

Joe Bowen Voice of the Toronto Maple Leafs

Fast Facts:

- **Birthplace:** Sudbury, Ontario
- **Birth date:** April 5, 1951
- **First year in media:** 1973
- **First media job:** CKSO Radio & TV Sudbury Ontario
- **Career Highlight:** over 2,100 Toronto Maple Leaf games on TV or Radio, 3 Toronto Rock World Championship Games, Trevor Berbick vs Larry Holmes World Title Fight , blow –by-blow of Muhammad Ali’s last fight, vs Trevor Berbick in Nassau Bahamas April 1982
- **Special interests/Hobbies** Oldtimers hockey, slowpitch, golf, coaching 4 sons.
- **Appears On:** Maple Leaf Mid Week Games TV, Leaf Classic Games on Leafs TV and Talk 640 Radio Leaf Games
- **1st Leaf Game Oct 1982 @ Chicago**
- **1st Leaf Television game Oct 12 1988 vs St. Louis**

Here is Joe’s Bio

JOE BOWEN IS A 55 YEAR OLD, FATHER OF FOUR BOYS, WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SUDBURY ONTARIO. JOE ATTENDED SUDBURY HIGH SCHOOL, PLAYING HOCKEY AND FOOTBALL AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE COPPER CLIFF REDMEN NORTHERN ONTARIO PEEWEE CHAMPIONSHIP HOCKEY CLUB IN 1967. AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR, JOE RETURNED HOME TO DO PLAY –BY- PLAY FOR THE SUDBURY WOLVES OF THE ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE FOR 8 SEASONS BEFORE GOING TO HALIFAX TO BROADCAST THE NOVA SCOTIA VOYAGEURS OF THE AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE.

FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS HE HAS BEEN THE VOICE OF THE TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS, BROADCASTING OVER 2,100 LEAF GAMES. CURRENTLY JOE AND HARRY NEALE DO 63 GAMES ON TELEVISION WITH EITHER T.S.N., ROGERS SPORTSNET OR LEAFS TV. THE REMAINING 19 GAMES, AND PLAYOFFS, JOE TEAMS WITH JIM RALPH ON THE TALK 640 RADIO NETWORK. JOE ALSO IS THE HOST OF MOLSON CANADIAN LEAF CLASSIC GAMES ON LEAFS TV DIGITAL CHANNEL

A BIG SUPPORTER OF LEUKEMIA RESEARCH SINCE HIS SON SEAN BEAT THE DREADED DISEASE, JOE HAS ACTED AS GUEST SPEAKER AND MC FOR THE ANNUAL UFCW LEUKEMIA CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC, WHICH IS NOW NAMED IN HIS HONOUR. THE JOE BOWEN BOTTLE DRIVE IN CONJUNCTION WITH UFCW LOCAL 12R24 AND THE BEER STORE WILL RAISE OVER \$500,000 THIS YEAR

HIS TRADE MARK “HOLY MACKINAW!” EXCLAMATION IS NOW EMBLAZONED ON A LEAF T SHIRT WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO LEUKEMIA RESEARCH

THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER IN TORONTO JOE HAS ACTED AS THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES OR GUEST SPEAKER AT HUNDREDS OF BANQUETS AND GOLF TOURNAMENTS. THESE INCLUDE THE CONN SMYTHE DINNER, LONDON SPORTS CELEBRITY DINNER, CHATAM SPORTS CELEBRITY DINNER, AND THE SUDBURY SPORTS CELEBRITY INDUCTION DINNER. HE HAS MC’D ALL OF THE MEET THE LEAFS LUNCHEONS, HAVE A HEART DINNERS, MAPLE LEAF CASINO NIGHTS AND MAPLE LEAF ALUMNI AND TEAM GOLF TOURNAMENTS.

JOE ALSO ACTS AS THE MC FOR THE POPULAR BELL MOBILITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AS WELL AS THE SUDBURY WOLVES ALLUMNI TOURNAMENT IN HIS HOME TOWN EACH YEAR.

JOE HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN MINOR HOCKEY AND BASEBALL AS A COACH OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS. HE GUIDED THE MARKHAM THUNDER TO AN ALL ONTARIO MINOR NOVICE HOCKEY TITLE IN 1990 AND WAS A CO- COACH OF THE THUNDER ON THE ALL ONTARIO NOVICE TEAM IN 1993. HE ALSO MANAGED THE MARKHAM MARINERS TO AN ALL ONTARIO PEEWEE BASEBALL TITLE.

JOE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE SUDBURY KINSMEN SPORTS HALL OF FAME IN JUNE OF 1999, AND RECEIVED THE FRED SGAMBATI AWARD FROM THE CANADIAN CHILDRENS FOUNDATION IN 1988. IN 2002 JOE WAS NAMED AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE CITY OF SUDBURY.

JOE AND HIS WIFE JANNINE ENJOY GOLF, SLOWPITCH AND HOCKEY AND PLAYING WITH THEIR 6 YEAR OLD SON DAVID, AS WELL AS OLDER BROTHERS LIAM, DEREK, AND SEAN.