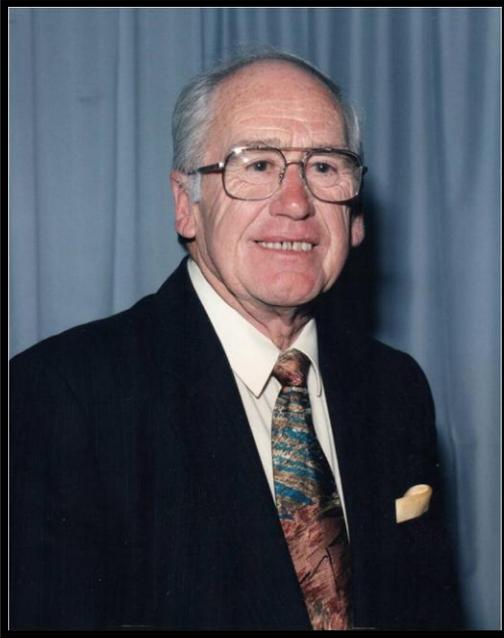




Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Gerald Whitty
Builder 1998



When Gerald (Gerry) Whitty moved to Mount Pearl with his family in 1957, there were no organized sporting associations nor were there any sporting facilities. As soon as Gerry stepped foot into Mount Pearl he worked tirelessly to change that unfortunate situation, and did so with the creation of the Mount Pearl Baseball Association in 1957; the first sports organization in Mount Pearl. In addition to establishing teams and providing equipment, Gerry played a fundamental role in the creation of the Coronation Field in 1962; the very first recreational facility in Mount Pearl. In 1962 he aided in the establishment of the Mount Pearl Softball League, a recreational league with Town Councilmen and Service Club members (Service Clubs such as the Lions, Kinsmen and Legion Clubs) as players. Throughout the 1970s and the 1980s Gerry remained a part of the sport scene by acting as a coach and umpire for several baseball and softball games and tournaments. Moreover, he also held the offices of Vice-President and President for the first Mount Pearl Hockey League, formed in 1970.

In 1967, while serving as Town Councilor of Mount Pearl, Gerry became a founding member of the Mount Pearl Recreation Commission. The primary mandate of the commission was to work with the town council, as well as other interested organizations, to ensure the advancement of sport and recreational organizations. They were particularly focused on raising funds to develop sporting facilities and venues in the town of Mount Pearl.

Right from his very first step to becoming involved in the Mount Pearl sports scene, Gerry continuously undertook the challenging steps to facilitating a sports oriented community by attempting to establish sporting organizations and their appropriated sporting facilities. The now vibrant sports community we know today is in large part due to Gerry's continual devotion to making his community a great community. The sporting community of Mount Pearl owes its existence to the hard work of individuals like Gerry Whitty.

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