

COBOURG & DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME
P.O. Box 45, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 1M8

HONOURED MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

Date Received

Nominee: MATTHEWS MARGARET ANNE
Family Name First Name Middle Initial

Address:
Postal Code:
Email Address:
[REDACTED ADDRESS]

Birth Place: COBOURG. Date of Birth: 15 MAY 1960
Day Month Year

Place/Date of Death: _____

Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: ~~27~~ 3 YEARS

If nominee is deceased, please provide name, address and phone number of next of kin.

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Nomination For: Athlete Builder

Sport (s): FASTBALL, GOLF, TRACK & FIELD, HOCKEY, VOLLEYBALL,
BADMINTON, BASKETBALL

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE/CAPACITY	DATE
FASTBALL	MULTIPLE	PLAYER	1972-1989
GOLF	STRATFORD GOLF CLUB	PLAYER	1993-PRESENT
TRACK & FIELD	CTRI WEST	PLAYER	
BADMINTON, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL		& COACH	1974-1979 + 1980-82.
HOCKEY	CENTENNIAL COLLEGE	PLAYER	1979-
	KITCAENER & ST CLEMENTS	& COACH	2003.

Nominating Committee

Cobourg Sports Hall of Fame

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I would like to nominate Margie Matthews for the Cobourg Sports Hall of Fame in the athlete category. I have known Marg for over 45 years. I first saw her play when she joined my dad's Cobourg Angels Juvenile (ages 18-19) softball team at the age of 14! and I had the honour to be her teammate from 1977 until 1983. Not only was Margie abundantly talented, her enthusiasm was contagious. She was a team leader who always gave 200% of herself all of the time and inspired the remainder of the team to follow her lead.

Margie burst onto the provincial softball stage at the age of 12 when she played for David and Clarke Sommerville's Sinclair Mustangs. They were successful in capturing the Ontario Novice Championship in 1972. Here is how David recalls Margie's contribution to the win in the qualifying tournament leading up to the finals....

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Margie's talents continued to shine. While playing with the Paul Currelly's Cobourg Angels, she won two more Ontario Titles at the Junior B level in 1975 and 1976. In 1977, he decided to start a Midget Cobourg Angel team and as Margie was still eligible to play at this level, he built the team around her. She was the captain that year and won the batting championship. Her determination, positivity and talent motivated the team to achieve a higher standard of play.

Comments from her coach, Paul Currelly follow:

When you talk about our shortstop you ^(speaking) speak about one of the best juvenile players anywhere. A tremendous hitter with a .449 average & a .621 on base %. Certainly a league Allstar at her spot. She has great range & a quick release to make the hard plays look easy. Always a leader in all sports. It always keeps everyone pushing to improve themselves. We were very proud to have her named the winner of the Citizenship award recently at Commencement & The Cobourg Athlete of the Year award.

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Margie not only played fastball but was and is an accomplished athlete. While in high school at CDCI West, 1974-1979, she played each year on the basketball, volleyball and badminton teams. She was on the track team and participated in javelin, discus, shotput and the 4 x 100 relay teams. It was in javelin that she excelled. In 1978 she was voted MVP of the basketball team, the volleyball team, she received a coaching award and was the school's Athlete of the Year. She was also awarded Cobourg's Athlete of the Year that year. In 1979, CDCI West created the "Matthews" award which was presented to students for performance and leadership.

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After high school she played varsity hockey and basketball. She has been awarded Athletic Letters at all levels of school: public , high school and university levels.

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In 2009 she won the Golf Ontario Women's mid-Am title with scores 73-75-69. In 2011 she made the Ontario senior team who won a Canadian interprovincial title. She had a Golf Ontario Mid-Am ranking of 4th and 5th in 2009-2011.

Margie has not only been an amazing athlete but she also has coached volleyball and badminton at the high school level, coached softball at the Midget level and was assistant coach to the 1990 Cobourg Angels Senior Tier I fastball team who won the Ontario title and then went to the Canadian championship and placed 4th. She was a Softball Canada clinic instructor and has refereed volleyball, basketball and umpired softball.

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As an athlete Margie has had many accomplishments in multiple sports and continues to add to these accomplishments but it is her talent, her work ethic, her enthusiasm and her love for sports that raises her above her peers and validates her induction into Cobourg's Sports Hall of Fame.

Thank you for your consideration.


Patsy Hand (Currelly)

Championship Teams: (Please provide dates):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Individual Awards/Citations: (Please provide dates):

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***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.)

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

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

SUBMISSIONS WITH INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN A DELAY IN CONSIDERATION BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Additional Information/Comments:

SUMMARY OF AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SOFTBALL/FASTBALL

1972 - Ontario Novice Champions 'Sinclair Mustangs'

1975 - Ontario Jr B Champions, Cobourg Angels

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1977 - Cobourg Midget Tier II Angels Batting Champion - average .461

1978 - Cobourg Juvenile Tier I Angels Batting Champion - average .449

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Batting Champion Cobourg Angels - average .446, on base % .658

1984 - Ontario Sr Tier II Champions, Cobourg Angels

1985 - Kitchener Kieswetters player of the year, Senior Tier I

In 1986, St. Clements Suns picked Marg up to attend the Expo 86 'mini world fastball tournament', held in Vancouver, B.C. Teams participating were from Japan, China, New Zealand, Australia, USA, Chinese-Taipei and the host Vancouver team.

1989 - Ontario Sr Tier I Champions, Cambridge/St. Clements Suns

Participated in 2 National Sr A fastball championships. One as a player in 1989 (Cambridge Suns) and once as a coach (Cobourg Angels) Both teams finished a respectable 4th.

HIGH SCHOOL CDCI WEST 1974-1979

(in highschool sports in Cobourg you had to place in the top four in South Kawartha (Port Hope High school, CDCI East and CDCI West, Trinity College,) to qualify for Kawartha (which included the Peterborough Schools and Lakefield), place in the top four to qualify for COSSA Regional(Central Ontario Secondary School Association, Belleville, Brighton and Oshawa) and then top four from COSSA Regionals qualify for OFSSA.

Participated for 5 years on school basketball, volleyball, badminton, and track & field (javelin, discus, shotput and 4x100 relay)teams. (Multiple awards, too many to list, many MVP awards)

1975

- won midget javelin (92' 4") & discus(74') both South Kawartha records
- won Kawartha javelin (92'6")
- placed 6th at C.O.S.S.A.

1977-1979

President co-ed CDCI Athletic Association

1978

MVP basketball, MVP volleyball, Coaching Award, CDCI West Athlete of the Year, Town of Cobourg Athlete of the Year

1979

- won Sr. South Kawartha javelin (98'5")
- won Kawartha Singles badminton
- awarded 'Citizenship Award' (Burnett- Drope)

1979 Awarded 'Matthews' award for Performance and Leadership - named after Margie and awarded every year until school closing

Awarded public school, high school and university Athletic letters

Refereed volleyball and basketball throughout highschool
 Umpired one summer for Cobourg girls softball

POST HIGH SCHOOL

1979-1980

Centennial College varsity College hockey. Co-MVP

1980-1982

Wilfrid Laurier University - varsity basketball team (2 years)
 Voted Rookie of the Year in 1981

1983-1989

Competitive Senior womens hockey- kitchener and st Clements

COACHING

2 years high school Midget girls volleyball - Cobourg West
 Badminton coach at the West after finishing University

Stratford Midget girls softball team - 1983

Cobourg Angels assistant coach, Ontario Champions, Senior Tier I fastball team 1990

Softball Canada - clinic instructor - 1983

Senior B women's hockey team - St. Clements - 1997-2003

GOLF

1993-present

2004

- made Ontario women's amateur team by placing fourth at ON tourney
- team Ontario won Canadian inter-provincial title

2007

- won Ontario 4-ball tournament with MaryAnn Hayward

2009

- won Ontario Mid-Am title at Markland Woods (73-75-69)

2011

- made Ontario senior team by placing 3rd at ON tournament
- team Ontario won Cdn inter-provincial title
- placed 8th at Cdn tournament at Whitevale G.C.

Won 16 Stratford Club championships, 2 at Craigowan-Oxford

Golf Ontario mid-am ranking 4th and 5th 2009-2011

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PWSU PRESIDENT Jack Cooke of Willowdale presents the Ontario Novice Championship trophy to captain Marg Matthews of Sinclair Mustangs at the closing banquet of the Cobourg 'Y' Girls' Softball

League last Friday. Don Dunn, left, one of the team's coaches, and PWSU vice-president Harold Godfrey of Whitby watch the presentation.

(Layton Dodge Photo)



DAVID SOMMERVILLE, youthful coach of Sinclair Mustangs, holds the trophy his dad donated for the squirt champions of the Cobourg 'Y' Girls' Softball League. He received the trophy at Friday's league banquet on behalf of the winning westend team.



Cobourg Highland Games Society president Jim Gordon presents a new trophy for annual competition among elementary school junior volleyball teams in the United Counties to co-captains Doug Thompson and Marg Matthews of the winning Burnham School mixed entry. The presentation was made at a school assembly Wednesday morning.

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: PATSY HAND

ADDRESS:

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Please return completed form to:

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MARGIE MATTHEWS of CDCI West threw the javelin more than 98 feet but had to settle for second place in the junior girls' event.
(Layton Dodge Photo)

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MARGARET ANNE MATTHEWS

Margaret Anne Matthews was born May 15, 1960 in Cobourg, Ontario. From a very young age Margie was an abundantly talented, multi-sport athlete. Her enthusiasm was contagious. She was a team leader who always gave 100% of herself at all times. Margie Matthews burst onto the provincial softball stage at the age of 12 when she played for David and Clarke Sommerville's "Sinclair Mustangs". They captured the Ontario Novice Championship in 1972. David Sommerville recalls, that in the final game to decide which team would advance to the Ontario finals; their team was down by about 10 runs, but, then they had a big inning with Margie hitting 2 grand slam home runs to take the lead – she then went to the mound and struck out 3 batters to win the game. Next, Margie Matthews joined Paul Currelly's Cobourg Angels softball Juvenile team (ages 18-19), at the age of 14. While playing with the Angels, she won 2 more Ontario titles – 1975, 1976 at the Junior 'B' level. Comments from Paul Currelly about Margie – "When you are talking about her -you are talking about one of the best juvenile ball players, anywhere. Her desire and hustle, keeps the entire team moving." In all, Margie Matthews won 7 Ontario Softball Championships.

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Squirt Mustangs make girls' tourney finals

Ajax pushed over three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to climax a big comeback and nip Sinclair Mustangs of Cobourg, 19-18, in the championship game of the Oshawa squirt girls' softball tournament last weekend.

The Cobourg team -- coached by Clarke Sommerville, Don Dunn and David Sommerville -- sent the double elimination 10-team tourney to a Sunday afternoon showdown by shading Ajax, 14-13, Saturday night.

Earlier on Saturday, Mustangs rebounded from a 16-4 opening game thrashing at the hands of Oshawa Storie Park to clobber Keswick, 42-4, and snatch a last inning 5-4 thriller from Richmond Hill.

The Cobourg girls led Ajax 18-7 after 5½ innings

of the final but the champions rallied for 9 runs in their final at bat to pull close and then won it in the 7th.

Rauch was the winning pitcher and Sharon Oakman the loser.

Pacing the 14-hit Mustang attack was Marg Matthews with a mammoth homer, triple and single, and Tracey Bourne with 3 singles. Evans had 4 singles for Ajax who collected 19 safeties in all.

In the first Cobourg-Ajax meeting, Oakman outduelled Adams and Rauch. Offensive sparkplugs for Mustangs in that game were Miss Bourne with a triple and 3 singles and Miss Matthews with 2 triples and a single. Rightfielder Regan Lewis starred defensively for Cobourg by throwing out three Ajax baserunners.

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runs in their final at-bat against Richmond Hill to pull victory out of the fire. Tracey Bourne started the rally with a double and Teresa Karpinski singled her home to tie the score. Karpinski was nailed at the plate trying to carry home the winner on Marg Matthew's double by Wendy Stewart saved the situation with a follow-up single to cash Matthews with the decisive run.

Nancy Sommerville spaced 10 hits to post the win. Deb Howorth yielded 9 hits in defeat. Bourne and Matthews each doubled and singled for batting leadership.

Mustangs crushed Keswick with Nancy Sommerville gaining the nod via a 6-hitter. Shultz and Hutson hurled in defeat. Wendy Stewart pounded a grand-slam homer, 2 doubles, homer and single for Cobourg. Matthews, Karpinski, Oakman and Bourne contributed roundtrippers.

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