

David Sutherland Memorial Fund

David Sutherland learned to cross-country ski in Inuvik in the 1960s after arriving from British Columbia to start a job with the Territorial Government. He and a group of others learned to ski from an oblate priest – Father Mouchet – with the understanding that they would teach the local children. From then on, David was hooked.

David was involved with the TEST Program (the internationally-recognized Territorial Experimental Ski Training Program) in Inuvik. After moving to Yellowknife, he worked with the local and territorial ski programs coaching young skiers.

David thought that cross-country skiing was an excellent sport for young people. Along with the fitness aspects of physical training, he believed that skiing developed other skills – discipline, goal setting and perseverance – that would help in all aspects of life. David enjoyed coaching and working with young skiers, and took great pleasure in cheering them on in their races and other achievements in life.

David Sutherland passed away on October 12, 2004, after a short battle with cancer. This fund was established in David's memory by the Sutherland family and the Yellowknife Ski Club, so that he could continue to help young northern skiers.

Donations to the David Sutherland Memorial Fund are still accepted. Please contact the Yellowknife Community Foundation for information about making a donation or applying for a grant.

