



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Derm Connolly
Builder 1996



Derm Connolly has always displayed the utmost amount of dedication to the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association. His love for hockey, the hockey community and his involvement in sports started in 1959, when he played hockey with the St. John's Junior Capitals.

While Derm played with the Capitals from 1960-65, he simultaneously coached junior and senior St. Pat's baseball teams from 1963-67. In 1972, Derm became Secretary of the Mount Pearl Recreation Commission; His involvement with Minor Hockey grew extensively during his 5 year tenure. In acting as Secretary, Derm undertook a number of responsibilities; He began coaching Mount Pearl All Star Minor Hockey, he founded the Mount Pearl Power Skating Program, he co-founded a recreational hockey league, he founded the Mount Pearl Figure Skating Club, became Secretary of the Mount Pearl Hockey Dads Association and was a coach until 1979.

Furthermore, over his 17 years of coaching in Mount Pearl All Star Minor Hockey, Derm's coaching has produced 7 gold medal teams and 3 silver medal teams.

During Derm's years of heavy involvement in Mount Pearl Minor Hockey, he miraculously found the time to actively contribute to Volleyball, Soccer and Recreational Softball as well. Derm has also served as a member of the "Arena II" Committee (circa 1984-89). This committee delegated the construction of the Mount Pearl Glacier Arena, a significant facility for the entire sports community of Mount Pearl. In addition to these commitments, Derm has also chaired the Sports and Facilities committees for the 1998 Newfoundland and Labrador Summer Games held in Mount Pearl.

Derm's contributions to his community have not gone unnoticed. He was named "Mount Pearl Hockey Dad of the Year" and was the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey's "Volunteer of the Year" in 1984. In 1985 he was named Mount Pearl Hockey's "Minor Coach of the Year" and in 1987 was Newfoundland's "Sports Volunteer of the Year." Moreover, he was selected for the Mount Pearl "Citizen of the Year" award in 1993.

Derm's numerous contributions have unmistakably benefitted the entire sports community of Mount Pearl, and the sports community recognizes his devotedness wholeheartedly. The Mount Pearl Sports Alliance recognizes Derm Connolly's outstanding contributions with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
