

Bill McDonald

2012 Inductee - Athlete Category



Across Bill's career he was 9x Provincial Champion from 1958 to 1972. Throughout that period, he played for well-established teams such as the Pilsners, Fera Sheet Metal, Carlings Brewery, and Burdens Royals.

In 1958, Bill began his rookie year with the Vancouver Pilsners (Firemen) at South Memorial. That same year, he attended the World Championships held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also attended the World Championships in Clearwater, Florida, the following year in 1959.



In 1962, Bill was recognized as the Home Run Champion. The following year in 1963, he attended the World Championships hosted again in Clearwater, Florida. In 1964, Bill was deservedly named League Batting Champion. In 1966, he attended his fourth World Championships, this time held in Mexico City.

During his softball career, Bill has played with or against some of the biggest names in our sport. They include Buster Moberg, Don Danbert, Bill Gurvich, Ron Petovello, Norm McLeod, Ron Clarke, Denny Rogers, Pete Proctor, Art Wick, Jack Kine, Merle Johnson, Dick Foster, Brian Avery, Jim McMillan, Barry Bock to name but a few. Bill was primarily coached by Norm Warren, Alec Turkington and Bob Leak. After retiring from fastpitch competition, Bill joined Team Blue and umpired for 6 years.

Career Highlights

- 9x Provincial Championships Gold Medalist
- 1958 – Attended the World Championships in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1959/63 – Attended the World Championships in Clearwater, Florida 2x
- 1962 – Home Run Champion
- 1966 – Attended the World Championships in Mexico City, Mexico
- 2012 – Inducted into the Softball BC Hall of Fame