

**Name:** Nathan Roberts

**Local:** Whistler Valley

**Sports:** Floor Hockey

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

I started volunteering with SO in Charlottetown, PEI around 2003. A good friend of mine is an athlete and I began by attending his practices and games. I later befriended the two floor hockey coaches, Peter Howatt and CY Holland and became a registered volunteer. I started filling in for practices when they were unable to make it, took an interest in coaching and shortly thereafter received my certification. In 2005 my career took me to Whistler, BC where a local chapter was in the inaugural stages of starting up. I noticed an add in the newspaper one day stating that there was going to be an information session with the intention of opening a local chapter. I eagerly attended, met some fantastic people whom now form our executive committee and began coaching with SOBC - Whistler Valley.

**What is your most memorable Special Olympics experience?**

Attending my first National Winter Games in Prince Edward Island in 2004. The games took place in the midst of a huge snow storm which threatened the entire event but I'm not even certain if the athletes noticed. I will never forget the excitement and smiles on their faces. It was their time to shine and not even a blizzard was going to hinder their spirits. The games solidified my passion for Special Olympics and instilled memories that will last a lifetime.

**What would you like people to know about you?**

I am a Police Officer with the Whistler/Pemberton RCMP, coach a weekly floor hockey program with SO, volunteer with the Pemberton Fire Department and teach the D.A.R.E. program to local grade 5 students. I'm an avid Skier, enjoy hiking, mountain biking, ATV'ing, snowmobiling, boating and rock climbing.

**What sports do you participate/coach in?**

Floor Hockey