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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Covid continues to challenge everybody all year! This has also disrupted the whole year for us at the museum. However, there is a brighter side for which we are very thankful. That is the support of the Gold Sponsors, Covid-19 grants from both the Federal and Provincial Governments, Lotteries Saskatchewan and membership fees and donations from our membership. We have been able to operate, with part-time help, successfully completing many jobs including compiling inventory of the David W. Shury Memorial Library, a very time-consuming job that time did not provide throughout the past years.

THANK YOU!

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This museum is the Protector and Caretaker of our rich Saskatchewan Baseball Heritage

OBITUARIES

DONALD HERBERT DUPUIS, SASKATOON, SK.- Born September 11, 1937, died November 12, 2020. Don was a Life Member of this organization and was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2011.

CHARLES HACKNEY, RIVERHURST, SK.- died January 20, 2019. Charles was a Life Member of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. [Just made aware of his death in 2019].

FROM OUR READERS

“---Thanks for what you people do to keep this dream of Dave Shurys’ that has flourished for all these decades. I fully understand the need for donations and I will continue to support this worthy organization. Every little bit counts so I ask everyone who played or has a parent or relative play in Saskatchewan, to dig deep in remembering the treasured past, the present and the future of this prestigious Baseball Hall of Fame. Cheers! Be safe and social distancing is utmost Go Saskatchewan Go!” **Gerry Lister, Victoria, BC**

“Just some comments on 2020 baseball playoffs [for fun!]
How long can this sliding glove get? Why not 2 feet max?
When will they ban gloves with Velcro?
4-hour games?
How big will gold chains get before someone gets choked?
Who scouted these pitchers? 4 straight pitches that failed to reach home plate?
Starting the game with 8 straight balls?
Hi Jane- All is going well in the SE. Hope we get back to normal soon. All the best!”
Wade Sauter, Fairlight, SK

“Hi Jane--Hope this finds you well during these odd times. We so enjoy the newsletter and news and notes from old friends! We truly appreciate your dedication and hard work in preserving the history of the great game of baseball in Saskatchewan; a history that our family is so proud to be part of. The lasting memories and friendships are the most valuable rewards of the game. Stay well! Sincerely,
Ann and Jack Rowley, Saskatoon, SK

“Jane-----Notice change of address [from Penticton to Saskatoon]. Saw Lynn Andreoni in Moose Jaw last year; so happy to visit home of Moose Jaw Regals. Hope everything works out for the museum. Best wishes.”
Jake Tilbury, Saskatoon, SK.

“---Enjoyed the writing of Randy Muench.
Hope Covid will abate for next years’ banquet!
Many charities are having so many problems staying alive.
Best to you, Jane.
Gary Zeman, Edmonton, AB

“---I was an inductee as a player with the Melfort Legion Juniors baseball team inducted into in 2001. It was a great reunion with my teammates. Thank you for the newsletters. We look forward to hearing about some of the people we have met over the years with their stories about baseball. We wish you continued success, Sincerely,

Don and Mae Armstrong, Moos Jaw, SK

“ Hi Jane-----Thank you so much and your staff as well, for continuing with your hard work. I look forward to reading the latest news from you. I was a few days late in wishing our friend, Billy Choque, a ‘Happy Birthday’, but he still replied, ‘Thanks’. I’ll always remember one of his birthdays during my playing days in the early 70’s when we all chipped in and bought a birthday cake for Billy. He nonchalantly blew out the candles as we all sang the ‘Happy Birthday To You’ song. As soon as the candles were out and we’d stopped singing, he pipes up with ‘One more time, guys!’. I still remember the laughter that followed!

To accept the challenge from my friend Gerry Lister [in the last newsletter], I’ll match his donation of \$100.00 and UP it by \$10.00. There’s a new challenge for others!

Mark Perkins, Saanichton, BC

“Hi Jane—I’ve met Gerry Lister’s challenge of \$100.00 and upped it by \$10.00. See who will match this! Be safe! Thanks to you and staff for all the hard work!”

Mark and Fern Perkins, Saanich, BC

“---Hello. Haven’t been up your way for years, it seems. I love my home here-a 4 person each and we are living together just fine. No sick ones to stay away from. Me---I’m just fine and enjoying the snow today.

It was quite a surprise! Mostly all cleared up now. Haven’t been to see my cousin but they did come down here. I miss going into stores downtown. Hope this finds you good. Maybe I’ll get up there yet! Take care.”

Gerry Batey, Macklin, SK

“Thanks for all the work you do in keeping the museum and legacies alive.”

Harold Laich, Strasbourg, SK

“---What a ‘newsy’ newsletter. The obituary on common sense is excellent. Made a copy to display in my workroom. Stay safe!

Janet Anderson, North Battleford, SK

“Hi Jane---Hope all is well in sunny Saskatchewan.”

Cliff Campbell, AB

To you, my dear friends--Sincere thanks and appreciation for your kind words and financial support of this, your Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. This organization has flourished since 1983 and with your help, we can continue to operate and honour those that contributed to our rich Saskatchewan baseball heritage.

The induction of the 2020 class is planned for May 22, 2021.

The 2021 induction is planned for August 21, 2021.

All plans are dependent upon Covid-19! We will keep you updated.

Meanwhile, stay safe! Let’s be responsible and do our share in defeating this virus that is taking its’ toll on all our lives as well as taking so many lives around the world!

CELEBRATION CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS and Special Anniversary Greetings to

ADAM and REGINA FETSCH, from Goodsoil, Saskatchewan, celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 12, 2020. Adam turned 84 on October 14th, 2020. Adam and Regina had 7 children who now have given them 36 grandchildren and 43 great grandchildren. Allan, their baby, celebrated his 47th birthday October 26th. They are very, very proud of their family! Adam had heart surgery October 30, 2019, followed by a stroke November 11, 2020 and another heart surgery, but since, all is well!

SORRY, A PHOTOGRAPH OF ADAM AND REGINA FETSCH WAS NOT AVAILABLE

This picture was taken in 2019

Birthday Greetings to the Board Members of the SBHFM

Larry Romanow—October 20
John Yarske—December 18
Gil Bellavance—December 24

Best Wishes to all who celebrated a birthday or an anniversary in October, November or December.

Get Well Wishes to Board Member Garry Shury, Yorkton, who has undergone several surgeries in recent months and now undergoing treatment for cancer!

Get well wishes to all who are experiencing health issues, or an encounter with Covid-19.

JANE'S CORNER

Although we were not able to host our Annual Open House, we held the draw for a 2-day Get-Away Stay at Manitou Springs. The lucky winner is Kenapha Cousins from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Congratulations Kenapha! Enjoy your stay at Manitou Springs!

At this event, we enjoy members of the North Battleford Elks Club attending and presenting a donation for which we are very thankful. As this was not possible this year, a member of the club, Zonie Krawchuk, delivered the cheque to the museum. Thank you Zonie! Thank you, North Battleford Elks!

THE BILL SITTLER STORY

Bill lives in Wilkie, Saskatchewan, a member, and a 2013 Inductee of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame.

While enjoying a hockey game in the Wilkie arena, Bill suddenly keeled over losing consciousness. A nurse sitting behind him immediately came to his rescue and because the arena was equipped with a defibrillator, Bill was brought back to life. Yes, his heart had stopped! Bill is so thankful that he is alive and stresses the importance of such a device available, especially at sports events and urges sports organizations to invest in this device.

Bill, we are so happy that you remain with us. Take care!

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Christmas 2020 will be remembered as very different, but providing time to reflect on the real purpose of Christmas---to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Our Saviour!

May we enjoy the peace and quiet during this time to rest our bodies and minds so we will be ready for the new year, and the coming of the vaccine that will destroy Covid-19.

Oh! Happy Day! 2021 will be an awesome year! Until then **STAY SAFE!**

MEMBERSHIPS – [SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Ray Hoover, North Battleford, SK

2021 REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS

Don Bates, Saskatoon, SK
Reg Erhardt, Calgary, AB
Harold Laich, Strasbourg, SK
Roger Giesbrechr, North Battleford, SK
Jake Tilbury, Saskatoon, SK

Don Cousins, Saskatoon. SK
Bump Hudson, Moose Jaw,
Mary McGerrigle, Yorkton, SK
Ivan Millard, Regina, SK
Cal Thompson, Saskatoon, SK

2022/2023 REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS

Cliff Campbell, Castor AB

A REMINDER- Regular annual membership fees are due at the end of the year.
Our fiscal year is January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Life Members, please disregard any reminders for membership fees. Thank you!

DONATIONS [since last newsletter]

DONATIONS "IN MEMORY"

"In Memory" of Isadore Strueby, from Wayne Strueby, Humboldt, SK
"In Memory" of Wayne Fenske, from Garry and Claudia Shury, Yorkton, SK
"In Memory" of Robert Stewart, from Garry and Claudia Shury, Yorkton, SK
"In Memory" of Ronald P. Mullen, from Shirley [Mullen] Edwards, Rancho Murieta, Cal.

USA

"In Memory" of his parents, Alf and Hilda Schommer, from Fabian Schommer,
Kindersley, SK

"In Memory" of Don Dupuis, from Audrey Kruger, Regina, SK
"In Memory" of Don Dupuis, from Richard D. Matchett, CA, Saskatoon, SK
"In Memory" of Don Dupuis, from the Estevan Strippers Hockey Club, Estevan, SK
"In Memory" of Lillian Dodd, from Cheryl, Calgary, AB

DONATIONS – OTHER

Mo Armstrong, Prince Albert, SK
Bev Brooks, Asquith, SK
Don Cousins, Saskatoon, SK
Adam Fetsch, Goodsoil, SK
Bill and Debi Gergely, Richmond, SK
Bump Hudson, Moose Jaw, SK
Lloyd Hofmeister, Regina, SK
Randy Munch, Saskatoon, SK
Jack and Ann Rowley, Martensville, SK
Wade Sauter, Fairlight, SK
Rick Sentes, Kelowna, BC
Cal Thompson, Saskatoon, SK
Lloyd and Luella Werle, Langenburg, SK
Jim and Grace Wallace, Medicine Hat, AB

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Jim Coolidge, Lloydminster, SK
Ken Frey, Leader, SK
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Al Herback, Chestermere, AB
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Peter Martens, Saskatoon, SK
Mark Perkins, Saanich, BC
Jack Scott, Fairmont Hot Springs,
Clifford Shockey, Saskatoon, SK
Bill Sittler, Wilkie, SK
Gary Zeman, Edmonton, AB
Gerry Batey, Macklin, SK
Wayne Strueby, Humboldt, SK



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is the responsibility of the Directors of the Association to make certain the future of this Hall of Fame and Museum, remains secure. In order to do this, we must continually pursue fund-raising projects that provide funds to operate and keep this museum open to the citizens of this province and the many tourists to the Battlefords from around the world.

Our means of funding include memberships, donations, sponsorships, and other smaller fund-raising projects, plus numerous volunteer hours. Your support of these projects is needed and appreciated.

An annual membership fee is only \$25.00. Our year is Jan.1- Dec.31. A lifetime membership is \$200.00. New inductees are given a complimentary membership for one year following their induction. We ask that you consider becoming a paid member. Income tax receipts are issued for membership fees. Everyone benefits! Donations are always accepted, and your income tax receipt is mailed immediately.

Contact us about our 2021 Gold Sponsor Program.

To our members, donators and supporters of our projects, please accept "Special Appreciation and Thanks".

We invite your comments and suggestions. As well, if you have an article that would be enjoyed by our readers, please forward it to us. Many comments are being received stating how they look forward to reading comments from the members. As one member comments, 'The lasting memories and friendships are the most valuable rewards of the game!'. Very well stated, Ann. Thank you.

*FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL
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***TO ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

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