



Athlete Category

Catharine Willis

Nanaimo, British Columbia

Inducted: 2005

Catharine Willis climaxed a great local, provincial and national career as a youth and adult bowler when she won the women's masters title by bowling both single and two-game record scores at the 1991 World Championships in Singapore.

She also earned gold in trios – Canada's first gold at the world level - and two silver medals - women's doubles and all events – in Singapore.

Willis was named 1991 Woman Bowler of the Year by the World Bowling Writers and was a nine-time British Columbia Woman Bowler of the Year and two-time Canadian Woman Bowler of the Year.

Willis was a member of Team Canada eight times and national champion in 1994. She earned gold medals in singles and team at the 1995 Pan American Games and bowled for Canada at two Commonwealth Invitational events where she earned five gold, two silver and two bronze medals.

Catharine was selected as an ambassador for the sport of tenpins at the summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.