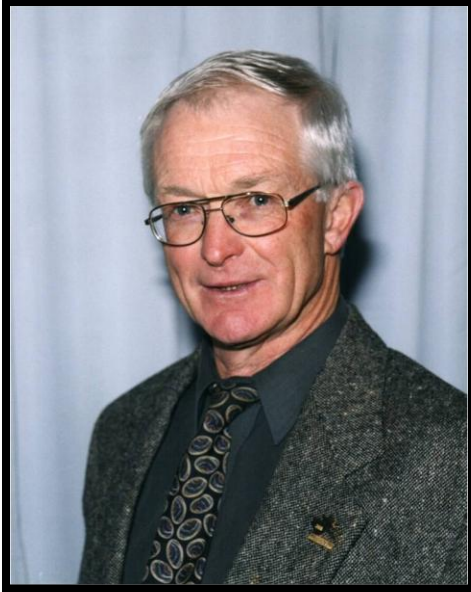




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**Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee**  
**Ben Dunne**  
*Athlete/Builder 2000*

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To be identified as an Athlete/Builder within the sports community, one first thinks about two separate careers- “athlete” first, then followed by the “builder”. In Ben Dunne’s case, both careers very much overlapped. Capsulized and highlighted as follows, the role switches are evident. In 1964 Ben was named the Southern Shore Hockey MVP and awarded the Richard Cashin Award. That same year, he was the Meet Director for the first Southern Shore Track Meet. In 1966 he played Varsity Hockey, was in Cross Country Running with Memorial University, was part of Southern Shore Senior Hockey and Provincial Junior Softball while simultaneously undergoing the National Legion Camp Track & Field Coaching Course at Guelph, Ontario. In 1973 Ben played in the Mount Pearl Provincial “B” Softball (Fastpitch) Championship, rowed in the St. John’s Regatta, was on the Newfoundland Rugby team and was the Governor of the Provincial Cross Country Running Championships (and maintained this position from 1973-1981). In that same year (and in 1974 as well), Ben was the Mount Pearl Softball League Executive Secretary and was a member of the Newfoundland Track & Field Association.

In 1975, 1976 and 1979 Ben ran in the Boston Marathon, and in 1975 won the Evening Telegram 10 Mile Road Race with a time of 56:00:09. From 1986 to 2000 Ben continued his multifarious participation in the sporting community by participating in Provincial Road Racing, Softball and Hockey while simultaneously coaching Mount Pearl Minor Soccer Association All-Star teams. Ben was a part of the coaching staff with soccer for seven consecutive Provincial Minor Championships from 1987 to 1993.

And the list simply continues to grow for Ben’s “builder” portfolio. Ben took a National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) and has a Level III Certification for Middle & Long Distance Running. He has a “C” License in Soccer, he is a Course Conductor for both Soccer and Track & Field, he has his Coaching Certification for Theory Level I and II, he has his Level IV Track & Field Officials Certification, he is a Swimming Official (NLSA) and is a certified Small Craft Safety (canoeing) Instructor with Red Cross Programs. Moreover, Ben is a Hike Leadership Course Conductor (Hike Ontario Program) and a Winter Camping Tour Leader. He was a coach for the 1993 Ladies Canada Games Soccer Team, part of the Mission Staff for the 1991 Canada Games in PEI, has won the National Certificate of Merit Award (1988) as well as the Newfoundland High School Athletic Federation Merit Award and the 3M Coaching Recognition Award. Ben was also the Terry Fox Run Co-ordinator from 1980 to 1985 and the Road Race Meet Director for the North Shore Races from 1974 to 1994.

It is obvious that Ben has continuously contributed and participated in a variety of sports within the sporting community of Mount Pearl. His contributions, as they are numerous, have not gone without recognition. The Mount Pearl Sports Alliance recognizes Ben Dunne’s outstanding athleticism and contributions with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.

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