

Stan Shigehiro

By Vince Kreiser

Stan Shigehiro is a Past President of the RFABC (1976-1977). He also served on the Executive of the Association for a number of years including time as the Lower Mainland Zone Chairman and also the Education Chairman.

Stan provided some solid leadership for the Association in his various roles. During his Presidency Stan enjoyed working on a couple of notable projects. One such project was the creation of a detailed membership and facility directory in a booklet form which helped to promote better member communication at the time. The second major project he worked on was to help facilitate a name change for the Association from the British Columbia Arena, Auditorium and Stadium Association to the British Columbia Recreation Facilities Association to help cover a wider range of recreation facilities. As a side note the third name change for the Association took place at the mid 1980's and it is now known as the Recreation Facilities Association of British Columbia.

During his time as Education Chairman Stan along with the late Mike Powley helped to establish the RFABC Icemakers' Training Course at B.C.I.T. The course ran for a few years as an evening classroom based training opportunity at the Burnaby campus. Stan saw the need for



an "on the road" version of the course and once established it was put on all over the province of B.C. along with locations in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. Nearly 70 courses took place during its "run" and more than 1,500 students participated in this important training.

Stan was the Sports Centre Manager at the Coquitlam Sports Centre. One of his highlights in the position was overseeing the installation of individual comfortable spectator seats versus the "bench style" seats in the ice arena at the time.

Stan is now retired from the field of recreation and lives in New Westminster with his wife Jocelyne.

These days he keeps himself busy with being physically active. Stan was an avid runner for many years and now walks five miles per day to help him stay in shape. He and Jocelyne had travelled extensively in their family RV and they also enjoy shipboard cruising to various international ports.

When asked what his best memories of the RFABC were, Stan indicated that they were the friendships, camaraderie and overall positive relationships between members of the Association that he enjoyed the most. ■