

Kim Whaley-Hilts

Belleville Sports Hall of Fame 2022 Inductee

Athlete, Darts

Kim was born in Belleville and began playing darts at the age of 19 in the Belleville Ladies Dart League with her mom Judy. In 1990, she joined her dad, top local player Bob Jones in the Mens Super Dart League, prompting the league to change its name to the Quinte Regional Dart League. She has participated in the Canadian national championships 31 consecutive years and has been ranked among the top 10 in Canada for many of those years, having achieved the number one ranking seven times. In addition, Kim has scored as high as fifth in the World Rankings. As a member of Darts Ontario team, Kim has represented the province at the Canadian National championship 22 times. She has taken to the international stage representing her country as a member of the Canadian World Cup team in 2003, 2005 and 2007, World Masters team member six times, and America's Cup Team Canada member in 2008 and 2016. In 2008, Kim was crowned the America's Cup Singles Champion over competitors from 25 countries. Other notable wins include National Women's Singles Champion in 2002, 2007, and 2017, seven-time National Women's Doubles champion, Canadian Open Women's Singles Champion in 2007 and 2012, and Canadian Women's Open Doubles Champion in 2001, 2009 and 2017. Kim's successes have received additional recognition including the Quinte West Mayor's Award of Achievement in 2009 and 2011, the National Darts Federation of Canada (NDFC) Athlete of the Year in 1999, induction into the NDFC Hall of Fame in 2002, and the NDFC Distinguished Service Award in 2014. Kim has played in every major tournament in North America and has competed in countries around the world including England, France, Holland, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and Australia. Although Kim's dad passed away in 1993, she credits his patience and encouragement for her success on the world dart scene. In cooperation with her husband Wally, Kim founded the Bob Jones Memorial Tournament in his honour. Now more than 25 years after its inception, the tournament has grown to be nationally and world ranked, and hosts hundreds of players from around the world. Kim's talent at the dart board and her strength of character offer a legacy that the Belleville Sports Hall of Fame is proud to celebrate.