

## **Ed Stein**

Ed Stein played broomball for the first time at the age of 22 and was hooked. He wanted to improve the team and raise the profile of broomball in the Leduc community. He began to promote and organize the sport, getting involved with the Leduc league's executive as well as the Edmonton league.

Ed worked continually to promote broomball in the area, raising funds, organizing tournaments and recruiting players. He booked ice at the Alexandra Arena on weekends and during spring breaks, offering the use of the ice and broomball equipment for free. Eventually Leduc was hosting



one of the biggest broomball tournaments in Western Canada. In 1985 Leduc hosted the national championship.

In 1986 Ed became a director in the Alberta Broomball Association. He also represented Alberta at the Canadian Broomball Federation from 1987 to 1991. He retired from playing in 1988, but continued to coach the men's team, the Leduc Stingers, and the women's team, the Leduc Starlites.

Leduc hosted the Western Junior Championship in 1990 and also the Canadian Junior Championships in 1999 and 2005. Leduc competed at the Canadian Junior Championships in 1992 and then every year from 1994 to 2002.

Ed retired from the sport in 2002 to spend more time with his family. Broomball continued in Leduc for several years after, but interest waned until eventually the teams dissolved.

Ed was inducted into the Canadian Broomball Association Hall of Fame in 1999.

