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Appreciation to our 2021 Gold Sponsors for their continued financial support during these difficult Covid times. This has helped in our ability to continue operating, but not being open to the public.

President's Report

Covid continues to control us, but, life goes on, and so does baseball. I'm certain, however, that you are also enjoying every game on TV wherever you are! Soon the pandemic will be over and we can resume a more normal life. Be happy! You, our members, have played a big role in this museum being able to continue to operate. Your donations and membership fees have been used wisely. The Annual General Meeting in April 2020 and April 2021 were carried on through numerous emails. In 2020 the Selection committee met via Zoom, but was cancelled in 2021, except for a vote for the 2022 team selection which was done by email. The team selected for induction in **2022**, is the **Indian Head Rockets!!** The 2020 class has now become the **2021 class for induction August 21, 2021**. If such a large crowd will still not be allowed in August, all is planned for **October 9, 2021**. All attempts will be made to contact everyone in regards to these changes. If you need information, please email or call 306-446-1983. Jane Shury, President

STAY WELL. STAY SAFE!

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OBITUARIES

WAYNE PUSCH, REGINA, SK. Died March 22, 2021, in Regina. Wayne was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Individual Category, in 2013 and was a member of the Swift Current Indians Baseball Team [1950-1975], 2015 Team Inductee.

BILL REMENDA, SASKATOON, SK., born April 14, 1939, died November 25, 2020. Bill was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Individual Category, in 2006.

LLOYD WERLE, LANGENBURG, SK., born June 19, 1935, died January 13, 2021. Lloyd was a member of the Hohenlohe Hornets Baseball Team. Inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Team Category, in August, 2017.

GLEN SHOCKEY, PERDUE, SK., born May 17, 2021, Glen died January 10, 2021. Glen was a Life Member and was awarded the *David Shury Cup* in 2006, for his contribution to the association.

EDWARD WEBER, WILKIE, SK., died January 18, 2021 at the age of 94, in his home at Wilkie. Ed played and coached baseball in Wilkie for many years. He was a member.

IRVIN PYETT, THOUSAND PALMS, CALIFORNIA, USA, died May 13, 2020. [we were just informed recently] Irvin was a member of the Melfort Junior Baseball Team, inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001.

NEWS FROM OUR READERS

"—Pandemic ravages in Manitoba but my wife, Marguerite, 82 and I, 89, are still safe. Marguerite is busy gardening but downsizing the area. I'll forward the Manitoba Museum newsletter in about 10 days or so. We are hoping to celebrate our 60th Anniversary July, 29th. Cheers.
Gladwyn and Marguerite Scott, Carberry, MAN.

"-----Christmas 2020 will be remembered as very different, but providing time to reflect on the real purpose of Christmas---to celebrate the birth of Christ---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!**"

Mark, Fern and the Perkins' Family!

Saanichton, BC.

[The above remarks were directed to "Jane and your family", and received too late for the last newsletter, I wish to share it with our members. Mark and Fern, and family, this is such a reminder now, how fragile life is and that we all should continue to take time, during this second year of Covid-19. to continue to reflect on the real purpose of each day of our life----- to celebrate Our Saviour---Jesus Christ! My deep appreciation to you Mark, and Fern, for your support of this Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Thank you]. **Jane Shury, President/CEO**

"---I want to acknowledge the great work you and your staff have done during these very difficult times. In reading your recent newsletter [Volume 37 #4] I accept the challenge of my former North Battleford Beavers teammates, Gerry Lister, Mark Perkins and Jack Rowley, and enclose a cheque representing an increase over their donations they made recently. I am sure the loss of our annual induction [2020] has greatly affected your bottom line. I ask other players to get involved. Should any other players, managers or inductees not yet a member, or have not renewed their membership, now is the time to do so.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution made by Randy Munch of Saskatoon. His remembrances of the competition between the Saskatoon Commodores and the North Battleford Beavers in the NSBL were well received, as was his tribute to Spero Leakos. Both Randy and Spero were 'class acts' and remembering those days will always be exciting. Thanks Randy. Keep up the good work Jane and we will see you in the spring! " **Neil Lampitt, Battleford, SK.**

" Jane, a huge thank you to you and your helpers. The newsletter is great, as always. We at our Legion try to keep a newsletter going but it is hard work-----." **David D. Burke, Kindersley, SK.**

"--God Bless you, Jane, for doing this labour of love. Thank you. **Brian Hicke, Brian, SK.**

"—Hi Jane and crew. Hope all is going well and that everyone there is keeping safe and healthy. Keep up the good work. With regards." **Don and Kathy Cousins, Saskatoon, SK.**

"—Best wishes to the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Jane Shury and family and all involved. Hope everything is going okay in the Battleford area. Me and my father James are still talking and thinking about baseball. Can't wait until for the current pandemic situation to pass. Best wishes in this new year. **Doug Haberman, Ogema, SK.**

"----stay safe. God Bless." **Wayne Thompson, 2016 Inductee, Life Member Edmonton, AB.**

"—Please accept this donation as I wish to show my appreciation for all Jane Shury and the Hall of Fame committee do to recognize the contribution that baseball has made to the province of Saskatchewan. Jane, I am still kicking but not quite as high as I used to. We will get through this crazy time. Just keep swinging. Sincerely," **Larry Tollefson, Parksville, BC.**

"—Hi Jane-----Hope things are not too crazy with this pandemic carrying on and on. Good wishes to all. Cheers." **Jay-Dell Mah, Nakusp, BC.**

"—Hope all is well. Looking forward to a normal year, soon! Thanks for all you do." **Greg Brons, Saskatoon, SK.**

"---Thanks for the special Christmas greeting. We have a new director for our Manitoba Hall of Fame. We had a short baseball season in July and August. I will be 89 on January 28. Best wishes for a better 2021. Marguerite and I send along best wishes and keep well." **Gladwyn Scott, Carberry, AB.**

[Gladwyn was instrumental in getting the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame started. He wisely reached out to Dave [Shury] the Founder of our Hall of Fame for information and advice on setting a firm foundation for an association]. We continue to communicate with Gladwyn, and their Hall, located in Morden, Manitoba] **Editor Jane.**

"----Hi Jane-Hope all is well with you. These are difficult times and it has to be tough financially for the Hall. The organization has done so much for keeping that flame burning for Saskatchewan baseball. Keep up the good work and hope we can have a visit in 2021." **Brian Keegan, White Rock, BC.**

"---George Hudec is now in a Seniors Home in Leader. He suffered a stroke in March and is now unable to speak or walk although he has his full mentality." **Dolores Hudec, Leader, SK.**
" ---A Merry Christmas Jane. And let's hope all is better for everyone in 2021. Thank you so much for hanging in there for all of us and maybe we can help again in 2021 !!!! Be safe, healthy and happy in the new year." **Al Herback, Chestermere, AB.."**

"—Keep up the good work."

Ken Halliday, Battleford, SK.

"---The Late Glen Ortynsky of Kamsack, was an excellent pitcher in his school years and into his 20's. He pitched too much and blew out his arm. He continued to play baseball then slow pitch until his 40's. He became an excellent catcher. His main interest in life was baseball. He was a New York Yankee fan. He was not in the Baseball Hall of Fame however, my deceased father, Albert Cottenie, was inducted in 2015. He played for the Kamsack Cyclones. I enjoyed the induction celebration and touring the museum."

Bryan Cottenie, Kamsack, SK.

The Kamsack Cyclones were selected to be inducted in 2020. That class is now the 2021 class to be inducted August 21, 2021. If needed, this induction will be held October 9, 2021. Jane

"---What a year!! It can only get better, right? Hope you and your family are all well. Thank you for keeping baseball alive and well in Saskatchewan. A game that holds so many good memories and friendships. Keep well and stay safe. Best wishes."

Carole Baerss, Whitehorse, Yukon Territories

"---Thanks for the reminder. Wish you all a Happy New Year!"

Keith Zabolotney, Assiniboia, SK.

"---Son Blair, grandsons Carter, Brandon, Corbin, Tia and Ray were out on the baseball field on March 19th, 2021!"

Ray Beck, Lang, SK.

"---Garry just had his 9th bladder surgery and is just awaiting more treatment. Aside from that, we are doing fine. Garry does a little amount of garden planting each day. Stay safe. Hugs."

Claudia Shury, Yorkton, SK.

"---Thanks for everything you do. You are an amazing girl. As ever, we enjoyed the "Induction." [2019] Take care."

Bill and Debbie Gergely, Richmond, SK.

"---'Pushy' [The Late Wayne Pusch] was a great guy and a long-term friend. We first met in Swift Current as teammates with the Swift Current Indian Baseball Team. Later, we taught together in the Swift Current school system for a number of years before we joined the Provincial Education Ministry in the Curriculum Development Branch in Regina. Linda and Donna were both very good friends and shared many good fun times and fond memories. Wayne's love of baseball was huge as a player, coach and builder. He was a tireless worker for many causes including organizing shaggers for the Texas Rangers during spring training that was close to their home near Phoenix. I will miss him dearly."

Brian Keegan, White Rock, BC.

"---Your news and compliments are always welcomed and appreciated. Thanks for the many accolades. However, remember, everyone deserves to be thanked for being part of, and supporting this organization. I feel so proud that together, we have succeeded in not only surviving, but thriving while continuing the dream that David Shury put into motion in 1983, of preserving our rich baseball history of Saskatchewan! We must keep the tradition of recognizing and honouring those that contribute to the baseball history now being made, as well as to do all that we can to survive this Covid-19. It continues very difficult with not being able to host any of our fund-raising events. Your donations have played a huge part in this organization being able to pay for the operating costs, including one part-time employee, and I hope you will continue with your support so we can get through Covid-19. Get your vaccination and stay safe!"

Jane Shury, President

JANE'S CORNER

Larry Walker joins Fergie Jenkins as the second Canadian inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

"Larry was a unanimous selection to our Hall of Fame in 2009 and we have been proud to tell the story of his trailblazing and record-breaking career in our museum. Over the years, both on and off the field, Larry has been a true inspiration and role model for Canadians. He has also been a strong supporter of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and has never forgotten his roots---. In all, Larry suited up for 17 big league seasons and leads Canadians in virtually every career offensive category amassing 2,160 hits; 383 home runs; 471 doubles and 230 stolen bases. The seven time Gold Glove winner also compiled a .313 career batting average, 565 slugging percentage and won the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame's Tip O'Neill Award an unprecedented nine times. For his efforts, Walker was inducted into the Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in 2007; the BC Sports Hall of Fame in 2009, and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2011."

Quote from the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame, St Marys, Ontario.

NEVER FORGOTTEN

Writer and author Danny Gallagher's new book, Never Forgotten, is about the EXPO's and it is now out on Amazon and Indigo, including a long chapter on Larry Walker and the 1984 World Youth Tournament in Kindersley, Saskatchewan. Hey, Kindersley, how about ordering this book from Amazon or Indigo. A great keepsake!

Baseball Scout Bill Clark

Bill was a scout for the Major Leagues for many years. He was responsible for many Saskatchewan boys receiving scholarships in the United States. He continues to correspond and support the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame. He lives in Colombia, MO. USA. Bill is involved in many things that keep him busy. Bill is in his 90's!

Rivers West Award to The Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

We received the Rivers West District 2021 Sport Event Award of the Year, for the 35th Annual Induction, August 17, 2019, in Battleford. In congratulating us, Bonnie Mills Midgley states, "What a huge accomplishment to have hosted the Annual Induction ceremony since 1985, with only Covid interrupting the continual recognition.

The audience [local, Provincial, National and International] that you draw to the Battlefords for this event speaks to the high value that participants place on the ceremony. The dedicated volunteers that plan, prepare for, host and follow-up, the event must do an amazing job. Thank you to everyone involved. We, too, have our fingers crossed that the Saskatchewan Health regulations will permit Induction #36 to take place on August 21st. Again, Congratulations!"

Bonnie Mills Midgley for Rivers West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation.

I am sorry to announce the death of "Josh", our 16 year old copier that ceased breathing this week while preparing this newsletter. We now have set up a fund to purchase a replacement. Pat has donated \$20.00. I have donated \$50.00. CAN YOU HELP? THANK YOU!

MEMBERSHIPS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Life Memberships

Ron Brown, Delisle, SK.
Dave Pagan, Nipawin, SK.

Neil Urlacher, Okotoks, AB.
Gordon Townsend, Regina, SK.

2021 Regular Memberships

Lynn Andreoni, Moose Jaw, SK.
Janice Alberts, Brooks, AB.
Greg Brons, Saskatoon, SK.
Don Cameron, Kingston, Ont.
Bill Duffee, North Battleford, SK.
Lloyd Guenther, Vancouver, BC.
Garnet, Hansen, Weyburn, SK.
Alan Hall, Sherwood Park, AB.
Dwayne Koshinsky, Jansen, SK.
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Wayne Lebers, Moose Jaw, SK.
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Ann Knutson, [Forgay] Regina, SK.
Maurice Lobe, Shaunigan Lake, BC.
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Roy Rowley, Saskatoon, SK.
Donald Snyder, North Vancouver, BC.
Brock Stevens, Regina, SK.
Village of Muenster, SK.
Cheryl Weatherald, Regina, SK.
Keith Zabolotney, Assiniboia

Special thanks for becoming a member or paying your annual membership fees. This financial support is sincerely appreciated, especially during this very challenging Covid time in our history.

DONATIONS "IN MEMORY"

"In Memory" of Keith Czemerer, from Bob Armstrong, Saskatoon, SK.
"In Memory" of Ed Baerss, from his wife Carole Baerss, Whitehorse, Yukon.
"In Memory" of John 'Jack' Batey from his daughter Eva [Gerry] Batey, Macklin, SK.
"In Memory" of Glen Ortynsky from Bryan Cottenie, Kamsack, SK.
"In Memory" of Don Dupuis from Beverley and Gary McKechney, Estevan, SK.
"In Memory" of Oliver L. Harris and Arlo R. Harris from Glenn Harris, Landis SK.
"In Memory" of Lillian Dodds [Loreburn] from the Outlook Riverhawks Men's Baseball Team.
"In Memory" of Irvin Pyett from wife Reta Pyett, Thousand Palms, Cal. USA.
"In Memory" of Don Williams [Yorkton] from Garry and Claudia Shury, Yorkton, SK.
"In Memory" of Janet Patton [Yorkton] from Garry and Claudia Shury, Yorkton, SK.
"In Memory" of Gordon McMurchy, 1989 Inductee, from Wayne Thompson, Edmonton, AB.
"In Memory" of Norm Bell, from Wayne Thompson, Edmonton, AB.
"In Memory" of Cameron Roemmele, Godson, from Wayne Thompson, Edmonton, AB.
"In Memory" of Ned Andreoni, from Larry Tollefson, Parksville, BC.

DONATIONS—OTHER

Irene Arngrimson, Wynyard, SK.
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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE SBHFM

Earl Berard-----April 23
 Ione Berard-----April 17
 Ed Bryant-----April 6
 Jim Golightly-----April 16
 Ryan Herman-----March 10
 Ray Hoover-----January 13
 Don Macdonald-----February 26
 Bill Selnes-----April 29

As well, we wish a very **Happy Birthday** to all that celebrated their birthday during the months of January, February, March and April.

Congratulations to any of our members that celebrated an anniversary during the months of January, February, March or April!

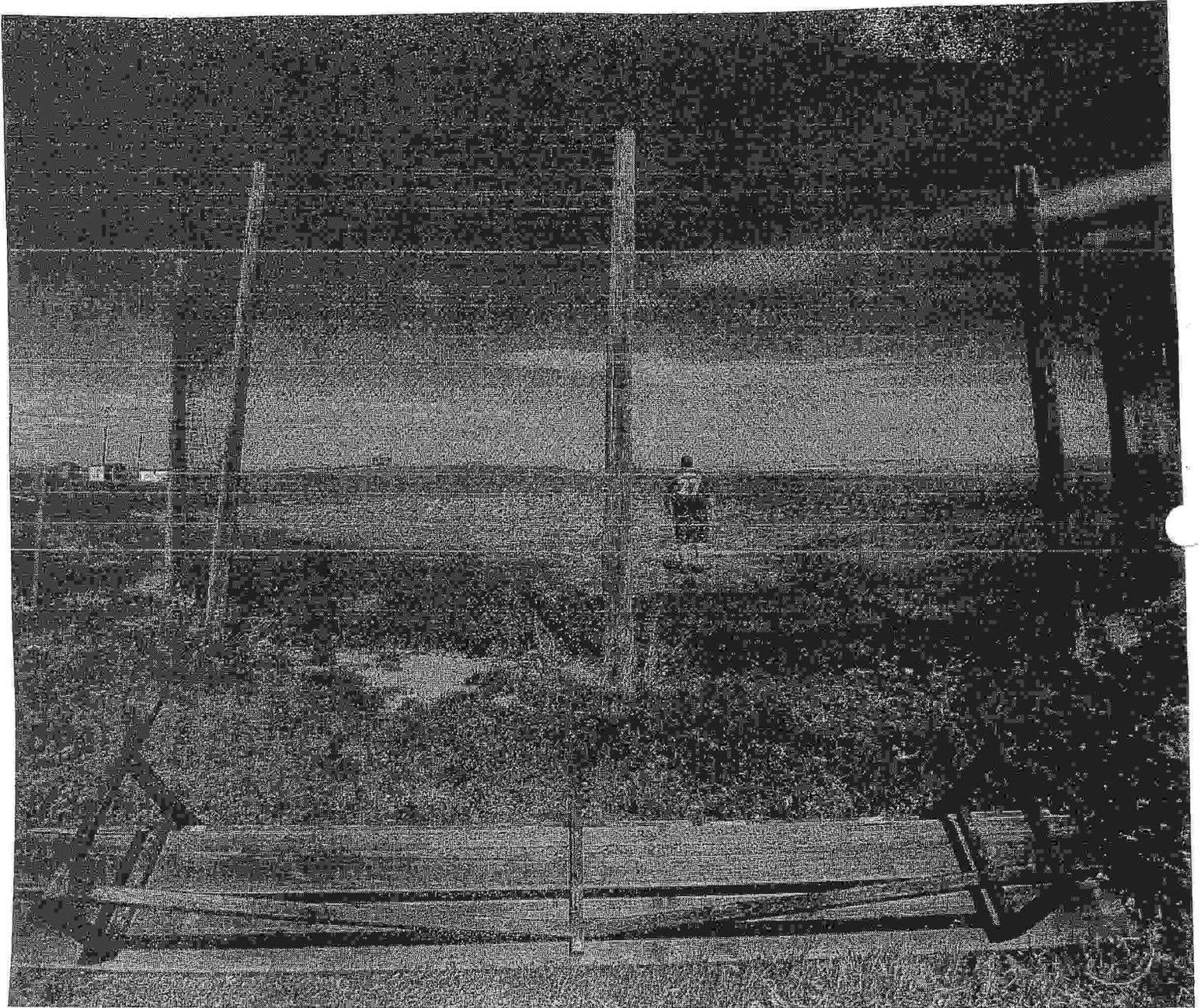
Belated **Mother's Day** Greetings to ALL Mothers!
 To all Fathers, may you have an enjoyable **Happy Father's Day!**

Get Well Wishes

Again, we send warm Get Well wishes to Garry Shury following his 9th surgery for cancer. My dear brother-in-law, Garry, we know you tackle each day with optimism and doing as much as your energy level allows, working, and loving every minute in your garden and yard with his good wife, Claudia, by his side through all this. A bouquet to you, Claudia!

Our sincere best wishes are also extended to those that have encountered health issues, or dealing with Covid during the past months. **STAY SAFE! THIS TOO, WILL PASS!**

BASEBALL—LET'S KEEP IT ALIVE AND WELL!



"Almost every small town on the prairies has a baseball park that was once the centre of town on hot summer nights. Now, they're falling apart, only full of memories from games and years gone by. I love them and stop at as many as I can. Sometimes I will even run the bases after pretending to hit a home run for the Blue Jays, of course!"

Dan Reynish, Broadcaster, Medicine Hat, AB

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