of the Association for a number of years as the Commissioners' Director. In both of these roles he demonstrated that he was willing to step up to help in the betterment of recreation services in the province. For his service to the RFABC Ken has been presented with both a Life Membership (1993) and an Award of Merit (2002).



Ken provided some friendly and dedicated leadership for the Association. During his Presidency one of the more important recreation facility issues included trying to work with the respective user groups like minor hockey and figure skating in their home communities across the province to boost their registration numbers. In addition, Ken also worked to try and make the overall Association a more inviting one for potential members to join.

Ken proudly served his country for 25-1/2 years as a member of the Royal Canadian Navy (he is a veteran of the Korean Conflict) rising to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. A few of the ships that Ken was on included: HMCS James Bay, HMCS Sioux and his favourite posting being HMCS Gatineau.

He worked as the Ice Complex Supervisor at the Juan de Fuca

Recreation Centre. He enjoyed helping to host minor hockey tournaments, curling bonspiels, home shows during the dry floor season and the community's July 1st celebrations.

Ken was elected as a member of Council for the City of Colwood and served his community for many years. As a municipal politician he enjoyed meeting the public and one of his portfolios was the area of Protective Services. He commented that he enjoyed the contact with the police and fire officials that he interacted with.

Ken is now retired from the field of recreation and lives in the Broadmead area of Saanich with his wife Ruth. These days he keeps himself busy by serving on a number of community

committees. These include things like being President of the Korean Veterans' Association and being on the Board of WorkLink a non-profit organization helping to promote employment opportunities/services in the community. Ken is also a Shriner and a Mason. In addition, he takes time to watch TV. and simply relax!

When asked what his best memories of the RFABC were, Ken indicated that they were the friendships amongst the members and the knowledge gained from the education sessions at the various conferences that he attended over the years. ■

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