



**SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL  
HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM ASSOC. INC. NEWSLETTER  
"HONOURING OUR BASEBALL HERITAGE"**

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**MAY, JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST VOLUME 38 #2**

**A special message from the President to all our members.**

Here it is again, time for another newsletter and time to tell you about the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction. We were not able to confirm this event until Premier Moe declared the Covid restrictions removed on July 15, 2021. We then had to work in high gear to prepare for what turned out to be another successful induction. Due to all this, plus a staff shortage, I was not able to get this #2, Volume 38 newsletter out in June. My apologies! After waiting so long, the inductees selected in 2020 were finally inducted, August 21, 2021. Attendance was 228. The meal was delicious. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

**Thank you to everyone that attended!**

Our volunteers deserve special thanks for the time and effort they donate throughout the year in support of this **Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum** that features **CANADA'S BIGGEST BAT!** Thank you!

**Jane Shury, President/CEO**

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***Appreciation to our 2021 Gold Sponsors for their continued financial support during these difficult Covid times.***

**THANK YOU!**

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## **OBITURIES**

**GIL BELLAVANCE, BATTLEFORD, SK.**- died May 13, 2021. He was 86 years of age. Gil was a member of the Board of Directors for this association for many years prior to his death, having been secretary who participated in all our fund-raising projects, as well as always offering great advice. He provided the funds for a Scholarship Award for a youth baseball player for three years. Gil was the recipient of the 2021 Dave Shury Cup. He will be missed!

**HARVEY NYBO, SWIFT CURRENT, SK.**-died Sept. 29, 2021, at the age of 78 years. A celebration of his life was held at Mitchell Field in honour of his love for the game. Harvey was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Individual Category, in 2014.

**ROYDEN WALLIN, Weyburn, SK.**-died Sept. 2021. Royden was a member of the Wallin family inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Family Category, in 2007.

**LIONEL DIETRICH, SASKATOON, SK.**-died May 12, 2021. Lionel was a member of the Saskatoon Ambassadors Baseball Team inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame Team Category in 1999.

**JACK CALLUM, MANITOBA,** -died recently. Jack was a very active member of the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame located in Morden, Manitoba, and was a member of our association.

## **NEWS FROM OUR READERS**

"—Sorry to hear about Gil. He will surely be missed. It's a struggle to maintain the museum without people like Gil, especially when people like myself live a distance from Battleford. But, please know, Jane, we appreciate all you and your staff do to keep the museum functioning. Smiles and hugs." **Don Cousins, Saskatoon, SK. Board Member**

"—Our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. **Bill and Debbie Gergely, Richmond, Saskatchewan. Board Members**

"---I hope you are doing okay and that someday we may even get over this Covid. I am doing okay for an old guy as I was 85 on May 3, 2021. Time, I must say, passes fast and it has been many years since playing baseball and being in the Hall of Fame. Bit, I must say it was a great time when thinking about it. It is too bad the young kids now don't have what we had back then. Sports days all over Saskatchewan were a lot of fun.

Take care. Be safe and keep up the good work.

All the best."

**Barry Springman, Fort Saskatchewan, AB"**

"-----I hope this writing finds you in good health and avoiding Covid-19 difficulties that we are experiencing. You may remember that my interest mainly lies in the museum section of the Hall of Fame, as I am so very appreciative of the tireless and incredible work that you and Dave have done in preserving and recording of so much of the baseball history in early Saskatchewan. As you know, the sport of baseball was very evident in the early pioneer days of our province, and thanks to you, it will never be

forgotten. 'We are glad to have you,  
For coming in and working hard all day  
So here's to you,  
Because we all know that no one does it quite like you,  
For all you do,  
This gift's for you,' Kindest regards." **Bill Postlewaite, Saskatoon, SK.**

"-----another great induction and banquet! You are to be commended for all the work you put into the induction dinner! Smiles and hugs".

**Don and Kathy Cousins, Saskatoon, SK**

[Don is a 2004 Inductee, a volunteer Board member and Kathy is also a volunteer.]

"I hope you are all well and be back to almost normal. One of the highlights during the long days of lockdown here in Ontario was the arrival of the newsletter. Murray truly enjoyed sitting down and reading every line of what was happening in the baseball world back home. We thank you for your ongoing dedication to this project. Thank you for those precious moments of catching up.  
Wishing you a successful season."

**Murray and Roach, Barrie, Ontario**

"-----I'm not in my 90's but I will be 89 on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. I'm still young!!"  
**Bill Clark, Columbia, Mo USA**

"----I have ordered the book from Danny Gallagher some time ago. Danny and I were in touch many times when he was writing the book. You do a great job. All the best in the coming year."  
**Jerry Flanagan, Kindersley, SK.**

"----Thank you so much for reaching out. It's been awhile since we spoke. My Dad is doing well although he is not as mobile as he was even a year ago. He is still capable of getting around for short distances. I'm going to visit him in Saskatoon and I will do my best to stop in and see you at the museum on my way home. My Dad and myself wish you the best and hope all is well. Hope to see you soon."

**Don Orr Jr. Kelowna, BC**

"To the wonderful people of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame. I would like to make a donation on behalf of a former teammate and a member of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Wayne Pusch. Thanks in advance for your help and I look forward to hearing from you. Grace and Blessings."

**Chad Kline, Holy Family RCSSD No. 140, Weyburn, SK.**

[Wayne was a 2013 Individual Inductee as well as a member of the Swift Current Indians inducted into the Team Category in 2015]



"---It was super to hear your voice again. I am doing great and feel good, no aches or pain, and I walk with a cane. [it gets me there quicker]. I am usually in my office by 6:00 AM for a couple of hours and then again later in the day working on a booklet comprised of slide shows "Cypress Hill Travel Logue" he showed across Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C. and Montana. Hopefully the virus thing will be over soon and we can get back to normal. I am anxious to begin a book on Norway! **Orvil Mything, Climax, SK.**

"---the picture [in last email newsletter] reminds me of the Esterhazy Elks Home of Randy Munch who's friend Doug Larson kept senior baseball alive for awhile and how Edmonton has taken our name! CHEERS. **Brian Gerhardt, Saskatoon, SK.**

"---I hope you are staying safe. I truly enjoy your newsletters. Your group has done such a great job holding down the fort. Please pass on my sincere thanks to your volunteers for all the hard work they do. Have a great summer. **David Burke, Melfort, SK.**

"----Just read your newsletter and appreciate the wonderful work you do to keep the museum running and thriving, especially through the pandemic times. Hopefully, this will be over soon.

Upon reading the obituaries, I was interested to read the one regarding Glen Ortynski submitted by Bryan Cottenie. My husband Tom and I knew Glen and know Bryan. My Dad, Stan Green, was inducted on August 16, 2014 and what an enjoyable occasion that was to attend. I represented my Dad as he had passed on prior to, and was a player with the Kamsack Cyclones. Actually, my Dad and Bryan's Dad, Albert Cottenie, were the best of friends and baseball players. Albert stood up for Dad at my parent's wedding. Glen was a fantastic baseball player and athlete. He is missed. Just a little inside information on the things the Baseball Hall of Fame do to bring others together. All the best to you, Jane.

Sincerely, **Tom and Gloria Strilchuk, Thunder Bay, ONT.**

"To the wonderful people of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame. I would like to make a donation on behalf of a former teammate and a member of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, **Wayne Pusch**. I started to play with Wayne when he was 49. I was much younger and he made many a younger player walk back to the bench after facing him wondering how that 'old lefty' struck them out. We played together for a few more years with the Lumsden Cubs. He was a tremendous teammate, competitor and friend. Thanks in advance for your help and I look forward to hearing from you. Grace and Blessings."

**Chad Kline, Holy Family RCSSD No. 140, Weyburn, SK.**

***[Wayne was a 2013 Individual Inductee as well as a member of the Swift Current Indians inducted into the Team Category in 2015]***

"---Pushy [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 and after a number of years we joined the Provincial Education Ministry in the Curriculum Development Branch in Regina. Linda and Donna were very good friends and we shared many fun times and fond memories.



His love of baseball was huge as a player, coach and builder. He was a tireless worker for many causes. So sad!

Hope all is well in your life. All the best to you in these difficult times.

**Brian Keegan, White Rock, BC.**

"----It was so nice to finally meet you at the 2021 induction. It was a great evening! You are so appreciated and well thought of. Keep on doing what you're doing. You are making a huge difference and ensuring the history of baseball in Saskatchewan will be preserved. Good for you. I love it!

**Gayle Fahlman, Holdfast, SK.**

### **MEMBERSHIPS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER**

#### **Life Memberships**

Garth Kessler-address unknown

George Guillaume—Moose Jaw, SK.

Derrick Schaffer—Meota, SK.

#### **2021 Regular Members**

Murray Booy, Glaslyn, SK.

Bill Clark—Columbia, MO. USA

George Guillaume—Moose Jaw, SK.

Russ Jennings—Saskatoon, SK.

Wally Kaminski—Regina, SK.

Barry Springman-Fort Saskatchewan, AB.

#### **DONATIONS IN MEMORY**

"In Memory" of Lionel Dietrick from H. Clifford Shockey, Saskatoon, SK.

"In Memory" of Allen "Al" Dunlop [Saskatoon] from Gary Zeman, Edmonton, AB.

"In Memory" of Royden Wallin, from Carl and Yvonne Van Hagen, Weyburn, SK.

"In Memory" of Lloyd Rachul [Kindersley Klippers] from Shirley Torrens, Kindersley, SK.

"In Memory of Wayne Pusch, from Garth Kessler-address unknown

#### **DONATIONS-OTHER**

Janet Anderson, North Battleford, SK.

Murray Booy, Glaslyn, SK.

Jim and Ann Coolidge, Lloydminster, SK??

Howard Coolidge, Lashburn, SK.

Adam Fetsch, Goodsoil, SK.

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John Frank, Esterhazy, SK.

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Bill Postlewaite, Saskatoon, SK.

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Ron and Joan Bexfield, Lashburn, SK.

Henri Blaquere, Edam, SK.

Bill Clark, Columbia, MO. USA

Jerry Flanagan, Kindersley, SK.

Robert Faith, LaFleche, SK.

Brian Gerhardt, Saskatoon, SK.

Bob Hollowaty, Saskatoon, SK.

Chad Klein, Saskatoon, SK.

Mary McGerrigle, Yorkton, SK.

Paul Ponak, Regina, SK.

Murray and Diane Roach, Barrie, ONT.

Bill Selnes, Melfort, SK.

Doug Simon, Regina, SK.

Wayne and Adele Wehrhahn, Rockhaven, SK. Gary Zeman, Edmonton

**BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE SBHFM**

*Don Cousins, Saskatoon, SK.*

*Jane Shury, Battleford, SK.*

*Craig Weran, Meadow Lake, SK.*

*Leo Wurtz, Lloydminster, AB.*

*As well, belated birthday greetings to any of our members who celebrated their birthday during the months of May, June, July or August*

**JANE'S CORNER**

In the last newsletter I wished belated Mother's Day greeting to all mothers. I sure was ahead of myself! Sorry! NOW, I can wish you *belated* Mother's Day Wishes! As well, *belated* Father's Day Wishes to all fathers.

Hugh Huck, Calgary, AB., a 2010 inductee of the SBHF, had a stroke and is now being cared for in a nursing home. We think of you and wish you the best of care.

Update on "Josh", our office copier--Josh required replacement, however, funds did not reach the amount required to purchase a new one so we settled for repair that should last for a short time. The funds will be used for a new copier when sufficient funds become available. The amount collected is \$200.00. Thanks to those that donated to this fund.

**Note- Important!**

***Over the nearly 4 decades of the existence of this Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, we have never experienced such financial difficulties. Along with how this Covid-19 pandemic has affected everybody, it has also affected the financing of operating this non-profit organization of 38 years! As well, our membership income has decreased substantially over the past few years as some members are not paying their renewal fees and we have not been successful in recruiting new members. Donations from our members has also decreased. We are doing as much as possible by decreasing employee costs and other area expenses. We here in the Battlefords continue to do various fund-raising projects, but, we also need more support from all parts of this great province of Saskatchewan!***

***Would you consider a further donation? How about recruiting one [1] new person to become a member? Call Jane at 306-441-5886.***

***WE NEED NOMINATIONS FOR 2022! FORM ENCLOSED. CALL FOR INFORMATION.***

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**Annual membership fees Jan1 to Dec 31, 2022 are now due.**

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