

The RONALD JACOBSON MEMORIAL AWARD - The Skaters' Skater Award for the Love of Skating and Enjoyment of Life

Skating came naturally to Ronald Francis Jacobson. "He had a natural ability and a healthy perspective regarding figure skating and his goals in life," says his former Power Skating Coach Maureen Hitman Calder. "He developed skating as a skill to use in hockey ... He was fun to have on the ice in terms of keeping everyone else in good spirits."

Ronald, who was born in 1968, died tragically on November 21, 1981, along with his mother, Sonja Currie Jacobson and his sister, Jill. He is survived by his father, Ron Jacobson and his older brother, John.

An outstanding athlete, Ronald started skating at an early age with the Lethbridge Figure Skating Club. As he grew older he became involved in hockey, but he still maintained a close relationship and friendship with all the Club members. Active in sports in Junior High, his attitude, conduct and personality exemplified love and enjoyment of life. "What a nice, friendly, cheerful little boy he was," recalls Sonja Batty, a former Coach with the Lethbridge Figure Skating Club.

The Lethbridge Minor Football Association created and annually awards The Ron Jacobson Memorial Trophy to the outstanding Grade 7 player in recognition of his accomplishments.

The Ronald Jacobson Memorial Award – The Skaters' Skater Award – designed to honour a skater of the Club who loves to skate and who best typifies and exemplifies love and enjoyment of life.

Criteria:

1. The Ronald Jacobson Memorial Award - The Skaters' Skater Award – symbolized by a trophy and a replica, shall be awarded annually to a Club Skater who loves to skate and best typifies and exemplifies love and enjoyment of life.
2. Criteria in selection of eligible candidates shall include:
 - Significant contributions to the enjoyment of skating for the skater and all other skaters, the Coaches and Professionals, rink employees, and families of the Lethbridge Figure Skating Club.
 - Obvious enjoyment and full participation in skating.
 - Outstanding good sportsmanship
 - Consideration, encouragement and support for other skaters and others involved in the Lethbridge Figure Skating Club
 - Age, skating level, tests passed or failed, competitions won or lost, are not determining factors, but the skater's attitude in respect to these factors shall be considered.
3. The recipient shall be selected by a secret ballot taken among the Junior and Senior Skaters of the Lethbridge Figure Skating Club at least 14 days prior to the date of the award presentation. Complete criteria may be obtained from the Lethbridge Figure Skating Club Executive.