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HOCKEY NL ANNOUNCES 8 NEW MEMBERS TO THE HALL OF FAME

3 players, 3 builders, 1 official and 1 media

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR, NL

Hockey NL is pleased to announce eight (8) new members into the Newfoundland and Labrador Hockey Hall of Fame. Honored members were selected by the Hockey NL Hall of Fame Selection Committee. “We have selected eight (8) inductees who are worthy of Hall of Fame induction, and all had a significant impact on our game,” says Arnold Kelly, Chair of the Hockey NL Hall of Fame Selection Committee. “Their accomplishments are truly expectational and now they have reached the pinnacle of recognition within our association. The committee sincerely congratulates all the inductees and their families.”

The inductees are:

- Chris Bartlett in the Player Category
- John Drover in the Player Category
- Dale Sullivan in the Player Category
- Nicholas Aylward in the Builder Category
- Charlie Kearsy in the Builder Category
- Bernard Tobin in the Builder Category
- Janet Reddy in the Officials Category
- Terry Hart in the Media Category

Biographies for each of the inductees can be found below.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Hockey Hall of Fame was established in 1994 to recognize, honor and pay tribute to all individuals based on playing ability, sportsmanship, and character and who have achieved extraordinary distinction in hockey whether that distinction be achieved in amateur or professional hockey. Hockey NL has a permanent home for all inductees at the Corner Brook Civic Centre in Corner Brook. The hall displays inductees, historical trophies and artifacts of the provincial association which was established in 1935.

Hockey NL will honor the new class of inductees at the Hockey NL Annual General Meeting Induction Ceremony on June 13, 2026, at the Albatross Hotel in Gander, NL.

Hall of Fame Inductee Biographies

The Inductees

Chris Bartlett built an outstanding hockey career in Newfoundland and Labrador as both a player and coach, highlighted by two seasons in the Maritime Junior A Hockey League with the St. John Alpines and Charlottetown Abbies, followed by a dominant senior career where he became a multi-time Herder Memorial Trophy champion, AESHL scoring champion, and MVP, finishing among the league's all-time leaders in points and goals while consistently producing over a point per game. Known for his leadership, intensity, and all-around play, he also captained teams and won numerous provincial awards, including rookie of the year and multiple league titles. Beyond his playing success, Bartlett made a major impact as a builder, coaching across high school, junior, minor, and provincial levels, leading teams to Atlantic Championships, league titles, and earning multiple Coach of the Year honors. His ability to develop players, inspire teams, and elevate programs, combined with decades of dedication to the sport, has left a lasting legacy on hockey in the province and makes him a highly deserving Hall of Fame candidate.

John Drover has had a highly impactful hockey career in Newfoundland and Labrador as both a player and builder, highlighted by international experience with Team Atlantic at the 1992 Under-17 World Hockey Challenge, where he scored a third of his team's goals, and a notable appearance with the St. John's Maple Leaf's of the AHL in 1996. Nationally, he played in both the OHL with the Kingston Frontenacs and the MJHL with the Amherst Ramblers, while also representing Newfoundland and Labrador at the Canada Winter Games as an underage player. Provincially, he was a dominant offensive player with the Conception Bay Cee Bees, winning league scoring titles and earning multiple championships and individual awards, including a Boyle Trophy and tournament MVP honors. Beyond his playing career, Drover has spent over 25 years coaching at the minor, female, and AAA levels across the province, including building female hockey programs on Fogo Island and leading multiple provincial championship teams. Through his playing excellence, coaching achievements, and long-standing dedication to developing players and growing the game, Drover has left a legacy and is a highly deserving Hall of Fame nominee.

Dale Sullivan has built an outstanding hockey career in Newfoundland and Labrador as both a player and builder, achieving success at the provincial, national, and international levels. He represented Team Atlantic at the Under-17 World Hockey Championship and was drafted by the Dallas Stars in 2001, while also playing major junior with the Hull Olympique's, where he served as Assistant Captain and helped lead the team to a President's Cup and a Memorial Cup final appearance. He later returned home and excelled in senior hockey with the Southern Shore Breakers and Clarenville Caribous, winning an Allan Cup in 2010-11 and a Herder Memorial Trophy in 2012 while consistently ranking among the league's top players. Following his playing career, Sullivan transitioned into coaching, leading the Southern Shore Junior Breakers to a league championship and contributing to multiple Herder-winning teams, while also mentoring young players through his Island Sentinels Hockey Program. Through his continued leadership, success, and dedication to developing the next generation, Sullivan has made a lasting impact on hockey in the province and is a highly deserving Hall of Fame nominee.

Nicholas Aylward has dedicated over three decades to developing and sustaining hockey on the Southern Shore, beginning with his involvement in minor hockey in 1992 where he served in numerous roles including coach, president, and executive member, helping build strong youth programs and partnerships with neighboring associations. He has also played a key role in arena leadership as the longest-serving member of the Southern Shore Ken Williams Arena Board, contributing to its long-term sustainability, and has supported senior and junior hockey for over 25 years in various capacities. Beyond formal roles, Nick has consistently stepped up as a community leader, handling everything from fundraising to mentorship, while advocating for hockey during challenging times like the post-1992 cod moratorium. His impact extends to school sports and has inspired future generations of players and coaches, earning him multiple awards recognizing his outstanding volunteerism and leadership.

Charlie Kearsy has made a significant and lasting contribution to hockey in Newfoundland and Labrador through more than 35 years of dedicated service as a builder, primarily within junior hockey. Beginning with the Junior Celtics, he held key leadership roles including President, Vice President, and General Manager, before moving into provincial leadership where he served as Eastern Director, Vice Chair for 11 years, and ultimately Chair of the Hockey Newfoundland Junior Council for five years. During his tenure, he also represented the province at Hockey Canada meetings, helping connect local hockey with the national level. Kearsy played an instrumental role in the growth and development of junior hockey across the province, helping shape it into one of the strongest systems in Atlantic Canada, while providing opportunities for thousands of players to participate and develop in the game.

Bern Tobin devoted nearly five decades to building and supporting hockey in Newfoundland and Labrador, beginning his volunteer career in 1972 with St. John's Minor Hockey where he coached and served on executive committees for over 10 years. His contributions expanded across local, provincial, and national levels, including helping form adult and junior leagues, organizing major tournaments, and serving in leadership roles such as Eastern Area Director for intermediate and senior hockey with the Newfoundland Amateur Hockey Association. He played a key role in developing programs like the St. John's Junior Canadians (later Junior Caps) and contributing to the creation of the Avalon West Senior Hockey League. Alongside hockey, he also coached and managed successful soccer teams, demonstrating his broader commitment to sport development. Bern earned multiple recognitions, including Executive of the Year and Hockey Canada's Hockey Achievement Award, and later served as president of the St. John's Junior Hockey League while continuing to mentor players and support teams in roles like public relations. His lifelong dedication, leadership, and passion for youth development left a lasting impact on the hockey community and made him a highly deserving Hall of Fame nominee.

Janet Reddy has made a groundbreaking and lasting impact on hockey in Newfoundland and Labrador as a builder, particularly through her trailblazing career as an official. She became the province's first female hockey official in 1995 and went on to achieve exceptional success at the provincial, national, and international levels. Internationally, she officiated major events such as the IIHF Women's World Championships, the Air Canada Cup, and the Torino Olympic pre-tournament, including being selected to referee championship games, demonstrating her elite standing in the sport. At the national level, she worked events like the Canada Winter Games and CIS (U Sports) championships, again earning opportunities to officiate at the highest level. Provincially, she contributed as an official, instructor, and mentor, helping develop future officials and grow the game. In addition to her officiating career, she also represented Newfoundland and Labrador as a player at the Canada Winter Games. Through her leadership, dedication, and barrier-breaking achievements, Janet has paved the way for women officials in the province and left a legacy on the game, making her a highly deserving Hall of Fame nominee.

Terry Hart has made a significant impact on hockey in Newfoundland and Labrador through a distinguished 46-year career in media, including approximately 25 years covering the sport with VOCM Radio. His work spanned all levels of hockey, from minor and high school to senior leagues and national events like the Allan Cup, while also highlighting international competition. Hart played an important role in promoting the game by broadcasting major events such as the Herder Memorial Finals and covering top teams across the province, helping bring local hockey to a wider audience. Beyond broadcasting, he contributed through organizing tournaments and serving on key committees, including the St. John's Hall of Fame Athlete of the Month and Athlete of the Year committees. Even after retiring, he continues to actively promote Newfoundland hockey and its athletes through social media, showcasing local talent and supporting the growth of the game. Recognized for his contributions, Hart has received honors such as the King Charles III Coronation Medal and induction into the Newfoundland Baseball Hall of Fame. Through decades of storytelling, promotion, and community involvement, he has played a vital role in celebrating and advancing hockey in the province.

Members:

Members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Hockey Hall of Fame are:

1994

Player — Frank “Andy” Cahill, Alex Faulkner, George Faulkner, Doug Grant

Athlete/Builder — Jack Reardigan, Terry Trainor

Builder — Msgr. George Bartlett, Robert S. Furlong, Don Johnson, Brian Wakelin

1995

Player — Jack Faulkner, Jim “Bucky” Hannaford, Joe Lundrigan, John Murphy, Bill Scott

Athlete/Builder — Joe Byrne, Roger Howse, Hugh Wadden

Builder — Walter Clarke, Carl Hansen, Harold Hillier, Vince Rossiter, T.A. “Gus” Soper

1996

Player — Frank “Danky” Dorrington, Al Dwyer Jr., Frank Finlayson, Robert Petrie, Frank Walker

Athlete/Builder — Herbert Augustus “Gus” Herder

Builder — Claude Anstey, Cliff Gorman

1997

Player — Stan Breen, Cal Dunville, Hugh Fardy

Builder — Eric Dawe, Ron Taaffe

1998

Player — Watson John “Wats” Goobie, Wilson “Copper” Leyte, Harry “Moose” Watson

Builder — George “Daddy” Dawe, Sam Rose

1999

Player — Charlie Cahill, Mike Kelly, Bill Martin, Leo Murphy

Athlete/Builder — Walt Davis

Builder — Arthur Johnson

Media — Bob Cole

2000

Player — George Connors, Jimmy Dawe, Zane Forbes, Merv Green, Don Howse, Jim Kennedy,

Ed Philpott, Terry Ryan Sr., Harold Stanley
Athlete/Builder — Bob Badcock
Builder — Neil Amadio, Peter Duffy, Ambrose O'Reilly, William Parrott
Media — John M. Tobin

2001

Player — Terry Gilliam, Rob Gladney, Jim Temple
Athlete/Builder — Rick Babstock
Builder — Mel Andrews, Charlie McCarthy
Media — John Mayo

2002

Player — Randy Pearcey, Jim Penney, Tony White
Athlete/Builder — Ray Bowe
Builder — Ron Healey
Female — Colleen Tapper
Media — George MacLaren

2003

Player — Ian Campbell, Brian Gibbons, Ernie Hynes, Dick Power
Athlete/Builder — Joe Maynard, Gerry Taylor
Builder — Don Walsh
Female — Glennis (Thorne) Thomey
Media — Joe Mullins

2004

Player — Ted Gillies, Jimmy Guy, Hubert Hutton, Gerry Lahey, Cyril Power
Athlete/Builder — Stan Cook
Builder — Claude Browne, Howie Meeker, Wayne Mercer, Mike Squires

2005

Player — Bill Breen, Roger Dean, Bern Fitzpatrick, Alfie Hiscock, Andy Sullivan
Athlete/Builder — Wes "Bucko" Trainor
Builder — Frank Moores
Female — Debby Power

2006

Player — Nigel Facey, Roger Kennedy, Doug Squires
Builder — Francis Wiseman
Media — Don Gibbon

2007

Player — Mike Anderson, Alex Blanchard, Leo Kane, Harry Katryuk
Builder — Len Butt, Gerry Kelly
Media — Bill Callahan

2008

Player — Eg Billard, Jake Critch, Clar Goulding
Athlete/Builder — Ed O'Brien
Builder — Wayne Russell

2009

Player — Al Bargery, Ford Metcalfe, Ed Oates

Media — John Murphy

2010

Player — Jim Grant, Art Hamlyn, Ed Lawrence

Media — Bruce MacDonald

2011

Player — Kirk Johnson, Ed O'Quinn

Builder — David Brazil, George Fardy

Media — Dee Murphy

2012

Player — Bert Brake

Athlete/Builder — Jim Hornell Sr.

Builder — Jim Hayward, Danny Williams

2013

Player — Ron Cadigan, Len Coughlan, Wayne Faulkner, Todd Stark

Athlete/Builder — Art Barry

Builder — Michael Dinn

2014

Player — Clobie Collins, J.C. Garneau, John Slaney

Builder — Marv Ryder, Glenn Stanford, Leo Rose

2015

Player — Darren Colbourne, Darren Langdon, Dwayne Norris

Builder — Jim Hornell Jr., Rosemary Marshall, Ken Williams

2016

Player — Charlie Babstock, Juan Strickland

Builder — Wally Dalley

Media — Brian Rogers

2017

Player — Glenn Critch, Michael Ryder, Ed Kearsey

Athlete/Builder — Darryl Williams, Derek Clancey

Builder — Kevin "Fox" Fagan

2018

Player — Ryane Clowe, Dan Cormier, Jim Heale, Kevin Morrison, Cec Thomas

Athlete/Builder — Bob Jackman

Builder — Bonnie Evans

2019

Player — Sheldon Currie, Pat Dempsey, Harold Druken, Bob O'Neill

Builder — Dec LaCour

2020

Player — Daniel Cleary, Tony Cuomo, Charlie Greene, Jack Hill, Teddy Purcell, Mac Tucker

Athlete/Builder – Chris Peach, Mark Robinson

Builder – Don Kelly

Media – Brendan McCarthy

2021

Player — Sandy Gibbons, Colin Greening, Jason King, Dave Matte, Adam Pardy

Builder – Randy Browne, Jim Hare, Bob Molloy

2022

Player — Brian Casey, Steve Cleary, Kirby Dumaresque

Athlete/Builder – Dennis Laing, Rebecca Russell

Builder – Jack Casey, Paul Glavine, Joe Lane

Media – Robin Short

2024

Player — Tolson Chapman, Ray Dalton, Terry Ryan Jr., Tracy Sullivan

Builder — Andy Brake, Ivan Hapgood, Frazer Russell

Media — Carl Lake

2025

Player — Brian Brocklehurst, Jason Churchill, Mark Lee, Rob Robinson

Builder — Brian Hurley, Jack Lee, Kevin Parsons, Murray Roberts

2026

Player- Chris Bartlett, John Drover, Dale Sullivan

Builder- Nicholas Aylward, Bernard Tobin, John Drover, Charlie Kearsey

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