

**SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL  
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**WELCOME----2019 INDUCTEES**

**INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY**

The Late Dwayne Andreen, Saskatoon, SK.  
Don Anweiler, Saskatoon, SK.  
Gary Brotzel, Regina, SK.  
Sharon Clarke, Regina, SK.  
Bernie Eiswirth, Regina, SK.  
Elmer Franks, Weyburn, SK.  
Don McIntyre, Wainwright, AB.[Neilburg]  
Ernie Moser, Mendham, SK.  
Dean Pylypow, North Battleford, SK.  
The Late Wes Reader, LaFleche, SK.  
Lawrence Sloan, Glaslyn, SK.  
The Late Bill Sobkow, Calder, SK.

**TEAM CATEGORY**

Hwas Baseball Team 1920's-1930's .  
Mendham Monarchs Baseball Team 1951-1993  
Mervin Juvenile Legionnaires 1948-1952

**FAMILY CATEGORY**

Beck Family, Lang, SK.

**COMMUNITY CATEGORY**

CITY OF WEYBURN, SK.

**WE ARE VERY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT  
OUR SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER IS FERGIE JENKENS**

- A Canadian born in 1942 in Chatham, Ontario, was a pitcher in Major League Baseball and is the first Canadian inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, New York in 1991.
- Was inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame, St. Marys, Ontario, in 1987.
- Was the recipient of the Lou Marsh Award as Top Athlete in 1974.
- Was the Canadian Press Male Athlete of the Year in 1967, 1968, 1971 and 1974.
- Was inducted onto Canada's Walk of Fame in 2001.
- Received the Order Of Canada in 2007.
- Was inducted into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.
- Plus much more!

**ORDER YOUR TICKETS EARLY!!**

## **OBITUARIES**

**DR. JOHN DUNCAN DEWAR, SASKATOON, SK.** Born March 7, 1932, John died December 13, 2018. John was a Life Member of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, contributing greatly to the development and research during its formative years. He was given an Honourary Induction in 2010, and was awarded the David Shury Cup in 2004.

**WALTER BUTTGEREIT, WEYBURN, SK.** died January 2, 2019, 10 days before his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, January 12, 2019. Walter was a Life Member and was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Individual Category in 1987.

**TERRY DONAHUE, EDMONTON, AB.,** died March 14, 2019 at 93 years of age. Terry was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Individual Category, in 1987. She was also a member of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League [AAGPBL], inducted in the 1991 Special Induction of the 25 girls from Saskatchewan that played in the AAGPBL.

**WALTER 'WALT' HAROLD BACKER, LLOYDMINSTER, AB.,** died March 18, 2019, at the age of 91. Walt was a member of the Notre Dame Hounds inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Team Induction in 2012.

**JOYCE DARLENE GEORGE, NORTH BATTLEFORD, SK.,** died March 12, 2019, at the age of 88 years. A member of the organization, Joyce was a volunteer for the museum for several years.

**ANNE FLYMA, NORTH BATTLEFORD, SK.,** died March 29, 2019. Anne was 90 years old. She was a Life Member of this organization.

## **FROM OUR READERS**

“Wow! Another great year! You and your elf’s do a wonderful job. I truly understand what work is involved in doing a newsletter. ----This spring [2018] I retired from Umpiring Officially. It was a great run where I met lots of great people and friends over the 30 plus years. Again, thank you for your hard work.” **David Burke, Kindersley, SK.**

“---Thanks for all you do.----!” **Dean and Velma Corbett, Macrorie, SK.**

“Thank you for your great work all year.-----.” **Ashley Perrin, Togo, SK.**

“Saw you on TV a couple of times.---Keep up the good work—you are amazing!! I caught for the Sceptre baseball team in the late 1950’s. Awesome team!” **Adam Fetsch, Goodsoil, SK.**

“Keep up the good work you are doing to keep our baseball history.” **Ted Suer, Humboldt, SK.**

“After 42 years, I am preparing to depart from at Seneca College. Cheers and keep cheering for the home team” **William “Bill” Humber, Bowmanville, Ont.**

“Another wonderful newsletter, Jane!” **Gail and Al Herback, Chestermere, AB.**

“---Hope all is well with you!” **Margaret and Barry Day, Stony Plain, AB**

“Great job on the Global News TV interview! I am very proud to be a member of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum! Keep up the great work!” **Doug Simon, Regina, SK.**

“----Thank you for all the work you put in every year.” **Paul Palendat, Wawota, SK.**

“-----Enjoyed seeing you on TV as well as visiting you for a short time at the museum. Maybe I'll get there again.”

**Gerry Batey, Macklin, SK.**

“Just a note to say how much I enjoy your newsletters. They are super great! I would love to attend one more induction ceremony, but, at my tender age of 94 I don't know!!! BUT, I will be there in thoughts.”

**Orvil Mything, Climax, SK**

“ ----All is well in the South East!” **Wade and Sharon Sauter, Fairlight, SK.**

“---I really like the newsletters.Keep up the good work.” **Reg Erhardt, Calgary, AB.**

“Thank you, Jane, for the invitation to the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction in August. Unfortunately, my immediate family will be celebrating my parent's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at this time. We would like to wish this year's inductees heartfelt congratulations on behalf of the Wallin Family. It is a wonderful accomplishment to be bestowed of this honour, and we appreciate the contribution they have all made to baseball and Saskatchewan. Best of luck with this year's induction, and thank you for the role you play in preserving Saskatchewan baseball history.”

**Brent Wallin, Calgary, AB.**

“—Thank you for the invitation to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction. I am sorry that we will not be in the area so will not be able to attend. Congratulations to the new inductees. We will be there in spirit.”

**Lorna Klein, [nee: Gunther] Kelowna, BC.**

### **JANE'S CORNER**

---Life member, and a 2003 Inductee, Robert “BOB” Burns, Estevan, SK celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday February 1, 2019. Upon wishing him birthday greetings, his response was, “I can still hear okay. I can still see okay, but, I do not know about my mind. I haven't asked anyone about that! “ However, Bob, you can still make people laugh! Remember, “Laughter is life's best medicine!”

---The story of the Saskatchewan Baseball Historical Reviews.

The Founder, Dave Shury, edited and published an annual review for the years 1984 through 1998. Sales of these books decreased with the introduction of the internet. However, files for each following year were kept and 4 years ago funds were secured to complete and publish one or possibly two reviews a year. The format of the book has been changed to accommodate the demand. We do not have to have 500 published at once, as previously. We can now have any amount printed as needed.

Attempts have been made to promote sales of these reviews that contain the pictures of that year's inductees along with their baseball career information. Also, included are all the Saskatchewan Minor Baseball Championship teams, with their team stories and coloured team photographs, except for those teams that did not reply to the request for their information. I'm certain the young ball players would love to see their team picture in this Historical Review. Few are interested in purchasing books.

#### **2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 AND 2017 HISTORICAL BASEBALL REVIEWS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

The cost for these reviews is \$25.00 plus \$5.00 shipping. HOWEVER, if you order 5 or more books, shipping is free.

**Call or email your order today.**

## The 1987 Pan-Am Team Reunion--By Dave Shury

(Taken from the author's column of September 4, 1987)

It was a little over a year ago that Joe Zeman of Saskatoon reminded me that 1987 would be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the forming of the Canadian Senior Baseball Team to represent Canada at the 1967 Pan-American Games at Winnipeg. He also felt that this would be an excellent time for a reunion of the team.

I immediately took up the idea and began contacting former members. All in all, with the players and the administration of the team, there were 26 members, 25 of who I was able to contact. To this day there is still one team member from London, Ontario that I have never been able to reach. Curly Haas of Winnipeg, had passed away back in 1977. Everyone else was still living.

On the weekend of our Hall of Fame banquet, we had a reunion of the Pan-Am people. Exactly one-half of the 26 showed up. Of the ones unable to come, one member could not attend because he was involved in an important baseball school in Montreal. Two fellows from Ontario were unable to attend because they were coaching the Pan-Am Team in Indianapolis. Two fellows from Manitoba had to bow out because they too were coaching a Junior Ball Team, which was representing Manitoba in the Western Canada Games in Regina that weekend. One fellow from Manitoba had to bow out at the last moment because of a death in the family, as did the other co-chairman of the Winnipeg Pan-Am Committee.

On Saturday afternoon, August 15, 1987, the Pan-Am Old Timers played against the North Battleford Old Timers at Beaver-Lions Stadium in North Battleford. The Pan-Am Old Timers came away with a 6-5 victory. What amazed me was that everyone who came was playing it seriously, was in excellent shape and played to win.

That evening a mixer was held in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall. Many reminiscences were told (including a few lies) and everyone agreed to hold another reunion in four years' time at Brandon, Man.

It would appear that in 1991, on the team's 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the World Youth Baseball Tournament will be held in Brandon. This was the site of the training camp of the team and for all of them Brandon holds many memories.

From the administration side of the Pan-Am Team there were present: Herb Sparrow and myself of North Battleford, Don Sumner of Brandon and Bob Lacoursiere of Saskatoon. From the actual team there were Joe Zeman of Saskatoon, Gerry McKay of Brandon, Gladwyn Scott of Warren, Manitoba, Ross Stone of Port Hardy, BC, Erwin Doerksen of Moose Jaw, Larry Bachieu of Regina, Lane Jackson of Kindersley, Ken Ewasiuk, of Edmonton and Maurice Oakes of Hinton, Alberta.

The 1967 Pan-Am Baseball Team was doubly significant; it was the first time that Canada had ever put together a truly national senior baseball team and it was the first time that Canada had been to the Pan-Am Games in baseball.

Today baseball is a recognized sport on the Olympic calendar and probably owed this recognition to the fact that Canada fielded a team in 1967. The Pan-Am's are an arm of the Olympic movement and in 1967 Avery Brundage controlled the Olympics (and also the Pan-Am's) with an iron fist. He was very strongly opposed to professionalism and also had a deep hatred for baseball. Try as one might, while Brundage was living it was impossible for baseball to get on the Olympic calendar.

Originally there were to be eight countries represented at Winnipeg. However, at the last moment, due to some internal politics Venezuela, Nicaragua and Columbia were disqualified by the World Baseball Federation. Because of lack of time, replacements were unable to come to Winnipeg.

If Canada had not fielded the team, this would have reduced the total number of teams to four and would have taken interest away from the crowds attending the games.

As it was, there were only five teams and they had to play a double round robin. The teams entered were Cuba, the United States, Porto Rico, Mexico, and Canada. Even with the rather unattractive program, baseball outdrew all other sports with over 98,000 paid attendance. The nearest rival was soccer with 60,000 paid attendance. Soccer had a far more attractive field of teams and the Canadian soccer team was a contender, whereas the Canadian Baseball Team ended up in the last position.

What is important is that Brundage and his people were looking for an excuse to drop baseball from the Pan-Am calendar and if this had happened you can be certain that today it would not be an Olympic sport. However, because Canada participated and because of the outstanding crowds at the games, the Pan-Am's did not dare drop baseball. As a result, it is still on the Pan-Am calendar and will make its debut in 1992 in the Olympics at Barcelona, Spain. If at all possible, I would like to be present when the first Olympic baseball game is played five years hence.

## **Birthday Wishes to the following members of the Board**

Earl Berard	April 23
Ione Berard	April 18
Jim Golightly	April 16
Ryan Herman	March 10
Ray Hoover	January 13
Don Macdonald	February 26
Bill Selnes	April 29
Marg Woodard	February 25

Birthday wishes to all who celebrated their birthday in January, February, March and April.  
Also, Get well wishes to all who may have or are experiencing health issues.

### **MEMBERSHIPS – SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER**

#### **25 YEAR MEMBERSHIP**

Paul Palendat, Wawota, SK	Mervin Zulynik, N. Battleford, SK
Dodsland Lions Club, Dodsland, SK	

#### **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP – 2018**

Barrie Day, Stony Plain, AB	Wally Kaminski, Regina, SK
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#### **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP - 2019**

Reg F. Belliveau, Surrey, BC	Greg Brons, Saskatoon, SK
Arthur J. Burdett, N. Battleford, SK	Bev Currie, Swift Current, SK
Barrie Day, Stony Plain, AB	Roger Giesbrecht, N. Battleford, SK
Murray Gray, Maymont, SK	Lorne Harasen, Regina, SK
Dennis Hebig, Saskatoon, SK	Bev Hickie, Estevan, SK
Frank Hilbert, Saskatoon, SK	Ray Hoover, N. Battleford, SK
Bump Hudson, Moose Jaw, SK	Wally Kaminski, Regina, SK
Gordon MacKinnon, Saskatoon, SK	Ivan Millard, Regina, SK
Bud Miller, Saskatoon, SK	Dr. Morris Mott, Brandon, Man.
Bob Norrish, Strongfield, SK	Brock Stevens, Regina, SK
Cal Thompson, Saskatoon, SK	Gordon Townsend, Regina, SK
Tom Weatherald, Wawota, SK	

#### **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP – 2020**

Barrie Day, Stony Plain, AB	Jim Lyons, Prince Albert, SK
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#### **DONATIONS (received since last newsletter)**

Janet Anderson, N. Battleford, SK	Bob & Dayle Armstrong, Saskatoon, SK
Reg F. Belliveau, Surrey, BC	Earl Berard, Moose Jaw, SK
Bev & Mona Brooks, Asquith, SK	Shiral Brown, Wiseton, SK
Arthur J. Burdett, N. Battleford, SK	Jim Currie, Mervin, SK
Adam Fetsch, Goodsoil, SK	Ray Frehlick, Estevan, SK
Lloyd Guenther, Vancouver, BC	Dennis Hebig, Saskatoon, SK
Bud Miller, Saskatoon, SK	Orvil E. Mything, Climax, SK
Paul Palendat, Wawota, SK	Wade & Sharon Sauter, Fairlight, SK
Doug & Annette Schultz, Watrous, SK	Jack Scott, Fairmont Hot Springs, BC
Doug Simon, Regina, SK	Lee & Sheila Taves, Turtleford, SK
Cal Thompson, Saskatoon, SK	Garry Shury, Yorkton, SK
Ed Weber, Wilkie, SK	Don Orr Jr., Kelowna, BC
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**DONATIONS – “IN MEMORY”—(received since last newsletter)**

Mr. & Mrs. Garry Olafson, Moose Jaw, SK- (Garry was part of the Moose Jaw Team Induction 2013  
“In Memory” of NEIL MILLARD, Moose Jaw, SK. (Family Induction in 2010)

“In Memory” of WALTER BUTTGEREIT, Weyburn, Sask. (Life Member and 1987 Inductee)  
--Pamela Benson, McTaggart, SK (Father was Walter Buttgereit)  
--Trevor & Sandra Vargo, Regina, SK  
--Rudy Tangedal, Salt Coats, SK  
--Glen Ehrhardt, Gladmar, SK

Glenda Berard, Lumsden, SK – “In Memory” of husband ARTHUR BERARD (1996 Inductee)

Benard & Darcy Elias, Battleford, SK – “In Memory” of MARNIE SHURY  
(Wife of Brent Shury, Mother of Broc, Jared, Dane, the late Zac Shury, and daughter-in-law of Jane.

Wayne Thompson, Edmonton, AB (Life Member and 2016 Inductee)

“In Memory” of:

- 1) GORDON MAC MURCHY (1989 Inductee), a personal friend, a friend of the family, a Sask. Baseball Coach and an Umpire during my ball playing years
- 2) CAMERON ROEMMELE, our Godson, who is playing baseball in a heavenly place
- 3) NORMAN BELL – a high school friend, a fellow baseball player and a special friend of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

\*\*\*\*\***Planned Giving—A Legacy for the Future**\*\*\*\*\*

A legacy is anything handed down by an ancestor or predecessor, or from the past. As a person interested in baseball, you can appreciate the value of the rich Baseball Heritage left to us by our predecessors.

The Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was founded in 1983 by the Late David W. Shury, who had a dream of preserving, housing and displaying the rich history of baseball in Saskatchewan and to honour those that were responsible for this heritage. Today, thanks to the dedication of the many volunteers, the Hall of Fame and Museum has operated since 1983, It has always been a tourist attraction but this has increased dramatically with Canada’s Biggest Bat now displayed on the premises.

This is your invitation to make your legacy in a form of a planned gift to the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Contact the office for details.

**OUR CALENDAR PROJECT**

Our Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame annual calendar project began in 1989 and has continued ever since. Funds from this project assist in the day to day operation of this organization. All you have to do is buy a \$50.00 ad that will be included in the 2020 calendar that will be published and available on the day of our 35<sup>th</sup> Induction. Our target is to reach 160 ads for this 2020 calendar. Some suggestions for what you may consider for your ad is congratulating someone, a team, family or community that will be inducted this year. Another suggestion is to solicit an ad from a business in your area. This calendar includes a photograph of the individual inductees, the team[s], the family and the community that will be inducted. It is a great souvenir and/or gift. Only \$10.00! Order now!

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Good day!

Each year the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame hosts a celebration in honour of those that contributed to our rich Saskatchewan baseball history.

We are very proud to announce that the **35th Annual Induction** will be held in Battleford, **Saturday, August 17, 2019.**

In celebration of this milestone event, we will be publishing our annual calendar, for the year, **2020**. This will be available on Induction Day, **August 17, 2019.**

Included in this calendar will be pictures of all the 2019 inductees, other baseball pictures and the ads of our supporters.

We would love to have you purchase one or two ads in this **2020** calendar.

One black and white ad costs only \$50.00 [GST included]. This ad will be approximately the size of a business card. If you are one of our previous advertisers, we ask for your continued support. **We want you on our team!**

This organization, incorporated in 1983, exists on funds from membership fees, donations and various fund-raisers, and does not receive Provincial or Federal funding for operating.

Yours in baseball,

Jane Shury  
President/CEO

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Please forward what you would like on your ad.

A business card?  
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*ORDER FORM FOR INDUCTION BANQUET TICKETS*

-----ADULT TICKET[S] @ \$75.00 EACH===== \$-----

-----CHILDREN **UNDER 12** @ 40.00 EACH===== \$-----

TOTAL [enclosed]----- \$-----

**AN INCOME TAX RECEIPT WILL BE ISSUED FOR A PORTION OF EACH TICKET**

Please provide names for tax receipts.

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**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS-----MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019**

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We will be attending in honour of -----

*[Individual, Team, Family]*

*Please provide names of persons using these tickets.*

*The building is accessible. If wheelchair space is required, please advise.*

If you are unable to attend in person, please consider making a donation for which you will receive a 100% tax receipt. Your support would be greatly appreciated

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**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.**  
**If you have already paid, please disregard this. Thank You!**

**LIFE MEMBERS, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS REMINDER--DONATIONS ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**

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**APPRECIATION TO OUR 2019 GOLD SPONSORS**

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