Local athlete comes full circle

Submitted by Stevenson & Hunt Insurance Brokers

From her early beginnings in Ontario to the West Coast, Janis Cookson finds herself right back where she started, and she has a whole lot to offer our local sports community.

Cookson excelled in the sport of women's softball and received a four-year athletic scholarship to the University of Arizona. While balancing the challenging life of a student-athlete, she managed to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Recreation Administration which launched her 25-year career as a sports administrator.

She became a member of our National Women's Softball Team, a team that captured the gold medal at the 1983 Pan American Games and was later honoured by being inducted into the Canadian Softball Hall of Fame.

From there she eventually turned her attention to the world of sport event management where she landed her most rewarding experience to date – working on the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Recently, Cookson returned to London where she has teamed up with Stevenson & Hunt Insurance Brokers, one of Canada's largest insurance brokerages, to further develop its sports insurance segment.

Cookson strongly believes in giving back to the community and has developed a series of SportsLink luncheons designed to bring local sports together.

“I don’t find it a difficult decision to want to give back to something that has given me so much,”

She is now thrilled to return home and hopes her knowledge and experiences within the sport sector will be of value to London and surrounding communities.

Life really does come full circle! Welcome home Janis!

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