

Harold (Harry) Power-Builder



Harry Power was a sportsman at heart, he was an outstanding athlete that tried his hand at football, track and field, baseball, softball and basketball. He excelled at many sports but basketball was the prominent

sport that he is well known for. Harry started as a player at Holy Cross, his life from a teenager to present has seen him involved in many aspects of the game. He played and coached at many different levels. He has been a member of SJABO and served on all levels of the executive. Harry was a pinnacle part of the Women's Basketball Leagues development. Harry's leadership abilities has made a huge impact on the NL basketball community.

Harry was a local assigner for referees in St. John's where he spent hundreds of hours each season dealing with contacts from all leagues, assigning over 3000 games per season. Harry has served on all levels of the SJABO (St. John Association of Basketball Officials) executive, from treasurer (10 years), vice president (5 years) and president (5 years). His leadership abilities at all levels have helped make the St. John's association what it is today. Harry also held a position with NABO executive (Newfoundland Association of Basketball Officials) from 1990-2000.

Harry has been a referee for the past 48 years, he has achieved his Level 4 certification. Harry has officiated games at the Senior Men's' and Ladies Leagues,

High School, Provincial Championship, Minor and Club Championships. Harry has officiated over 10,000 games and is still going 😊 Harry held a position with NABO executive (Newfoundland Association of Basketball Officials) from 1990-2000.

Harry Power was the founder of the Ladies League which was started in 1966 to give the MUN Ladies team competition at the time. The league started with just 4 teams but grew every year to become a league of 12-13 teams. Harry did everything from securing gym time, booking referees, doing schedules, raising money, etc. Harry was a member of the executive for 10 years, holding positions from treasurer to president (1990-1992). He was the foundation for the league, he enabled it to grow to where it is today.

Harry coached from 1968-1993 at varying levels. He started his coaching career at Holy Cross where he coached the Holy Cross Men's team to a first place finish in the Eastern Canadian Championships in 1968. With the formation of the Ladies League Harry became a familiar face on the bench, coaching in the League from 1970-1999. Coaching teams such as Reddy Kilowatt, Trapper John's, VOCCM, Jets to name just a few. Some of Harry's fondest memories are heading to tournaments with his teams, especially the road trips to Argentina. In 1995 he took his Labatt's Ladies team to an Invitational Tournament in Edmonton, Alberta where they received Most Spirited Team.

Harry has been recognized with some very distinguished awards throughout his basketball career. In 1983 he won the Leadership Award from the City of St. John's and also that same year won a Government of Canada Award for his involvement in sport in Newfoundland and Labrador. In 1999 he was presented with the Frank King Award, which is an Executive honor award from Newfoundland Association of Basketball Officials.

Harry's leadership abilities has made a huge impact on the NL basketball community. He has given back to the game in a major way. The thousands of hours he has given to others over the years has touched the lives of many hundreds of people in our sport.