

**SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL
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COVID-19

This pandemic has made it very difficult to carry on with the regular operation of the Hall of Fame and Museum as we have not been able to host our regular fund-raising projects that are the basis of our income to operate.

MEMBERSHIP FEES have declined in the past years by almost 40% with a decrease in both new members and renewed members.

DONATIONS remain the same for 2019, but have decreased considerably this year. To the members that have made donations this year, and to those that paid their annual membership fees, a huge **"Thank you."**

This organization does not receive funds from either Provincial or Federal Governments to operate. We operate on funds raised from our fund-raising projects that include donations and the membership fees.

A request to all former individual inductees, members of team inductees and family inductees, to please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership, making a donation, or both. This Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is where **you** are honoured for **your** contribution to our rich Saskatchewan baseball history. Induction provides membership during the year of your induction only. Your financial support is needed each year thereafter. This would be a great year to become a member or to renew your annual membership by paying the annual fee. A life membership is \$200.00. An annual membership is \$25.00. Our fiscal year is January 1 to December 31. A Donation and Membership form is included in this newsletter.

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OBITUARIES

FARRIS AJAJ BABA, MOOSE JAW, SASKATCHEWAN-Born September 25, 1928, entered into rest August 12, 2020, at 92 years. Farris was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999.

GEORGE DOUGLAS "DOUG" DILTS, SANDY LAKE, MAN -passed away peacefully at the age of 78, on May 4, 2020. He was a member of the 2009 Team Inductee, the 1967 Yorkton Cardinals.

NEWS FROM OUR READERS

"Hello all! 2020 has tossed us a curve ball. It is nothing we cannot hit. I want to thank the staff at the museum, and especially Jane for all the hard work she does. I know some of the 2020 inductees that will be joining the museum wall in August. A great selection. Carol and I hope all are well and can start to enjoy their favourite pastime and watch some great baseball in 2020! Take care from Kindersley to all of Saskatchewan. Take us out to the ball game!"
David and Carol Burke, Kindersley, SK.

"-----Everyone needs help these days. Good luck with this! I will challenge everyone to match or beat my \$100.00 donation! Cheers."
Gerry Lister, Victoria, BC.

"---Spero Lealos was a beauty! He and Ken Nelson added class to that league. Umpires like Bill Carson and Ace Corbin made it fun to play. Always had a good word for me.! Please convey my message to all and if possible, to Spero's family. God Bless you and your family! Cheers, be safe and social distance!"
Gerry Lister, Victoria, BC.

"—Thanks for the update, Jane. I can truly appreciate the ups and downs that you are experiencing and the difficulty navigating through all of this. Keep up the good work and we'll get through this together! Stay safe!"
Doug Simon, Regina, SK.

"Hello Jane! We, Marie my wife and I, certainly enjoyed your current newsletter, as always. The "Life" section is so true and pure. It brings back memories of time growing up in a rural SW Saskatchewan. We, our son and grandson from Regina, would like to visit the museum his summer. Eugene Flasch, Orvil Mything and I were the oldest of the Climax Cardinals at our team induction, 2014. Many blessings to you, the Board and helpers."
Peter Martens, Saskatoon, SK.

"—Enjoyed going through the newsletter, especially all the messages. Here in Manitoba we have postponed our 2020 induction banquet to October 3,"

Morris Mott, Brandon, Man.

"We retired from grain farming and grain cleaning business last year. We had our Auction Sale last April then moved to Kelowna last May. My wife Gail and myself spend our days golfing almost daily and we enjoy watching a lot of sports. We watched Kelowna Falcons baseball often and became Kelowna Rocket season ticket holders. However, this year is an exception so it's primarily golfing. I have to say I often reminisce about the baseball days with the Saskatoon Patrick Liners and how much success we had as a team. Those were the good old days with Jim Elliott, Dan Andreen and Dick Hansen running the team. And not to mention all the incredible talented players we had. Thank you for the

newsletter. I look forward to it every time I receive it. With kind regards and always a baseball player and fan at heart.”

Len Yonkman, Kelowna, BC.

“—Received your newsletter. At 88 years buying a life membership is like buying green bananas but a contribution, moreover, is an investment in the future!! I still do five columns a week on line. The Sask Baseball Hall of Fame and the Shury family have long been a part of my baseball background! ----Keep winter up there. I hate snow and any temperature below 20 C. Take care.”

Bill Clark, Columbia, MO USA

“----Keep up the good work at the museum.”

Bud Miller, Saskatoon, SK.

“Your newsletter was wonderful. Spero Lealos was a great man and a great coach! Thanks again!”

Ron Wallace, Saskatoon, SK.

“—Pat, my husband, and I enjoyed sports, especially baseball for many years. Pat was a great ball player and coach. We had planned to move to Saskatoon, however, he got sick and passed away ten years ago.”

Clara Jennings, Saskatoon, SK.

“Thanks for all you do!”

Sharon Clark, Regina, SK.

“A fantastic group of inductees! Quite a few that I have worked with for many years. Great choices!”

Mike Ramage, Regina, SK.

“---Thanks for your great work—much appreciated! Stay safe, stay healthy—Best regards.”

Ron and Joan Bexfield, Lashburn, SK.

“----The newsletter is very interesting. Keep up the good work. Sincerely,”

2016 Inductee Bev Hicki, Estevan, SK.

“-----I became a great grandfather for the first time! My best wishes to all and thank you for the association.”

Lorne Harasen, Regina, SK.

“----You do so much for the Baseball Museum. Thanks for all you do!”

Wally Jackson, Kindersley, SK.

“Keep up the great work, Jane!”

Doug Simon, Regina, SK.

“We will be celebrating our 66th Anniversary on October 26th! Hope everything is going good and that you are getting through the pandemic okay. As ever.”

Roy Burns, Flintoff, SK.

“----You are doing a good job, Jane!”

Leona Reader, Assiniboia, SK.

“---Once again thank you so much for your expertise on keeping the SBHF open. Take care.”

Judy Gebhard, Regina, SK.

“---I hope this finds you in good health and spirits. This pandemic thing has us all living in an altered state of reality, and like everyone else, I hope it doesn't last too long. I expect

the current state of affairs will cause the 2020 annual induction to be cancelled or put on hold. All the selected inductees are worthy of induction to be sure. Hope things are going well with you. I think of you and the Hall of Fame once in awhile and wish we lived just a little closer to Battleford so the occasional visit was possible. Take care and stay healthy.”
Kevin Ritchie, Wilcox, SK.

“Keep up the good work during this unusual time.” **Larry Balon, Warman, SK.**

“-----Something to help you through this terrible pandemic. As a life member, I also know how important it is to support the Hall of Fame financially to keep this rich tradition running. Hope this finds you in good health.
Ray Frehlick, Estevan, SK.

“-----Hope you’re doing okay in this world of change and trust you are successful in finding someone to help you as you try to cut back on all the duties associated with the world of baseball. I join many others expressing ‘Thanks’ for what you have done for our history and trust our future is soon back to normal. Keep well. Regards.
Frank John, Estevan, SK.

“-----Take care. God Bless!” **2016 Inductee Wayne Thompson, Edmonton, AB.**

Congratulations and Special Anniversary Greetings to Roy and Ann Burns from Flintoff, Saskatchewan, celebrating their 66th Wedding Anniversary on October 26th. Roy celebrated his 87th birthday on October 12, 2020. Ann’s 87th birthday is October 31.
Way to go Roy an Ann!!!

Sorry, no photo of Roy and Ann

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

LEO WURTZ- JULY 12--JANE SHURY-JULY 23--DON COUSINS- JULY 24
BILL GERGFELY-SEPTEMBER 15--DEBBIE GERGFELY-SEPTEMBER 17
GARRY SHURY-SEPTEMBER 18

‘Birthday Wishes’ to all who celebrated their birthday in July, August and September.
“Congratulations” to anyone that celebrated an anniversary in July, August or September.
“Get well wishes” to all who may have or are experiencing health issues. Please stay safe during this Covid19 pandemic. **It, too, will pass!**

JANE'S CORNER

Hello ! I certainly miss seeing everyone visiting the museum during the summer months, and yes, even during the winter. This has been and continues to be an extremely difficult time in our history. The Hall of Fame and Museum remains closed to the public because of Covid-19, however, in spite of no tourists I have been kept quite busy.

Part of the mural on the west outer wall of the museum was destroyed by a plow tornado in July, 2018, with another part destroyed earlier this summer by a strong wind. We now have a new mural of an actual game played in the Qu'Appelle valley with Walter Scott as pitcher, who later became our first Premier of Saskatchewan. It looks great!

I hope to have a new employee soon. That position will be part-time until there are sufficient funds to hire full time. Pat Wouters works part-time now on a temporary basis.

Next year will be a very demanding year with plans for the 2020 class induction on May 22, and the 2021 class induction on August 21, 2021.

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.

MEMBERSHIPS – SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Sharon Clarke, Regina, SK.
Alexander Greschuk, Yorkton, SK.
Travis Kusch, Saskatoon, SK.
Ernie Moser, Mendham, SK.

Lorraine Herron, Bassano BC
Trent Kusch, Lloydminster, SK.
Joynes Peterson, Balgonie, SK.
Dean Pylypow, North Battleford, SK.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Irene Arngrimson, Wynyard, SK.
Roy Burns, Flintoff, SK.
Bill Clark, Columbia, Mo. USA
Bev Hickie, Estevan, SK.
Alan Hall, Sherwood Park, AB.
Don McIntyre, Edmonton, AB.
Stephen V. Rice, Collierville, TN. USA
Clifford Shockey, Saskatoon, SK.
Barry Springman, Fort Saskatchewan, AB
Calvin Thomson, Saskatoon, SK.
Village of Muenster, SK.

Wally Blaisdell, Calgary, AB.
Don Cousins, Saskatoon, SK.
Bill Hansen, North Battleford, SK.
Lorne Harasen, Regina, SK.
Gordon MacKinnon, Saskatoon, SK.
Trevor Peterson, Assiniboia, SK.
Kevin Ritchie, Wilcox, SK.
David Schreiner, Humboldt, SK.
Leo Urban, Bruno, SK.

DONATIONS (received since last newsletter)

Don Anweiler, Saskatoon, SK.
Larry Balon, Warman, SK.
Bev Currie, Swift Current, SK.
Bill Clark, Columbia, MO USA
Gayle Fahlman, Holdfast, SK.
Ray Frehlick, Estevan, SK.
Lloyd Guenther, Vancouver, BC,
Rueben Hartung, Langenburg, SK.
Wally Jackson, Kindersley, SK..
Terry Lynd, Moosomin, SK.
Gerry Lister, Victoria, BC

Ron Bexfield, Lashburn, SK.
Roy Burns, Flintoff, SK.
Wayne Commodore, Sherwood Park, AB.
Gavin Davidson, Calgary, AB.
Allan Fitzsimmons, Saskatoon, SK.
Jim Golightly, Eatonia, SK.
Alexander Greschuk, Yorkton, SK.
Bill Hansen, North Battleford, SK.
Ron and Marg Kotzer, Langenburg, SK.
Bob Linner, Regina, SK.
Wayne LeBere, Moose Jaw, SK.

Kevan Migneault, North Battleford, SK.
Village of Neilburg, SK.
Joynes Peterson, Balgonie, SK.
Dale Sharples, St. Albert, AB.
Garry Shury, Yorkton, SK.
Jack Sell, Mountain View County, AB.
Wayne Thompson, Edmonton, AB.
John Yarske, North Battleford, SK.

Morris Mott, Brandon, Man.
Wayne Pusch, Regina, SK.
Kevin Ritchie, Wilcox, SK.
Harold Shury, Richmond, BC.
Doug Simon, Regina, SK.
Allan Toth, Esterhazy, SK.
Lee Taves, Turtleford, SK.
Garry Zeman, Edmonton, AB.

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 Norm Bell from Marvin and Judy Cole, Sherwood Park, AB.
- "In Memory" of Bob Burns from Roy Burns, Flintoff, SK.

- "In Memory" of husband Wes Reader from Leona Reader, Assiniboia, SK.
- "In Memory" of husband Art Berard from Glenda Berard, Lumsden, SK.

- "In Memory" of Roland Leavins from Dean and Trent Corbett, Macrorie, SK.
- "In Memory" of Bobby Stevenson and Bill Mazzie from John Scott of Fairmont Hot Springs, BC.

- "In Memory" of husband Ed from Carole Bearss, Whitehorse, Yukon.
- "In Memory" of Peter Donison from daughter Judy Gebhard, Regina, SK.

- "In Memory" of Ned Andreoni, [Moose Jaw Regals] from Garry Andrews, Moose Jaw, SK.
- "In Memory" of Harold 'Shorty' Tendler [Viceroy Team] from Terry Volsky, Leduc, AB.

- "In Memory" of Valerie Flanagan, from Jerry Flanagan and family, Kindersley, SK.
- "In Memory" of Dad Steve Ponak from Paul Ponak, Regina, SK.

- "In Memory" of my husband Rich Eisler from Bess Eisler, Regina, SK.
- "In Memory" of Spero Leakos from Ron Wallace, Saskatoon, SK.

- "In Memory" of Spero Leakos from Bill Clark, Columbia, MO USA

- "In Memory" of Coach Ron Taylor and William "Bill" Jennings from Dennis and Connie Williams, Woodlake, California, USA

- "IN HONOUR" of Emile Francis from Jim Shearon, Kanata, Ontario

LIFE

An obituary printed in the London Times

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were lost long ago in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as :

Knowing when to come out of the rain.

Why the early bird gets the worm.

Life isn't always fair.

And maybe it was my fault.

Common sense lived by simple sound financial policies [don't spend more than you can earn] and reliable strategies [adults, not children are in charge].

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they had failed to do in disciplining their unruly child.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or aspirin to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses, and the criminals received better treatment than the victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was predeceased in death by:

His parent, Truth and Trust

His wife, Discretion

His daughter, Responsibility

His son Reason.

He is survived by 5 stepbrothers:

I know my rights

I want it now

Someone else is to blame

I'm a victim

Pay me for doing nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

**If you have any news to share, please forward it to me.
We love to hear from you! Thank you! Jane**

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