

Marlene's Sportsmanship Recognized at Operation Trackshoes

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After 40 years of enthusiastic and positive participation at Operations Trackshoes, Marlene K. received her first trophy for amazing sportsmanship!



Marlene and other fierce members of the BACI Bobcats!

Every year, BACI sends 10 to 12 individuals plus staff as part of the BACI Bobcat team to participate in these exciting competitions. Marlene has been part of BACI's Trackshoes team for over 40 years – every year since she was 8 years old!

Marlene is outgoing and participates in every Trackshoes event she can, as well as all of the extra activities. She is always energetic – eagerly trading the elevator for stairs and a wheelchair for walking.

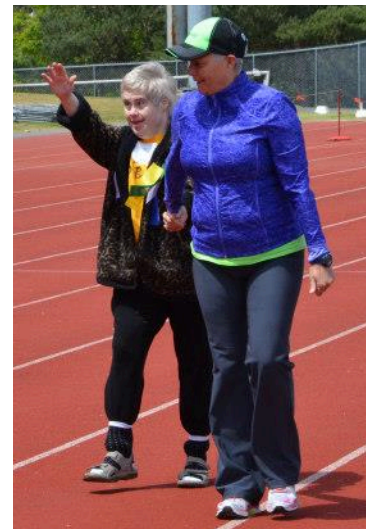


Event participants are teamed up with a volunteer to report on their results and attitudes. Marlene's volunteer wrote a glowing report about her inspirational efforts and the determination she put into each event, plus the infectious enthusiasm she shared with other competitors.

In recognition of her passion, great attitude and dedication, Marlene received the Sportsmanship Award for the weekend! It was an emotional moment for both Marlene and her staff. Marlene received a spectacular trophy and medal, and will have the honour of sitting at the head table next year.

Congratulations Marlene, and good luck next year!

Operation Trackshoes is an annual weekend-long sports festival that gives people of all ages and abilities the chance to have fun, be active and feel included. The competitions include track and field events, swimming, wheelchair sports and lots of other fun games! The festival is run by volunteers and takes place at the University of Victoria.



Marlene with BACI staff Jill.