

**SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL  
HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM ASSOC. INC. NEWSLETTER**

**"HONOURING OUR BASEBALL HERITAGE"**

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**GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND READERS OF THIS NEWSLETTER WHICH IS IN ITS 37<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF BRINGING SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL NEWS TO FANS THROUGHOUT OUR PROVINCE, CANADA, AND THE UNITED STATES. YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM IS NECESSARY. PLEASE CONSIDER RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND/OR GIVING A DONATION TODAY. THANK YOU.**

**THE 2020 INDUCTEES ARE:**

**INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY**

THE LATE FATHER LEONARD ALBERS – BENGOUGH, SK.

FRED CURTS, HOLDFAST, SK

ALLAN FITZSIMMONS, SASKATOON, SK.

AL GRESCHUK, YORKTON, SK.

GEORGE GUILLAUME, MOOSE JAW, SK.

ELEMER JERKOVITS, REGINA, SK.

RICK JOHNSTON, MAIDSTONE, SK.

KEVIN KUSCH, LLOYDMINSTER, SK.

"ROCKY NICKEL", CARONPORT, SK.

THE LATE ROY TAYLOR, VISALIA, CALIFORNIA NEIL URLACHER, OKOTOKS, AB.

THE LATE "GOLDIE" WIGGINS, FILMORE, SK.

**TEAM CATEGORY**

AQUADELL FLYERS BASEBALL TEAM 1947-1972 [SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN LEAGUE]

KAMSACK CYCLONES, KAMSACK, SK.

**COMMUNITY CATEGORY**

VILLAGE OF GRAY, SK.

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### OBITUARIES

**SPERO LEAKOS, CALGARY, AB-** died March 6, 2020, at the age of 92 years. Spero's love of the game of baseball greatly influenced baseball in Saskatoon for decades. He was inducted to the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 1986.

**CZEMERES, KEITH, HUDSON BAY, SK** died October 18, 2019. Keith was a 2010 inductee of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame.

**SUER, THEODORE "TED" JOSEPH, HUMBOLDT, SK-** Born June 16, 1930, Ted was 89 years of age at the time of his death, April 1, 2020. Ted was one of the founding members of the Fulda Flyers Baseball Club in 1946, that was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Team Category, in 2010.

**SEVERIN, GERARD, LANGENBURG, SK.-**died May 10, 2019. Gerard was a member of the Hohenlohe Baseball team inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Team Category in 2017.

**MILLER, RON, REGINA, SK-** died April 9, 2018, at the age of 83 years. [We were informed recently] He was a Life Member of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

**KEOWN, D.E.L. [DeII], EDMONTON, AB.-**died December 20 2019, at 87 years of age. He was a Life Member of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

**WILLIAM "BILL" JENNINGS, BURLINGTON, ONT. -**died November 7, 2019, at the age of 89 years. He was a member of the Aquadell Flyers Baseball Team, 1947-1951. Bill was a Life Member of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame.

**HILTON HUGHES, LOCKWOOD, SK.** born February 5, 1927, died April 24, 2020. Hilton was a 1987 inductee of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame.

### NEWS FROM OUR READERS

"---I hope to be able to cut back on my baseball related duties this summer and plan to be a visitor provided, of course, if this pandemic clears up. I enjoy the newsletter. Great job in putting it together!"

**NORM LOEHR, REGINA, SK. [2016 INDUCTEE]**

"---I wish to remember the Late Gordon McMurchy, a personal friend, a friend of the family, a Sask Baseball Coach, and an Umpire during my playing years, and a 1989 Inductee of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame. Also, I wish to remember the Late Norm Bell, a fellow baseball player, Semans, SK. and a classmate of Ann and mine and a very special friend.

I also wish to remember Cameron Roemmele, our Godson, who has gone on to play on the Lord's baseball team. Thank you."

**WAYNE THOMPSON, CPA, CGA. EDMONTON, AB. [2016 INDUCTEE & LIFE MEMBER]**

"-----thank you for the newsy letter. I remain fit mentally and physically except I walk with a cane to control my legs. As I have turned into a researcher, working on my two computers, my office has now been moved upstairs. I have entered my name on a

waiting list to be admitted into the Wolf Willow Lodge in Eastend, where my sister Irene now lives. I better be off this time.”

**ORVIL MYTHING, CLIMAX, SK. [2012 FAMILY INDUCTION ]**

“-----Thanks. Keep up the good work.”

**ERNIE MOSER, MENDHAM, SK. [2019 INDUCTEE]**

“Trust all is going well with you, Jane. Best regards.” **DON TAMAN, SASKATOON, SK.**

“Thank you to the museum for your ongoing commemoration of Saskatchewan’s rural baseball heritage.”

**THE WILLIAM “BILL” JENNINGS FAMILY.**

“Thanks for all you do. Happy New Year.”

**BOB ARMSTRONG, SASKATOON, SK.**

“---Wow! Looks like you had a great year [induction]. I want to thank you for keeping up with the newsletter. It is not easy to do. As a past recipient, I want to thank all the volunteers that do amazing jobs. Keep up the great work!”

**DAVID B. BURKE, SVM, KINDERSLEY, SK. [2015 INDUCTEE]**

“We, the family of the Late Gerard Severin, were so glad that he was able to attend the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame Induction, August 19, 2017. It was a very special event for him.”

**KATHY AND LARRY SEVERIN, LANGENBURG, SK.**

“—My father, Royden Wallin, celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in February, 2020.”

**BARRY AND CATHY WALLIN, VULCAN, AB.**

“---Thanks for the newsletter and all the information we get from you and the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame throughout the year.”

**ARON BRAUN [2012 INDUCTEE] AND CANDY BRAUN, SASKATOON, SK.**

“---All the best for 2020 from, and in memory of the 1930 LANIGAN PIRATES, and their ancestors who are so grateful for the Shury family who would not let us forget the marvelous era of baseball when Western Canada was young and all the ‘boys of summer’ were giving their best. You have preserved history for the future and we are grateful.”

**WILLIAM POSTLEWAITE, SASKATOON, SK.**

“----Thanks for all the work you do.”

**RON HITTEL, MENDHAM MONARCHS 2019 TEAM INDUCTEE, MENDHAM, SK.**

“ My many thanks for your festive season’s greetings. I have made it through to see another Christmas. My 96<sup>th</sup>! Memories of the induction of the Broadview Buffalos [2020] and the friends I met, linger on. May the association have a successful 2020.”

**MARGARET BATES, EDMONTON, AB.**

“ Thanks Jane, for the very interesting newsletter. Always enjoy hearing about our friends. May 2020 be very good to you.”

**JOHN [2003 INDUCTEE] AND BEV FORD, SASKATOON, SK**

“---Wishing all the best for you in 2020. Hope to get to Battleford sometime this summer.”

**JACK SCOTT, FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS, B.C.**“---“

“Thanks for your tremendous efforts and support of the Baseball Hall of Fame. It’s a pleasure to be a member. The best in 2020.”

**GERRY LISTER [1967 PAN AM TEAM INDUCTION IN 2002] VICTORIA, BC.**

**We received numerous Christmas and New Year’s wishes from all over Canada and the USA. There are too many to list but each and every phone call, email, text, card or letter is really appreciated and gratefully accepted. THANK YOU!**

“This year has been extremely busy and demanding as my secretary, Ina, presented me with her resignation on December 23, 2019, effective December 31. She is now working out of her home in North Battleford, for her son’s company in Edmonton.

Pat Wouters is now working part time, temporarily. She had worked here years ago and I am thankful to have her back.

Because of this COVID 19 pandemic, our door has been locked to the public for the past 6 weeks. This has allowed me to work without interruptions, soliciting, planning and organizing for the selection of our 2020 inductees. This selection of this 2020 class was held April 19<sup>th</sup> by way of a virtual meeting that I hosted along with the technical assistance of my son, Brent.

Plans are to hold the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction on August 15, 2020, in Battleford, providing such an event will be allowed then. If necessary, we will hold the event later in the fall.”

Jane Shury, Editor

**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

IONE BERARD--APRIL 18

EARL BERARD--APRIL 23

JIM GOLIGHTLY-- APRIL 16

RAY HOOVER--JANUARY 13

DON MACDONALD--FEBRUARY 26

BILL SELNES--APRIL 29

Birthday wishes to all who celebrated their birthday in January, February, March or April. Also, Get well wishes to all who may have or are experiencing health issues. Please stay well during this Covid19 pandemic. It, too, will pass.

**JANE’S CORNER**

The Battlefords BEST of the BEST [BOB] AWARDS are held each year. The Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame was the recipient of the 2019 Best Kept Secret in the Battlefords award for “CANADA’S BIGGEST BAT.” The event was held at the Gold Eagle Event Centre, January 22, 2020. Thanks to Board Member, John Yarske who accepted the award on behalf of the Hall of Fame.

-----Membership fees and donations have been, and continue to be, the backbone of our existence.

During recent years it has become more difficult for this organization to sign up and retain new members, thus affecting our finances. As time passes, many of the older supporters from past decades have passed on resulting in a definite decrease in annual donations. That along with less new members, with more members not paying their annual fees, it is necessary to review our programs. This newsletter will be the first to be

considered. Publishing and postage has become very expensive. Many members have received their newsletter via email. If you have been receiving your letter by post mail, and have an email address, PLEASE be aware that you will now receive it by email. This cuts our cost, but, it clearly results in a decrease in both donations and member renewals.

----We issue income tax receipts for the full amount of the membership fee, so it is a win, win situation for both you and the Hall of Fame.

----Our fiscal year is January 1 to December 31 each year. Life membership is \$200.00. A regular annual membership is \$25.00. We ask, and thank you, for your cooperation in renewing your membership early in 2020.

---If you have a change of address, phone number or email, please advise us. Thank you. If you know of a death of a member please let us know.

---Again, I request information from you, our members, to share in this newsletter. If you have a suggestion for this newsletter, please let me know. Do you have a baseball or family story you would like to share? Send it to me.

----Fergie Jenkins signed posters are available for \$ 15.00. This includes postage. Call.

----The Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame Scholarship Award presented annually to a young baseball player under 18 years of age is now called the 'Gil Bellavance Scholarship Award.' The application form is included in this newsletter.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS – SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER**

##### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Tom Gehlen, Lloydminster, SK.

Frank Hilbert, Saskatoon, SK.

##### **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

Art Burdett, North Battleford, SK.

Reg Belliveau, Surrey, BC

Roy Burns, Flintoff, SK,

Gavin Davidson, Calgary, AB

Roger Giesbrecht, North Battleford, SK.

Frank Hilbert, Saskatoon, SK

Dennis Hebig, Saskatoon, SK

Bernice Kotzer, Yorkton, SK

Nellie Koroluk, Sturgis, SK

Bob Linner, Regina, SK

Norman Loehr, Regina, SK

Morris Mott, Brandon, Man.

James McPhee, Vernon, BC.

George Olafson, Medicine Hat, AB.

Ted Suer, Humboldt, SK.

Ina Williams, North Battleford, SK.

Pat Wouters, Battleford, SK.

Merv Borgeson, Calgary, AB

Greg Brons, Saskatoon, SK

Bill Clark, Columbia, Mo, USA

Ron Frey, Campbell River, BC

Brian Hickie, Melville, SK

"Bump" Hudson, Moose Jaw, SK

Lorne Harasen, Regina, SK

Ann Knutson, Regina, SK

Ila Leflar, Bengough, SK

Jim Lyons, Prince Albert, SK

Bud Miller, Saskatoon, SK.

Mary McGerrigle, Yorkton, SK.

Bernie Nolin, north Battleford, SK.

Calvin Saunders, Sherwood Park, AB.

Wayne Townsend, Regina, SK.

Cheryl Weatherald, Wawota, SK.

Jane Shury, Battleford, SK.

**DONATIONS (received since last newsletter)**

Art Burdett, North Battleford, SK.	Reg Belliveau, Surrey, BC
Earl Berard, Moose Jaw, SK.	Roy Burns, Flintoff, SK
Bev Brooks, Asquith, SK.	Lorne Harasen, Regina, SK.
Fred Herron, Saskatoon, SK	Frank John, Estevan, SK.
Nellie Koroluk, Sturgis, SK.	Bernice Kotzer, Yorkton, SK.
Ila Leflar, Bengough, SK	Bob Linner, Regina, SK
Norman Loehr, Regina, SK.	Peter Martens, Saskatoon, SK
Bud Miller, Saskatoon, SK.	Jack Scott, Fairmont Hot Springs, BC
Clifford Shockey, Saskatoon, SK	Larry Tollefson, Parksville, BC
Wayne Thompson, Edmonton, AB	Terry Volosky, Leduc, AB
Pat Wouters, Battleford, SK.	North Battleford, Elks Lodge # 369
Battlefords Northwest Historical Society, Battleford, SK.	

**DONATIONS - "IN MEMORY" (received since last newsletter)**

-- "In Memory" of Gordon McMurchy, from Wayne Thompson, Edmonton, AB  
-- "In Memory" of Norman Bell from Wayne Thompson, Edmonton, AB.  
-- "In Memory" of our Grandson, Cameron Roemmele, from Wayne Thompson, Edmonton

-- "In Memory" of Tom Grady "one armed baseball player, 1988 inductee"  
From Murray, Gary and Glen Grady, Big Mur's tavern, Dundurn, SK.

-- "In Memory" of Dwayne Andreen from Bob and Dayle Armstrong, Saskatoon, SK.

**I AM IN THE PROCESS OF ARRANGING FOR E-TRANSFERS. CALL 306-446-1983**

**LIFE**

*I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle Queen before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed rather than buying new ones. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now. Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand and a dish towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things-- a curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, oven door, and a hem on a dress, Things we keep! It was a way of life and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating and renewing. I wanted, just once, to be wasteful!. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there would always be more. But, then my mother died and on that clear summer night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't anymore. Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away---never to return. SO--- while we have it, it is best we love it, care for it, fix it when broken, and heal it when it is sick. This is true--for marriage---old cars---children with bad report cards---dogs with bad hips---aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it---because we are worth it! Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make life important. Like people we know who are special. SO, we keep them close! Family and friends are like stars---you don't always see them, but you know they are always there. KEEP THEM CLOSE!*

**THE 2020 GIL BELLA VANCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION**

This Scholarship of \$200.00 is awarded annually to a baseball player under 18 years of age to assist in further pursuing his/her baseball career.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

***Tell us about yourself***

***Tell us about your baseball experience***

***Tell us about your plans for the future***

**Deadline for applying is June 30, 2020.**

Send this application to: The Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame  
Box 1388  
Battleford, SK.  
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**SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM**

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REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00      LIFE MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00

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