



**Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee**  
**Bill Fitzgerald**  
*Athlete/Builder 2003*



Bill Fitzgerald has been heavily involved in baseball and hockey as both a player and coach for over 40 years. Bill's playing career began in 1964 while playing baseball with a team in the U-10 St. John's Little League. He must have enjoyed his time playing because he then continued his playing career until 1997 (not in the Little League of course).

Bill's extensive baseball career includes having played five seasons with senior "A" teams in British Columbia. As a player, Bill has seen 23 championships over all skill levels. He won two junior league championships, ten senior league championships and locally, has won the Atlantic Junior Championship. He has competed at both the provincial and national level, which has allowed him to travel across Canada. One of Bill's major achievements would have to be his lifetime batting

average that he obtained during the playing seasons of 1969-91. With an astounding 300+ average, Bill found that receiving recognition for his achievements was inevitable; he was awarded with numerous league awards. Moreover, Bill was also recognized, and continuously awarded for his well-known display of sportsmanship. He has accumulated many levels of the NCCP courses over the years as well as won many awards such as the "Athlete of the Year" award presented by Gonzaga High School.

Bill's baseball coaching career began as a day program instructor in 1974 and his coaching career extended from 1974 to 1997; this includes coaching teams that traveled to Atlantic and National tournaments on several occasions. He was also the coach of a Newfoundland and Labrador Summer Games team in which the Mount Pearl Blazers returned home with a gold medal. In 1994 Bill, along with Harry Bartlett, founded the Mount Pearl Senior Baseball league. Bill was later inducted into the St. John's Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999 and inducted into the Newfoundland Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001 in recognition of his tremendous contributions to the sporting community. Furthermore, Bill's extensive career also included coaching with the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association from 1990-97.

The Mount Pearl Sport Alliance recognizes Bill Fitzgerald's outstanding athleticism and contributions with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.

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