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The 'Voice of St. Lawrence'

Turpin inducted into the NLSA Hall of Fame

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Sports journalist Don Turpin of St. Lawrence was one of seven individuals inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Hall of Fame last week.

Five of the seven have Burin Peninsula roots and were inducted along with seven other peninsula soccer greats/builders during the NLSA's annual induction banquet Saturday night in Marystown. The banquet coincided with the NLSA annual meeting.

Joining Turpin were Keith Farrell of St. Lawrence, Eli Lee and John Russell of Grand Bank, Jean (Lake) Thompson of Paradise, Ken Hunt of Deer Lake and Adrian Miller of Outer Cove. Farrell and Lee were also inducted into the Burin Peninsula Soccer Hall of Fame at the same time.

Other local members to the BPSA Hall of Fame are Albert Anstey and Bill Grandy of Burin, Luke Edwards of Lawn, Yvonne Edwards and Howard Lake of St. Lawrence, Murdock Hiscock of Fortune and Jo Anne Mallay-Jones of Marystown.

Turpin was inducted during a special ceremony in St. John's because he was advised by his doctor not to travel outside of the capital city.

DON'S CAREER

The sports journalist has had an impressive career helping to make the Burin Peninsula one of the cornerstones of soccer and other sports in Newfoundland.

Turpin has been associated with CHCM radio almost 50 years and another 27 years with The South-

ern Gazette newspaper. He has also provided Burin Peninsula sports coverage to the Evening Telegram of St. John's and CBC radio and television as well as the now defunct Burin Peninsula Post, CJOX radio station in Grand Bank and Daily News of St. John's.

Both The Southern Gazette and CHCM radio presented plaques to Turpin acknowledging his long career with both companies.

Mayor Wayne Rowsell and Grand Bank MHA Judy Foote were also present to offer their congratulations to Turpin. Burin-St. George's MP Bill Matthews offered his congratulations in a special message.

Attending as well were Don's wife, Suzanne, and grandson Randy Turpin, who nominated his grandfather for selection to the Hall.

Randy wrote of his grandfather "Turpin's objective and fair reaction and comments to a variety of situations have earned him great respect as an unbiased and entertaining reporter. He has reported, in newspaper and on radio, the facts as they are while providing an excellent opportunity for an extremely large number of soccer people to present their opinions and sentiments."

During his builder career in the sport of soccer, which started over 50 years ago, Turpin has served as Public Relations officer for the St. Lawrence Soccer Association and the BPSA. He is already a member of both the St. Lawrence and BPSA Halls of Fame.

Coverage of Saturday's banquet will appear in next week's Gazette.



Don Turpin of St. Lawrence received his recognition as a member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association Hall of Fame from president Clayton Welsh of Grand Bank.

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NLSA Hall of Fame Committee Selection chair Joe Keating of Marystown presented Don Turpin with a plaque on behalf of The Southern Gazette recognizing over 25 years as a journalist with the newspaper.