

TRAIL RCMP NET ONE FOR KOOTENAY FRIENDS Cst. Gerry Sliworsky (centre) of the Trail RCMP presented two cheques of \$3,750 each to Gentil Mateus (L), representing the Kootenay Friends of Children Foundation, and to Pam Lewin (R), representing the Trail Regional Hospital Foundation. The money was raised at an NHL Old-timer Hockey Game on November 23, 1999, held at Trail. Approximately 3,500 fans attended the sold-out game which featured Hall of Fame members Guy Lafleur and Marcel Dionne, An added attraction was Donald Jackson, the 1960 Olympic bronze medallist and 1962 World Figure Skating Champion, who is now 60 years old. He was the first figure skater to land a triple jump in competition. The Trail RCMP Selects team consisted of local RCMP members, firefighters and six local area players chosen from a draw.

By Cst. Gerry Sliworsky

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## EMBODYING THE SPIRIT OF JUDO

One of the principles of Judo is teaching the "way" of mutual welfare and benefit. It also shows people how to make the best use of actions that require minimum effort to achieve maximum affect. Here in the Yukon, there is a very special recognition for those individuals who understand and practice these principles in a meaningful way. It's the Mackenzie Award and is only given when a Judoka's (one who practices Judo) activities have embodied the spirit of Judo.

Cpl. Merv Pointer is well known as a physically adept and skilful competitor in Judo circles. He is a second-degree black belt who was a champion athlete in his younger days. On the other side of this — and perhaps more importantly — he devotes his knowledge and skill of Judo to instruction and coaching. Merv has taught Judo at most of his postings with the RCMP and while in the Yukon. sensei Merv, as he is fondly referred to, started two Judo clubs in the communities of Pelly Crossing and Carcross. He was also the chairperson of the Yukon's grading board for black belts and head coach for the Yukon's territorial and national competing athletes. His competitors consistently took the majority of medals away from regional tournaments. He instilled all the important values of Judo in everyone he instructed and insisted on good citizenship and clean feet from his students both on and off the mats. Merv received the Mackenzie Award in April 1999 for his significant contribution to Judo in the Yukon.

Merv and his wife Sue have since transferred to Williams Lake, British Columbia, and are missed by his students and friends. Great job Merv and Sue!

By Cst. Jeff Mercier, Carcross Detachment



Cpl. Merv Pointer (Judo sensei and winner of the prestigious Mackenzie Award).