



## Ken Nelson - PIONEER 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee

Ken Nelson was born in Wetaskawin, Alberta and started water skiing at the age of 15. He skied in his first National Championships in 1973 where he won a bronze medal in slalom. For the next ten years, Ken continued skiing in various lakes around Alberta while searching for the perfect site to use as a controlled water ski environment. In 1986, his dream became a reality and his man made; specific water sport facility opened its gates to host the National Barefoot Championships. Shalom Park has become the most prolific host site for towed water sports in Canada.

### ***ACCOMPLISHMENTS***

1976-1977	Vice President Water Ski Alberta	First to the use cylinders as boat guides in the slalom course
1987-1991	President of Water Ski Wakeboard Alberta	Designed a portable slalom course the uses brace lines to hold the buoys
1991-1995	Past President of Water Ski Wakeboard Alberta	Skied in 24 Nationals where he won 12 Gold, 5 Silver, and 4 Bronze
1977-1978	Chair of the Alberta Boat Drivers Committee	
1987	Ken started the New Kids on the Water program	
1993	Designed a ski jump approved by the IWSF	
2011	Inducted into the Water Ski Wakeboard Canada Hall of Fame	

### **Tournaments hosted at Shalom Park:**

- 1996 World Junior Championships
- 2015 & 2016 Canadian Open International Tournament
- 1992, 1993, 1994 International tournaments
- 1989, 1993, 1994, 1997, 2002, 2009 Canadian Water Ski Championships
- 1997, 2006, 2010 Canadian Wakeboard Championships
- 1986, 1990, 1992, 1997, 2003, 2007 Canadian Barefoot Nationals
- 2009 Canadian Adaptive Water Ski Championships
- 14 Alberta Provincials

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Peter Pebbles, President  
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