



Jim Hoyle is known as one of the early developers of Gymnastics Nova Scotia. He arrived in Canada from England in 1957 where he was the English University Champion from 1956-57. He soon became heavily involved in gymnastics in the Maritimes and Nova Scotia. Jim captured various Nova Scotia titles as an athlete in the late 1950's and early 1960's and was also Maritime Champion 1960, 1963, 1964 and 1965. He was a National Team member in 1966 (North American Championships in Montreal) and in 1967 (North American Championships in Chicago). Jim was the Canadian Senior B Champion in 1967 and was also once named Nova Scotia's Athlete of the Year.

Jim became involved in coaching in 1958 and was coach of the Junior Canadian Men's Team to Cuba in 1967. He founded the Dartmouth Titans Gymnastics Club in 1968. He coached several formerly prominent Nova Scotian gymnasts, including fellow inductees Lynne Pascoe and Shawn Healey, Rick Gilbert, Dennis Ring, Truman Hirschfeld, Bud Brown and Adrienne Lucas. He also judged for 16

years from 1966-1982. He was an international brevet judge for eleven years, officiating many times at Nationals up until 1980 and internationally at invitational meets in Romania and Hungary as well as the Pan American Games in Winnipeg in 1967 and the British Empire Games in Edmonton.

Jim frequently volunteered in other ways becoming President of the then NSGA in the mid 1960's and Chairman of the AAU of NS for gymnastics from 1963-65. He was also the Men's Technical Chairperson for various years in the late 1960's and early 1970's. He was often on various organizing committees for Provincials including Chairman in 1964.

Jim has been a strong builder of gymnastics in this province and was awarded a Life Membership from the Canadian Gymnastics Federation in 1984. He continues to be involved with gymnastics as a recreational athlete at Titans Gymnastics and Trampoline Club.

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