

Name: Debbie McCooley

Local: Comox Valley

When did you start with Special Olympics and how did you get involved?

I started in 1990, took a break between 1996 and 2004, then came back to coach again. I got involved because my brother in-law is an athlete.

What is your most memorable Special Olympics experience?

They are all memorable! I think going to Surrey a few years ago for the Provincial Championships stands out. It was my first provincials. The whole experience of being at provincials was memorable and I remember having a lot of fun!

What would you like people to know about you?

I really enjoy coaching in Special Olympics as it is REALLY a lot of fun! Both my daughters, who now live away from home, volunteer as well (in Victoria). Also, I'm a huge Canucks fan.

What sport(s) do you coach?

I coach 5-pin bowling. I'm also the secretary on the local executive.