



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Brian Cranford
Athlete/Builder 2012



Brian Cranford has lived in Mount Pearl for more than 20 years and during this time he has dedicated himself exceptionally as an athlete and builder in hockey, rowing and running. Brian rowed with the “Smith Stockly” and RNC teams, winning five championships, setting two course records, and winning the Lord Warden Medal in the Royal St. John’s Regatta. In 1980 Brian and the members of the rowing team “Smith Stockly” broke an 80 year old course record at the Royal St. John’s Regatta. In 1988 Brian, accompanied by the RNC team this time, grasped the championship spot in the Regatta. The following year, Brian rowing once more with the RNC team, broke the existing record and won yet another championship. Brian and the RNC team went on to defend their title in 1990, and in 1992 Brian’s team won once more. His Smith Stockly and RNC teams have both been inducted into the Royal St. John’s Regatta Hall of Fame for their enduring excellence.

Aside from the greatness of Brian’s rowing career, he has also been extensively involved in playing and coaching hockey over the years. He has played for the St. John’s Blue Caps, the St. John’s Caps and the Corner Brook Royals. Brian has also played in the Avalon East League for several years. At the age of 36, Brian retired from playing competitive hockey and began coaching minor hockey in Mount Pearl. In addition to coaching minor hockey, he helped coach Mount Pearl Senior High hockey for years, and has been coaching junior hockey for nearly 20 years (and continues to be involved with junior hockey today). Brian has also served as the Technical Director and the Power Skating instructor for Mount Pearl Minor Hockey; he is the Program for Excellence Coordinator for Newfoundland and has received a recognition award from Hockey Canada for his service to junior hockey.

In spite of his extensive involvement in rowing and hockey, Brian’s personal favorite accomplishment was running in the Tely Ten race with a time of 58 minutes and 27 seconds. He states that this accomplishment “...doesn’t mean anything, but it makes [him] feel pretty good.” Brian is a distinguished, multiple record breaking athlete and builder.

The Mount Pearl Sport Alliance recognizes Brian Cranford’s outstanding athleticism with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
