

Mr. John (Johnny) Seay

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



Johnny first came to Newfoundland, in particular, Argentia, via the US Navy in 1963. He became athletic director at the base in 1969 and held that position until the base closed October 1, 1994. Johnny coached teams all through the 1970's and into the 1980's; during research for the 1999 Hall of Fame one person told it like this... “We had lots of competition in St. John's, but we learned how to play from the Americans”. Going to Argentia was always a special treat for basketball

players, besides the fantastic hospitality, the basketball was great. While they hosted many a tournament, Johnny wasn't shy about bringing his teams anywhere in the province. He has always contributed to basketball in the province and in the 1980's he was Eastern Vice President for the NLBA. He lists the many friendships he has made over the years as his fondest memories.