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## Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

### Gary Martin

*Athlete/ Builder 2011*



Gary's keen interest in athletics has developed into a fascinating story of success that spans over 35 years of playing experience. He has participated in a variety of sports at high levels, both locally and nationally and both as a player and official. After playing in minor hockey, Gary continued to play hockey throughout his sports career. He eventually played on the Mount Pearl Senior Blades team (1986 – 89), where he was regularly assigned the Assistant Captain position. Gary's sportsmanship and athleticism contributed to the winning of the Atlantic Junior "B" Championship, and the provincial championships by his 1986 Mount Pearl Junior Blades team. Moreover, Gary has won a provincial championship (1996) and was a silver medalist in the Atlantic Senior Men's "B" Championship as a player/coach with his Mount Pearl Ball Hockey team.

Gary has also rowed with the RCMP Senior Team for several years, and is a member of their cycling team. He has run the Tely Ten road race on ten occasions with a more than respectable finishing time of sixty-six minutes. Not only is Gary a highly qualified coach/instructor with Hockey Canada, he is equally as qualified as a coach/instructor in Soccer. He is a Certified HC Advanced Level 1 Coach, a trainer and a certified theory coach.

Gary's soccer experience is anything but minimal. He is a FIFA International Soccer Referee Instructor and he has officiated in two International Friendly soccer matches; once when Canada played Germany and again when Canada played China. He was the only individual from Newfoundland that was selected to attend FIFA's Training certification in Officials' education, which he successfully completed. Gary also served as a Medical Liaison Officer for Team NL at the Canada Winter Games in 2010. In 2009 Gary was awarded, as a representative of the province, the prestigious RBC Insurance Local Hockey Leader Award by the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. Having received this award, Gary was given the opportunity to participate in the Olympics Torch Relay and was awarded a supplementary \$10,000.00 for a registered charity/hockey cause of his choosing. Gary served on the MP Sport Alliance Executive Committee for six years while simultaneously handling the responsibility of an Acting Chair, and being an active member of the Awards Committee.

Though Gary excels in all sports related activities he participates in, he has also been recognized for his contributions outside of the sports community. He is an active contributor to Scouts Canada, and is a recipient of the Chief Scout's Award (the highest of Scout related awards in Canada). Gary is also an active contributor to the Red Cross Society and has been nominated for the Citizen of the Year award. Gary's undeniable excellence and superior sports involvement are duly recognized and admired.

The Mount Pearl Sport Alliance recognizes Gary Martin's outstanding athleticism and contributions with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame

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