

# LEDUC SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## John Young

Known for his leadership and dedication, John Young is a distinguished athlete and tireless volunteer.

A resident of Leduc since 1962, he worked as an administrator at the Leduc Hospital for 30 years. John and his family enjoyed being involved in local sports and recreation.

John was always a talented athlete. Although he was sought by the American Hockey League, he chose to play at an amateur level so he could raise his young family. He played 12 seasons of hockey with the Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL), captaining the Lacombe Rockets for nine years. To this day he holds the CAHL record of 103 points in a season. He's also the only CAHL player to score over 300 goals in total.

In Leduc, John and other local players formed an intermediate senior hockey team called the Leduc Oilers. This became what was essentially a development team for the U of A Golden Bears, bringing players such as Len Zalapski and Dave and Jim Glasgow to the Leduc community.

John supported Leduc Minor Hockey, coaching teams and serving as secretary and treasurer for eight years. After his retirement, John helped maintain the 11 Leduc ball diamonds from 1996 until 2012.

He never stopped playing hockey. For the past 20 years he's played with the Edmonton Vintage Hockey League, and at age 83, he still plays twice a week. The 2016-17 season marks his 75th year of playing hockey.

John was awarded the Alberta Centennial Medal in 2005.

