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In recognition of distinguished contributions  
to sport through the Commonwealth Games

Pour sa contribution remarquable à la cause du  
sport dans le cadre des Jeux du Commonwealth

Presented to • Décerné à:

*Kenneth Smith*

President • Président(e)

Inducted • Intronisé(e)



## KENNETH SMITH

*Some succeed because they are destined to. Most succeed because they are determined to. Ken Smith's determination for the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada to succeed has been without equal. His passion for sport is well known. The effort and courage to develop a standard of excellence for the Association has become Ken Smith's signature over the years.*

*His tenacity and desire to enshrine the ideals established by the founders of the Commonwealth Games has been a role that Ken has taken on with integrity and success.*

*A love of cycling, brought Ken Smith to sport, then to sport administration, and has kept him active up to this day. "I just have to get the miles in," says Ken when talking about cycling. He has certainly put as many hours into building, organizing and developing amateur sport in Canada. His passion for cycling has paralleled his accomplishments within the sport system.*

*He first joined a cycling club in 1936 drawn by his love of the outdoors, the racing scene and the camaraderie. A year later he completed an 800-mile tour in 10 days, sometimes in pouring rain. It was hard, but he loved it and has never looked back. This is symbolic of his passion and determination to ensure the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada always operates with the highest of standards.*

*Ken was the first Manager of non-resident sports at the National Sports and Recreation Centre, which then included the CGAC as a non-resident sport. Diligent and sincere, he put his heart into his job and became vital to the Association. All through this period he contributed in many ways to the development and ideals of the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada. He worked tirelessly as Honorary Secretary on the CGAC Board of Directors from 1987 to 1995. Informed and thoughtful attention became his trademark; no job was too large or too small. He played an important role in the creation of the Commonwealth Sport Development Program, understanding and promoting the fact that sport has the power to change lives. As a Canadian delegate to the Commonwealth Games Federation assemblies between 1988 and 1994, he contributed to Canada's sterling reputation. He was a director of the 1994 Victoria Commonwealth Games Society. Recognized as a team player with a vast knowledge of Commonwealth sports, which*

*he was always tactful in sharing, Ken enhanced the Society's ability to stage a world-class Games.*

*Ken's enormous network of sport and government contacts, his advice and guidance over the years have made him invaluable to the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada and the people with whom he worked. Over the years, he developed a reputation as a significant and selfless contributor to the Commonwealth Games movement, not only in Canada, but throughout the Federation.*

*Although Ken has missed the 200-mile Rideau Lakes Cycling Tour for the past two years, he hopes to go back next year. He has gone the distance in all his endeavors. He is a man who has committed himself to quality, excellence and teamwork.*

*His contribution to the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada has been a major factor in the Association's success. He has been a leader in establishing the ideals of the Commonwealth movement in Canada. The CGAC is proud to present the Award of Merit to Ken Smith for his outstanding and lasting contribution to Canadian athletes, the Commonwealth Games and Association.*

