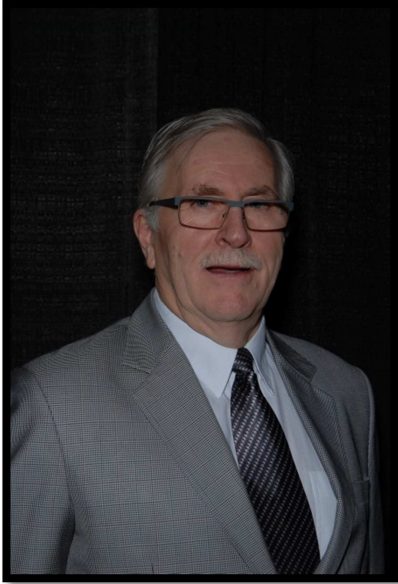




Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Ian Graham *Builder 2006*



Ian Graham has been involved in the sports community of Mount Pearl for a number of years. Ian has greatly contributed to the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association in particular. His love for the game became evident over 20 years ago when his children started to play hockey. For over 20 years, Ian has incessantly coached and served for various committees. One of the largest contributions of Ian's volunteerism would have to have been what he accomplished as an executive of the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association. During his 8 years on the Executive Board, Ian served as Director, Vice-President, President and Past-President. He dedicated countless hours to all of these positions. Ian was known for his ubiquitous tranquility and levelheadedness if ever a problem arose. In addition to his responsibilities on the Executive Board of the MPMHA, Ian was also the Chairman of the Arena Management Board and was responsible for overseeing both the Glacier and Smallwood Arenas. Whether Ian is coaching, scorekeeping, presenting medals, selling 50/50 tickets, emceeding a game or simply at the arenas to cheer the teams on, his involvement demonstrates that his love for hockey is adamant.

Ian was also a member of the Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador Appeals Committee. His responsibilities included hearing all appeals from every hockey association situated in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Ian's wealth of knowledge about sports, the sporting community and his belief of the importance of embracing fairness as an absolute necessity are what allowed him to truly shine as a member of the Appeals Committee. Moreover, Ian was responsible for creating and administering the regulations and guidelines for the MPMHA at the All-star level. Once again, his wealth of knowledge about hockey served him well, and he preformed his responsibilities efficiently and with great ease.

Ian is committed to making the sport of hockey a great experience for individuals, and his extensive volunteerism proves just how committed he is to his beliefs. For instance, Ian was once involved with four major hockey tournaments hosted by the city of Mount Pearl; he volunteered for the 2002 Irving Cup (Atlantic Bantam Championships) as well as the 2003 Don Johnson Cup (Atlantic Junior "B" Championships). In 2004, the U-17 World Hockey Championships were hosted by our province and Ian jumped at the chance to help out in any way that he could. His responsibilities included setting up, and running the hockey games played by novice teams from associations all over the Avalon. These games took place between the second and third periods of the World Championship games, providing these young athletes with a platform within this spectacular event to showcase their athleticism, talent and love for the game. And in 2005, Ian served as the Co-Chair for the Alliant Atlantic Pee Wee AAA Championships.

Ian has been involved as the Vice-Chair of the Mount Pearl Sport Alliance and the Education Director with the St. John's Fog Devils of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Though Ian was fully immersed in the hockey community, he was also involved with the Mount Pearl Soccer Association and the Mount Pearl Baseball Association as a volunteer, a coach and a board member.

Clearly, it is second nature for Ian to lend a helping hand. His consistent contribution to the sports communities of Mount Pearl have allowed for events to run smoothly, and with great ease. Ian's undeniable commitment to sports has benefited the Mount Pearl sports community in numerous ways.

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