

Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee John Nolan Builder 2019



John moved his young family to Mount Pearl in 1983 and immediately immersed himself in local minor hockey and soccer. In his characteristic enthusiastic manner John jumped in where he saw the need. He immediately took on executive duties and the head coach role with St. Peters Minor Hockey for five years. He also joined the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association during that time, and over the next 16 years he would contribute much, including starting a local Power Skating program in 1985 which he ran for seven years. He coached young players from Novice through Bantam, including three Provincial Gold Medal teams. He also served as Head Coach for the Junior Blades from 2000 to 2002, including one Junior League finalist team.

Also, shortly after moving to Mount Pearl back in 1983 John jumped headlong into the local soccer scene including serving with the Executive as

Treasurer for three years beginning in his first year (which included overseeing summer staff and field maintenance). He served a total of 10 years with the Executive, three of which were as President when MPSA played host to the male and female soccer competitions at the 1988 Newfoundland & Labrador Summer Games. Always one to want to be close to the game, John also coached and officiated soccer for 10 years, and another two years as coach of the O'Donel High School Boys team. John has left his mark on hockey and soccer in our community. Even when John's business responsibilities compromised his volunteer time he continued to support the organization in any way he could, including establishing the MUNN Insurance Future Goals Scholarship program. John's hands-on volunteer leadership and commitment to excellence have been major contributing factors the development and growth of minor hockey and soccer for the youth of Mount Pearl. A legacy to our community.

The Sport Alliance is honoured to recognize John Nolan's outstanding commitment and contribution to sport with his induction to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.