

**Mr. William (Bill) Connolly**

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 1999 as an “Official”



Bill started as a player, but when asked to referee by Sam Walters ---- as they say “the rest is history”.... And what a history! His fondest moments are being selected to ref at the winter games in Lethbridge, Alberta and a senior “A” championship game between Alberta and Ontario. Bill is a member of the St. John’s Basketball Association Hall of Fame, has received recognition from the “International Association of Approved Basketball Officials”, and has been awarded the National J. A. “Wink” Wilcox Award of Merit

1987. Bill was credited with bringing back a “feeling of fun and common sense to the game. (St. John’s Basketball Association Hall of Fame, 1987)”.