



BOB KIERSTEAD

Target Shooting/Builder · Inducted 1998

Bob Kierstead was born in Saint John, got his introduction to the sport of shooting in Moncton, and moved to Fredericton in 1981. From that first competition at 13 years of age until the present time, he has served the sport of shooting as an athlete, instructor, administrator, clinician, meet organizer, judge, author, and head coach of Provincial and National teams. The settings have ranged from his hometown clubs to those at World, Commonwealth, Continental, Pan-American, National, Paralympics and Olympic Games. He is the first person from New Brunswick ever to be appointed as head coach of a Canadian Olympic team in any sport! His commitment to his sport, -- for boys and girls, for men and women, for the able and disabled, has been recognized and applauded throughout Canada and around the world.

Career Highlights:

- First New Brunswicker in any sport to be named Head Coach of a Canadian Olympic team.
- First person in any sport to coach at both the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Coached at the 1991 and '99 Pan-American Games and the 1990 & '94 Commonwealth Games.
- Coached at the 1992 and 2000 Olympic Games; and at the 1996, 2000 and 2004 Paralympic Games.
- Has been instrumental in promoting the integration of able-bodied and disabled athletes in national and international shooting competitions.
- Served on the executive of Shooting Federation of Canada and world governing body for Paralympic shooting sports.
- Played a leading role in having shooting included in the Canada Games.
- Named Canadian Target Shooting Coach of the year.
- Named Sport NB Coach of the Year three times.
- Received the Longines Wittnauer Award for excellence in coaching at the international level.
- Received the Geoff Gowan Award Winner for excellence in coaching in Canada.

Hometown: Saint John

Current Community: Fredericton

Web page: <https://www.nbsportshalloffame.com/honoured-members/robert-kierstead>

Tips for teachers: Bob speaks English and can present in a classroom or gym. He has a USB and CD with a short video about the NB Sports Hall of Fame and would like a table to display his artefacts. The video is also available on line at [youtube.com/watch?v=3sq8KHLc-4w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sq8KHLc-4w)



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