



# NEWSLETTER

Issue 1 - 2017

## **ALUMNI STAG - ELMWOOD LEGION #9**

Our annual Lacrosse Alumni Stag on Sunday, April 23, 2017 was another success. We had about 100 people in attendance but still need to get more of the younger crowd out as well. The Manitoba Lacrosse Hall of Fame were out as well. We also had Doug Krochak out with his Vintage t-shirts for sale of many teams from the past few decades.

As always a big thank you to our many sponsors of prizes and food. Brad Krulicki of Winnipeg Moving donated all of our food for the afternoon, Rob Gardner of Winnipeg Outfitters, Jon Wozniak of EMB Canada, Grant Carter of Applied Tech, Scott Kinnear of Tim Hortons, Pete Stepien of International Fur Dressers, Clive McLennan of Palmer Badger, Superstores, Len Morrow, Butch Wozniak, Mac and many more. We cannot move forward without you.

Also a big thank you to our volunteers always there to help as well. Len Morrow, Garry McLaughlin, Gord Chem, Jim Palmer, Butch Wozniak, Glen Henkewich, Gord Pottinger, Norm Isford, Mac and anyone I may have missed.

Norm has been a great addition, taking over all photography.

Anyone who can DONATE a PRIZE for our Lacrosse Alumni Stag please contact: Mac – 204-663-7676

Butch Wozniak-204-669-3091 / Len Morrow – 204-261-5366 / Glen Henkewich – 204-633-1502

Please mark down next year's date on your calendar.

## **2018 ANNUAL LACROSSE ALUMNI STAG**

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018 (1:00 – 5:00 PM)

ELMWOOD LEGION # 9, 920 NAIRN AVENUE

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Dave Gillis

Keith McLennan



## *Sam K. Thompson Award Winner*

### *Dave Gillis*

Dave Gillis played most of his career at Kelvin Community Club. He was a strong player with a talent for scoring. He had a long and great box lacrosse career and also went on to play field lacrosse, winning a National Championship. Dave was also very involved in coaching in both Box and Field Lacrosse.

*Dave Gillis, another deserving Sam K. Thompson award winner!*

## **2017 Manitoba Local Lacrosse Updates**

In the Manitoba High School Field Lacrosse League we had some fantastic games throughout the season. Most teams seemed very even in skill level which made for some exciting games. In the city A Final West Kildonan won over Sturgeon Heights in an excellent game. In the city B final it was River East over Powerview. The following weekend we had the Provincial Championships. In the A Final again, it was West Kildonan defeating Garden city for the win. The B side final had Sturgeon Heights over Powerview. For both weekends there were great crowds with some great lacrosse being played.

### **Champions of the Red River Minor Lacrosse for 2017 went as follows:**

Novice A - Gryphons

Novice B - Sidewinders #2

Pee wee A - Shamrocks #1

Pee wee B - Sidewinders #1

Pee wee C - Sidewinders #2

Bantam A - Ojibway

Bantam B - Gryphons

Midget - Falcons

Thanks as always goes out to all coaches, managers & area volunteers!

We had a Senior Box league on wednesday nights this year with 4 teams competing. This was run by Glen Henkewich who did a great job getting it all organized and getting over age players back in the game. It was run out of Maples Arena, and we hope for it to get bigger and better for 2018.

We also had the ***“Time to Relax” Senior Box Tournament*** again this year which came down to the Neddy Bears defeating the Centurions in the final. Overall the tournament was excellent with very close games and a great display of goaltending.

Eli Batt and Keenan Koswin played Junior A again this year. Eli played with the Saskatchewan Swat while Keenan Koswin joined forces with the Coquitlam Adanacs. Both had great seasons again. Congratulations.



The Manitoba Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum Board have joined with the Manitoba Lacrosse Alumni Board following discussions that together we could assist each other when major events take place. The Lacrosse Alumni Association will be separate from the Hall of Fame Board. However, John Schillinger, our treasurer, will also take care of their finances. Keith McLennan will have a seat at our HOF board table and will be able to utilize our volunteer base to assist with the annual Alumni gathering at the Legion. We have been operating in this manner for about 6 months and you may have noticed some of the people assisting with the event had changed somewhat.

I would like to thank all the former Alumni members who served for so many years to make our Lacrosse Alumni Board one of the most active in Canada.

I apologize if I miss a name, but off the top of my head, I think of the work of the O'Dowda brothers, Bill Allum, Len Morrow, Daryll Young, Jim Palmer, Butch Wozniak, Dick Paulley, Ernie Gaudreau, Gord Chem, Cliff Hamilton, Ken Simpson, and Bob Tatt. They paved the way for our new group of volunteers to continue with the work to keep our Alumni and Hall of Fame as active as it can possibly be.

**MUSEUM** - You noticed I added the word museum to our title. We will never have enough money to have an actual physical museum, but with new technology we have developed a virtual museum that you can enter at any time. It is also easy to notify your friends and family about the museum. They can enter and read all about the history of lacrosse in Manitoba, major events in our history, and individual and team inductees into our Hall of Fame. As we learn more, we will update the information in our museum.

How to get there???

The web site is  
[www.mblacrossehof.ca](http://www.mblacrossehof.ca).

You can also google it and tap the first line that includes our website. Doug Krochak is currently updating the information which appears before you enter the permanent display. Should you have any information that you would be useful to us in terms of interest in lacrosse of the past or the future get in touch with Doug Krochak, who is currently updating the information which appears before entry into the the permanent display. Should you have any information that you feel would be useful to us in terms of interest of past or future events, get in touch with Doug. His email is [dkrochak@shaw.ca](mailto:dkrochak@shaw.ca).

The next Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place in October of 2018. Nomination forms can be found on our virtual museum website and can be sent to any of our Board members or to the Manitoba Lacrosse Association at 145 Pacific Avenue (R33226). They will forward the form to our office. Please note the dates that are listed in the nomination form, as we do not accept late entries. Also keep in mind we have our Induction Ceremony every second year.

Current Board members are:

Tom Parker	<a href="mailto:tom.parker@lrsd.net">tom.parker@lrsd.net</a>
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## ***2017 MB Blizzard Junior Lacrosse***

The **Manitoba Blizzard** were back in the **Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League** (RMLL) returning for the first time as "DEFENDING CHAMPIONS".

They came out of the gate very strong and set new records with an 18 win - 2 loss record finishing first in their division. 5 Blizzard members were in the top 6 for point production as well. Team captain Colin Poitras led the North division with 35 goals & 66 assists for 101 points. Blaze Bezecki was not far behind with 42 goals & 30 assists for 72 points. Next to him was Andy Szun with 26 goals & 42 assists. Andy did this damage in only 13 games after returning from Carthage College playing NCAA Field Lacrosse. Right behind Andy was last year's scoring champ Kelson Borisenko who also only managed to get 13 games coming back from the NCAA Manhattan Jaspers but produced 36 goals & 29 assists for 65 points. Troy Gutkowski had 62 points on 28 goals & 34 helpers and played all 20 games.

Another bright spot the last 2 seasons has been the goaltending of Riley Maydanuk who finished 2nd in the North this season with a save percentage of .838.

There is a new format this season as well so the Blizz played the Sask Swat in a best of 5 series with the winner going to the final four in Edmonton. They dominated the Swat taking 3 straight wins and moving on to the final four in Edmonton Aug. 4 - 7.

They started late Friday night against the Calgary Chill and came out with a double OT win with Kelson Borisenko coming up with the game winner. The RMLL had it in for the Blizz as they were off the floor in the early morning Saturday and back on for a 9:00 am game against the powerful Red Deer Rampage.

The very short break was an issue as the Rampage walked away with an 11-9 win. Blizz were back at it at 6 pm that night against the host Edmonton Warriors and were rejuvenated coming away with a 15 - 5 win.

That put us into the Sunday semi-final against the Calgary Chill and we came out strong taking full control with a 13 - 2 drubbing for the Blizzard.

With a full night's rest it was a final as expected, Red Deer Rampage vs Manitoba Blizzard. The Blizz played a great team game and got the as expected great goaltending from Riley Maydanuk and ended with a 12 - 8 championship WIN ! BACK to BACK CHAMPS!!

I had texted a player after my own heart, Kelson Borisenko after defeating the Swat in the East final and talked to him again after the final four weekend and on their way home.

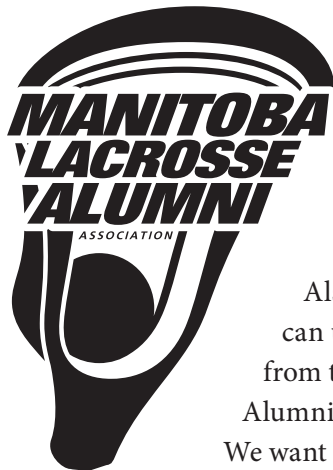
He mentioned that they stayed out of the penalty box much better than previously and all parts of their game came together at the right time. They played strong defensive game and dominated while short handed as well which frustrated their opponents. As you can see from the stats above they have no shortage of goal scorers.

a big high five to Captain Colin Poitras who proved to be a great team leader. Congratulations to coach Trevor Anyan and his staff for another job well done.

Also one last thing, congratulations to Kelson Borisenko for receiving MVP honours as well. AWESOME JOB MB BLIZZARD!!!!

The Blizzard went on to finish fourth in the Founder's Cup, but played exceptionally well with some very close games that could've gone either way.

*Yours in Lacrosse,  
Keith (Mac) McLennan  
Lax Alumni President*



### ***Manitoba Lacrosse Alumni Membership***

If you are an "out of town" Member and would like to keep receiving our Annual Newsletter please fill out the attached Membership application below.

Also fill out the application below if you have an address change so we can update our records. There are still many lacrosse players out there from the past many years that are not yet involved with our Lacrosse Alumni so please pass this on or make a copy to get them involved as well. We want to get more of these players out to our Annual Stag and on our Membership list.

All profits from our Membership and Alumni Stag go directly towards the printing / mailing of our Annual Newsletter and funding assistance as needed in the Manitoba Lacrosse Association system. If you already are a member or a regular at our Annual Stag in late April, then we thank you for your great support and staying involved in the Lacrosse Alumni.



### ***Application for Membership*** ***The Manitoba Lacrosse Alumni Association***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate:

- ☐ \$5.00 (1-year)  
☐ \$10.00 (2-year)  
☐ \$25.00 (Lifetime)

Please make cheque payable to: Manitoba Lacrosse Alumni Association  
Mail to: Manitoba Lacrosse Alumni, 414 Gilmore Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R2G 2G6

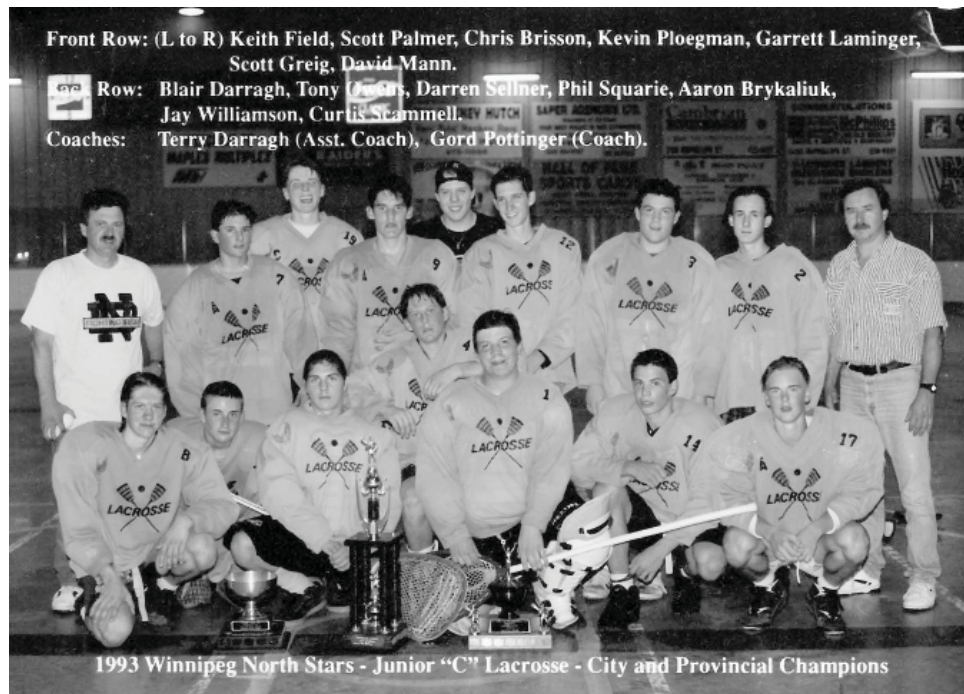


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team??????*



If you know any of the players in the pictures below please contact them and get them out to the next Lacrosse Alumni get together.



## Kelvin Midgets



Back row: K. Delgaty, B. Gruszecky, C. Downey, J. Harris, D. Tykannon, R. Smith, W. Stopa. Middle row: Jack Passey (Mgr.), T. Passey, A. Zarrillo, D. MacCaulay, D. Stekler, D. Cook, B. Kealer, Bill Stearns (Coach). Front row: K. McLennan, J. Thompson, T. Zarrillo, D. Forgie





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## St. Boniface Juveniles



*Back row:* Gordon Burr (Manager), B. Hanec, D. Burr, T. Stadnyk, T. Ruban, G. Humphreys, I. O'Neil, R. Malawski (Coach). *Front row:* W. Coyle, D. Harding, S. Faris, M. Kubinec, G. Fingas, L. Murphy.

## Heritage Midgets



*Back row:* J. Graham, R. Lirberg, M. Greenaway, P. Switzer, T. Dugan. *Middle row:* Jim McKay (Coach), J. Kapusta, R. Dobel, D. Curtis, K. Corbett, Keith McKay (Mgr). *Front row:* B. Henderson, T. Spencer, S. Davies, M. Deegan, K. Watt.





## HARRY ROSENBAUM

Born: Oct 23, 1925

Date of Passing: May 06, 2017

HARRY ROSENBAUM October 23, 1925 - May 6, 2017 "A life well lived" Harry Rosenbaum was a mensch, a good person in every sense of the word. He was kind, gentle, compassionate, generous, humble, witty, social and loving. He left a valuable impression on anyone he met regardless of age. Harry was predeceased by his parents Fanny and Sam, and his brother Joe. He was a loving and devoted husband to his wife Dora of 67 years. Dora and Harry had a caring marriage in which they encountered an incredible number of friends and kept strong long lasting relationships. Be it their Redwood friends, the Gimli group, the UJPO crowd, numerous choirs they sang in, and all the people they met along the way, everyone would always say how much they loved and admired Harry. Harry was a loving and devoted father to Lin, Norman (Judy), Sid (Harriet); and grandfather to Sam, David and Jessica. He would never miss any of their sports and concerts, he was always a staunch supporter of any of their activities. Harry was proud of his North End roots. He attended St. John's High School where he played football, but left school early to enlist. He was a Second World War veteran serving two years in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in Holland, Belgium, France and Germany. After his military service Harry became active in the General Monash legion playing bugle in the band and participating in Remembrance Day services up until November 2016. Harry was an electrician by trade and worked for over 50 years. He started with Thompson Electric, which then became State Electric, before venturing out on his own with Lin. Harry did a large amount of work for organizations and friends. He was active in his community and was a key player in getting the Boyd Park Community Centre established. He was inducted into the Manitoba Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a builder in October 2016. Harry truly lived a full life and left his legacy for all of us to follow. He was a giving man with a zest for living and we are all very lucky to have known him. Thank you to the wonderful and compassionate staff at the St. Boniface Hospital Emergency and 5E departments, as well as Nurse Hazel at Beacon Hill Lodge. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice, the Salvation Army or the Museum of Human Rights.

*As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on May 13, 2017*



## **JAMES GEORGE OGSTON**

Born: Jul 04, 1945

Date of Passing: Jul 27, 2017

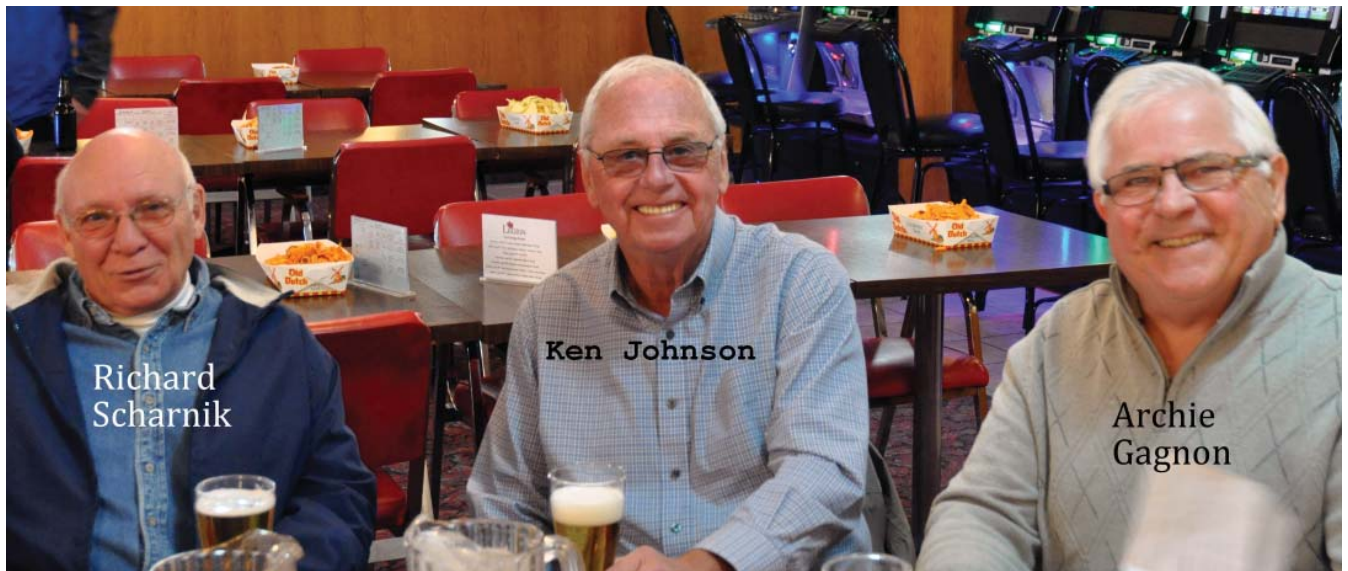
**JAMES GEORGE OGSTON** James George Ogston passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 27, 2017, at St. Boniface Hospital. "Oggie" was born July 4, 1945. Jim leaves to mourn his wife of 27 years, Lou Ogston; his daughters Jill (Sean Johnston and grandson Jay) and Jenny (Greg Batte and grandchildren Capri and Perry), his stepdaughter Darcie Roy (grandson Dawson); his stepson Dale Qually (Kaylyn and granddaughter Shyla), his sister Judy Morier (Ed), and numerous relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his first wife Betty Jean Ogston (née White) in 1980, and by his parents Isabel and James Sr. Jim earned a bachelor's degree (science in education) from the University of North Dakota, a bachelor's degree (education) from the University of Manitoba, and a master's degree (outdoor education) from Michigan State. He began his teaching career with the Transcona Springfield School Division, then taught in Brisbane, Australia, for two years. He continued his career with the St. Boniface School Division, first as a physical education teacher and later as physical education supervisor. After he retired from the Louis Riel School Division, he taught physical education in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba. Jim was passionate about sport and fair play, and he participated in curling, golf, baseball, volleyball, hockey, football, racquetball and lacrosse. He took great pride in his induction to the Manitoba Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a player in 2014. Most of all, Jim loved sharing time with family and friends. He enjoyed fishing, and spending time at the cabin at Beresford Lake. He had a big personality, and his sense of humour was second to none. He had a way of making others feel special, and he never missed the opportunity to poke fun at those he loved. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University of Manitoba, to a scholarship fund in memory of James G. Ogston, 200-137 Innovation Drive, Winnipeg, MB R3T 6B6. The family gives special thanks to the caring staff at MICU - St. Boniface Hospital. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on August 10 at the Arts and Technical Centre, 5 deBourmont Ave., Winnipeg. Feel free to come dressed in your favourite team's attire, e.g. baseball cap, jersey, t-shirt, etc.

*As published in the Winnipeg Free Press on Aug 05, 2017*



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Ralph Lyndon



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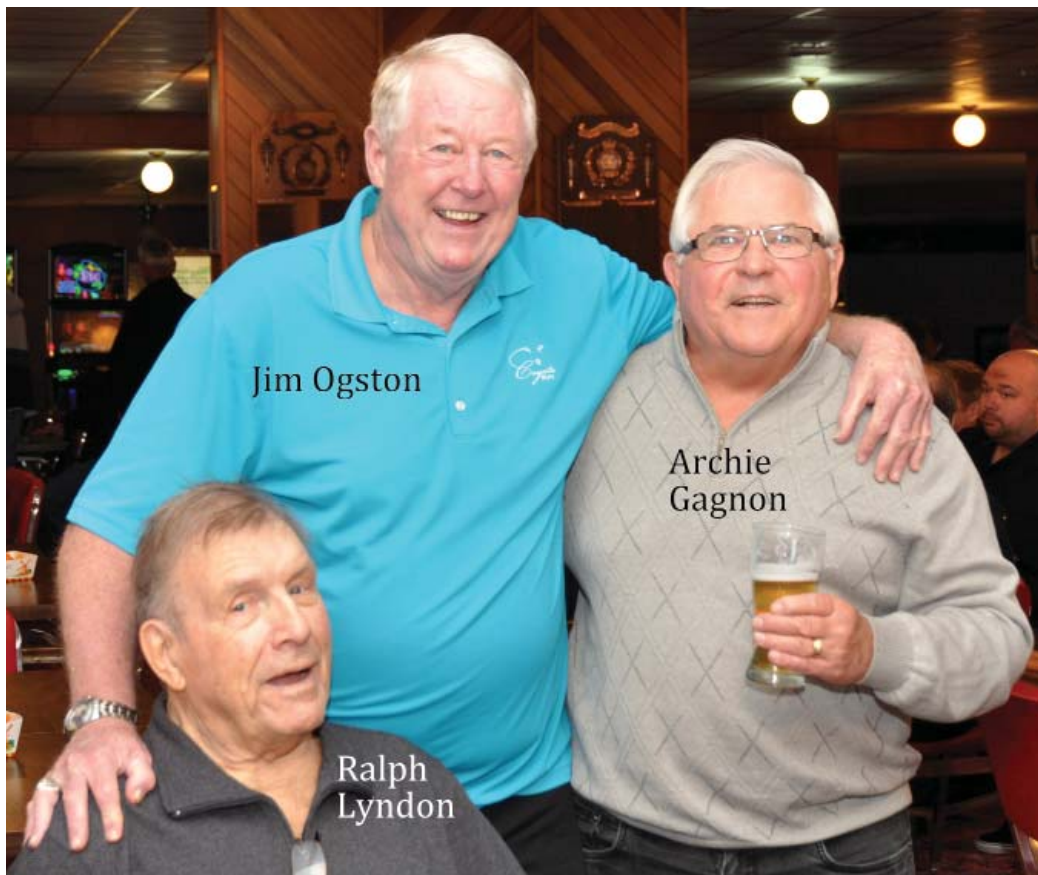
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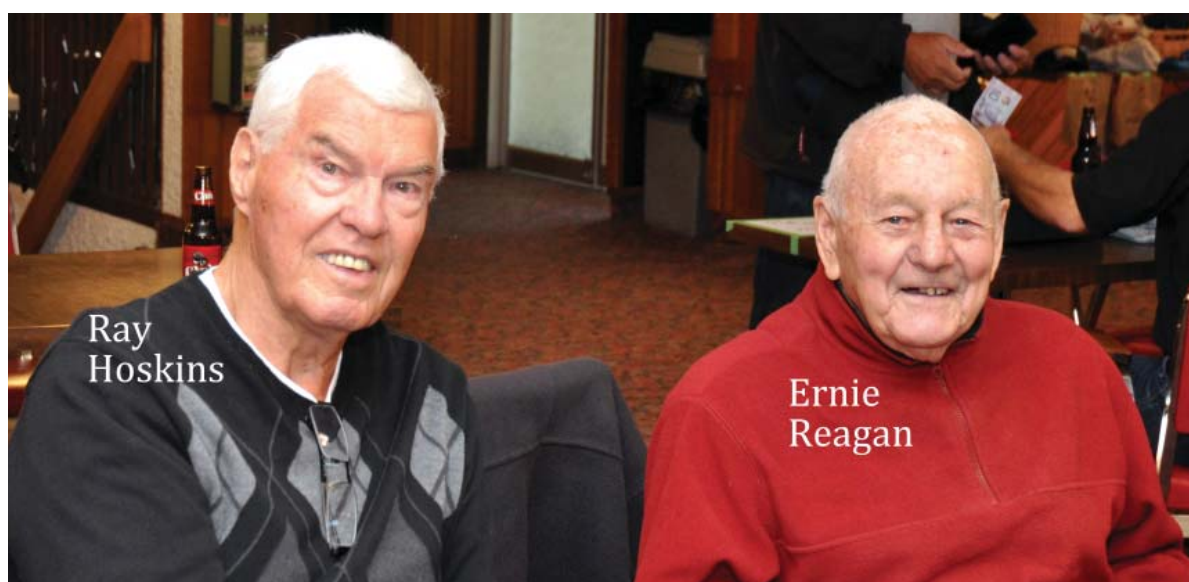
















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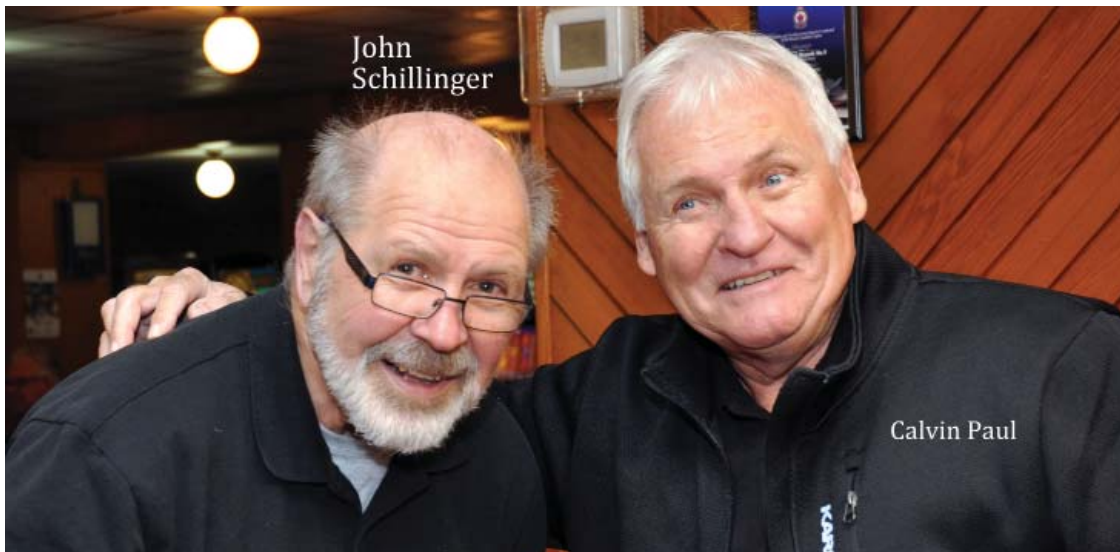


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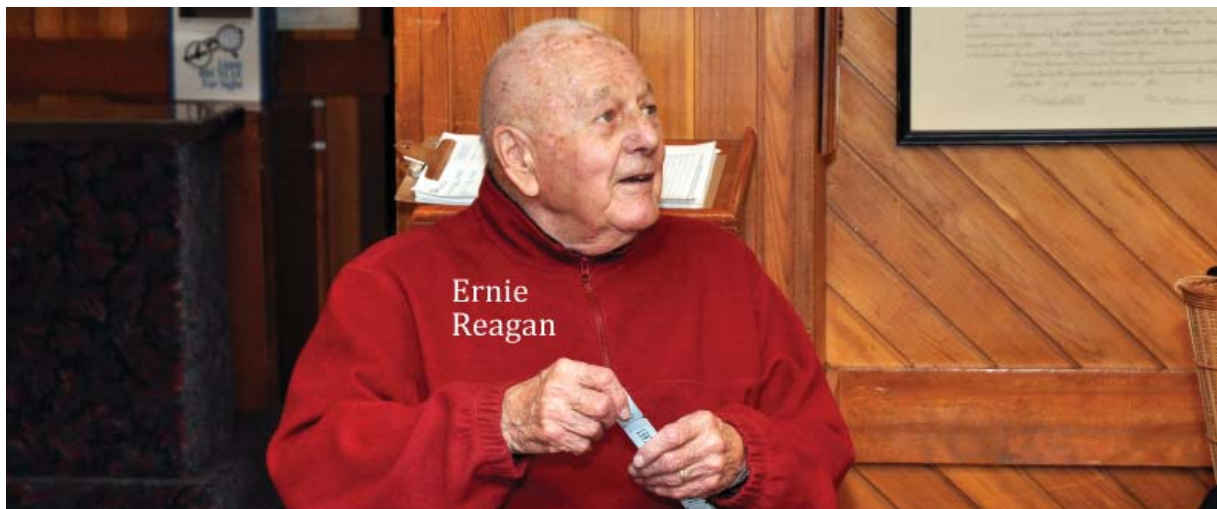






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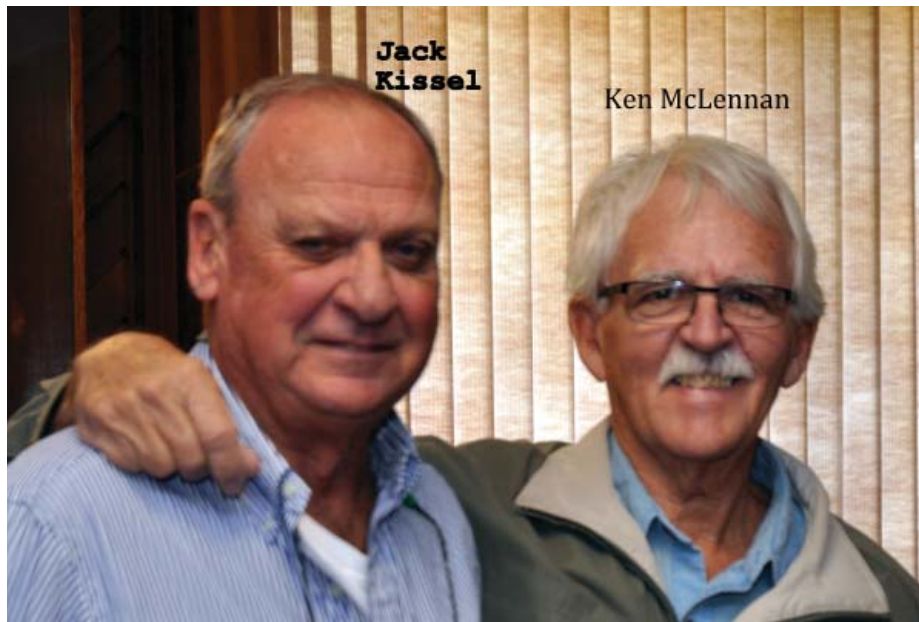
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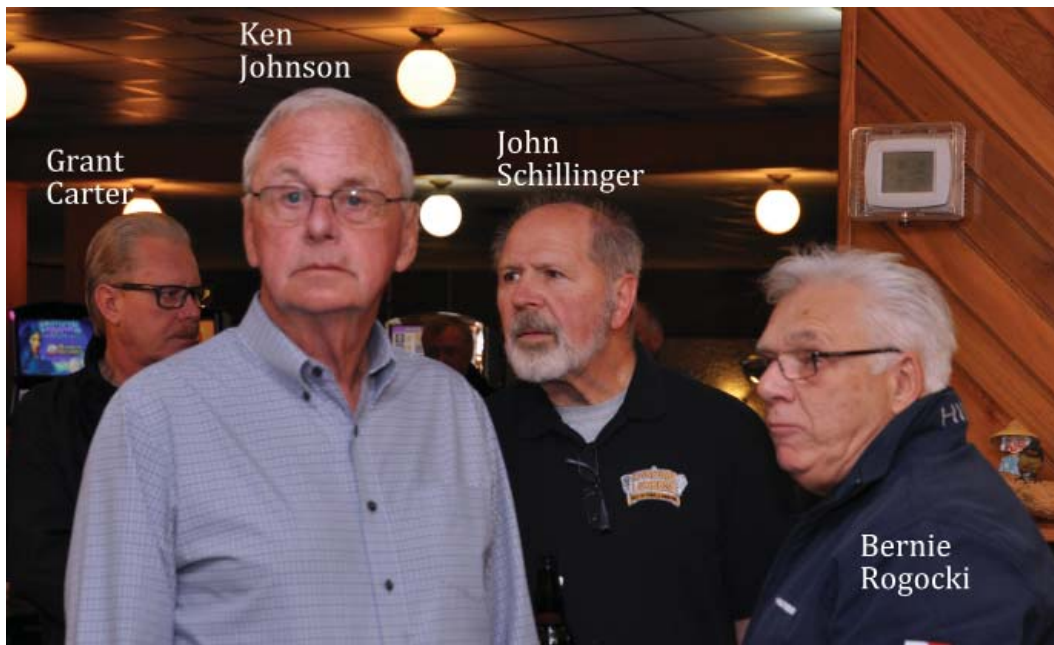
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Frank  
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Bernie  
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**Joe  
Miskimmin**

Sam  
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**COACHES:** - Gary Johnson, John Campbell, Ted Cernigoi, Gordon Chen, Bob Currie, Bryan Stewart, Ted Dawson, Ross Fargis, Bill Frouin, Ted Harris, Gordon Hunter, Ted Hunt, Lorne Karsen, Jerry Klein, Ralph Landon, Dave McQuinn, Eric Munroe, Gary Munroe, Don Nightingale, Gary Nightingale, Dick Paulley, Jack Stinson.

## 1954 & 1955 MANITOBA JUNIOR ALL-STARS

Team - Lacrosse

Inducted 2017



Junior box lacrosse in Canada has been dominated by teams from either British Columbia or Ontario including their First Nations teams. In 1954 and again in 1955, Manitoba proved that its junior players had the ability to compete with the best in the country. During the summer, the players regularly played with and against each other for club teams in league play. In both seasons, the top players were named to a provincial team that would compete for the Minto Cup emblematic of the Canadian junior A championship.

In 1954 the highly rated Long Branch Monarchs team had to get by Manitoba if it hoped to make it to B.C. for the national championship. That didn't happen as Manitoba won the right to be called eastern champions by winning the best-of-three series played at the Winnipeg Olympic rink two games to one. Manitoba won the first game 10-9, but lost game two 12-10. In game three, Ted Derrett scored the winner to give the All-Stars a 7-6 victory. The All-Stars were the first Manitoba team to defeat an eastern Canadian team in the history of junior A lacrosse. When the Manitoba players arrived in Vancouver for the Minto Cup final, they saw signs promoting a series between Long Branch and the Mount Pleasant PNE Indians from New Westminster. The Manitobans lost the championship in three games by the scores of 14-8, 7-6 and 8-5.

In 1955, the Minto Cup final was to be held in the east as the championship alternated each year from east to west. In order to make it there, the defending champion PNE Indians had to make a stop in Winnipeg and play the Manitoba All-Stars. The Manitoba team became the western champions by winning a best-of-three series at the Olympic two games to one. Manitoba won game one 9-8, but the B.C. team bounced back with 13-7 victory in game two. In the rubber match, Gord Chen scored three times and Ted Derrett, Barry McQueen and Dick Paulley added two apiece in a 11-9 Manitoba win. In the Minto Cup final against the Long Branch Monarchs, the eastern team prevailed.



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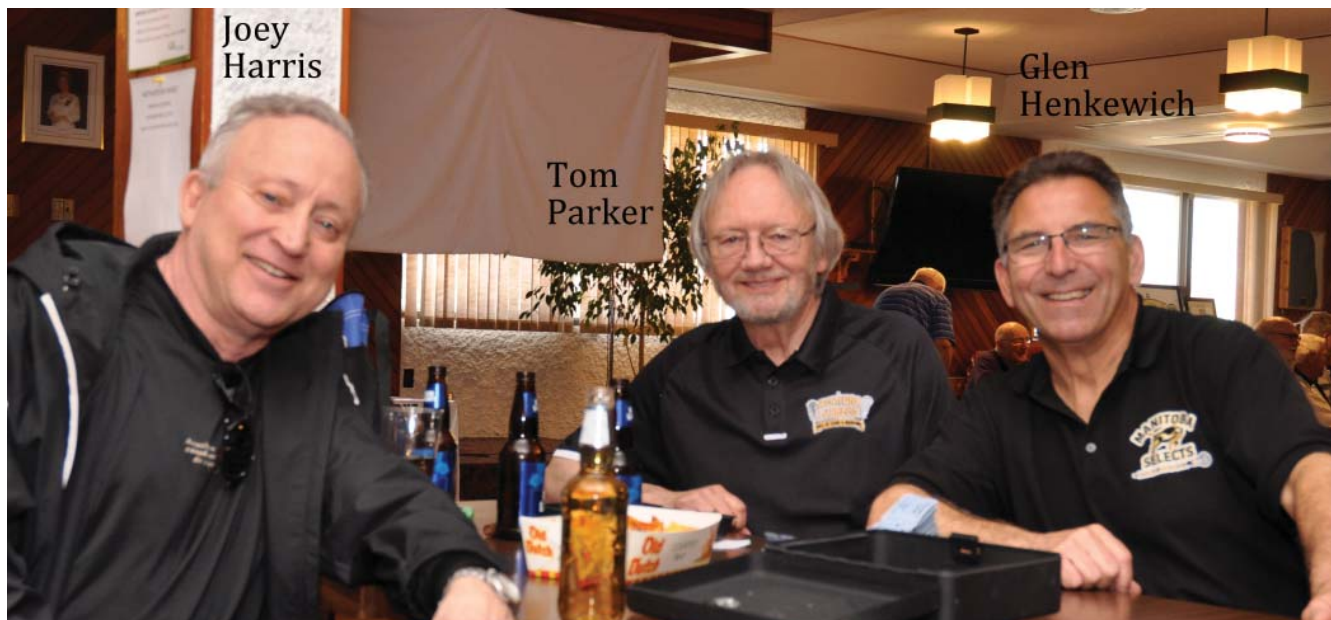


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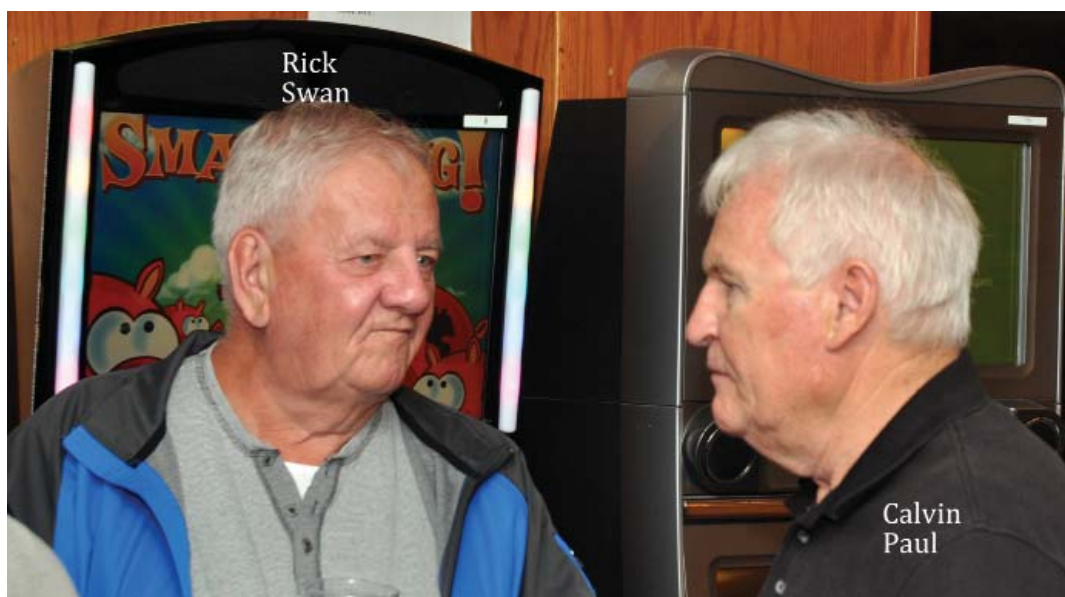
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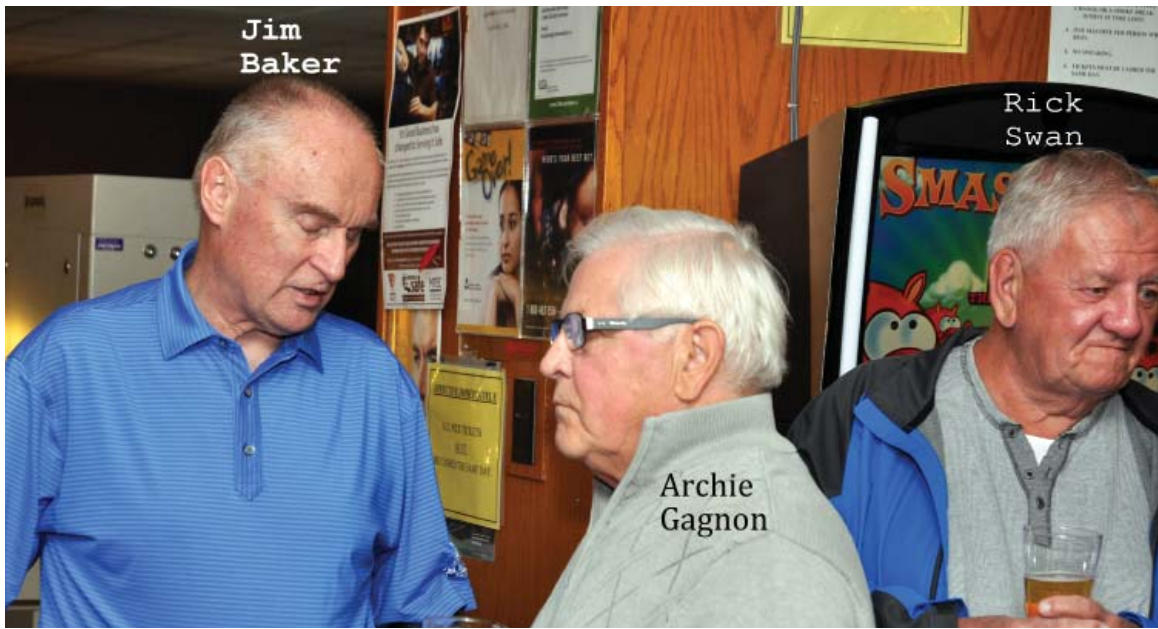
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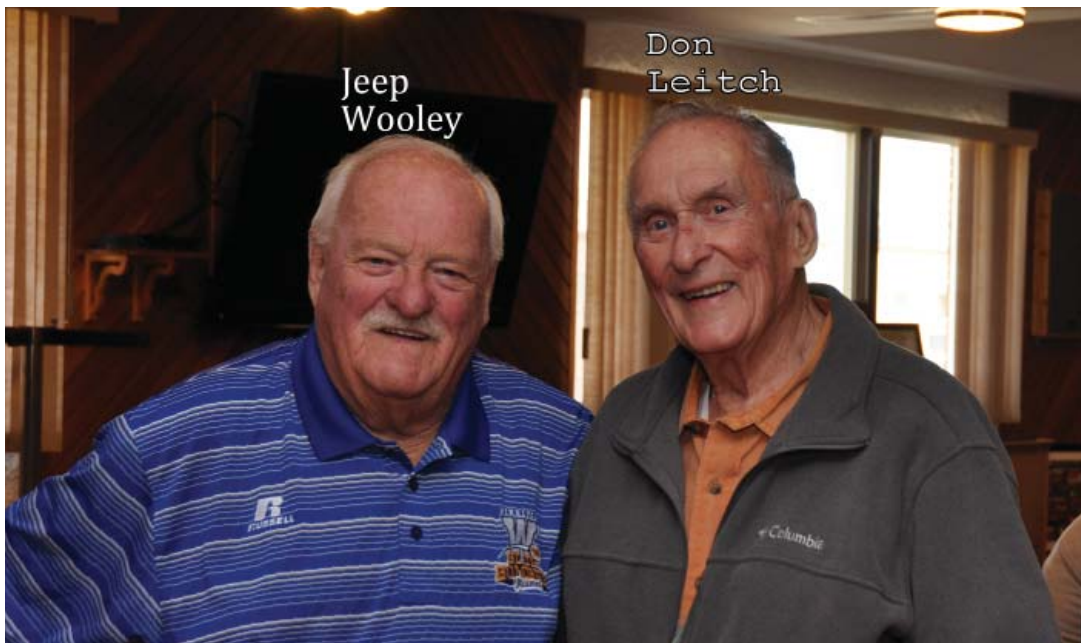
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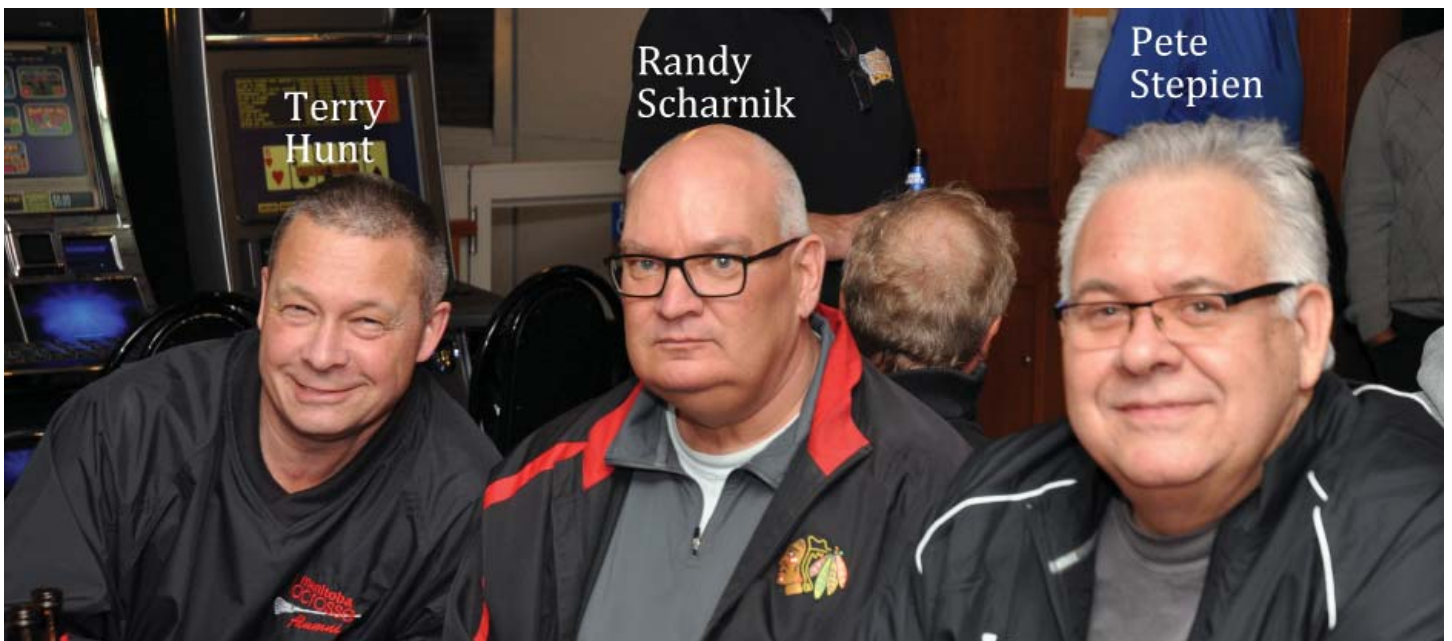
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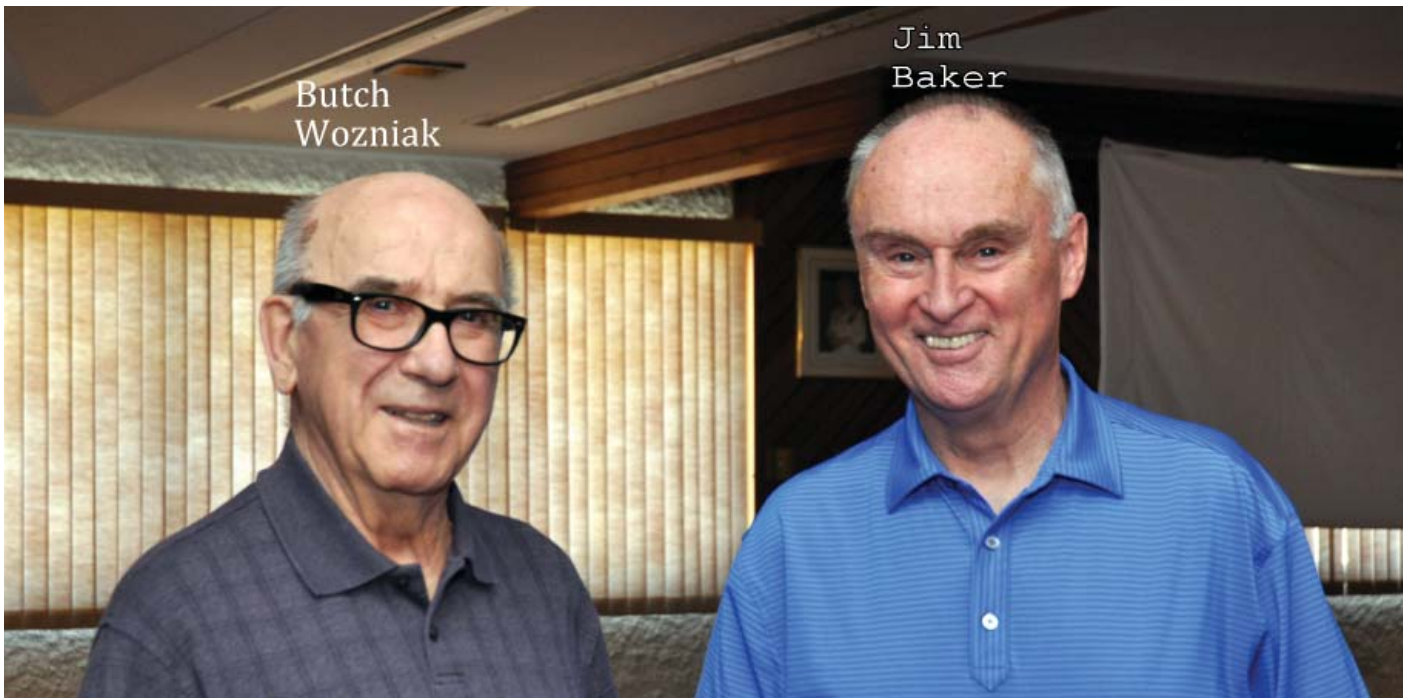


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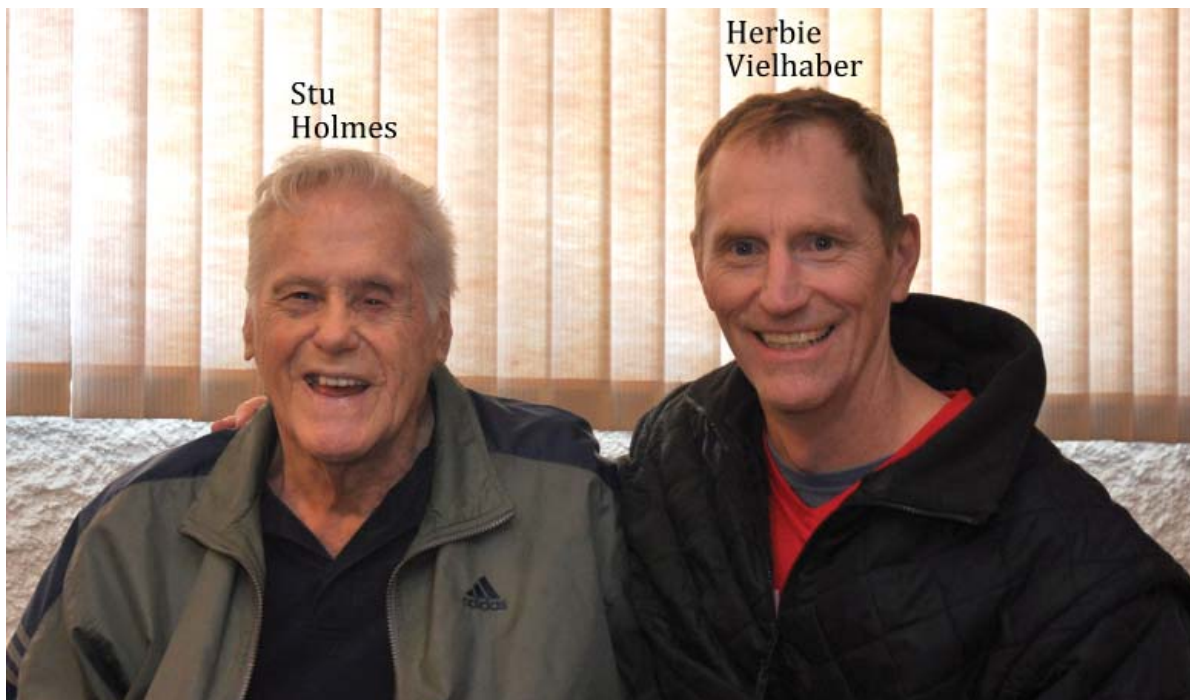












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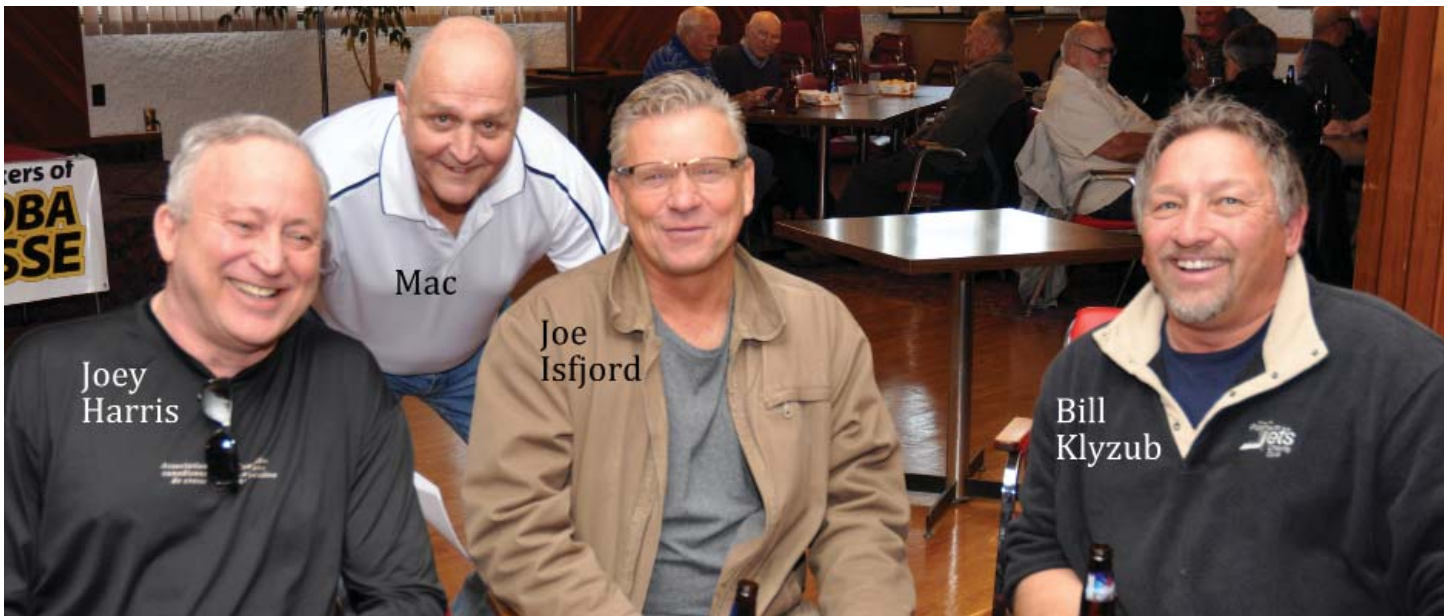
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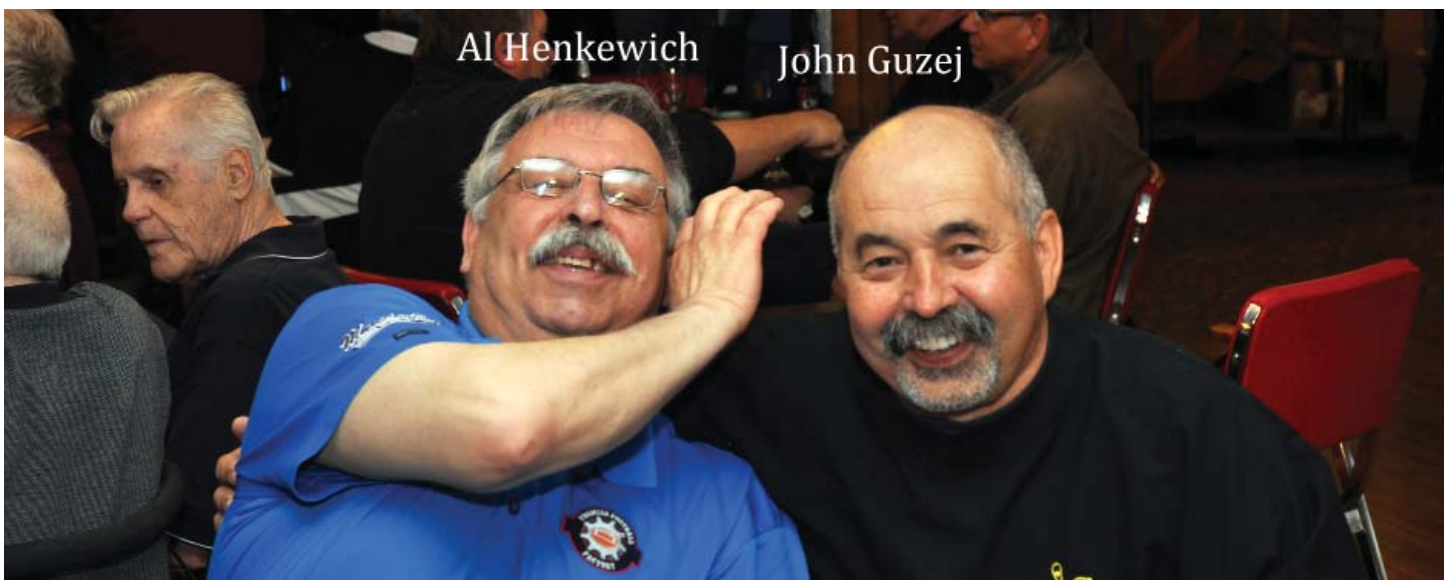
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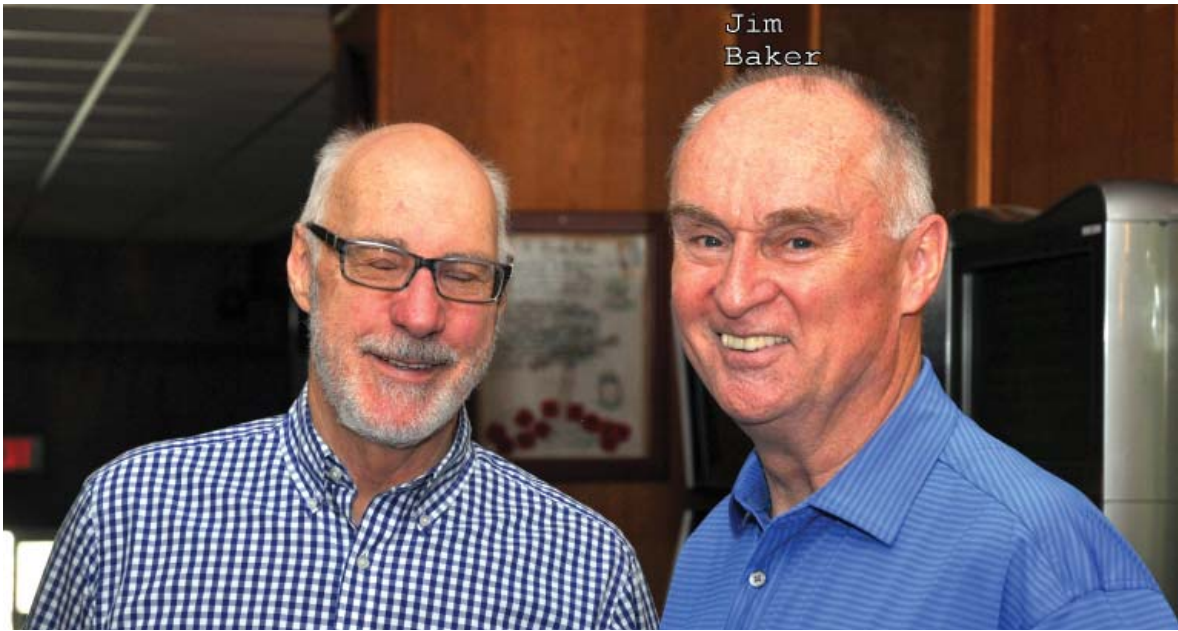


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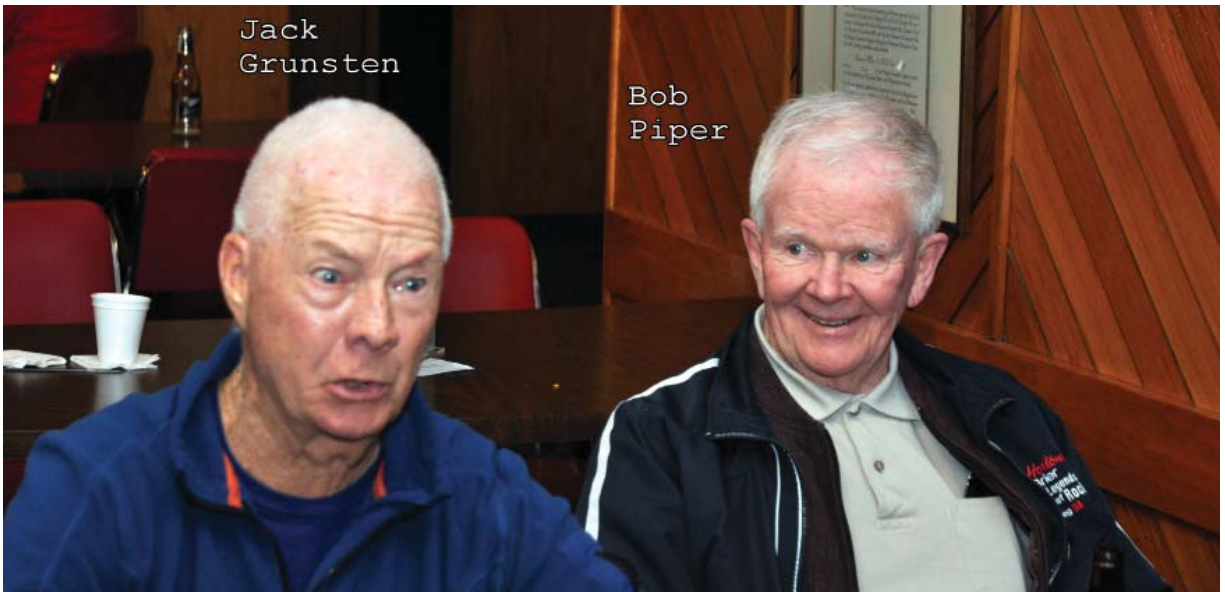
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