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**Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee**  
**Doug Smith**  
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Tennis and Minor Hockey in Mount Pearl have benefited from the committed work ethic, continuous volunteerism, and outright love and concern for sports displayed by Doug Smith over the past 30 years.

Doug's interest in tennis bloomed around the same time tennis's popularity was increasing throughout all of North America. With the now very high demand for tennis court time and ever increasing tennis membership enrollment, Doug took it upon himself to ensure that the organization of the Tennis Club's now outstanding membership was well taken care of. He devoted his time and efforts to the organization of the St. David's Tennis Club in Mount Pearl. In fact, he was elected President of the Club in 1987 which allowed him to continue to ensure the well being of the club. Doug's Presidency was a most progressive and productive presidency for nine years. Doug's outstanding leadership was essential during this pivotal time for tennis; it was during this period that membership grew to more than 700 members and the Mount Pearl Tennis Club became an official establishment. Under his leadership, the Club became one of the most successful clubs within Newfoundland and Labrador, indeed, within Atlantic Canada.

Doug's term of office was highlighted by the important collaborative relationship he built with the City of Mount Pearl. Doug's role in the acquisition and installation of new court lighting, court resurfacing and numerous other facility improvements was an extremely important role. An innovator, he was the driving force behind the tennis club's progressive activities for nearly a decade.

In the year 1969, Doug demonstrated his willingness to contribute, and contribute enormously at that, to the youth involved in Mount Pearl Minor Hockey. Doug volunteered as a referee for a small group of midget and junior players; he developed the Mount Pearl Inter-town Hockey League and for seven seasons personally took care of every aspect of its operation.

The excellent rapport that he developed with the individuals involved in Mount Pearl hockey was instrumental to the development and incorporation of the four-team league within the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association. It was through Doug's devotion and willingness to provide for his community and the sports organizations in his community that made hockey and tennis what they are today.

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

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