

LEDUC SPORTS HALL OF FAME

John Bole

John Bole has been instrumental in promoting athleticism in the region and enriching the community of Leduc.

John and his wife Joan came to Canada from Northern Ireland in 1970 to work as teachers. After completing a master's degree in education from the University of Alberta, John moved to Leduc and became the principal of Leduc Junior High School in 1977. He later became the superintendent for the Black Gold School Division.



While he was the principal at the junior high school, John started a track and field club. The club expanded over the next few years, leading to the establishment of the Leduc Track Club in 1981. John served as head coach and president. At the same time, he became the first president of the Leduc Otters Swim Club and the first president of the Leduc Rapid Bingo Association. He also served as president of Athletics Alberta from 1986 to 1991.

John helped organize the 2001 World Track and Field Championships, chaired the 2008 Alberta Winter Games in Leduc, and chaired the 2016 Alberta Summer Games. He personally trained many athletes who went on to compete internationally.

After retiring in 2005, he continued to coach with the Leduc Track Club. In 2009, the park opposite the Leduc Composite High School was renamed the John Bole Athletic Park.

John received the City of Leduc's Athletic Achievement Award in 2000, the Alberta Community Development Energizer Award in 2006, and Leduc's Community Spirit Award in 2008.