

Dick Dear



Dick Dear was that anomaly – an individual who devoted hours and years of volunteer support to a sports association without ever having participated in the sport itself. In 1975, that seminal year for masters sport, he was recruited by his son-in-law, Brian Oxley, to be one of the marshalls for the cross-country race in the first World Masters championships. As Brian reports, volunteers were hard to find in those days, but when Dick was asked to do more than just marshall, he didn't hesitate. By 1977 he was on the CMAA executive, filling multiple roles as secretary, including membership, and treasurer. His early contributions as treasurer were crucial, at a time when so much accounting and record-keeping was done, painstakingly, by hand. When the secretary/treasurer role was moved out to BC in 1981, he continued on as the CMAA membership secretary until 1985. During those critical, formative years for CMAA, Dick could be relied on to contribute so much. In recognition of his devotion to a sport in which he did not compete as an athlete, we welcome his induction, in memoriam, to the Canadian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame

Citations for Athletes
inducted into the
Canadian Masters
Athletics Hall of Fame
2010 were presented at
the gala Awards Banquet
in Toronto on July 16th.



Brian Keaveney read the
Citation, which was accepted
by Joan Christensen.