

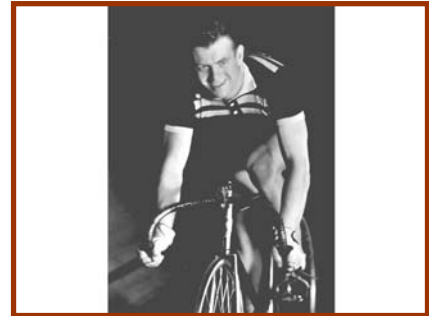


## Lorne "Ace" Atkinson

**Induction Year:** 1997

**Sport:** Cycling

**Category:** Builder



- Represented Canada at several international competitions from 1948 to 1954, including the 1948 Olympics in London
- 1950 British Empire Games when he not only competed, giving Canada a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 10 Mile Track Championship, but also managed and coached the Canadian team
- For the 1954 British Empire games, Lorne served on the committee that established the China Creek Cycling Track, assisted in the organization of the cycling events, captained the Canadian team, and placed 4th in the 10 Mile track event (again, Canada's best showing).
- In 1962, Lorne became President of the Vancouver Bicycle Club, and was made a Life Member two years later.
- He went on to coach Canada's 1967 Pan Am Games cycling track team, and BC's team at the 1982 Canadian Championships. In between, he saved the China Creek track from the bulldozer in 1972, and served as a member of the society that operated the track until 1976.
- Now legendary in cycling circles, Lorne is always available to athletes of all levels for advice and training tips. He is currently researching and documenting the history of cycling in British Columbia, and, at the age of 76, is an active member of the Vancouver Velo Vets, regularly taking long distance rides throughout the province