

## Bro. Neil Duncan



Bro. Duncan was born in Winnipeg, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1909. He was initiated into Masonry on March 31<sup>st</sup> 1958, Passed June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1958 and Raised September 29<sup>th</sup> 1958. He celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday March 13<sup>th</sup> 2009.

He moved to Northwestern Ontario in the 1930's and became a driving force in the development of curling here. He was Director of the Port Arthur Curling Club from 1951 to 1960 and President from 1955 to 1960.

In 1960 when Port Arthur and Fort William hosted the MacDonald Brier, he was a Co-Vice Chairman and on the Steering Committee for the School Boy National playdowns in 1968.

Neil served two terms as the Northwestern Ontario representative to the Canadian Junior Curling Commission and as Chairman of Junior and Schoolboys curling in the region. He was Northwestern Ontario Coordinator for Curl Canada instructional clinics and a founding member of the Ontario Curling Development Council. He was also Commissioner of Ladies Major League in Thunder Bay, and active in the sport into his 90's.

Bro. Neil was also very active in other sports. He served as he President of the Thunder Bay Soccer Association in 1979. Then from 1975 to 1981 he served as president of the Northwestern Ontario Track and Field Association. Then in 1980 he was an official at the Pan Am Junior Track and Field Championships.

Along with this he found time to do some gardening. He was a multiple Canadian Gladiolus champion and accredited judge and in 1973 won the International Gladiolus Championship Award.

In 1980 he received the Special Achievement Award from the Province of Ontario and in 1988 Canadian Curling Association Award of Merit. Then on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1993 he was inducted into the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.

A mason who practice outside of the lodge those principles inculcated within it.