



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

Pat O' Keefe

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Patrick J. O'Keefe has made a great contribution to Mount Pearl, especially within the hockey community, for more than 27 years. He has been involved with several sports, clubs and organizations throughout the city.

Pat began coaching hockey in 1975 when he coached the Mary Queen of the World hockey team and an Atom house league team. From there, he continued on to coach numerous All-Star teams for 11 years. Throughout this period he also served as Vice-President of the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association for three years and then was elected President. He remained President until 1986 and on behalf of the MPMHA presented the city with \$100 000 towards building a new arena in 1982.

Pat was also the Newfoundland representative at the Atlantic U-17 Hockey Camp Programs and operated the NAHA Coaches certification program for the Avalon Region for three years. Besides coaching, Pat also helped arrange major fundraisers for hockey. He started Saturday Night Bingo, a New Years Eve

Dance and held the first Paper Bingo in Newfoundland at Smallwood Drive Arena to raise money for All-Star hockey travel.

Hockey was Pat's major area of interest; however, he also coached soccer with the Mount Pearl Soccer Association and was a Cub Leader and Scout Master at Mary Queen of the World. He served on two school councils: as secretary and treasurer for the MQW PTA and as President of O'Donel High School's PTA, setting up the annual car sweep fundraiser still in use today. Pat has been a member of the Knights of Columbus-Father John B. Kent Council since 1976 and has served as Grand Knight from 1989-91 and for a number of years again in 1998. He is also on the MQW Parish Council and was a Director of the Children's Wish Foundation. In 1986, he was named Mount Pearl Citizen of the Year.

Patrick J. O'Keefe has given an incredible amount of time to helping with sport in Mount Pearl. His efforts have contributed greatly to the success of many sport clubs and organizations within the city and he is still very involved throughout the city today.

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