

Joe Sapienza, Board of Directors

Joe, nicknamed “Toothpick”, is a Board of Directors member who has served this chapter from the very beginning (really - we have pictures). He is one of our Chapter’s most dedicated volunteers with thousands of hours of volunteer time under his belt. Joe is always ready to reach out and help newly injured members and old members alike. He is often seen roaming the corridors of both of the Puget Sound Healthcare facilities.

A former National Wheelchair Arm Wrestling Champion, Joe has been consistently active in our Chapter Sports programs. In fact, he has attended the **National Wheelchair Games** nearly every year since it began. You can see a picture on our *History* webpage of Joe, Duane, Mike Schifford and Jerry Lindsey at the SeaTac airport, on their way to the **4th Annual Wheelchair Games in 1984!**

He was a very good friend of Duane Osborn, who recently passed away. Duane encouraged Joe to participate in the very beginning and they attended the National Games together for many years. Everyone who knows Joe would describe him as a humble and generous man with a huge heart.