COBOURG & DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

P.O. Box 45, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 1M8

HONOURED MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

Date Received
Nominee: Jay, Effie Francis Louise ("Fran")
Deceased. Contact daughter Brenda Mock. (see info below)
Address:
Postal Phone (C Email Add
Birth Place: Cobourg Date of Birth: December 12, 1942
Place/Date of Death: Cobourg, ON
Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: her entire life
If nominee is deceased, please provide name, address and phone number of next of kin. Brenda Mock (daughter) & Ron Jay (husband) Brenda- Phone (C): Email Address: mockbrenda@hotmail.com
SPORT ACHIEVEMENT
Nomination For: Athlete () Builder (X) Athlete/Builder ()
Sport (s): <u>Baseball & Hockey</u>
SPORT TEAM ROLE/CAPACITY DATE
Baseball volunteer, executive member, tournament organizer, umpire host, etc. Approx. 1976- 1992
Hockey executive member, team manager, OWHA board member

& Regional Director, League convenor, coach recruitment, strong overall advocate for girl's/women's hockey locally and

Approx. 1980 -1999

beyond, etc.

Championship Teams: (Please provide dates):

1997 - OWHA Provincial Championship (team executive officer) – Spoolon Cobourg Midget B 2002 - OWHA Provincial Championship (team manager) –eagle.ca Cobourg Senior B

Individual Awards/Citations: (Please provide dates):

Local Awards:

- 1987 "Curtis Products Award" for the person to have contributed the most to the Cobourg Baseball Association
- The CCHL named an award after her The Fran Jay Outstanding Player Award (presented to the CCHL's best OWHA player)
- Life Member of the Cobourg Hockey Association

International Awards:

• 1997 - IIHF Certificate of Appreciation (Women's World Hockey Championship)

*Indicate if awards/honours are Local, Provincial, National or International

Associations/Organizations/Clubs with whom nominee is/was associated with (local, provincial, national, international etc.)

Local:

Cobourg Baseball Association Cobourg Community Hockey League

Provincial:

Ontario Baseball Association
Ontario Women's Hockey Association

If possible, please provide a summary/description of any other additional information that would describe the nominee's outstanding contribution to sport.

See attached.

Newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photos or sort memorabilia will assist in supporting the application.

SUBMISSIONS WITH INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE NOMINATION FORM BEING RETURNED TO THE NOMINATOR BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Additional Information/Comments:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE ABOVE FACTS ARE TRUE, AND I ENDORSE THIS APPLICATION FOR INDUCTION INTO THE COBOURG AND DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

NOMINATOR: Jennifer Ashley

ADDRESS:

PHONE #:

DATE: Sept. 30/21

Please return completed form to: Cobourg & District Sports Hall of Fame P.O. Box 45 Cobourg, Ontario K9A 1M8

Fran Jay

Effie Francis Louise Carr was born at the Cobourg General Hospital on December 12, 1942, to Dave & Gertrude Carr. "Fran" was the middle child of three. Her siblings were Margaret and David. Fran's organizational skills were in her blood. In 1963, her Dad (a local barber) risked the very roof over his head by mortgaging his home to help fund Cobourg's very first Highland Games. It was so successful that it has been an annual event ever since. The family even boarded Donald Jackson, a prominent Canadian figure skater (1962 World Champion, four-time Canadian national champion, and 1960 Olympic bronze medalist), in their home.

Fran married Ron Jay on October 26, 1963. They had to have an October wedding so it didn't interfere with her parent's Highland Games preparation. Ron was very involved in baseball and softball, locally, as a player and executive member. Fran became interested and started to become involved. She joined the Cobourg Baseball Association executive and volunteered in many ways. She worked hand-in-hand with Liz Basinger, booking hotels and other things for incoming teams. She also volunteered at the canteen. She was a key organizer of the popular Kool-Aid Tournament. Fran and Ron helped look after the umpires. They would put on a meal for the umpires, consisting of buns, cold meat, etc. One time, at a Blue Jay's game, Fran and Ron were featured on the jumbo-tron in recognition of their contributions to baseball and were referred to as "Mr. & Mrs. Blue Jay from Cobourg". There was also a story about it featured on the radio. The couple attended annual OBA (Ontario Baseball Association) Conventions together. Ron was a voting member but Fran accompanied him to all sessions. She enjoyed the networking, meeting people, and she learned a lot about baseball and the OBA along the way. She enjoyed the "nickle a beer" evening socials at these events and made many friends and contacts. Although she never played sports herself, her involvement in baseball stimulated her commitment to athletic administration. In 1987, she won the "Curtis Products Award" for the person to have contributed the most to the Cobourg Baseball Association.

Fran and Ron had two children, Brian and Brenda. Brian played hockey and Brenda always tagged along. When Brenda was old enough to play, in Cobourg, she wasn't allowed to play with the boys and there was no girls team, and so began Fran's legacy as an advocate for girl's hockey, in Cobourg and beyond. The first season, she had 13 players. The second season, she had 2 junior teams and the third season she had to shuffle girls around to fit in age brackets. Although she didn't start girl's hockey in Cobourg, she spearheaded the United Counties Hockey League, which was later called the Lakeshore League, and provided girls teams a chance to play against other towns. She worked with many other volunteers throughout the years including Rosie Bateman, Reg Stevenson, Ken Pitre, Max Holland, Wayne Greer, Liz Basinger, Donna Cole, Paul Millard, Kathy Pearson, and more, all who were committed to making the girls game better. She was so committed to girls hockey that she changed her position at General Foods to one that allowed her the flexibility to scoot back and forth to the arena during breaks. She was good at recruiting coaches and players into the program, too. For example, she convinced Max Holland to move from coaching the boys novice to the girls novice "Kinnette Kittens" because

she recognized that he was good at getting them to play aggressively, while establishing great coach/player relationships. He continued to coach girl's hockey, at all levels, into his 70's.

Starting in 1993, the girls were a part of the Cobourg Community Hockey League (CCHL), until 2006 when the West Northumberland Girl's Hockey Association (WNGHA) was formed. In 1982, Fran became the first ever Girl's Governor on the CCHL executive & held the position for an extended period of time. She spearheaded the CCHL's annual equipment swap, which eventually became a fundraiser for young female players. Over the years, she spearheaded and/or assisted with many other fundraisers to benefit the girls.

Fran organized many hockey tournaments and special events, which was a lot of work and very time-consuming. Fran was a strong advocate for the girls and got into lots of arguments fighting for equity in the sport. She became a Life Member of the Cobourg Community Hockey League in recognition for her contributions. Eventually, Fran joined the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) executive as Regional Director. She was an OWHA Board member from 1993-1999. She attended monthly meetings, coordinated events, and dealt with issues within this OWHA region. She was team liaison for international teams and organized the 1997 & 1998 Senior AAA Provincial Championships that were held in Cobourg. Senior AAA was the highest level of women's hockey at the time and included Olympians such as Cassie Campbell, Vicky Sonohara, Karen Nystrom, Lori Dupuis, and future Hockey Hall of Fame inductees Angela James & Geraldine Heaney, & Jayna Hefford. She also helped to organize the 1997 Women's World Championships, held in Kitchener. She also was involved in the Olympic women's team, which was a thrilling accomplishment for her.

Fran managed many Cobourg teams throughout the years. When Fran was with the midgets, she convinced Ken Pitre to allow the girls to play exhibition games against the boys house league teams, who were surprised at how good the girls were. The boys liked it because it gave them more ice time and the girls enjoyed the competition. It was a good thing for everyone. Fran won a Provincial Championship with the midgets, as the team's Executive Officer. Wayne Greer believes this was the first girls' team to win a Provincial Championship and he believes it never would have happened without Fran's commitment to girl's/women's hockey. In 1997, she started up a Cobourg women's rep team so that Brenda, now an adult, could still play competitive hockey, as there was no women's team in the area. Since then, that Cobourg team has won many provincial medals including 7 provincial championships, one of which Fran herself was a part of.

Brenda started a Girl's Summer Hockey program. Fran helped her sometimes. One summer, Fran arranged for an Olympian to come out on the ice with the girls. She brought her World Championship medal and the girls were thrilled. Fran took her out to lunch afterwards.

Wayne Greer interacted with Fran on the hockey scene for over 10 years, starting in 1991. In his first year as a coach (atom), Fran contributed significantly in making sure each of the 6 teams were staffed properly and that every girl signing up to play had a team. Wayne reflected on Fran's contributions: "Through the 90's all girls teams travelled as we did not have sufficient

numbers for house leagues. Fran was critical in balancing off team numbers which met sometimes good 2nd year players were moved up to help the numbers on both age groups. Not an easy task but Fran consulted with the coaches and parents and always found a way to keep a player in the girl's division if the player wanted a place. Fran supported all players. While the Girls division was a part of the CCHL Fran continually worked on obtaining reasonable ice times for the division. This was not easy, but she was well respected by the CCHL Executive and her relentless efforts allowed the girls division to grow year to year. Fran was always a great source of information regarding the OWHA and any questions or concerns around rules would result in an informed answer from Fran. She kept us all in line! Fran left the Girls Division Governor post to take on an executive role with the OWHA later in the 90's during which she was a supporter for the province, although she followed Cobourg no matter what she was doing. It is great to see the growth in girls/women's hockey in Northumberland and, in my opinion, Frans' contributions were tremendous."

In 1990, she announced her retirement from the CCHL scene, after many years of championing girls' hockey in Cobourg. She was recognized locally and at the Provincial level for her contributions. However, due to her outgoing and organizational nature, post-retirement she continued to contribute throughout her life, including sitting on the OWHA board of directors for 6 years.

Fran passed away in 2014 after a battle with cancer. She gave freely of herself to bring equality to girl's hockey. She was always willing to stand up and fight when circumstances dictated. Fran Jay was the ultimate builder for female hockey in Cobourg and throughout Ontario.

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Team Assignment: Switzerland

Personal Profile:

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Fren is married and has two children. Fran lives in Cobourg, Gotario, where she is the Regional Director for the Ontario Women's Hockey Association. The Jay family is very active in both lockey and baseball.

Special Interests/Hobbies:

Hockey, baseball, visiting family and friends, travelling in preparation for retirement.

Language Spoken: English

1997 WOMEN'S WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

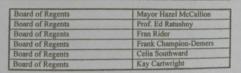
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1996-97 OWHA EXECUTIVE LIST

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April 10, 1997.

Mrs. Fran Jay, Provincial Women's Hockey Association Representative, 773 Westwood Drive, Cobourg, Ontario. 89A 439.

Dear Fran:

On behalf of the Cobourg Municipal Council I extend our congratulations to your organisation for the excellent Romen's Mockey Competition Tournament you hosted at the Cobourg Areas. Deputy News Spooner showed Council the write-up and accolades you received for Kuming a first-rate Kournament.

I am pleased the local committee took on the responsibility to host this competition in Obbourg and did such a fine job in arranging the event. We wish you success in your future endeavours and ask you to pass along our appreciation to the members of your team.

Yours very truly,

Jean lo hasonich,

Joan E. Chalovich,

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People Fran Jay

Girls just want to have fun

She can't skate, but it hasn't put

of Cobourg girls' hockey.

Fran Jay started her career at the
Cobourg arena with her kids. Her son Brian caught the hockey bug first, closely followed by her daugh-ter Brenda.

first, closely followed by her daughter Brenda.

Then Brenda had to go to Baltimore to play because at the time there weren't any girls' teams in Cobourg. Females were not allowed to play on the boys' teams, Mrs. Jay decided to try to get things going in Cobourg again.

"I had ulcers all summer thinking about it," she laught. The first year she had 13 players. Next season, she had two junior teams. And the third year, she began to have to shuffled and two junior teams. And the third year, she began to have to shuffled the ceams and seven hours of ice time. The way is set is, hockey should be competitive but recreational. I fove to see the girt's string together, and having fun. I think they should be a team on and off the ice, and do other stuff together. I hate to see parents stilling off to the side, not joining in.

"Most travents don't realize how.

joining in.
"Most parents don't realize how much time and effort the executive puts in. Last weekend we had a tournament and we worked from 8

a.m. to 9 p.m. Then because we couldn't get any parent volunteers for our Saturday night bingo, (husband) Ron and I went up there and worked until 1:30 a.m.

"Sunday I was beat!"

Some of the red tape in the world of borker is concerned with wird.

of hockey is concerned with girls playing boys, or joining boys' teams, says Mrs. Jay.

"I'm not crazy about them play-ing boys or joining boys' teams, but it's okay if it gets them hooked and keeps them home. We're not out to show up the boys or beat them, but

show up the boys or beat them, but the girls deserve to play."

Mrs. Jay says she remembers when her daughter went to hockey summer school and went to the arena wearing her equipment because she had to play with the

because successions of the coaches couldn't figure out why she was hanging around in the hall and not in the locker room with the boys. Then she took off her helmet and shook out her

Mrs. Jay says she's blessed with good coaches this year. But boys hockey, beware. She says she's determined to steal Max Holland from his boys' novice team for her Kinnette Kittens. He's already assisting with the team, but she wants him fall-dime.

"He gets them (the girls) work-



ing more aggressively, really getting

ing more aggressively, really getting into the corners."

And about coaching in general, Mrs. Jay says although he loves the girls to win their games, "it takes a lot of coaching to make the kids good loares. I just like to see the girls play as hard as they can," But everything is balanced. She says she likes to watch the parents stitting on the edge of their seats, eyes fixed om their kids. And at the executive meetings, she seems to have earned somewhat of a reputation. She fights for her girls. She giggles and says past president

Harry Jeschke now just sighs and says they (the executive) might as well give her her own way rather than listen to her complain. She also likes the year-end ban-

She also likes the year-end bar-quet in April.

"I love to see the girls fooking like females. They've fooked so big all year in their hockey equipment, sometimes you hardly know them. "Hockey is great for the girls. We've never not had a girl show up because of some sort of problem (with the police). It really keeps them off the street. Mrs. Jay produces a calendar she

. . .

says only she can understand. Almost every day is crammed with team names and times.

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"You know, every year I think I'll get out of this but then I see those cute I aces all over town, saying 'HI Mis. Jay. 'Sometimes I can't even remember their names, By this time of year, you'r really wore out. And you have to have an understanding family. My busband Ron says the phone is never for him.
"Well," Mrs. Jay amiles after 45-minutes of sitting still, "I've got to go, I've got to drop some things off at the rink before I go imo work."



Pebruary 12, 1997.

Mrs. Fran Jay, 773 Westwood Drive, Cobourg, Ontario. K9A 4N3.

Re: Ontario Women's "AAA" Provincial Championships

On behalf of Cobourg Council and our community I extend our appreciation for the fine job you did in handling the arrangements to host the Ontario Women's "AAA" Provincial Championships.

The weekend event was extremely successful and I am hopeful that our community will be considered favourably when sites for future competitions are selected.

Thank you for helping our community show that we are among the "Best" in Ontario and Canada.

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an B. Chalovich,

JRC/pom



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Jays flying high

Name a household word in local sport

BY JIM DEN HOLLANDER

COBOURG - If some one told Fran Jay 20 years ago, the positions she would hold in both baseball and women's hockey circles...she surely would have laughed. Both Fran and Ron Jay are

household names for just about anybody in this area now that has any involve-ment with either baseball or women's hockey.

I personally relished a who have left their mark on local sports. I went to their home early on a recent Saturday morning, and left four hours and two pots of coffee

Actually, the only reason one of the most fun inter-views I have ever done didn't go into the late afternoon was because I had another com-mitment which I literally delayed until the last minute due to the friendly conversa-

Ron grew up in Port Hope and Fran is from Cobourg. When asked how they first met, the both smile and recall their first meeting, a blind

his and a friend of mine, recalls Fran and they obv ously hit it off, getting mar-ried in 1963.

ried in 1963.

As as a youngster, Ron did
the regular boys sports activities, hockey and baseball.

He remembers giving up
hockey at the age of 12 saying "I could see the writing on the wall. I was small, les

However Ron continued to play baseball right up to the intermediate level with the ort Hope Ontarios at Town

In high school, Ron says he played regular lunchtime intramurals but couldn't join any of the school teams as he worked after school every day making bicycle deliveries for Ballets Ladies Wear, a

Meanwhile, Fran took part in figure skating with the Cobourg club, but gave that up after having her appendix removed at age 12.

After meeting, Ron continued to play with the Ontarios under the tutelage of Port Hope coaching legend Len 'Roar' Wakely.

As popular a name was a statement of the Communication of the Communica Meanwhile, Fran took part

As popular a name as Wakely is in Port Hope sports lives in Ottawa but oftel

now, it must have been more then as Ron recalls one game, eight out of the nine players on the field were

Already Ron was gett the coaching bug as well, gel-ting his first experience behind the bench at age 18 when he helped Nels Hodg-son coach a bantam team which included his younger

Ron continued to coach with Hodgson up to Keith's juvenile season when they on the all-Ontario champ onship. Paul Terbenche who would late go on to a profes-sional hockey career was a member of that provincial

championship team.

Meanwhile, Ron continued to play as well, and Franwent to his baseball games at

went to his baseball games at Town Park along with his softball fixtures at the old Port Hope beach ball yaw. Fran says ahe went to the game "only because of the fact, I went or I did nothing." Ron began his unpiring around the same tipe as his coaching but remembers "it was mostly learn as you go umpring." npiring.

umpiring."
Later, Grant and Arnold
Wade became instrumental in
putting together the
Lakeshore Umpires Association in the mid 60's says Ron.
Then, after moving to

Then, after moving to Cobourg in 1964, Ron started to get involved in the Cobourg Baseball Association which was started at that time by George Spalding.

"I started getting involved," remembers Ron adding "Clarke Sommerville was the head of umpires.

Later, when their son.

Later, when their son Brian started to play ball Ron and Fran became ever more involved with the local ball group. While Ron was becoming more an more involved with the umpiring side, Fran began helping with

charge of the canteen and asked Fran "Do you want to help with this.

In those days, Ron remen bers the minor baseball was run by a small group of people and with a small budget "In those days, we took the balls home, cleaned them

up and dried them off."

Later Brian became involved in the umpiring side as well, but he didn't ge really interested until go ay to College. Brian



Ron and Fran Jay have decorated the newest addition to their house, an office for Fran, with some of their favourite plaques and photos. Here, Fran sits with a photo of the National Women's Hockey team presented to her at the World Champl-onships last year. Photo by Jak Den HOLLANDER

comes home to help out at weekend tournaments with

his parents.
Fran's involvement in

rran's involvement in women's hockey came through her daughter Brenda. Fran says Brenda began in figure skating, but attended all of her older brother's games and became interested in playing.

began taking Brenda to Balti ore to play on a girls team

"There were a lot from Cobourg going out their," says Fran adding they even-tually approached Cobourg

about starting a girls team.

As a result, Fran became
the first ever CCHL Girls Governor in 1982.

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Fran says the OWHA

President was Doug Nichols
and "I drove him nuts complaining," and he eventually
played a role in talking her nto become a Regional

Fran is still heavily involved as a Regional Direc-tor and her biggest contribu-tion may be the new rating system introduced a fe

years back, similar to that used by the Ontario Baseball

Ron established him an umpire in chief for Cobourg eventually and was also the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association President for a spell. In recent years, Ron has stepped back from ball due to work com-

He counts as one of his favourite accomplishments, a peewee B all-Ontario championship team he coached with good friend Ken Petrie in the late 80's.

good team we had until we played at a Clarkson tourna-ment," remembers Ron adding "I felt proud of that, for a town of this size, winning a 'B' championship is as good as you can get. "We beat teams that were

better than us - we out-

For Fran, he biggest accomplishments have all come in the past couple of

Hosting the Senior

in Cobourg in both 1997 and 1998 is a coup for the town. Fran says she has pushed them to move that tournament to a small town for

Also, playing a part in the Women's World Champi-onships last year in Kitchener was a thrill for Jay. Jay says the Olympic

women's team was also a thrilling accomplishment and to top it all off she is now

But no matter what they have accomplished in the world of sports, none can match the announcement they made just a few short weeks

ago.

They will now start with a new generation as their son Brian and his wife recently gave birth to a baby girl. When talk of their first grandchild comes up, Fran's

face lights up.

"That's they best news,"
beams Fran - "We've been
waiting a long time," adds



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Fran Jay

for your outstanding contribution to the success of the 1997 Women's World Hockey Championship









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ABOVE CENTRE: CHISHOLM OUTSTANDING GOALTENDER: The Ontario Women's lebckey Association Prestige Awards were presented at the second of two Cobourg Commu-sity Hockey League's annual Awards Banguet & Outstere Appreciati

ABOVE RIGHT: ARMSTRONG WINS SPORTSMANSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND ABILITY WARAD. The Ontario Women's Hockey Association Preside Awards were presented at the second of two Cobourg Community Hockey League's annual Awards Banquet & Volunteer Appreciation Night on Saturday injent at the Cobourg Lions Centre, Dawn Armstrong was pre-sented the Sportsmanship, Leadership and Ability Award by Rosey Bateman.

PHOTOS BY DARRYL THOMPSON

On behalf of the Cobourg Council and Town Staff. I would like to congratulate the Eagle.ca Senior "B" hockey team on their outstanding achievement in winning the 2001-2002 Ontario Womens Hockey Association Provincial Championship.

Mayor Peter G. Debouty



Front Row: C.Usher, N.MacDonald, G.Minifie, F.Jay, G.Butterley, L.Bloom, T.Raymond

