



Builder Category

Brian McLean
Thunder Bay, Ontario
Inducted: 2007

The Canadian Tenpin Federation honoured Brian McLean as a Builder in their Hall of Fame in May of 2007. It is the sport of tenpin bowling that has benefited from this tireless builder's dedication. Starting with his involvement from the mid-1960s with the Canadian Lakehead Men's Tenpin Bowling Association, and has never looked back. In the late 1970s he helped establish a youth 10 Pin bowling program in Thunder Bay and then Northern Ontario. Since that time he has dedicated himself to ensuring that opportunities existed for young people to compete and excel in tenpin bowling, for the youth of Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario and Canada. The bowlers have enjoyed success at the national and international level.

McLean is a long-time leader at the local, provincial and national level. He began organizing youth leagues in Thunder Bay in 1978 and was one of the initial organizers of the Canadian Youth Championships, now called the CTF National Youth Championships, in 1983. McLean became National Chair of the Youth Championships in 1995 and served as Youth Director on the CTF board until 2004 when CTF became a full membership organization. He has been on the executive of the Thunder Bay association since 1969 and, President for the past 25 years. He has received several local honours such as the Thunder Bay Coach of the Year in 1979 and Citizen of Exceptional Achievement in Sports in 1982 and several times since then, including the Spirit of Thunder Bay honour. McLean was one of 100 top volunteers recognized by the Canadian Government in 1976.

In September of 2013, a second trip to a Hall of Fame was bestowed on him by the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.