

Dr. William (Bill) Redden

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 1999 as a “Builder”



Bill Redden has been interested in every facet of basketball since he first became involved as a player at 12 years of age. In the province Bill was President of the St. John's Basketball Officials Association and founding member and President of NABO. He is presently a member of NABO and has always been interested in improving anything he is involved with. As a Player he has played at all levels. Junior high, high school, AUSA (UNB) and senior, always

enjoying the game and the people he played with. It is as a builder, coach and teacher that Bill's talents shone. Some of his accomplishments include:

- Coach 1st provincial championships 1965 – 66
- Coach 1st women's championships 1966
- Coach 1st women's Canada games team 1966 – 67
- Coach MUN senior men and women 14 years
- Director MUN basketball champs 1980 – 85, 1987 – 92
- Coordinator Stroke basketball program 1984 – 86
- Coordinator MUN / Holy Heart tournament 1981 – 1985
- Coach St. John's 10's in the late 1980's
- Coordinator Nita Chambers (Sutton) tournament
- Inducted in the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame on October 18, 1997.

Bill lists as the highlights of his career the time he spent developing basketball in the province and the MUN women's AUSA championships in 1994, which can be said he had a personal involvement.

Dr. William "Bill" Redden, for the past 35 years, has made a significant contribution to the sports of Tennis and Basketball as an Athlete and a Builder. He arrived in St. John's in 1962 from his native Nova Scotia, via Labrador City, where he was a high school physical education teacher.

It is in the game of Basketball, however, where he has excelled. He dedicated the past 30 years to playing, officiating, coaching, and administering. As a result of his playing ability, he was inducted into the St. John's Basketball Hall of Fame. He has coached over 50 teams in Basketball from youth, junior high, high school, university, senior, and Canada Games. As a result of his dedication to coaching, he was awarded in 1993 the Canada 125th Anniversary Award for Community Service.

Bill is also the founder of the St. John's and Newfoundland Basketball Officials Association. He was instrumental in the development of the high quality basketball officials we have today. For his contribution to officiating in Newfoundland, Bill was awarded the Wink Wilcox Award in 1990, presented by the Canadian Association of Basketball Officials.

He was Director of the School of Physical Education and Athletics at Memorial University from 1994-1997, and as such, guided the development of the Professional Preparation and Service Program of the University.