



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Barbara Predham
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Barbara Predham was a member of the committee that founded the Mount Pearl Figure Skating Club in 1976 and was named President of the club in 1978, holding office until 1985. During her tenure Barbara worked tirelessly to ensure the growth of the club; she served on/chaired all competitions at the Regional, Provincial and National levels, and in addition to the standard responsibilities of the Club President, Barbara designed the official crest for the Mount Pearl Figure Skating Club. The crest she created is also used as the design for the Club's official pin. Moreover, she also spent numerous hours of her leisure time designing and creating backdrop scenes for the Club's Annual Ice Show. Over and above these contributions, Barbara also began the Children's Can Skate Program; a program devoted to the promotion of talented, happy skaters.

In 1986, Barbara was elected to be Chair of the Newfoundland and Labrador Figure Skating Association. This position involved retaining a seat on the National Board of Directors for the Canadian Figure Skating Association. In this capacity, Barbara is credited with building a strong foundation for figure skating, and thusly bringing about an awareness of the Figure Skating program in Newfoundland to a National scene. From 1986 to 1995, while serving as President, Barbara aggressively reduced the Newfoundland and Labrador Figure Skating Association's deficit and developed the program as a strong and healthy organization. In addition to this, she implemented an evaluation system that allows skaters to progress at a more leisurely pace. This allows for the public image of figure skating to be changed from once being associated as an elite sport, to being recognized as a recreational activity for the whole family.

As Chair for the Newfoundland segment of the "Champions on Ice" tour, Barbara brought world class skating to this province, and for doing so she was presented with an award by The Royal Bank in appreciation of her contributions. Furthermore, in 1983 Barbara was awarded the prestigious "Presidents Volunteer Award" by the Canadian Figure Skating Association.

The Mount Pearl Sports Alliance recognizes Barbara Predham's outstanding contributions with her induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
