

The Bobbie Steen Award of Excellence for Career Achievement recognizes the achievements of an outstanding role model (individual or organization) who has, over the course of their career championed Women or Gender Equity in the area of Sport and Physical Activity.

The 2006 recipient of the Career Achievement Award is **Gail K. Donohue**.

Gail has contributed immensely to sport during her successful career as a coach and administrator and has inspired many athletes to pursue excellence in Synchronized Swimming. One of her greatest contributions has been coaching development. As Director of the Pacific Sport National Coaching Institute Gail facilitated the development of many coaches to level 4/5 certification. Gail continues to lend her expertise to Syncro Canada as a member of its Long Term Athlete Development Steering Committee and as a member of the Coaches of Canada board of Directors.

The Bobbie Steen Award of Excellence for Development is given to an individual or organization to develop a new or enhance an existing program or to support professional development which champions Women or Gender Equity in the area of Sport and Physical Activity (*\$2000 is provided by BC Games Society, BCRPA, Sport BC and the BC Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts*)

The 2006 recipient of the Bobbie Steen Award for Excellence for Development is **Norma Foster**.

Norma Foster has studied Karate for over thirty years and holds the exceptional rank of 6th degree black belt. She is the only female member of the Referee Council of the World Karate Federation for which she also chairs the Gender Equity Committee. Norma has developed a Karate Officiating seminar for women and girls in Northern BC with the ultimate objective of increasing the number of female Karate officials province-wide.