

Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Albert Clarke Builder 1999



Albert Clarke was born in St. John's and move to the City of Mount Pearl in 1974, where he resided for over 40 years with his wife Kathleen and their two children, Christopher and Wanda. Albert has been a valuable member of the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association, serving in many capacities over the years. One of his major contributions has been his organization and management of the Annual Minor Hockey Booster Draw fundraising program that he started in 1985. This program has netted more than \$600,000 for the MPMHA and its players. Furthermore, Albert has also served as a manager for numerous Bantam, Midget and Juvenile hockey teams.

Albert has played an active role with the Mount Pearl Hockey Dad's Association, serving 10 years as the fundraising committees Director in 1979 and was their Treasurer from 1980-85. He has spent four years as their Bingo Captain and has helped to initiate and organize numerous fundraising events. In recognition of his long

and distinguished service with the Hockey Dads, Albert was named "Hockey Dad of the Year" for 1986-1987.

Having been involved with the Mount Pearl Junior Blades and the Avalon West Senior Hockey League since 1986, Albert has jumped at the chance to contribute in every which way possible. For instance, as President of the Mount Pearl Junior Blades Association, Albert's undertaking of responsibilities have lead to him being credited with the re-introduction of the Mount Pearl Junior Blades into the Metro Junior Hockey League in the 1998-99 hockey season.

Albert has performed several important supporting roles for the Mount Pearl Hockey community yet, on the top of Albert's priority list was to ensure that hockey was kept financially viable and affordable for all players. It is estimated that approximately \$6,000,000 has passed through Albert's hands (circa 1999) while he acted as Treasurer for various committees. His ability to organize and execute the operations he manages successfully, is what has earned him his title as the "Million Dollar Man". In fact, Albert was awarded the Newfoundland Amateur Hockey Association Award in 1983-84 and the Canadian Amateur Hockey Award in 1998-1999 in recognition of his tremendous success. Albert's work ethic has benefitted the sports community of Mount Pearl, and the Sports Alliance recognizes his stupendous accomplishments with his induction to the Sports Hall of Fame.