

Lew McCorkall

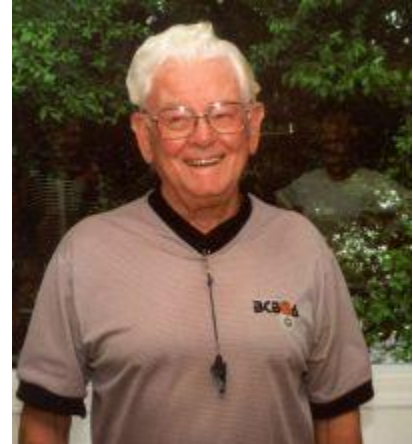
1994 Inductee - 50 Year Club



Softball and Basketball have been the sports of choice for Lew McCorkall. Lew became a Softball BC member at 12 years of age, keeping him involved with softball for 71 consecutive years.

Starting his career as a player, he competed at many levels. Lew played all the way up to Senior B and Senior A. After playing, Lew moved onto coaching. In the 60's he went on to coach the Morrison Motors Junior Men.

Throughout his time coaching at that level, they won several BC championships. Additionally, he coached the Carlings at Senior B and Bate Construction at the Senior A level. Victoria benefitted from Lew's expertise at the Junior, Senior B and Senior A level of Men's teams during his playing and coaching days.



After coaching, he found his calling as an umpire. For 35 years Lew has been umpiring at all levels both in fastball and slowpitch. He has umpired at National and Western Championships. Similarly, he officiated at the National Senior A Championships, in New Brunswick in the 60's. One honour that he cherishes is being invited, in 1994, to umpire in the World Masters Games held in Australia. To be sure he always kept his hand in the game, he officiated in Hawaii and California on his annual vacations. He did this for 5 years in Hawaii and 13 in California.

Being District 1's Umpire-In-Chief for many years expanded Lew's involvement as a Softball BC member. The BC Dogwood Crest was designed by Lew for Softball BC under the direction of UIC Gordon McDonald. Throughout his time as District 1's UIC, he hosted many officiating clinics on Vancouver Island.

In 1997, Lew was one of the first BC umpires to be inducted into the Canadian Indicator Club (Blue Convention). In 2000, Lew was inducted into the Greater Victoria Hall of Fame. In Lew's words, 'I have dedicated a lifetime to softball and if I had the chance to do it all over again, I'd do it.'