

Kinsmen honour Wilchowy

Randy Wilchowy, a long-serving member of the Meadow Lake Kinsmen, was honoured for his dedication and leadership by his peers recently.

“Every fall we have a get-together and call it our annual President’s Night gala, but this year we are basically honouring Randy, and we’d like to present him with a Lifetime Membership,” said Meadow Lake Kinsmen president Chet Rogers. “I’ve known Randy since I became involved with the Kinsmen, and he was instrumental in getting me to join.”

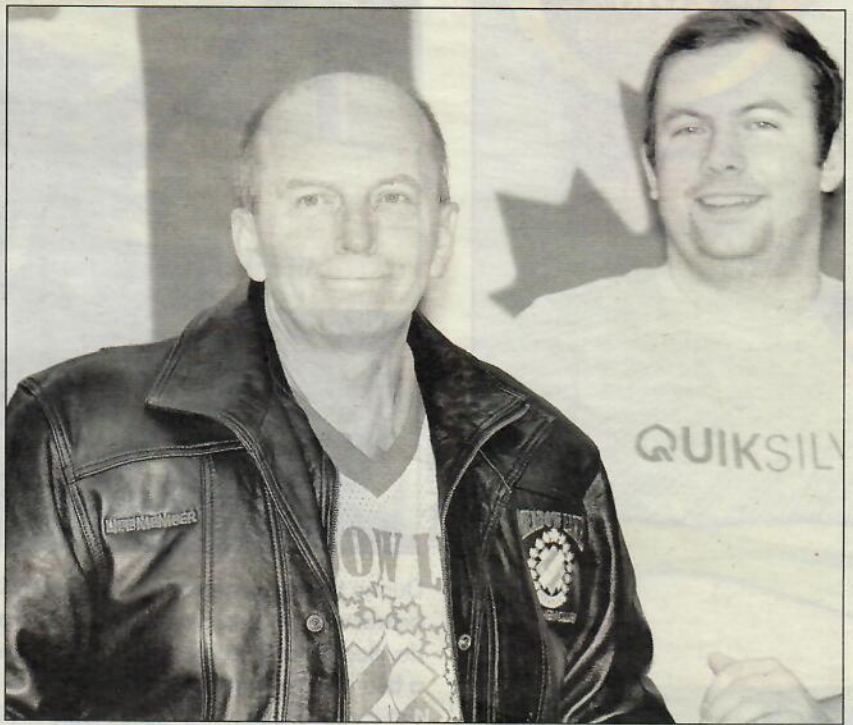
Wilchowy, a resident of Meadow Lake for the past 15 years, said he was in no way expecting this award.

“I didn’t have a clue and I was really surprised,” he said. “I thought it was a bit odd my son, Tyler, who lives in Whitecourt, AB, was here for our group’s President’s Night.”

Wilchowy moved to Meadow Lake to become PineRidge Ford’s service writer, and a fellow employee, Glenn Roberts, invited him to join the Kinsmen.

“I knew of the Telemiracle Radiothon that goes on here, but that’s about all I knew of the Kinsmen club and what they did,” Wilchowy said. “That first year I was voted in vice-president and over the years I’ve been president four times.”

Also offering congratulations to Wilchowy Sept. 29 were friends and family, city



Meadow Lake’s Randy Wilchowy shows off his special ‘Life Member’ leather jacket he received from the Meadow Lake Kinsmen at a special ceremony Sept. 29.

officials, local Kinsmen alumni members and Kin Canada.

“Being a life member is a well-deserved recognition,” said Ron Hanishewsky, past national president of Kin Canada.

“This is an incredible honour that has been bestowed on you by your fellow club members. It is a tribute to the dedication and leadership you have demonstrated throughout your Kin career.”

Wilchowy said he has never been one for

the limelight.

“This is pretty special, and I will cherish it forever,” he said. “But, that’s not why I am a Kinsmen member. I’m in the back and we have a great group of people who do a lot for this community and I am just one of those people. Because I am involved in Kin Canada, I have also met a lot of great people here in Meadow Lake and a lot throughout the province of Saskatchewan.”