

Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum



NEWSLETTER

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We are proud to announce our 2026 Inductees

Individuals: George Dimas, Regina
Trevor Drury, Outlook
Peter Duncan, Red Deer
David George, Battleford
Tony Kuffner, Regina
Barry Martin, Wiseton
The Late Archie Sanderson, Avonlea
Dr. Craig Weran, Meadow Lake
Glen Winkler, Meadow Lake
Troy Winterhalt, Lloydminster

Teams: 197 Lumsden Cubs
1971 North Battleford
Junior Beavers
1960's Unity Cardinals

Family: Flaman Family, Vibank

APPRECIATION AND SINCERE THANKS TO OUR 2026 GOLD SPONSORS

Battleford Furniture Ltd, Battleford
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Baseball Sask., Regina
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Regina Red Sox Baseball, Regina
Earl & Ina Berard, North Battleford

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

OBITUARIES

GERALD HESKETT, Saskatoon SK – passed away June 5, 2025. Gerald was inducted in the Individual Category in 1995.

ROSE SINCLAIR, Calgary AB – passed away January 10, 2026. Rose was a Lifetime Member.

DONATIONS IN MEMORY



“In Memory” of Jim Baba. Inducted in the Individual Category in 2009. Donated by Greg Brons, Saskatoon SK.

“In Memory” of Harvey Nybo. Inducted in the Individual Category in 2014 and Team Category as part of the Swift Current Indians in 2015. Donated by Cheryl Nybo, Shannon Leclerc and Karen Nybo, Winnipeg MB.

“In Memory” of Arlo Harris & Oliver Harris. Arlo was inducted in the Individual Category in 1987. Oliver was inducted in the Individual Category in 2001. Donated by Green Head Farms Ltd, Landis SK.

“In Memory” of Alf Bexfield. Alf was inducted in the Individual Category in 2004 and Team Category in 2011 as part of the members of the Lashburn Linnetts/Cardinals. Donated by Ronald Bexfield, Lashburn SK.

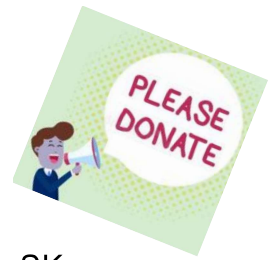
“In Memory” of Darren Kowaluk. Darren was Inducted in 2015 as a member of the Saskatoon Outlaws and again in 2025 as a member of the 1978 Melville Bantam A Millionaires. Donated by Bev Kowaluk, Parksville, BC.

“In Memory” of Wayne Pusch. Wayne was inducted in the Individual Category in 2013 and again in 2015 as a member of the Swift Current Indians 1950–1975. Donated by Linda Pusch, Regina SK.

“In Memory” of Pete Prediger. Pete was inducted into the Individual Category in 1985. Donated by Robert & Dale McEwen, Lloydminster AB.

“In Memory” of Gordon MacMurchy, Cameron Roemmele, and Norm Bell. Gordon was inducted in the Individual Category in 1989. Cameron, our Godson, who has gone on to play on the lord’s baseball team, and Norm Bell ball player from Semans SK, classmate and very special friend. Donated by Ann and Robert Wayne Thompson, Edmonton AB

DONATIONS



Earl Berard, Moose Jaw SK
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Olive & Wally Mills, Battleford SK



FROM OUR READERS:

"Merry Christmas! Hope this finds you all healthy and happy. Keep up the good work!"

Ian Perrin

"THANKS Jane! Merry Christmas to you and yours! All the best in 2026!"

Don McMillan

"Seasons Greetings to one and all. I wanted to inform you that previous inductee, Gerald Heskett of Saskatoon passed away on June 5, 2025, at the age of 84. Regards and Best wishes"

Bob Armstrong

"May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Thanks for what you do!"

David Schreiner

"Thanks for all you do to keep Baseball Alive"

Cheryl Nybo

"Merry Christmas Jane and Staff! All the best in 2026!"

Mike Ramage

"To the Board: Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thanks for what you do for Baseball! Congratulations"

Gerry Lister

Thank you all for your letters, emails and phone calls encouraging us to keep up the good work. These are greatly appreciated. Please send us your story – it will be in the next newsletter! Thanks!

New Board Executive

Earl Berard, President
Ray Beck, Past President
Ina Williams, Secretary

Ryan Herman, 1st Vice-President
Larry Romanow, 2nd Vice-President

Earl's Vision

“Together we will succeed as we move forward into the future”

Souvenirs:

We have some new Big Bat Design Souvenirs.
(Plus, Shipping if shipped)



Stainless Steel Water Bottles:	\$ 18.00
Mug:	\$ 10.00
(5) Stickers:	\$ 3.00
Keychain:	\$ 2.00



T-Shirt



Hoodie (Front)



Hoodie (Back)

T-Shirts \$25 (M/L/XL/XXL)

Hoodies \$50 (M/L/XL/XXL)



MEMBERSHIPS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

New Life Memberships

Baseball Saskatoon

New Regular Members

Pat Lalonde
Bob Coates
Ken Karius

Renewals in 2026

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM

August 15, 2026
September 18, 2026
December 4, 2026

41st Annual Induction
Ears & Beers
Volunteer Christmas Dinner



Facebook: Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Please check it out and hit the “follow” button to find out all the news happening at the Museum.



We hold 3 events each year. Spring Fling in May
Annual Induction in August, and Ears & Beers in
September.

We need volunteers to help with decorating, cooking, kitchen prep, and clean up.
Throughout the year, come help us fold Newsletters and stuff envelopes.

Volunteers are invited to our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Supper in
December, and Free Supper if you help out at our Events.

The Story Behind “Canada’s Biggest Bat”

The original big bat that was displayed at the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Battleford when it was located on 20th Street West, was built by Graham Whiting in his backyard in Meadow Lake. It was built in 1991 to honor the members of the 1945 Women’s Fastball Provincial Champion Meadow Lake Stampeders. Members of that team included Cecile Jarrett and Mae Fournier, whose husband Gabe Fournier was once the Mayor of Meadow Lake.

The bat was made from a pine tree originally 20 feet long and 3 feet in diameter and donated by Chubby Bronkin from the Mill in Meadow Lake. It took one month to shape using axes, planers, routers, and sanders and 10 gallons of linseed oil. The final product was meant to resemble a modern-day Louisville Slugger bat but about six times the size. The final bat being 18 feet in length.

When the bat won first place in the Meadow Lake Stampede Parade in 1991, Dave Shury saw an article about it in the newspaper in North Battleford, probably the News Optimist. Dave called Graham to ask if he would donate it to the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. When Graham agreed to do so, Don Marsh of Meadow Lake helped him load it onto a trailer to be transported to Battleford. The bat was located at the Museum until deteriorated into millions of pieces and was removed in 2002.

In 1993, a second bat was donated to the museum by the Saskatchewan Roughriders. That bat had been on display at an exhibition game May 3, 1993, between the Blue Jays and the National Baseball Institute in Regina, with signatures of the Blue Jays and many fans. This bat met the same fate as its predecessor.

Since 2004, the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum continued to negotiate this project of bringing the Largest Bat in Canada, to the Town of Battleford. After years of setbacks, the Association succeeded in raising sufficient funds and all necessary confirmation for the project to be manufactured and. It was manufactured in Saskatoon and transported by truck, attracting a great deal of interest on its journey to Battleford.

This bat is made of fiberglass on the outside, with a backbone for structural support and foam surrounding the “I” beam. It is over 55 feet in length, 5 feet in diameter at the large end, weighing 3300 pounds.

“Canada’s Biggest Bat”, was officially unveiled on Saturday, August 16, 2014, and is located on the Museum property, 292 – 22 Street, Battleford, SK.

Prior to that time, the Biggest Bat in Canada was thought to be located at Toronto’s Skydome (now Rogers Centre), home of the Toronto Blue Jays.

In the late 1990’s the wood bat shaped by Graham Whiting was eclipsed in size by the one on the corner of 97th Street and 188th Avenue in Edmonton.

In 2014, the bat in Edmonton was outdone by the current bat at the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, which remains the Largest Baseball Bat in Canada.

The World’s Largest Bat is located at the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory in Louisville, Kentucky, USA

Visit the Town of Battleford and take pictures with “Canada’s Biggest Bat”.

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SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

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AMOUNT OF DONATION \$ _____ **INCOME TAX RECEIPT ISSUED FOR DONATION**

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

REGULAR Membership _____ \$25.00 **NEW / RENEWAL** **LIFE** Membership _____ \$200.00 **NEW**

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INDUCTION BANQUET TICKETS FORM

DATE _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ PROV _____

POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE# _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ATTENDING IN HONOUR OF: _____
(Individual, Team, Family or Community)

Adult - **\$100.00** X _____ \$ _____

Children (**10** years and under) - **\$40.00** X _____ \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

BANQUET TICKETS:

Deadline for ordering tickets is FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

All tickets must be paid for in advance of the event.

Please pick up your banquet tickets at the Museum before 2:00 pm at 292 – 22 Street, Battleford SK. If not picked up at the Museum before 2:00, they will be held at the door.

If you need wheelchair space, please advise us in advance.

TIME and LOCATION

Alex Dillabough Centre (421 – 28th Street West, Battleford, SK.)

Doors open at 3:30 pm. Guests must be seated by 5:20 pm.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Sorry, we do not take credit cards

E-Transfers to: saskbaseballmuseum@sasktel.net

Cheques Payable to: Saskatchewan Baseball Museum

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT US:

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