

***SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL
HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM ASSOC. INC. NEWSLETTER
"HONOURING OUR BASEBALL HERITAGE"
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MAY, JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2023 VOLUME 40 #2***

Thank you to everyone that attended the 38th Annual Induction!

THIS IS A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS 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

40 YEARS AGO The Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Association Inc. was registered as a no-profit organization and since has operated only on funds raised by the volunteer members of this organization, with the help of all our other dedicated volunteers!

Many requests over the decades have been made to the Provincial Government over the decades to support this destination point for the hundreds of tourists that visit each year by providing funds to operate. The funds raised through our fund-raising projects could then be applied to improving projects that would enhance the delivery of our baseball history, especially as an educational tool.

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OBITUARIES

MACDONALD, DONALD, LLOYDMINSTER, SK.-died *September 17, 2023*. Don was 82 years of age. Don was involved with the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum from the beginning, working with the Founder, David Shury. Don was a member of the Saskatchewan Hospital Royals Baseball Team, the 1956 Saskatchewan Senior Baseball Champions, and inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2004. Don was a member of the Board of Directors for the past four decades.

WALLACE, RON, SASKATOON, SK. -*April 6, 1939-March 25, 2023*. Ron died at the age of 83 years. Ron was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2009 for his contribution to baseball in Saskatchewan.

McKECHNEY, RON, ST. PAUL, MANITOBA-died *February 25, 2023*, at the age of 86 years. Ron was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Individual Category, in 2013 and again as a member of the Swift Current Indians, Team Category, in 2015.

PROCTOR, CLARENCE, BIGGAR, SK. *died March 5, 2023. Born June 1, 1931*, Clarence was 92 years of age at the time of his death. He was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2009. Born June 1, 1931

URLACHER, NEIL ANTON, OKOTOKS, AB [KINDERSLEY] -*died August 14, 2023*, Neil was 86 years of age at the time of his death. Neil was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2021.

ANWEILER DON, SASKATOON, SK.-*died August 8, 2023*, at the age of 87 years. Don was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2019.

BATEY JOHN "JACK" NORRIS BATEY, MACKLIN, SK. -*died March 9, 1973*. John "Batey" was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2017.

NEWS FROM OUR READERS

"..Thanks to you, Jane, and all your committee for all you do!"

Barrie Day, Stony Plain, AB.

"...Keep up the good work."

Gavin Davidson, Calgary, AB.

"...The enclosed donation is "In Memory" of John Ford. Also, again thanks for all your hard work."

Jack and Ann Rowley, Martinsville, SK.

"—Your contribution to the community and to the province of Saskatchewan has been immeasurable. Your dedication to baseball has not only been informative, it has changed, it is linked to career choices that has changed lives. This donation is in appreciation for all you have done."

Russell Policha and Vivian Bohman. Denholm. SK.

“...The AAA League in Saskatchewan is the Sask Premier AAA League-[SPBL] This is a province wide league and there is a AAA and AA division”.

Greg Brons, Saskatoon, SK.

“Dear Jane and Company-Hope you had a successful induction. We are sad to have missed the celebration and meeting our longtime friends. We are still involved with our local team. I announce and keep score. It takes a lot of volunteers and our small towns are getting smaller. The Richmond Rockets won the League Championship this year!!! Bill and I send our best to the museum. Take care til next year.”

Bill and Debbie Gergely, Richmond, SK.

“--What a lovely surprise when I opened my mailbox this morning and found the 2017 induction video. Now I can hardly wait for a visit from my son tomorrow to put it in my DVD player and bring back those lovely memories of that evening in Battleford. The stationery this is written on, I designed for my husband. There was no other baseball team other than the Red Sox, which I learned when we were married some 75 years ago. I can appreciate all that your job entails, Jane. It is not an easy task. The museum alone stands as a credit to you and your helpers. Thank you, Jane Shury for a job well done.’

Margaret Bates, Edmonton, AB.

“—Congratulations on another successful banquet honouring the class of 2023 inductees. It was a delicious meal and the great welcome at the door was so sincere that it made all your volunteer hours so much more meaningful. Here’s hoping to see you again in the 2024 induction. Best wishes.”

Mary Ann Gaetz, Unity, SK.

“—Can’t attend the induction in August, however, would like to make a donation “In Memory” of Ed Baerss. I hope the induction will be a success again this year. My best to you and your endeavours. Regards!”

Carole Baerss, Whitehorse, Yukon.

“—Thanks for all you do to keep the museum up and running. Wonderful service! “

Marg and Barrie Day, [alumni rep], Stony Plain, AB.

“—My name is Jacquie Wong and I am the daughter of Lloyd and June Dunbar. I am sorry to let you know that Mom passed away, peacefully on

September 26, 2022, at the age of 90 years. My brother Bill and David and I would like to continue supporting the Baseball Hall of Fame in memory of our parents through the annual membership fee. I am sorry it lapsed into arrears over the past several years. Please accept this cheque to bring this membership up to a current status. Bill will be the family contact for future mailings. Thank you for what your organization does for baseball in Saskatchewan. Dad was honoured to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and as a family we were proud of this accolade. Baseball and softball were such a big part of our family life and we would be happy to continue supporting the Baseball Hall of Fame. Thank you, again for all you do.”

Jacque Wong, daughter of Lloyd and June

MEMBERSHIPS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Life Memberships

Bradley Gyug-Lumsden, SK.
Braun Rushby-Battleford, SK.
Norma Linnell, Saskatoon, SK.

2023 Regular Members

Bernice Kotcher, Yorkton, SK.	Geraldine Mouyious, Regina, SK.
Harold Laich, Strasbourg, SK	Bud Miller, Saskatoon, SK.
Mervin Borgerson, Calgary, AB.	Barrie Day, Stony Plain. AB.
Lorne Humphries, Edmonton, AB,	Don Snyder, North Vancouver, BC.
Frank John, Moose Jaw, SK.	Brock Stevens, Regina, SK.
Brooks Washenfelder, Yorkton, SK.	

DONATIONS IN MEMORY

“In Memory” of Bob Colliar, Meota, SK. from Rebecca Creach, Lloydminster, AB
“In Memory” of Bob Colliar, Meota, SK. from Laurie Pernitsky, Wilkie, SK.
“In Memory” of Bob Colliar, Meota, SK. from C.Neil Carruthers, Frenchman Butte, SK.
“In Memory” of Bob Colliar, Meota, SK. from Sandra Burns, Unity, SK
“In Memory” of Bob Colliar, Meota, SK. from Paul and Maureen Morin, Edm, SK.
“In Memory” of Bob Colliar, Meota, SK. from Melissa Acton, Unity, SK.

“In Memory” of Casey Moroschan, Regina, SK from Geraldine Mouyious, Regina, SK.
“In Memory” of Casey Moroschan, Regina, from Diane Lyons, Regina., SK.
“In Memory” of Kenny Nelson, North Battleford, SK., from John Ford, Saskatoon,SK
“In Memory” of Ron McKeckney, St Paul, Manitoba, from his wife, Peg, St. Paul, Man.
“In Memory” of Larry Luhning, Lumsden, SK. from Bradley Gyug, Lumsden, SK.
“In Memory” of Terry Wassley, Lakewood, Cal. USA from Dennis and Connie Williams, Lakewood, Cal. USA
“In Memory” of Johnny Ford, Saskatoon, SK. from Jack & Ann Rowley, Martinsville, SK.
“In Memory” of Lee Taves, Turtleford, SK. from his wife Sheila Taves, Turtleford, SK.
“In Memory” of Don Macdonald, Lloydminster, SK. from Shirley Taves, Turtleford, SK
“In Memory” of Don Macdonald, Lloydminster, SK. from Jack and Ann Rowley, Martensville, SK

DONATIONS-OTHER

Roger Anholt, Moose Jaw, SK.
Carole Bearss, Whitehorse, Yukon.
Glen Bellegarde, Moose Jaw, SK.
Gavin Davidson, Calgary, AB.
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Garnet and Shelly Hansen, Weyburn, SK.
Einar Jorgeson, Mervin, SK.
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Ann Knutson, Regina, SK.
Bob Linner, Regina, SK.
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Wayne Mitchell, Regina, SK.
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Gordon M. Perkins, Saanichton, BC.
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Jack Sell, Mountainview County, AB
Bill Sittler, Wilkie, SK.
Clifford Shockey, Saskatoon, SK.
Sheila Taves, Turtleford, SK.
Leo Wurtz, Lloydminster, AB.

BELETED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE SBHFM

Don Cousins, Saskatoon, SK. July 24
Jane Shury, Battleford, SK. July 23
Craig Weran, Meadow Lake, SK. June 14
Leo Wurtz, Lloydminster, AB. July 12
Ray Beck, Lang, SK. July 21
Judy Beck, Lang, SK.

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

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES OVER THE PAST DECADES

TO DATE WE HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN HAVING EVEN ONE APPLICANT FOR EITHER A MANAGER OR ASSISTANT MANAGER. WE WILL ADVERTISE AGAIN EARLY NEXT YEAR. I WILL CONTINUE, DOING AS MUCH AS I AM ABLE FOR AS LONG AS I AM ABLE BUT SOMEONE HAS TO TAKE OVER SOON. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT ME AT 306-441-5886. THANK YOU.

We must also ask each of you to write a letter of support to the Government of Saskatchewan to confirm supporting this organization by confirming funds to operate this Hall of Fame and Museum in order to continue keeping the baseball history in the forefront of the citizens of Saskatchewan!

JANE'S CORNER

Jane,

All of us old ball players read your newsletter with great interest and you deserve all the praise you get for the work you do. I read the Obit Section in your last newsletter with mixed emotions. Sorrow in the passing of some special baseball people but fondness in the memories I have of time spent with each of them.

The first time I played baseball against Jackie McLeod was in the summer of 1966. It was my rookie year in the South Saskatchewan League and I was having a pretty good year defensively playing shortstop for the Melville Millionaires. When, early in the game, one of the Swift Current Indians hit a ground ball through the infield to my right that I couldn't get to, Jackie McLeod could be heard from the dugout. He was all over me with cat calls on my lousy range. In those days, riding players on other teams wasn't such a big deal but his vitriol cut deep. As a kid growing up, he had been one of my sports heroes. I had pictures of him as a member of the international hockey champion Trail Smoke Eaters pinned on the wall in my bedroom. So here was my boyhood hero publicly bad mouthing my playing ability. But on the ball diamond what goes around comes around. In the bottom of the ninth, Swift Current, trailing by a run, had the bases loaded with two out and Jackie McLeod was at the plate with a 3-2 count. All runners were moving and Jackie hit a high bouncing grounder deep into the hole to my right which I fielded and threw him out at first. I never ever asked Mr. McLeod "How's that for range?" but relating that story to his son who later became a teammate and a good friend brought some smiles.

My first game with the Saskatoon Commodores in the Northern League was in Kindersley. Prior to that game there had been some newspaper publicity on the good year I had had with Melville in the Southern League. Midway through the game with a man on first, a Klipper hit a slow ground ball to our second baseman. We tried for the double-play and on the relay at second, the runner from first slid in like a freight train cutting my legs out from under me resulting in a tumble in the dirt for both of us. It was a perfectly good clean slide that was followed with a sarcastic "Welcome to the Northern League" and shins that remained a multitude of colours for the next month. The runner was Jerry Flanagan. I played against him for many years after and saw that he continued to play with that same intensity and always with class.

Sometime later in the year while playing the Biggar Nationals, we faced Clarence Proctor. I was on a 10 or 11 game hitting streak and in that game every one of our hitters got at least one hit. However, Clarence Proctor tidily brought my hitting streak to an abrupt end. I went zero for five against his off-speed breaking pitches. Biggar had some hard-throwing Americans but I always preferred seeing them in the starting lineup rather than Clarence.

Ron Wallace was the first playing coach I met when I tried out for the Saskatoon Commodores in 1967. I continued to play ball with him over the following years. He was the first playing coach I had when I retired to play old timer baseball in 1987. As old timers, we played together in tournaments all over Saskatchewan, in Phoenix, AZ, and in a 50 plus tournament in Puerto Rico. Good memories on the diamond through a couple of decades.

Somewhere in some tournament I know I was in the batter's box while Bernie Albers toed the mound. Can't remember how it went for either of us. But I think I know how Bernie felt this past March, during what I imagine was a time of failing health for him, while his son Andrew pitched for Canada in the 2023 World Baseball Classic in Phoenix, AZ. I was in attendance at each of Canada's pool games and Andrew was one of the few bright lights on the mound for Canada. I know he did his father proud in each of his outings. I was proud that he was a baseball player from Saskatchewan.

Randy Munch. June 2023

I would be most appreciative if members would forward information or baseball story!

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Annual membership fees Jan1 to Dec 31, 2024 are now due.

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BASIC NOMINATION FORM

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[if deceased, include name, addresses and phone # of next of kin, or other contact]

THE CONTENTS OF THIS NOMINATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND DECLARED TRUE AND CORRECT. [Signature of nominee or representative.]

SIGNATURE _____

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**HOW TO PREPARE A NOMINATION FOR INDUCTION INTO
THE SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME**

BASIC NOMINATION FORM – complete this separate sheet, providing information of the Nominee and the Nominator.

-An individual is not allowed to nominate themselves.

-NOMINATION DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT MARCH 15TH EACH YEAR.

CATEGORIES

Individual -player or builder, or both. Builder includes coaches, managers, umpires , executive or any combination thereof. These are selected each year in April to be inducted in August of that year.

Team-selected one [1] year in advance.

Family-selected one [1] year in advance.

Team and family nominations should be prepared as close as possible according to the guidelines.

Community-selected one [1] year in advance.

Community nominations should be based on the history of the community and it's support of baseball.

THE SUMMARY

This should be a comprehensive, concise, written nomination of the individual, team, family or community of their contribution to **Saskatchewan's** rich baseball history.

It must be **-in the 2nd person-not the first.** [An individual is not able to nominate themselves.]

-typed or clearly printed

-no more than 3 pages in length

Each selection committee member will receive a copy to review prior to making the selection.

GUIDELINES-summary of baseball accomplishments should include

- position played
- awards,
- years of participation
- teams and leagues played in
- statistics, if available
- key games
- key championships
- nominee characteristics
- basic family information [name of spouse/number of children]
- Brief*** comments on community involvement or other accomplishments.
- Supportive materials**
- -first-hand accounts from peers, coaches, officials, or fans
- local, regional, provincial or national media and newspaper articles
- photographs

OTHER INFORMATION

The Selection Committee consists of thirteen [13] individuals from throughout the province. Each thoroughly reviews every nomination then votes to select those to be inducted. This voting is done the middle of April.

Nominations submitted but not selected are retained and presented in the following years until selected. Nominations not selected after being reviewed for five [5] years, may be determined inactive or rejected. **PLEASE GET YOUR NOMINATIONS IN BY MARCH 15, 2024.**

WINTER HOURS AT THE MUSEUM

The doors will be closed to the public until April 1, 2024.
Tours are available if arranged with 48 hours advance notice.
Call our number 306 446-1983

SPRING FLING

We look forward to seeing all our great friends and supporters of the Saskatchewan Baseball Museum at our 2024 Spring Fling on May 24 at 4:30 pm, Legion Hall, Battleford, SK.

This will be a fun-filled evening with a barbecue, games, raffles, and door prizes.

LET'S SOCIALIZE AND HAVE FUN!

WHAT'S ON AT THE MUSEUM TO THE END OF 2023

September 20: 9th Annual Ears and Beers-LEGION Hall, Battleford
December 13: Volunteer Christmas Dinner- LEGION
December 20: Open House AT MUSEUM

WHATS ON AT THE MUSEUM IN 2024

March 15: Deadline for nominations
April 14: Selection Committee Meeting 9:30 am-12:00 pm.
April 14: Lunch at museum-\$5.00
April 14: AGM 1:00 pm
May 24: Spring Fling. Happy Hour starts at 4:30 at the Legion Hall, Battleford, SK
August 17: 39th Annual Induction
September 20-Ears and Beers
December 13-Volunteer Christmas Dinner
December 20-Open House at Museum

TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR MOST VALUED MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS, PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR SUPPORT AS A VOLUNTEER AND/OR FINANCIAL SUPPORTER IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM ASSOCIATED INC.

JANE SHURY, PRESIDENT/CEO