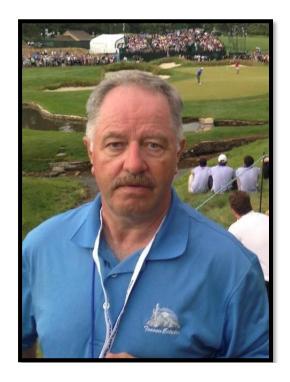


Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Gerald 'Jed' Butt Athlete/Builder 2019



From his Little League days in the late 1950's and spanning more than fifty years 'Jed' Butt has left his mark on Mount Pearl baseball, as a player and a volunteer. In the 70's he was highly regarded for his play in the first Mount Pearl Senior League and representing Mount Pearl in the St. John's Senior League. He was also selected as an All-Star starter in provincial championship play on a number of occasions.

After a gratifying playing career in baseball, Jed turned his attention to building the sport, and was instrumental in re-establishing Mount Pearl Minor Baseball in the early 1980's. Starting from scratch with no field allotments and no equipment, but with dogged determination Jed and a small volunteer core made it happen. First-year registration was nearly five hundred players!

In 1994, when Mount Pearl started its own Senior League, he formed the Mount Pearl Baseball Umpires Association with help from a few former baseball players. Jed umpired local league games and provincial tournaments for the next nine years. He also served as Coordinator of Umpires in 1997 when the Canadian National Championship was hosted by Mount Pearl.

As well as baseball, Jed served on the executives of the Mount Pearl Softball Association and Mount Pearl Tennis Club throughout the 80's, playing the two sports as well, and once again winning championships and awards in both. He also coached soccer and baseball in local, provincial and national competitions, and as a Junior High School teacher he coached male and female basketball teams for more than 20 years. Today his outlet is golf. No surprise, he was named 2018 'A' Low Net Champion at Glendenning. Looking back, Jed's dedication as an athlete and as a volunteer has had a significant and lasting impact on sport development in Mount Pearl.

The Sport Alliance is honoured to recognize 'Jeb' Butt's outstanding athleticism and volunteer contribution to sport with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.