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**Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee**  
**Keith Howse**  
*Builder 2001*



Keith Howse has been synonymous with tennis in Mount Pearl for over 30 years. Born and raised in Mount Pearl, Keith grew up a short walk from the present site of the St. David's Tennis Complex. He developed his initial love of the sport through the 1960's when he represented Mount Pearl in many of the junior events throughout the province.

Keith was one of the primary organizers in forming the tennis club, which the town sanctioned in 1982, incorporating the Mount Pearl Tennis Club. Keith was then named the Founding President.

Throughout these formative years he was the primary "doer" in all aspects of the Club's operation, with the exception of technical coaching. Keith oversaw the initial hiring of staff and coaches; developed lucrative sponsorships from suppliers; organized tournaments; hosted Club socials; established working protocols with town officials; and oversaw the receipting and disbursements of Club finances. Needless to say, Keith was a busy man, but that never bothered him. All that Keith ever did was in the name of tennis, a sport that he simply could not get enough of. In all, Keith spent 18 consecutive years (from 1982 to 1999) serving in some capacity for the Club, including coaching the 1996 Mount Pearl team at the Summer Games.

For his dedication to sport and other civic activities, Keith has twice been nominated as Mount Pearl Citizen of the Year and in 1998 he received a City Builder's award for his contribution to the sport of tennis in particular. Keith then served one term as the Public Relations representative with the Newfoundland and Labrador Tennis Association. He has continuously devoted a significant number of years and untold number of hours of his personal time to the sport of tennis in Mount Pearl. He is a role model for volunteerism for sport in general and will continue to be for many years to come.

The Mount Pearl Sport Alliance recognizes Keith Howse's outstanding contributions with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.

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