

Ian Hume

Ian was born in Foster, Quebec in 1914. He graduated from Bishop's University with a Bachelor of Arts degree at age 19 and later, in completing a French Specialists certificate, won the Lieutenant Governor's medal. He subsequently taught high school French, Latin and Mathematics for 35 years. In 1991, he was very proud to receive an Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law degree, conferred on him by Bishop's University.



From the day in 1929 when Ian won his first gold medal in athletics at the age of 15, he was launched on a glorious sporting career that was to span 8 decades and result in the acquiring of countless trophies, medals, cups and awards. He played on university and provincial teams in baseball and basketball for several years, but the vast majority of his athletic honours were garnered in track and field. In his earlier days, from 1938 to 1950, he won the overall individual championship in 13 consecutive years at the annual Policemen's Athletic Association meets. During this period of time, Ian was Canadian Senior champion in the high jump and javelin in several years and was selected to compete in these two events at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver in 1954. In June of that year, at the age of 39 years and 10 months, he won the Canadian High Jump Championship and British Empire Trials, with a leap of 1.90 meters. In the following year, at the advanced age of 41, he once again became Canadian Senior champion in the high jump.

With the introduction of the World Association of Veteran Athletes inaugural World Championships track and field meet in Toronto in 1975, Ian returned to competitive athletics. Over the course of the next 25 years, he proceeded to set more than 40 world masters age group records in 9 different events - high jump, long jump, triple jump, pole vault, hurdles, javelin, weight throw, pentathlon and decathlon (see following summary for list of performances). Having competed in 7 World Championships, he has won 10 gold, 12 silver and 6 bronze medals. Although Ian retired from active competition in 1999, he continued to hold more than 35 Canadian outdoor and indoor records at the masters level (see "Records", on this web site).

During more than half a century of involvement in the sport of track and field, Ian has coached both young, aspiring athletes at the club level and Canadian team members at events such as the Commonwealth Games in Jamaica in 1966 and the Pan-American Games in Chicago in 1959. He has served as President of both the Provincial and Canadian Track and Field Associations and as Chairman of the World Veterans Technical Committee from 1975 to 1985. Ian participated as an official at local, national and international events, culminating in the position of referee of Combined Events for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. At that time, his recommendations for new scheduling procedures for the pentathlon and decathlon were implemented at the Games.

For more than 15 years, Ian represented his country as a member of the Canadian Olympic Association and the International Amateur Athletic Federation (1970-84). The IAAF awarded him the Veterans Pin in recognition of long and meritorious service to the cause of World Athletics. In 1970, Ian won the “Air Canada Award” for Sports Executive of the Year. He was inducted into the Canadian Amateur Hall of Fame in 1983, both in the Athlete and Builder (coach, administrator, official, manager) categories. Two awards acknowledge his outstanding contribution to the sport of track and field for over 50 years. He was presented with the Canadian Track and Field Association Plaque in 1990 and was named to the National Officials Committee Wall of Honour in 1985. As well, Bishop’s University selected Ian to their Athletic Wall of Distinction in 1995.

One of the most admirable qualities exhibited by this outstanding individual is that he succeeded through thick and thin, never requiring sophisticated equipment and ideal conditions. If the implements or facilities were not available for training, he would improvise or develop his own. For example, to use up any leftover energy, Ian would play golf on the run, carrying 3 clubs in his bag. He celebrated his 66th birthday by playing 88 holes, completing the last 9 holes in 40 minutes and posting a score of 41.

Along the way, he did not neglect the other aspects of life. He married Melita Fraser, who supported Ian’s passion by working in various capacities, including secretary of the Canadian Track and Field Association for several years and managing Canadian track and field teams. In leading by example, they provided excellent role models not only for their 5 children and their families, but also for hundreds of young people in the community who benefited from their volunteer work. He was active in charity projects, such as Red Feather and the Salvation Army, as well as serving on various educational committees including school boards and parents’ councils.

To crown a lifetime of commitment and dedication to sport, Ian Hume in 2002 was honoured with the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal, in recognition of his service to his community and young people in athletics.

Once you have met this tall, lean, distinguished looking man with the clever wit and strong sense of fair play, your life will be changed for the better and you will never forget him.

Summary of Major Achievements

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL

- Born in Foster, Quebec August 20th 1914.
- Married Melita Fraser; parents to five children (one son, Edward; four daughters, Margaret, Heather, Laurel, Vicki); grandparents to nine grandchildren; great-grandparents to 4 great-grandchildren.
- Retired in 1972; lives in the countryside of Melbourne, Quebec.
- Hobbies include: track and field competitions, golf, cross-country skiing, gardening, woodcutting, bridge, reading, observing nature and animals.
- Education:
 - Waterloo High School graduate.
 - Bishop’s University, BA (French and Latin) 1933

- Bishop's University, High School Teaching Diploma 1935
- French Specialist Certificate (Lieutenant-Governor's Medal) 1940
- McGill University, Graduate Studies towards Masters' in Psychology (Guidance Counselling).
- Former Occupation:
 - High School Teacher for 35 years (French, Latin, Math). Taught at Austin; Waterloo H.S.; Fitch Bay (Principal); St. Frances College H.S. (1942-48); St. Lambert H.S. (1948-54), Chambly County H.S. (1954-72) Director of Athletics CCHS.

MAJOR ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- First Track and Field school competitions 1925.
- First gold medal–National Interscholastic Championships 1929.
- 70 year athletic career 1929-99.
- As competitor, won overall individual championship in 13 consecutive years in Montreal Policemen's Amateur Athletic Association meets, 1938-50.
- Baseball: was member of Quebec provincial and township baseball teams (noted pitcher and base runner) 1940's.
- Basketball: member of Quebec provincial team and Bishop's University team, 1940's.
- Qualified for Canadian Olympic Track and Field team in high jump (games cancelled due to World War II).
- Selected as member of Canadian team for British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver in 1954 for high jump and javelin events at age 39 years 10 months.
- Competed in Open men and Masters age group categories at the National and International levels. Events were: high jump, long jump, triple jump, pole vault, hurdles, relay (4x100m.), javelin, discus, shot put, hammer, weight throw, weight pentathlon, pentathlon and decathlon.
- Was Canadian Senior champion in high jump and javelin in various years from 1938 to 1955. Set numerous Canadian records.
- Competed at Provincial and National levels in four jumping events (HJ, LJ, TJ, PV), high hurdles and javelin until 1955.
- Started competing in masters events (for men 60-64) in September, 1974.
- Participated in 7 World Masters Championships; won total of 29 medals - 13 gold, 9 silver and 7 bronze:
 - Toronto, Canada 1975 (3 gold, 1 bronze)

- Gothenberg, Sweden 1977 (4 silver, 1 bronze)
- Hanover, Germany 1979 (2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
- Christchurch, New Zealand 1981 (3 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze)
- Rome, Italy 1985 (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
- Melbourne, Australia 1987 (1 gold, 1 bronze)
- Eugene, Oregon, USA 1989 (1 gold, 1 bronze)
- Set more than 40 World Masters age group records in 9 different events-high jump, long jump, triple jump, pole vault, javelin, 25lb. weight, hurdles, pentathlon and decathlon, from 1974 to 1999.
- **Outstanding World record performances within 5 year age groups include:**
- **60-64**
 - High Jump 1.54 m (age 62)
 - Triple Jump 10.50 m (age 62)
 - Javelin 43.54 m. (age 64)
 - Pentathlon 1578 pts. (age 64)
 - M65-69 Javelin 42.36 m. (age 65)
 - Triple Jump 10.66 m. (age 66)
 - Decathlon 8106 pts. (age 66)
 - High Jump 1.51 m. (age 67)
 - Pentathlon 3713 pts. (age 67)
- **M70-74**
 - High Jump 1.48 m. (age 70)
 - Triple Jump 10.17 m. (age 70)
 - Long Jump 4.79 m. (age 71)
 - Decathlon 5746 pts. (age 74)
- **M75-79**
 - High Jump 1.37 m. (age75) (indoors)
 - Long Jump 4.15 m. (age75) (indoors)
 - Triple Jump 8.56 m. (age75) (indoors)
- **M80-84 High**
 - Jump 1.26 m. (age 80)
 - Javelin 21.48 m. (age 83)
 - Weight (25lb) 6.40 m. (age 83)

- At retirement, October, 1999, still held more than 35 Canadian Masters outdoor and indoor records (see “Records” on this web site).

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPORT

Coach and Manager

- Track and field coach for 60 years from 1939 to 1999.
- Head coach of St. Lambert CSA, numerous years.
- Interscholastic coach (1937-72).
- Coached men’s and women’s teams in high school and club basketball and track and field to many provincial and national championships from 1930’s to 1970’s.
- Coach at McGill University, Track and Field Teams, four years, 1960’s.
- Canadian Track and Field team coach at Pan-American Games in Chicago, USA in 1959.
- Canadian Track and Field team coach at Commonwealth Games in Kingston, Jamaica in 1966.
- Coach for Quebec Women’s Basketball team at 1st Canadian Winter Games 1967.
- Canadian Track and Field team manager at Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1970.
- Manager/coach of Canadian Women’s Team to Europe 1971.
- Chef-de-Mission of Canadian team to Italy and Germany 1971.

Administrator

- President St. Lambert Community Sports Association CCSA.
- President of Richmond-Danville-Asbestos Teachers’ Association.
- President of South Shore Teachers Association.
- Technical Manager, Europe vs. America Track and Field Meet, Expo, Montreal, 1967.
- President, Province of Quebec Track and Field Association in 1960’s.
- President, Province of Quebec Basketball Association, 1962-65.
- President, Canadian Track and Field Association, 1968-71; Director; Selection Committee.
- Member, Canadian Olympic Association, several years.
- Canadian representative to International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), 1970-84; member of Women’s Athletics Committee, 12 years.
- Chairman, Technical Committee of World Association of Veteran Athletes, 1975-85.
- Developed new scheduling procedures for decathlon for 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal

- Prepared world age-adjusted scoring tables for comparing performances in multi-events in all age groups for WAVA.
- Revised pentathlon and decathlon points tables in 1984 for multiple events competitions.

Official

- Technical Official in field events since 1942; involved in training of officials.
- Combined Events Referee in Track and Field:
 - 1976 Olympic Games Montreal, Quebec
 - 1978 Commonwealth Games Edmonton, Alberta
- Field Event Referee:
 - 1979 World Cup of Track and Field Montreal, Quebec
- Combined Events Referee:
 - 1979 Russia vs. USA vs. Canada - Team Decathlon and Pentathlon Quebec City, Quebec
 - 1980 Pan-American Junior Championships Ottawa, Ontario
 - 1983 World University Games Edmonton, Alberta
 - 1987 Canadian University Championships, Windsor, Ontario
 - 1988 Canadian Indoor Championships
 - 1990 Canadian Seniors Championships, Montreal, Quebec
- Competition official at Provincial, Canadian and International meets over 6 decades, 1942-1999.
- Meet Director; Jury of Appeal; Head Referee for many years.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) of Canada (Quebec Branch) Plaque—for executive work and work in sports 1958.
- Foley Memorial Trophy—Outstanding Montreal Sports Executive 1960.
- Canadian Centennial Medal 1967.
- Order of Scholastic Merit (Provincial Teachers' Association) 1969.
- Air Canada Sports Executive of the Year Award 1970.
- City of St. Lambert Plaque—for community work, track and field and national work 1972.
- Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal 1977.
- Member of the Order of Canada—in recognition for outstanding achievement and service to the country 1981.
- Canada Medal 1981.

- Veteran's Pin from the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)–for long and meritorious service to cause of World Athletics 1982.
- St. Lambert Sports Hall of Fame (1st recipient) 1982.
- Fédération d'Athétisme du Quebec Plaque (Réconnaissance pour Les Services Rendus) 1982.
- Member of Canadian Amateur Sports Hall of Fame-awarded for Canadian Champion athlete and Builder of Amateur Sports (Coach, Manager, Administrator, Official) 1983.
- Official of the Year (Federation d'Athletisme du Quebec) Plaque–for contribution to sport 1983.
- Canada medal for Winter Olympics (selected to run lap of torch relay in Australia for World Championships) 1987.
- Fédération d'Athétisme du Quebec Plaque (Hommage Pour 50 Ans Pour Son Dévouement) 1990.
- Canadian Track and Field Association Plaque - in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the sport for over 50 years 1990 “with devotion, dedication and commitment to excellence, he made his mark”.
- Doctor of Civil Law (DCL) from Bishop's University 1991.
- Plaque du Regroupement des Officiels en Athlétisme, Estrie-Sherbrooke area 1994.
- Prix Victor Spéciale–Décerné en Estris pour toute une vie dédiée au sport 1994.
- Named to the Athletic Wall of Distinction at Bishop's University 1995.
- Le Prix Dollard Morin du Bénévolat en loisir (pour le volet bénévoles, catégorie distinction) open to all of Province of Quebec 1995.
- Prix D'Excellence René Thibault (est.1995) 1st recipient–donated by Richmond-Melbourne and area councils for Outstanding Service to the Community 1995.
- “Mérit Estrian” de La Tribune (Sherbrooke newspaper) for Persons Honoured in Past Year 1996.
- Named to Canadian Track and Field's National Officials' Committee (NOC) Wall of Honour–“distinctive service in officiating in Track and Field” 1996.
- NOC Special Award in recognition of 50 years of distinctive service in the officiating field of Track and Field 1999.
- Ian Hume Invitational Track and Field Meet–named in his honour to recognize his service to the sport and sponsored by University of Sherbrooke.
- Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal–in recognition of service to the community and work with young people in athletics 2002.
- Named to Canadian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame in inaugural year 2002.