

### **Mr. Wayne (Peter) Abbott**

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 2003 as an “Official”



Throughout his lifetime Wayne Abbott has been involved with basketball in one form or another for as long as he can remember, and throughout the years, he has made an outstanding contribution to the game in many different capacities. Whether in his role as a player, coach, official, clinician, or executive member of NABO, Wayne always put his heart and soul completely into the game and always made a sincere and genuine contribution to the game he loved. Wayne Abbott has been a very well known and respected official for over 30

years. He has refereed every level of basketball, local, provincial, national and even AUAA. As an Official, Wayne Abbott immediately became known and respected in basketball circles as an honest, fair and dedicated official who had an uncanny “feel” for the game; especially as it applied to the principles of “advantage” / “disadvantage”. There is no doubt he is a players official and they know and understand that he has a special instinct for the game that not all players really acquire. Wayne has also contributed to the growth of basketball by being an executive member of the Referees Association. He has helped teach new referees the finer skills required to be a good official and has assisted coaches explain rules to players so they better understand the game. Even today, Mr. Abbott continues to referee and enjoy the game of basketball.