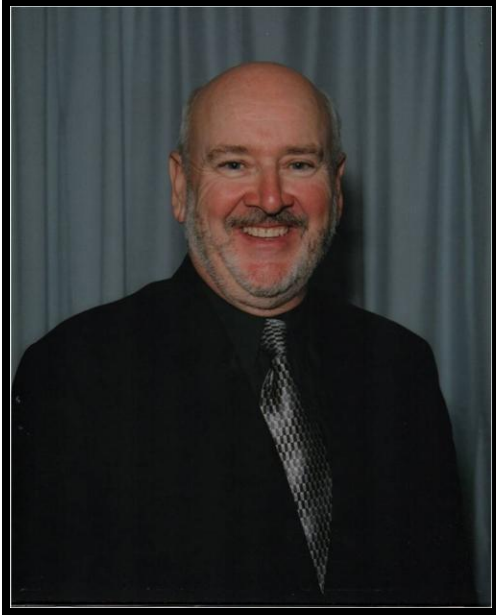




Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Dave Denine
Builder 2004



Dave Denine is a name that has been associated with Mount Pearl for many years. It could be said that his political contributions came hand-in-hand with his association with the sporting fraternity of Mount Pearl and vicinity, especially the Hockey Association. Dave Started as a volunteer in 1977 and his involvement has continued to the present. He has been a coach, an instructor, an executive and a volunteer ready to donate his time and efforts whenever they were required.

One of Dave's major contributions was through the Hockey Association's initiation program. This is a program for the youngest players in our association that helps them develop their skills for the game of hockey. Since its inception, Dave has trained over 300 individuals through the program, many of which went on to coach for the Association afterwards. Dave conducts courses for Level I coaching and at the intermediate level. The number of coaches that can credit Dave for their expertise and success within the Association is close to 700. Without these coaches, the

Association would not be the strong, well renowned organization that it is today. As well, several of the All Star players (over 300) have Dave to thank for his commitment to the initiation program. The initiation program set these players off on the right foot, setting their successful careers in motion.

Dave and Tom Philips started the first Novice Hockey Tournament in Mount Pearl (an annual tournament that occurs each St. Patrick's Day weekend in Mount Pearl). He has been involved in school sports as part of the coaching staff that won three Metro Championships and two Regional Championships and he was also involved in the Summer Games of 1988 as Chairperson of the Torch Relay and the Medals Committee. Dave has served as a representative on the Mount Pearl Winter Carnival Committee and was an executive member with the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association for seven years before he started his career in politics. He was responsible for the revision of the Rules and Guidelines for the Association; He coached a variety of teams, won several medals at the provincial level and was a head coach at the provincial level. Dave was a volunteer for numerous fundraisers, tournaments and was always there to help the Association in any way possible. If you called Dave, he would come.

His awards include the Mount Pearl City award for his contribution to the city and the Brian Wakelin Award (NLHA) as Executive of the Year in 1988.

The Mount Pearl Sports Alliance recognizes Dave Denine's outstanding contributions with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
