



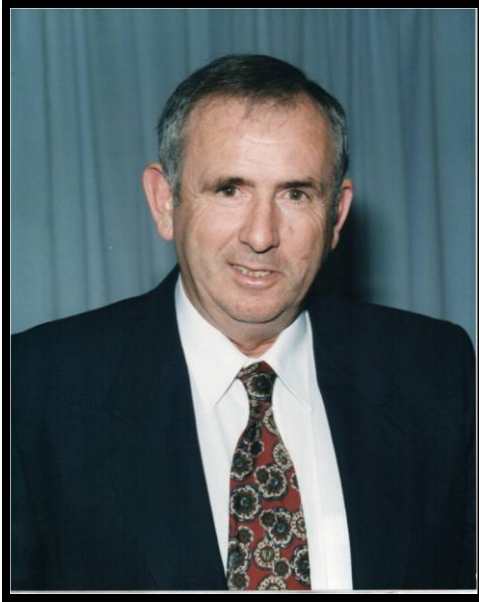
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## Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

### **Jim Bulger**

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James (Jim) Bulger has been involved with both soccer and bowling as a player, coach, referee and organizer since the late 1950s. Jim started his soccer career playing junior soccer with the St. Pats team as part of the St. John's League in 1961. Before the end of his junior career in 1973, Jim played tremendously with numerous teams; the St. Pats team, the Holy Cross team, the Brother Rice team, the Star of the Sea team and the London team (Star of the Sea and London being affiliates of the St. Pats team).

After a move to Mount Pearl in 1973, Jim commenced a playing career with the Senior Recreational Soccer as well as became a referee for Minor Soccer. Moreover, Jim was part of the team that helped build the Smallwood Soccer Field in Mount Pearl while simultaneously taking charge of the organization of the

Soccer Club's Annual Banquet. In 1982, Jim was also part of the committee behind the organization of girl soccer teams. He took charge of the coordination of the U- 8,9,11,13,15 and 17 divisions for over 11 years. During those 11 years Jim also found the time to coach and referee for several teams. In fact, Jim's coaching is responsible for several female soccer teams' Provincial Gold Medal wins and trips to National competitions.

Jim has been equally as involved with soccer as he has been with bowling. Jim's involvement with bowling began in 1957 when he was only 12. He first started to play at the Holy Cross lanes, and has bowled in many leagues and provincial championships since. Jim has coached youth bowling for over 17 years and has served nine years as an executive member with Pearlgate Youth Bowling.

Jim's contributions are nothing short of exceptional. He has been awarded numerous titles in recognition of his extensive volunteerism. More so, he has and will now always have the devoted respect of his fellow community members for all that he has done for the growth sport in Mount Pearl.

The Mount Pearl Sports Alliance recognizes Jim Bulger's outstanding contributions with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.

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