



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

Nellie Devereaux

Athlete/Builder 2011



Nellie Devereaux was an eminent figure for her highly involved participation in sports in Mount Pearl. She was an active volunteer and participated in bowling, hockey, soccer, and softball. Nellie was extensively involved in Mount Pearl Minor Hockey for 12 years, in which she held various positions ranging from the President of the Hockey Moms Association to volunteering as a canteen worker. Within the Hockey Moms Association Nellie served as the President (6 years), as the Treasurer (2 years), and as the Fundraising Bingo Captain (10 years). Additionally, Nellie played a large part in volunteer recruitment. As a member of the Minor Hockey Board of Directors for six years, she simultaneously managed to be a successful primary organizer of numerous hockey tournaments. Over and above these commitments, Nellie admirably found the time to train new game time-keepers, and manage a few minor hockey teams. In 1989 Nellie was awarded the Executive of the Year Award by the Newfoundland and Labrador Amateur

Hockey Association (the Brian Wakelin Award), and in 1992/93 she received the Hockey Moms Award. Apart from her hockey involvement, Nellie was a major figure in the Mount Pearl Ladies Slo-pitch Softball League, having been one of the founders and the league President. For several years, Nellie was unceasingly present for every softball game and was known for having always helped in setting up and cleaning up before and after games. Her devotion to the sport started when she played it herself for 10 years, after she had tried her hand at soccer.

Nellie also coached the U-12 and U-14 girls teams in both soccer and softball. She was quite active in the organization of the Minor Hockey Bowling League, serving as its treasurer for several years. In 1993 Nellie was titled the champion of the All-Newfoundland "B" Women's Bowling Championship with an impressive average score of 230 mark over 26 games. Unfortunately, Nellie passed away suddenly in February, 2011. She is greatly missed by her husband Gerald, her children, the Ennis and Devereaux families, and the entire sports community of Mount Pearl and the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Nellie will forever be remembered for her love of sports, and recognized for her enduring compassion and involvement in them.

The Mount Pearl Sport Alliance recognizes Nellie Devereaux's outstanding contributions with her induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
