#### **COBOURG & DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

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#### HONOURED MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

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algarno - Ashley Jennifer Address: Postal Code: **Email Address** Birth Place: Newmarket General Hospit Date of Birth: 27 03 1963
Day Month Year Place/Date of Death: Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: 1965 - present If nominee is deceased, please provide name, address and phone number of next of kin. SPORT ACHIEVEMENT Nomination For: Athlete ( ) Builder ( ) Athlete/Builder ( / ) Sport (s): \_\_\_\_\_ SPORT TEAM ROLE/CAPACITY DATE 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

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# JENNIFER ASHLEY COBOURG AND DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME APPLICATION

### ~ATHLETE AND BUILDER~



Ross Quigley, the man who dedicated an enormous amount of time and effort to establish the Cobourg and District Sports Hall of Fame was "Mr. Everything" to our community. Ross was a good student but not exceptional. He loved sports. He excelled at hockey, baseball, and golf. To say he was active in the community, is an understatement. When I think about Ross and his vision for the CDSHF, I think of Jennifer Ashley and her involvement in sports. Almost like a female version of Ross and his ideals. Much like Ross, Jennifer loved sports — playing coaching, watching and encouraging. Jennifer was asked by the Hall of Fame committee to join the Cobourg and District Sports Hall of Fame during its inception. The committee knew that she would be a valuable resource and ready to do anything, any time, for the CDSHF. She would make sure that women would be well represented in the Hall. Gender equality was important to keep the playing field balanced for both Ross and Jennifer.

She has impacted a number of people over the years — for the love of sport. Jennifer Ashley is the most well rounded person I have ever met! She knows almost every person in Cobourg, definitely an overstatement of facts, but she can't go anywhere without being recognized, just like Ross. She was valedictorian from CDCI West in '82. She played on almost every sports team for girls she graduated from the University of Toronto with a Physical Education and Teaching degree. She played forward on the Varsity hockey team for 5 years at the University of Toronto. They won the OUAA's (provincial championship 4 out of the 5 years!)

She certainly wasn't a 9-5:00 teacher. Often you would see Jennifer arriving home late after a tournament and loving every minute. She would take time out of her busy schedule to make sure her teams were always well prepared. She inspired students by example. Jennifer coached many sports and her teams loved her approach. She encouraged students to become the best that they could. Her students saw firsthand what she did. Humble by

nature, she never boasted or sought fame. Jennifer was kind and giving, and a role model to her students, both academically and athletically.

I have played in a number of baseball tournaments with Jennifer. She is always the person cheering others on and applauding good plays by her teammates. She could handle the bat and glove with aplomb. She was/is a gifted athlete. The type of person who could be introduced to a new sport and excel at it in a short period of time. I recall her coming out to play pickleball with and against me. I had been at it a while and considered myself a decent player. Along come Jennifer and she looked as though she had been playing for a couple of years. Confident of her skills, she held her own and didn't look out of place.

Her daughter shared with me that only a month ago she didn't know that her mother, Jennifer, was on the U of T Varsity rowing team!!

Many deserving individuals have not been selected by the Selection Committee because the application process can be laborious and time consuming, and individuals waited for others to do the legwork and submit an application. Jennifer has played a huge role in making sure athletes and builders were recognized by submitting a number of applications on their behalf.



#### **ATHLETICS**

#### INTERNATIONAL

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE	DATE
Softball (Sydney, Australia)	Softball 45+ World masters (GOLD)	Player	2009
Softball (Italy)	World Masters (GOLD)	Player	2013
Softball (Auckland, New Zealand)	World Masters (GOLD)	Player	2017

#### **PROVINCIAL**

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE	DATE
Softball PWSA	Cobourg Tony's GOLD	Player	1977
Softball PWSA	Cobourg Angels Sr. Tier 2 GOLD	Player	1984
Softball PWSA	Cobourg Angels Sr. Tier 2 GOLD	Player	1985
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Softball PWSA	Cobourg Angels Sr. Tier 1 GOLD	Player	1990
Hockey	U of T	Player	1983

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Hockey OWIAA	U of T Varsity Blues SILVER	Player	1986	
Hockey OWIAA	U of T Varsity Blues GOLD	Player	1987	
Hockey OWHA	Rice Lake Rebels GOLD	Player	1982	
Hockey OWHA	Rice Lake Rebels GOLD	Player	1986	
Hockey OWHA	Senior B Silver	Player	2000	
Hockey OWHA	Senior B GOLD	Player	2002	
Hockey OWHA	Novice C GOLD	Coach	2003	
Hockey OWHA	Senior BB BRONZE	Player	2003	
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Hockey OWHA	Senior BB BRONZE	Player	2005
Hockey OWHA	Cobourg Sr. BB GOLD	Player	2006
Hockey OWHA	Senior B BRONZE	Player	2010
Hockey OWHA	Senior BB GOLD	Player	2011
	Senior BB GOLD	Player	2012
Hockey OWHA	Cobourg Sr. BB GOLD	Player	2014
Hockey OWHA	Cobourg Sr. BB GOLD	Player	2015
Hockey OWHA	Cobourg Sr. BB GOLD	Coach	2016
Girl's Hockey OFSAA	CCI Antique Bronze and OFSAA Sportsman ship Award	Coach	2016
Hockey OWHA	Cobourg Sr. BB GOLD	Coach	2019
Hockey OSGA (55+)	District 12 (Gold Rush) GOLD	Player	2019
Hockey	Cobourg	Coach	2018

CONT'D	Senior BB	
OWHA	GOLD	

#### **NATIONAL**

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE	DATE
Track and Field Canada 55+ Games (Quebec City)	Ontario GOLD X 3	Athlete (shot put, discus, javelin)	Aug. 2024

#### **Team Awards: International**

PETERBOROUGH- BASED WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM CAPTURES THIRD STRAIGHT GOLD MEDAL May 25, 2017

The Canadian Free Spirits capture gold at the 2017 World Master Games

Meet the Canadian Free Spirits, one of the most dominant softball teams in the world.



Front Row (Left to Right): Jennifer Ashley (Cobourg)

Meet the Canadian Free Spirits, one of the most dominant softball teams in the world. And they're based here in Peterborough.

# The women's softball team are three-time gold medal winners at the World Master Games.

The multi-sport event takes place every four years and features teams from across the world. Athletes compete in competitive and recreational brackets in age groups of 35 years and older, and 45 years and older.

The Canadian Free Spirits compete in the ladies' 45+ competitive softball division. They are led by head coach Elaine Devlin, who was a player when the Free Spirits won their first gold at the 2009 games in Sydney, Australia. Following those games, she turned to coaching and organizing the squad, which went on to win gold at the 2013 games in Turin, Italy, and again this year in Auckland, New Zealand.

#### **Individual Awards:**

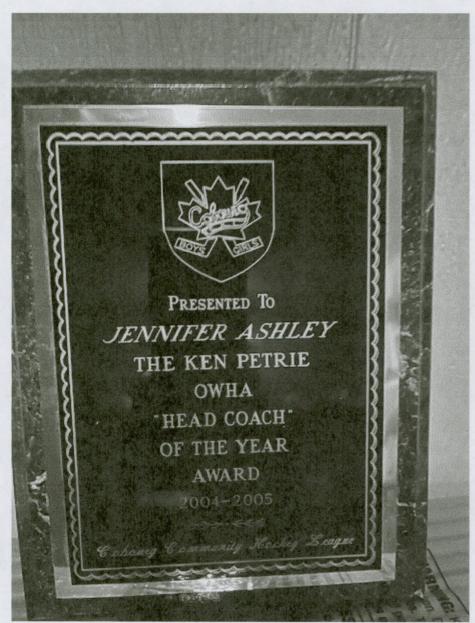
- \* Midget Girls Volleyball MVP High School (Photo included)
- \* Ken Petrie Coach Of the Year Award OWHA 2004-2005 (Photo Included) Civic Awards Layton Dodge Award 2015 (Photo Included)
- \* 2015 Cobourg Civic award winner "Layton Dodge Athletic Award"

Presented to an athlete, who has contributed to Cobourg's athletic community in terms of skill, sportsmanship, participation and leadership -

"Layton Dodge Athletic Award went to Jennifer Ashley. Ms. Ashley, a Cobourg District Collegiate Institute West teacher, is known for work as a coach, volunteer and last summer helped her softball team, the Canadian Free Spirits 45-years-and-over elite team, win gold in the World Masters Games in Italy".

\* 2024

Track and Field Canada 55+ Games (Quebec City) Ontario GOLD X 3	Athlete (shot put, discus, javelin)	Aug. 2024
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# Ann Clarey tops

Second baseman Ann Clarey led Tony's Bantam Girls' Softball Club in batting and in getting on base this past season, statistics compiled by coach Faye Oliver reveal.

Here's the statistical breakdown of all the players who performed for the Lakeshore League champions and provincial

antam 'A' finalists

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1978 Tony's
Bantam Girl's
Softball Club.
Jennifer
Dalgarno was
the 2<sup>nd</sup> best
hitter with a
393 batting
average.

Jennifer Dalgarno was the recipient of the Midget Girl's Volleyball MVP. Presenting the award was co-coach Ed Hickey.



#### **ATHLETICS**

#### **BASEBALL: THE EARLY YEARS (Patsy Currelly Hand)**

I think Jen is a great candidate, she has poured herself into minor sports as well as achieving a high level of athleticism! I believe she is one of the few from the original Angels that is still able to compete in fastball.

Jen started off playing in house league which was run by the YMCA. Each team were centered at the home parks. Jen was on the Creighton Heights team and played against other areas of Cobourg including Coverdale, Sinclair, Central and Donegan. From there Jen played on an All-Star team which was coached by Faye Oliver (Gaudet) and George Oliver and Sponsored the Cobourg Tony's Pizza which later became the Cobourg Oilers. This was the "normal route" that most of the young female ball or maybe even Cook School as I played against her).

\* Jen Played for Cobourg Tony's in 1977 and they won an Ontario Bantam B Championship.

\* In 1978 again playing for the Tony's they went to the finals and lost to Stratford again in Bantam.

\* They moved up to Midget in 1979 and again lost in the finals. In 1979, Jen would come up and play with the Angels for the odd game during league play (she played 9 games with the Juvenile Angels).

1979 would bring this Angel team their first All-Ontario Juvenile A Championship under the new PWSA system winning the 14 team regional play downs held in Cobourg and then the 9 team Ontario finals held in Rockwood. With a season of 50 wins and 7 losses, they were Lakeshore League champs. Members of the All- Ontario team were Marg Matthews, Suzanne Morrow, Sue Taylor, Bobbie Ann Hutchings, Nancy Sommerville, Leah Anne Goody, Vicki Etchells, Paul Currelly (coach), Jim Morrow (coach), Rod baker (business manager), and Janet Hynes (scorer 1979-1983)

Some of the Tony's players would also play on this team during the regular season, namely Jackie Dusenbury, **Jennifer Dalgarno**, and Jane Choiniere. By winning the Tier 11 championship, the team qualified to enter into the Senior Tier 1 Ontario Championships. Although they finished

6<sup>th</sup> overall, their presence was known, including an exhaustive 17 inning win (pitched by Devlin) against Agincourt. Harnden and King continued their 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as tean sponsor. Members of the winning Ontario title were: Susan Taylor, Nancy Cronin, Margir matthews, Suzanne Morrow, Leah Anne Goody, Nancy Jane Dalgarno, Elaine Devlin (37-5 pitching record) Jackie Oulahen, Lee Anne Quinn, **Jennifer Dalgarno**, Isobel Nichols, Vicki Wodzak, and Patsy Currelly. Paul Currelly, Jim Morrow, and John Hayden were the coaches.

The Angels won multiple tournaments and were Ontario Champions in 1984 – Ontario Senior Tier II Champions; 1985 - Ontario Senior Tier II Champions and went onto the Champions; 1987 – Ontario Senior Tier II Champions and went onto the Finals in Tier I (the top three teams from Tier II competed in the Tier I division which was the A division – best fastball in Ontario). 1990 the Angels under the direction of Charlie Fraser won the Senior Tier I Ontario Championship.

#### COBOURG ANGELS (Jennifer's early days with the team)

- 1980 London tournament finalists to St. Catharines, Lakeshore Ladies fastball champs over Lakefield, Carp tournament champs.
- 1981 Belleville tournament finalists to Ottawa, Metro tournament finalists to Don Victoria, Junior Regional Bronze medal winners to Milverton, Junior finalist and silver medal winners to Oakville Lakeshore Ladies fastball league finalists to Lakefield.
- 1982 Belleville tournament champs over Lakefield, Oshawa tournament champs over Toronto Stardex, Pembroke tournament consolation winners over Carleton Place. Lakeshore ladies fastball league winners over Lakefield.
- 1983 Belleville tournament champs over Oshawa MCL, Bronze medal regional winners at Belleville and bronze medal winners in Tier II finals in Barrie to Norwich. Fifth place at Senior Tier I to Mildor. Lakeshore Ladies Fastball League Champs over Belleville.
- Ontario Senior II gold medal Champions over Waterloo, gold medal regionals over Elmvale, Belleville Tournament Champs over Oshawa M.C.L. Seventh at Senior Tier I championships to Kitchener. Metro League

finalists to Toronto Spartans

Record 34 wins in a row to start season.

1985 Ontario Senior Tier II gold medal Champions over Norwich, Metro League Champions

1986 Silver medalists Ontario Senior Tier II championships loss to Sarnia, finalists Mildor Classic

1987 Ontario Senior Tier II Gold medalists vs Sarnia, Ontario Senior Tier I finalists vs Dorchester. Ontario Regional Gold Medalists vs Belleville, Metro League Champions.

1987 was a very successful year for the Angels. With the loss of a few players and the addition of a few, the Angels were successful in acquiring another Ontario Senior Tier 11 Championship vs Sarnia. Devlin pitched all games during the championship with 30 k's and 6 walks. The team were finalists in Senior 2 with Elaine being named MVP, pitching 43 innings. The team also were Metro League Champs. Members of the team were: Nancy Cronin, Patsy Currelly, Suzanne Morrow, Leah Anne Oulahen, Jacki Oulahen, Elaine Devlin, Barb Snedden, Jackie Dusenbury, Nancy Jane Dalgarno, Lynn Tracey, Debbie Gillis, Jennifer Dalgarno, and Vicki Wodzak. Coaches: Ray Bickle, Jim Morrow, John Hayden, scorer Sharon Greavette.

1988 Ontario Senior Tier I Silver Medalists vs Oakville, Ottawa Tournament Champions

1989 Eastern Division Senior Tier I League Champions, Milverton Classic tournament champions vs St. Catharines

1990 Ontario Senior Tier I champions



Cobourg Angels 1980 Team Photo

Front Row: Buttons Hogan, Bat Girl: Kelly Hutchings, Margie Matthews, Suzanne Morrow, Nancy

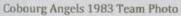
2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Scorekeeper: Janet Hynes, Leanne Goody, Sue Taylor, Donna Hutchings, Patsy Currelly, Janice Cherry, Assistant Manager Rod Baker, Head Coach/Manager Paul Currelly. Back Row: Assistant Coach Jim Morrow, Jennifer Dalgarno, Angie Quinn, Nancy Jane Dalgarno, Bobbie Ann Hutchings.



\*In 1983, Jen, along with three other ball players, bicycled to Belleville and back to raise some money for our team. Jen never practiced, she just jumped on the bike and rode to Belleville! (Picture below)







Front Row: Bat Girl: Linda Goody

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Angie Quinn, Nancy Cronin, Suzanne Morrow, Patsy Currelly, Jackie Dusenbury, Tammy

Thompson.

Back Row: Assistant Coach: Jim Morrow, Scorer: Janet Hynes, Janice Crosgrey, Donna Hutchings, Jackie Oulahen, Leah Anne Goody, Nancy Jane Dalgarno, Jennifer Dalgarno, Assistant Coach: John Hayden, Head Coach/Manager: Paul Currelly.



# Senior Angels prep for dawn

Harnden & King Angels, an institution in Cobourg ladies' softball circles since the sixties and perennially a producer of entertaining and hustling contenders, are bracing for a brand

After a number of years operating as either a midget, juvenile or junior entry in the Provincial Women's Softball Association, Angels are stepping up to senior 'B' (or senior Tier 2 as the PWSA

Veteran field manager Paul Currelly currently is assembling a formidable cast (what else is new?) which will stand the Cobourg-based Angels in good stead again this season, both in PWSA play and in a strengthened Lakeshore Ladies Fastball

Players of the '82 Junior Angels will form the nucleus of this year's club - Leah Anne Goody, Su Morrow. Patsv Currelly, Jackie Dusenbury, Jackie Oulahen, Janice Crosgrey, Jennifer Dalgarno and Donna Hutchings to mention a few.

Among those who won't return are pitcher Jane Choiniere, who has elected to play in the less demanding Port Hope league, outfielder Diane Beatty and shortstop Barb Rodrigues, a Toronto

Angels still should be strong in the pitching department what with the likes of Janice Crosgrey, Jackie Dusenbury and lefty Su Morrow to carry the load.

The switch to Senior has opened the door for ex-Angels Sue Taylor and Nancy Cronin to rejoin the club after a season's ab-

Another former standout Angel of yesteryear. Donna Todd, will be the "grand old lady" of the squad. Donna is bound to be the subject of a lot of kibitzing about her age, despite the fact she's not really that old, but she'll actually be an asset and a steadying



COBOURG HARNDEN AND KING ANGELS ONTARIO SENIOR TIER II CHAMPIONS 1985

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COBOURG ANGELS YEIR I FINALIST

MAY 26/88.

## Angels divide Ontario senior softball games Host Ontario champs Saturday

Cobourg Haraden & King Angels are playing 500 ball after the first week of the Ontario Ladies' Softball League sche-

Angels collected a 2-1 win over Chinguacousy in Brampton Sun-day but dropped a Tuesday night decision to Richmond Hill by a 6-2 margin.

Elaine Devlin proved stingy in

Brampton, giving up just four hits from the mound. Angels had their best collec-tive offensive effort in the third inning, scoring both runs

Jackie Dusenbury registered one of her three singles to drive in the first Cobourg run. Naney Cronin and Jackie Oulahen acored for the Angels after reaching base on walks.

Dusenbury was also a standout at shortstop, but Jennifer Dal-garno surpassed her as the team's defensive star by making a diving stab of a liner to third

Pitcher Rita Krug took the loss for Chinguacousy.

Tracy Huclack, a member of several national squads, bit two singles in the losing cause

In Tuesday night's contest, Richmond Hill hitters were aided by a strong wind that foiled Angel fielders.

Tami Waters, a graduate of last year's Pickering Juniors, braved the cold in her first regular season outing for Cobourg. She gave up eight hits in the loss.

Sandy Claus took over the mitching chures for Cobourg in

pitching chores for Cobourg in the fifth inning. Richmond Hill kept the Angels

off the scoreboard until the final off the scoreboard until the final inning. The winners scored once in the first, third and sixth innings, but exploded for three runs in the fourth.

Su Morrow, Waters, Patsy Currelly and Devlin earned singles for the Appele.

les for the Angels.

Kathy O'Doherty and Faulkner hit a double and single spiece

for Richmond Hill while Sears

for Richmond Hill while Sears picked up a pair of singles. Dalgarno again earned play-of-the-game recognition for a fine running catch in right field. Angels host defending Ontario champs Dorchester Saturday night at 6:30. In the 8:30 show-down, Cobourg faces Brampton Eagles. Eagles.



Jennifer Dalgarno earned Player Of The Game recognition for a fine running catch in right field. Earlier in the article, it mentions Jennifer surpassing Oulahen as the team's defensive star by making a diving stab of a liner to third.



t's go! - Veteran coach Jim rrow urged Harnden & King gels to their third PWSA senior If the in the last four seasons.

### Angels play super softball to reclaim senior II title

Harnden & King Angels hadn't played as well in a couple of

That was the consensus of the coaches and the players in the wake of winning their third Provincial Women's Softball Association senior tier II championship in the past four years at Belleville July 17-18-19.

Angels left no doubt they deserved No. 1 status in the double knockout tournament by reeling off four consecutive victories on

the strength of superlative pitching by wonderwoman Elaine Devlin, timely hitting and sound defence.

"The team went into the tournament with a positive attitude and stayed that way throughout it," noted coach Jim Morrow. Cobourg began with a 14-1 lambasting of Burlington in a game halted after five innings on account of the mercy rule. They snatched a vital 2-1 triumph over Norwich Jets, came from behind to beat Sarnia Belles 4-2 and then rested while Sarnia endured the trings elimination process to get another crack at ancels in the tiring elimination process to get another crack at Angels in the final. Belles were spent by then and Cobourg controlled the show to take the championship game 3-0.

It had to be gratifying for Angels since Sarnia Belles shut them out twice in a row in last year's Ontario tournament to end Angels' reign

Devlin hurled magnificently for Angels in the '87 championships. Pitching all four games, she allowed only is hits, struck out 30 batters and walked just six. Devlin mixed up her pitches effectively. Catchers Barb Snedden and Patsy Currelly deserve a lot of the credit for that.

Devlin, the "pit-buil" of the Angels, spun one-hit ball against an outclassed Burlington squad. She struck out 11 in that shortened rout

Meanwhile, Angels were raking Debbie Shefelt and her suc-cessor for 11 blows. Showing the way were Devlin with a pair of triples, Jackie Oulahen with two singles and Jackie Dusenbury with a single and double.

Angels' win over Norwich was "the most important of the tour-nament" since it kept them travelling on a straight path to the ti-

\* Jackie Oulahen doubled to centre in the seventh inning to

deliver Jennifer Dalgarno, aboard via a single, with the winning

Devlin twirled a nifty three-hitter and fanned eight in the process to gain the nod over B. Lampkin. Angels solved her for eight safeties, including two singles by Leah Anne Oslahen.

Catcher Barb Snedden threw out two Norwich runners at se-

cond base. Angels reeled off a fourth inning double play as Lynn Lucas snared a liner at third base and relayed the ball to first to double Debbie Dale off the bag

Saturday night, Angels fell behind Sarnia 2-0 in the fourth on Bonnie Poulley's two-run homer but came right back in their half of the inning to score four runs, Singles by Lucas, J. Dalgarno, J.

Outshen and Snedden highlighted the uprising.

Devlin had good control of her pitches against Belles, making them hit a lot of ground balls. Sarnia did nick her for five hits.

In the meantime, Angels cuffed Lynn Pacovsky and Lisa Bradley for nine hits. Jennifer Dalgarno socked a triple and single for Cobourg while Snedden and J. Oulahen contributed two singles

Dusenbury, at short, made the final three outs of the game.

One was a gem, lunging to her left to rob Sarmia's Vicki King.

In the rematch with Belles in the final, Su Morrow awang the big bat for Angels. She walloped a second inning triple to ignite a two-run rally and singled home Snedden with the clinching run in

Devlin scattered seven safeties, permitting only one Sarnia runner to reach third hase in the course of chalking up the sbutout

Back-to-back singles by Nancy Jane Dalgarno and Nancy Cronin and a double by Jackie Gulahen accounted for Cobourg's second run in the second inning.

The defensive play of the game occurred in the sixth inning when Angels' second sacker Leah Anne Oulahen moved into the hole to backhand Bonnie Poulley's blow up the middle and throw out the Sarnia player

Angels now are looking forward to the senior tier I provincials at Burlington this coming weekend. They meet either Dorchester or Chinguacousy at 11 a.m. Saturday in their first game.





WORLD MASTERS GAMES NEW ZEALAND - GOLD





WORLD MASTERS GAMES - ITALY - GOLD



H "SAMPLING" OF JENNIFER'S MEDALS







ONTARIO 55 + WINTER GAMES.



#### **VOLUNTEERING:**

OFSAA Swimming Pan Am Games 2024 Volunteer

Cobourg Sports Hall Of Fame Board of Directors (2018 - Jan. 2023)

55+ Canada games 2022 (Volunteer photographer)

OSG Hockey Committee 2021 – 2022

West Northumberland Girl's Hockey Association (WNGHA) Executive until Spring 2022

Volunteered at the NACAC track and field event in Toronto 2018 (North America, Central America, Caribbean)

Coaching/Athlete (hockey, baseball, track and field, ultimate frisbee)

Officiated Javelin at the OFSAA Track and Field 2017 - 2018

Petro Canada Sport leadership Conference Volunteer 2018

Coached the Cobourg Senior Women's BB team in 2018 when they won GOLD at the Provincials

Cobourg RBC Cup May 13-21 2017 Games Op Volunteer

Helped organize and run KPR's Inclusive Track and Field Day June 2017, 2018, 2019)

Volunteered at the U14 Eastern Canadian Fastball Chempionships in 2017

Officiated at the OFSAA Track and Field in June 2017

Northumberland Family Respite Service Board of Directors (April 2017 – 2022)

Peter's Woods Provincial Nature Reserve Stewardship Volunteer (2016 – present)

Northumberland Sports Council (2017 – present)

Falconhurst Volunteer 2017 – 2018 (Skating instructor for young girls recovering from sexual abuse)

First Shift Instructor 2017 – present, (introductory hockey program for children ages 6-10)

Hockey Canada – September 2017 & 2918 (Instructor/Supervosor volunteer for on and off ice activities)

Certified Hockey coach

Certified Hockey trainer

Volunteered to coach the basketball team with Community Living Special Needs

World Junior A Challenge in Whitby

Volunteered at the 55+ Ontario Winter Games as the Ice Hockey Lead

Game OPS Volunteer

World Junior A Challenge, Whitby

2015 Games OPS Volunteer World junior A Challenge

2015 Pan Am Games Para Pan Am Games Volunteer (Crew Sport Athletics)

Cobourg Angels Rep softball coach (2014)

2014 COFSAA Track and Field Coach

CDCI West/Collegiate Institute(Hockey and Track and Field Coach)

Toronto Marathon Volunteer Staff Captain

Invictus Games Toronto 2017 Sport Crew Volunteer

Track and Field in the 6ix VOLUNTEER

Original Group Director with Cobourg and District Sports Hall Of Fame

Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour VIP

Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon Start Captain Northumberland Sports Council

Member of the Cobourg Civic Awards Committee (2016 - present)

SPORT LEADERSHIP Volunteer, Coaching Association of Canada

Jennifer was a huge presence with the Organizing Committee during the Hometown Hockey 2020.

During the broadcast, Ron MacLean referred to her as,

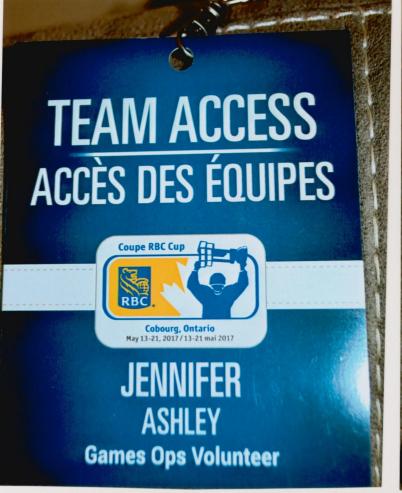


"Jen Ashley - Cobourg's Ms. Everything."

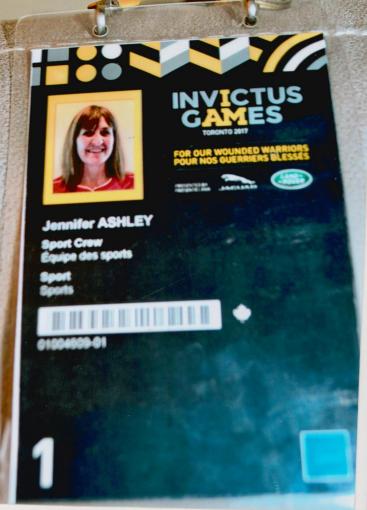
\* In a short period of time, Ron MacLean summed up Jennifer's contributions succinctly!









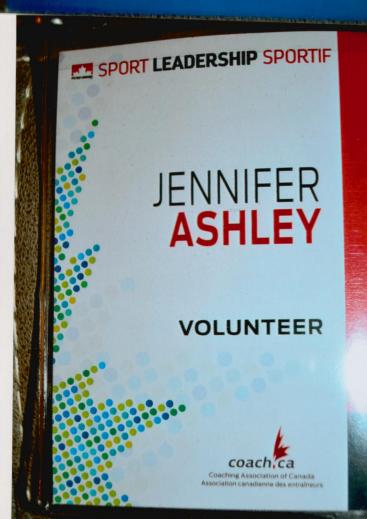




# TEAM ACCESS ACCÈS DES ÉQUIPES



Jennifer
Ashley
Games Ops Volunteer



# REFERENCE

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September 26, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to highlight the incredible impact Jennifer Ashley has had on athletics in Cobourg and the surrounding area, particularly through her longstanding involvement in girls' hockey. Since the formation of the West Northumberland Girls Hockey Association (WNGHA) in 2006, Jen has been a key figure as a player, coach, and board member, contributing to the growth and success of the sport in our community.

Jen is not only a talented player but also a selfless leader who has inspired countless athletes, both young and old, to strive for excellence on and off the ice. Her involvement spans multiple roles, from coaching youth teams to organizing events and volunteering for programs that foster the love of hockey in our community. She is and always has been the first to lend a hand, whether it's helping coach, organizing events, or being a trusted mentor to fellow players and coaches.

Her dedication to the WNGHA and hockey is especially evident in her work with the First Shift program, which she has helped run for the past six seasons. Through this program, over 30 young athletes each year are introduced to the game of hockey, an opportunity that many might not otherwise have had. Additionally, Jen's coaching experience spans nearly every age group within the association, from U7 to Senior Hockey, providing invaluable mentorship to generations of players.

Jen is also an active participant in the sport herself, playing on both recreational and competitive teams. Her passion for the game, combined with her vast experience, makes her a well of knowledge for athletes and colleagues alike. She is a role model to many, embodying the values of sportsmanship, dedication, and community spirit that all of us admire and strive to emulate.

In every aspect of her involvement with hockey, Jennifer Ashley exemplifies the qualities of a Hall of Fame inductee. Her contributions have shaped the lives of numerous athletes and have left a lasting impact on girls' hockey in our region. It is with the highest regard that I recommend her for this well-deserved honor.

Thank you,

Ryan Smith President



NORTHUMBERLAND SPORTS COUNCIL P. O. BOX 13 PORT HOPE, ON L1A 3V9

To Whom it May Concern,

Jennifer Ashley is an exceptional, multi-sport athlete. She has demonstrated this throughout her days in high school, during her university years and has continued through her adult life, up to and including her most recent participation in national events. Her resumé is a testament to her successes.

As a high school teacher and coach I saw first-hand, Jennifer's ability to be a leader and positive influencer amongst her peer group in all of the sports in which she participated. Over the years, working with Jennifer as a fellow teacher and coach, it was amazing to watch her impart her passion for sports and competition to the many youth with whom she worked. Particularly for young women in our community, Jennifer has encouraged, motivated, and impassioned them to participate in sport for life and continue to give back to the sports to which they love so much.

Jennifer has touched the lives of so many young women whom she has coached in this community over the years. A fellow coach of hers says "Coach Jen is someone who embodies both dedication and camaraderie. She is deeply passionate about sports and improving the athlete's game, but she is also approachable and values relationships beyond the competition. Whether she is coaching or simply enjoying the game from the stands, she imparts her knowledge and love of sport to all those she touches".

An executive member of a local hockey association states "When working with both youth and adults alike, Jen is a positive ray of light with an infectious smile, always putting everyone first, especially kids. This quality of Jen is what has drawn so many youth to stay active in sports throughout their lives". Undoubtedly Jennifer has had a huge impact on many of the youth in our community and their experiences as they move on in life.

Those of us who know Jennifer know it is often difficult to catch up with her as she is either at an arena, on a playing field or in a gym either playing, practicing for a competition, coaching a team of young women or tutoring young athletes with special needs. Her contribution to the local sporting community over the years is immeasurable. She has devoted countless hours to others.

On a personal note, Jennifer's involvement in the Northumberland Sports Council has been invaluable to me, as Co-chair of the NSC. Her knowledge of community sports and resources is a natural fit.

I believe Jennifer is most deserving of a nomination for induction into the Cobourg and District Sports Hall of Fame as both an athlete and a builder. She is a phenomenal mentor and an extraordinary role-model.

Sincerely,

Paul Allen

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Jennifer Ashley for induction into the Cobourg & District Sports Hall of Fame. Throughout her athletic career, Jennifer has not only demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication but has also been an inspiring role model within our community —especially for me.

Jennifer has been a source of motivation and support in my life. She is always there with a listening ear and offers valuable feedback that encourages growth. Her eagerness to participate in and plan community events speaks volumes about her commitment to our town.

Her achievements in hockey, among other sports, are nothing short of remarkable. However, what truly sets her apart is her dedication to giving back. Jennifer has volunteered her time coaching young athletes through WNGHA and FirstShift, passionately sharing her knowledge and love for the game. This commitment to nurturing the next generation exemplifies her belief in the power of sports to inspire and unite.

Beyond her athletic prowess, Jennifer embodies the values of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect, both on and off the ice. Her positive influence has left a lasting impact on her teammates, students, and peers, fostering a supportive and encouraging environment wherever she goes.

In summary, I believe Jennifer Ashley is more than deserving of this honor. Her achievements, community involvement, and exemplary character make her an ideal candidate for the Cobourg & District Sports Hall of Fame.

Thank you for considering this nomination. I am confident that Jennifer will continue to inspire others and make significant contributions to our local sports community. I would be happy to discuss and provide further details if required.

Thank you,

**Trudy Stacey** 

#### TRIBUTES:

# Linda Bloom

I've only played hockey with Jennifer, but we've been doing it together since we were teenagers. I have played hockey with her longer than anyone else and we are now 60. It's like we're lifetime teammates. Not only is she talented but her leadership skills are remarkable. I have never seen anyone quite like her. On almost every team she has been the captain and justifiably so! Always well respected. Volunteers for absolutely everything! Very approachable. Coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager, player on many teams all at once. She helped run summer hockey for a little kids and adults for many years. Just tireless. I don't know where she gets her energy from. I love how happy go lucky she is. She carries the biggest load I've ever seen but she handles it with such grace and chipperness (if that's a word). Always willing to take the lead.

In 2019 she organized a 55+ team which won Gold and represented Ontario at Nationals. The team is still in operation and she has now started a 60+ team soon to be in operation. Her efforts have provided ladies with the opportunity to continue to play competitive hockey well into our senior

years. We are extremely grateful.

As a player Jennifer could play any position well. Very versatile. She is legendary for her "in tight" backhander that would always score. She never seemed to appreciate how good she was preferring to deflect credit to someone else and we all loved how she would overate us all. It would just put a big smile on our faces. I don't know exactly how many Provincial Hockey Gold medals she has won, but it's at least 10. We owe her a lot with all the opportunities she has provided us. She certainly has put Cobourg on the map in hockey and continues to do so. EVERYBODY involved in girls/ladies hockey in Cobourg knows her. She has been the best ambassador Cobourg has had for women's hockey that I have ever known.

Hard to mention everything because she pretty much did it all. I always said Jen would be a future Hall of Famer in Cobourg.

#### **Terry Lewis:**

Jennifer is a very upbeat person that enjoys life to the fullest. She is very positive in every way, with everything and everyone she connects with. Jennifer was/is a very active multi sport athlete that puts everything into the sports she plays. Jennifer played hockey at a high level for the U of T while attending school there. An honest athlete that never gives up no matter what the score is. She played hockey in the Cobourg area with many teams that had quite a bit of success. Jennifer coaches girls hockey and enjoys every minute of it. There are a lot of young girl hockey players that look up to her. We cannot just talk hockey as Jennifer was a very good ball player. Jennifer played on winning teams quite often. Jennifer also was a teacher and a good one at that. Very willing to help the kids at any time. After she retired, Jennifer went back to help out with coaching the kids during the school year. I have never heard of any student saying a bad thing about her. The volunteering, wow! I do not know of a person that has been so active in the community when it comes to volunteering. Jennifer was there when the World Juniors Hockey tournament was in Cobourg to help out one of the teams and she volunteered at the Summer Games in Ontario. There is a lot more volunteering, this was just a couple.

#### Rick Ash

Outside of being a fantastic person Jennifer is one heck of a fastball player. I have seen and been around Jennifer and her family for years. I was fortunate enough to have Jennifer on one of the women's fastball teams competing in a Provincial/Canada tournament more than 20 years ago in Baltimore. Most of the players were younger than Jennifer but you certainly would not have known that by the way she played. Her level of skill and ability was easy to see. Jennifer is a heck of hockey player as well and played at a high level, not to mention that she still competes in Provincial Hockey with women sometimes 30 or 40 years younger in her division. I am proud and happy to count Jennifer as one of my friends.

### Kristen Dajia Fawcett

There are some volunteer events we have done together such as Para Pan Am Games and Invictus Games. Sport Championships - hockey and baseball include World Masters Championships but also Cobourg Angels. There is also OFSAA, Bauer First Shift and of course her work as a founding member of The Sport Hall.

On a personal note, I would say Jenn Ashley deserves recognition and induction into the Cobourg and District Sports Hall of Fame as an athlete and a builder. Her dedication to her work as a volunteer, whether it be locally in the Bauer First Shift program or internationally in the Invictus Games, is outstanding. A lifelong athlete, she now competes, representing Cobourg on the world stage in various international masters games in hockey, track and field and baseball.

#### **Elaine Devlin**

I was fortunate enough to play with Jen with the Cobourg Angels from 1984-1989. During that time we won 3 Ontario Tier 2 championships and a Silver. At the Ontario Tier 1 championships we placed 2nd (silver) 5 times.

She was also part of the Canadian Free Spirits fastball team that competed at the World Masters in Sydney Australia 2009 (+ 35 age division) Turin Italy 2009 (+45 age division) and Auckland New Zealand in 2017 (+ 45) where each time winning the Gold Medal.

Won gold at Ontario Senior Games Association +55 women's hockey in 2019 in Huntsville Ontario and represented Ontario at the Canadian Senior Games in 2022 in Kamloops British Columbia playing hockey.

Representing Ontario at the Canadian Senior Games in Track in Field in 2024 (Quebec City) competing in Shot Put, Discus and Javelin.

#### **Tim Fawcett**

In high school, Jenifer was a star athlete in volleyball, basketball and track and field. She played hockey and fastball in the town of Cobourg and won numerous provincial titles. Jennifer played hockey for U of T.

#### Don Ball Jr.

Jennifer is a very talented athlete. At hockey she played minor hockey, ladies Senior Bewdley Rebels, Toronto Aeros, and U of T, to mention a few. Jennifer was an outstanding player and was very successful. She won many trophies and medals. She loved playing any sport and played them all, but besides that, she coached all kinds of sport. Jennifer organized volleyball, slow pitch, fastball, hockey games and the list goes on. Jennifer volunteers in the Cobourg area more than anyone I know and even got me to join the volunteer game on more than one occasion Jennifer is currently practicing to play in the Canadian senior games. I have been Jennifer's friend for over 40 years and we have have worked together and played together and she always made it fun. Jennifer is competitive but never loses the fact the sports are supposed to be fun.

#### Carrie Bowman

I moved to Cobourg in 2002 and started on a senior ladies team out of Cobourg. We competed in OWHA Senior BB. Jen was managing and playing on this team. That is where I met Jen. We have been playing together ever since. We won several championships together. She organized a new team that was the first senior ladies rep team with the West Northumberland Wild Association in 2016. This team continues today.

Jen was also on the executive for many years with the Wild. I believe that she was on executive from the beginning until around 2020. She coached the Cobourg West Girls hockey team until the West closed and continued to coach CCI team until a couple years after her retirement.

Jen continues to help coach with me with the West Northumberland Wild today. She is currently with u13HL team and the girls love her. She is such a positive influence for those girls.

Jen has also helped with Trudy Stacy's skating development as well as the First Shift Hockey Program.

#### Sandi MacDonald

2019. We won, which qualified us to go to the Canada Games in Kamloops BC. 2022. Jen looked after all the organizing of our team...much paper work!!!

I know her Senior C team has won several Provincial competitions. But her team would know.

Before COVID, she helped organize a games day... Special Olympics at CDCI...I volunteered at it...some of my former special kids from Millbrook and Camborne were participating...what a great event! Talk about a feel good day! Not sure jf it has continued.

I also know she does or has coached the high school girls hockey....and coaches Senior A women.

She has volunteered at Invictus Games in Toronto. She had to be interviewed and be selected.

Hockey...She was on the Executive with WNGHA for several years.. I was on it as Monday night Women's convenor for 3 years.. she had done years before me and maybe a couple after me.

She helped organize and recruit teachers for First Shift...hockey introduction for young kids..I did it one year. Not sure how many years she has done it. She also was on ice instructing.

OSGA:(Ontario Seniors activities). Was on the organizing committee of for Senior Games in Cobourg (She and I volunteered for women's hockey...she recruited me). Small Town Hockey: She organized girls and women to represent us. Jennifer organized our 55+ team that competed in Ontario Provincials in

Jen has a very strong sense of community, inclusion, and just plain doing to get things done. She is a huge supporter of female participation in sports from teens to Seniors. So important to maintain good health, both mental and physical, which she promotes in the many activities in which she is involved. And, she has to be one of the most inclusive, supportive, encouraging coach, organizers I have ever played for in several decades of athletic endeavours. She has the gift not only of being super organized, but she is always the first to praise a good play, a good effort to the participants. An accomplished athlete in many sports, she is very humble, quick to pass the limelight to a teammate.

# QUESTIONING TEAM VALUES 36 YEARS AGD

J. ASHLEY.

# Cutting 4 players called 'selfish' act

Letter to the sports desk

February 22, 1988.

Dear sports editor:

I just cannot believe something that recently occurred in the Mercantile Hockey League. Prior to the playoffs, four players from the Lawn Rangers were told, flat out, by other players on the team that they were not to dress for the playoffs.

I do realize that playoff competition often calls for a more intense "game plan." However, most teams handle the playoff situation in a reasonable and fair manner - no one is ever TOLD

Normally, everyone suits up for the game (I guess that is why they call it a "team" sport). When and if the play becomes crucial, some of the weaker players may be asked to "sit." These players very rarely put up a fuss and will often OFFER to sit if the going gets tough.

Weren't all Cobourg hockey leagues, without exception, to play hockey? If so, what gives some players the right to decide the others are to play or not?

I find it very disturbing that grown men could behave in such a seefish and ansportsmanlike manner. When adults value winning mer freedship, we're in trouble. I hate to think that these recters will teach their children with respect to sportsman-

> An ex-Lawn Rangers' fan, JENNIFER DALGARNO

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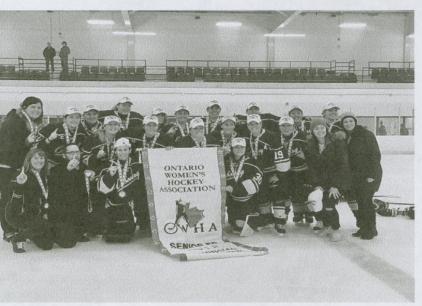




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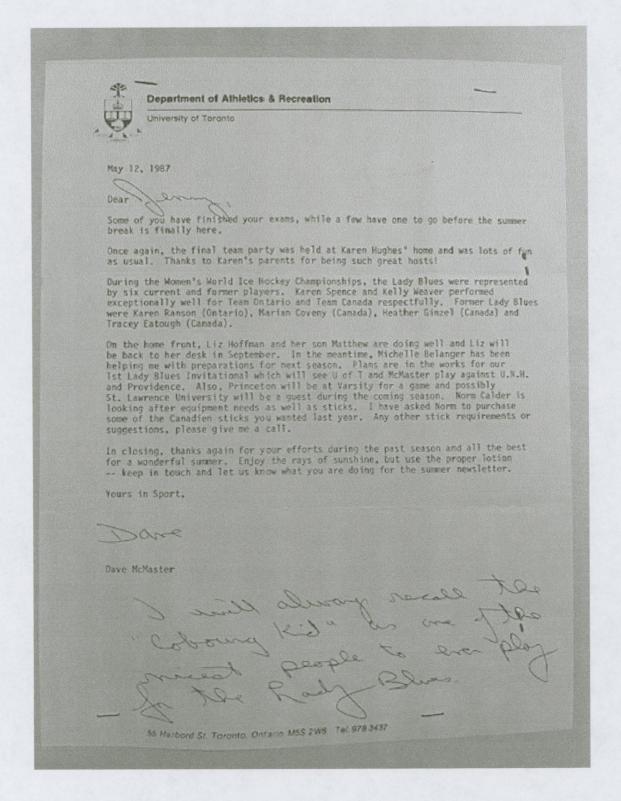
NORTHUMBERLAND WILD "COACH"





UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO - VARSHY TEAM

U of T Hockey coach, Dave McMaster, heaped high praise on Jennifer Dalgarno. He mentions that Jennifer was, "one of the nicest people to ever play for the Lady Blues".



#### **University Of Toronto Varsity Hockey and Rowing**

#### Hockey Yeowomen lose big to Lady Blues n OWIAA championship final

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Colleen Kenny
Susan King
Rency-Lee Ledgley
Deborch McCarroll
Beserley McKeon
Karen O'Bright
Sophia Hadaski \*
Karen Renson
Ann Teglas
Karen Wright

Coach: Dave McMaster

ICE BOCKEY-MEN

Andre Hidi \* David Jamieson Joseph Lococo Darren Love David McCarthy Davny Meloff Michael Felino David Smith Michael Todd Stelio Zupanich

HOWING-WOMEN

Laura Armstrong Chloe Atkins Polydora Baker Diane Barr \* Katherine Barr Juliane Brown Sandra Burdett Jaronifur Dalgamo Susan Fraeman Christine Garrity Cherilyn Gill Janet Guse

Asst Coach: Lance Gattoni Penal Denice

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STUDENT AWARDS "TEACHER, COACH"



COACH "THE TIGERS" SUMMER 1987

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