

Mr. Gordon Breen

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 1999 as a “Builder”



Gordon Breen was the co-founder of the St. John's Metro Basketball League. Along with Robin Short, they started the league in 1970 so that the guys in the “Gentlemen's age group” could get a game of ball. A draft system kept teams recreational and competitive. With his right hand man, Graham Goobie, for 20 years Gordon was convener, time keeper, floor sweeper, referee, finance man, director and extra man for any team that needed a body. He did it

all!!! The highlights of his time with the Metro League are of all the friends he had made and knowing that he helped provide an avenue for men to share the camaraderie of belonging to and participating in a great basketball league. Gordon Breen was inducted into the Sport Newfoundland and Labrador Hall of Fame (November 2, 1985), the St. John's Amateur Baseball Association Hall of Fame, is one of VOCCM's great names in sport, and had received The Certificate of Merit from the Prime Minister of Canada for his contribution to Sport (November 11, 1987). Gordon's fondest memory of the Metro Basketball League was the establishment of the Margaret Breen Memorial Tournament by the Players of the League in appreciation to his late wife for all the time he spent at basketball.