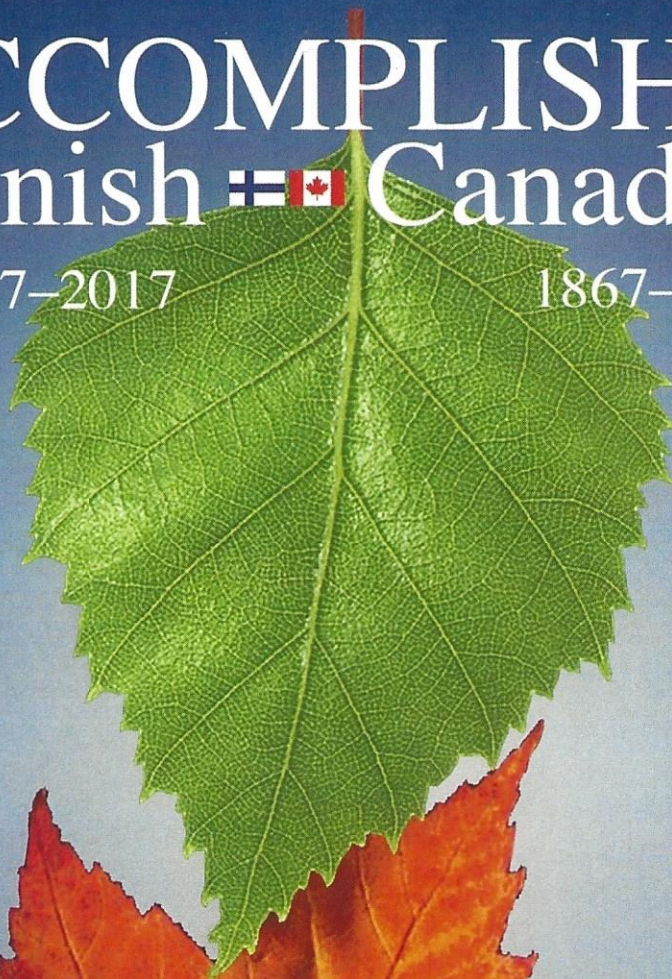



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Kathy Kangas – Skydiving

Kaisa Kangas was born in Lauttakylä, FIN and raised in Port Arthur, ON. She was named the 1967 University of Western Ontario Female Athlete of the Year. Kathy has an M.Sc. in exercise physiology and she coached a gymnast at Buffalo State University to a national gymnastics title.

Kathy took her first parachute jump in 1969. She was a member of the national Skydiving Team for 15 years from 1970-1985.

Kathy claimed the Canadian National Parachuting Accuracy title four times. At the World Invitational Parachuting Championships held in China in 1981, Kathy won a bronze medal in Women's Accuracy.

In 1984 Kathy earned her Double Diamond Wings for completing 3,000 free fall jumps. She retired from the sport with 3,191 jumps, the most by any Canadian woman. Nine times her main parachute failed to open, but she was always saved by the back-up chute.

Kathy Kangas still holds the Canadian Women's record of five consecutive dead-centre accuracy jumps.