

## 2006 Alberta Volleyball Hall of Fame Awards

### Category: Builder

Inductee: John Pierre Baudin, PH.D

Dr. John Pierre Baudin has been involved with volleyball as a coach, instructor, administrator, researcher, author, leader and many other capacities for over 20 years. All of his valuable contributions have led him to be the 2006 recipient of the Alberta Volleyball Hall of Fame Builders Award.

Pierre Baudin has been involved with coaching since 1975 where he began as the head coach for the Edmonton Phoenix Senior and Junior Men's club teams and as the Assistant coach for M.E Lazerte's High School Senior Boys Volleyball team. In just 2 seasons his Phoenix Jr. Men's team had won both Jr. Provincial Championships while his M.E Lazerte Senior team won the 4A Provincial Championships. In 1977 Pierre moved on to be the assistant coach for the U of A Golden Bears and continued his winning ways with the Junior Bears again winning the Provincial Championships. During that year he also served as a guest coach for the Canadian National Woman's Team which sparked a new interest in coaching woman. From 1978-1980 Pierre Baudin coached the University of Alberta Pandas and Junior Pandas volleyball teams. He eventually took on the role of head coach for the University of Alberta Golden Bears from 1986-1991; and today he continues to serve as Technical Consultant for both the Pandas and Golden Bears.

Pierre has proved to be a great instructor and true leader for the game of volleyball. Since 1977 he has instructed over 30 Introductory and Advanced Volleyball courses at the University of Alberta, Acadia University and University of Regina. He has also been heavily involved in instructing NCCP courses and is responsible for writing and editing the Level I technical manual that is currently used throughout Canada. Pierre has presented at several different symposiums and conferences; most recently on the topics of "Vision Training in Volleyball" and the "Biomechanical Analysis of Factors that Produce Spin in the Spike".

He has also served on numerous committees over the past 20 years as Player Development Coordinator for Alberta Volleyball, Competition Director for Canada Cup, Technical Committee Chair for Volleyball Canada, Volleyball Convener for Canada West Universities Athletic Association and many others. Pierre is particularly proud of being the Founder and Chair of the Scientific Committee for Volleyball Canada, bringing science to our sport; as well as being the Director of volleyball competitions for the 1983 World University Games. Through all this he somehow found time to complete his PH.D., maintain a marriage with Joan, and help raise two wonderful children (Jessica and Daniel). Pierre's contributions have made our sport stronger throughout Canada, and he continues to educate coaches and athletes to pursue excellence in volleyball.