



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
William (Bill) Royle
Athlete 2009



Bill Royle is admired for his courage and determination. A member of the Provincial Champion London Lion's Soccer Team in 1967, Bill was legally blind by 1968. As recreation director at The HUB Bill became aware of and involved with disabled sports and sports for the blind. In 1976 he was sponsored by the International Lion's Club to compete at the International Youth Games in Norway. The following year he was a member of the first Canadian Goal Ball Team, competing in Austria. Prior to 1980 Bill competed in athletics and goal ball at two Canadian Disabled Games and a Pan American Games. Bill would later take up the sport of lawn bowling, competing at four Atlantic Games, winning medals at three national championships, the World Blind Games, and the 2009 International Blind Lawn Bowling Championships in Australia.

Bill's top achievements over the years include an Atlantic MVP award, Canadian Lawn Bowling Champion, gold medals in discus, shot-put and goal ball in national and international competitions, as well as a collection of silver and bronze medals.

As a dedicated blind athlete Bill has travelled the world to represent Newfoundland and Labrador, and Canada in athletics, goal ball and lawn bowling.

The Mount Pearl Sport Alliance recognizes William Royle's outstanding athleticism with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
