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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF SOFTBALL MANITOBA

On behalf of Softball Manitoba, I would like to congratulate our award and bursary recipients for 2023 on being selected for the honour. Being recognized for an award or bursary is an indication that your hard work and dedication to our sport has not gone unnoticed. To those that were nominated but did not receive an award, I want to congratulate you on your achievement as well. Please continue your efforts, you never know when you may inspire someone to follow in your footsteps.

Thank you to our Advisory Board and Board of Directors for taking the time to review the nominations, selecting award recipients is not an easy task.

I would ask our membership to continue to acknowledge our deserving athletes by ensuring they are nominated, without your active participation our athletes may not get the opportunity to be recognized.

Larry Giesbrecht President Softball Manitoba





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO OF SPORT MANITOBA

On behalf of Sport Manitoba staff and our Board of Directors, I'd like to congratulate this year's deserving recipients at the 2023 Softball Manitoba Awards Ceremony.

It is an honour to see the Manitobans who continue to build on our province's thriving softball history. You have distinguished yourselves in the sport community in your roles as athletes, coaches, umpires, and volunteers, and we are thrilled to see your passion and hard work be recognized. You should be proud of your accomplishments not only this year, but all the effort and time you've put into your craft over the years, and we are thankful for the opportunity to celebrate you.

Once again, congratulations and best wishes to all of this year's recipients!

Sincerely,

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Janet McMahon President & CEO Sport Manitoba



TOP PLAYER AWARDS

MINOR DIVISION

Criteria

- 1. Based on performance in competition within the Province or at the Regional, National, and/or International competition during the current year only.
- 2. Outstanding record in their classification and/or the most valuable player to their team.

TOP FEMALE – U11 A

Brooke Hartman Guild Insurance Brokers Inc. Cardinals

TOP FEMALE – U13 A

Aribella McGregor Macdonald Storm - Sanford

TOP FEMALE – U13 AAA

Jersey MacMillan Interlake Phillies

TOP FEMALE – U15 A

Hailey Fraser Bonivital Flash Blue **TOP FEMALE – U15 AAA**

Chloe Carriere Eastman Wildcats

TOP FEMALE – U17 A

Sydney Turenne Steinbach Storm

TOP FEMALE – U17 AAA

Pascale Kihn Eastman Wildcats

TOP FEMALE – U19 A

Charity Dupuis Altona Angels



WAYNE DESCHOUWER HOME RUN SPORTS UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Criteria

- 1. Be a resident of the Province of Manitoba.
- 2. Be a registered Softball Canada/Manitoba Softball Association official in good standing at the Level II/III category.
- 3. Must have participated as a working official at local league competitions or at Provincial Competitions in the Province of Manitoba.
- 4. Should have been involved in assisting with the development of officials at local or provincial level.

Tony Kuleza Winnipeg, Manitoba



ELLERY SCATCH MEMORIAL AWARD NORMAN REGION UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

John James McKay Cross Lake, Manitoba



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- The Forks Market (20 Minutes)
- Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada (2 minutes)
- Gardens at The Leaf (10 minutes)
- Winnipeg Art Gallery (15 Minutes)

BURSARY AWARDS

SOFTBALL MANITOBA BURSARY

This Bursary is to be presented by Softball Manitoba to a student/athlete who has demonstrated highly successful competitive experience at a national and/or provincial and/or regional level.

Hope Ransome Smitty's Terminators

EUGENE MICHALOW MEMORIAL BURSARY

This Bursary is to be presented annually by Softball Manitoba to a student/athlete who exhibits exemplary sportsmanship and dedication to Softball.

Rayna French Central Energy

ASHLEY NEUFELD MEMORIAL BURSARY

This Bursary is to be presented annually by Softball Manitoba to a student/athlete who exhibits exemplary sportsmanship and dedication to Softball.

Emily Doyle Smitty's Terminators



MEMORIAL AWARDS

Criteria

- 1. Based on performance within the Province, at Regional, National, and/or International competition during the current year only.
- 2. Outstanding record in their classification and/or the most valuable player to their team.

JEAN MAYNE MEMORIAL AWARD TOP FEMALE PLAYER – U19 'AAA'

Softball Manitoba has renamed this award in honour of Jean Mayne, who passed away on June 27th, 1987.

Jean was involved with softball for over 30 years. Her love of the sport brought her to the executive of The Manitoba Softball Association where she served as Minor Chairperson for six years. In October of 1984, her fellow volunteers voiced their vote of confidence in Jean's abilities to lead The Organization and elected her President of The Manitoba Softball Association, where she held that position until October of 1986. During that period of time, Jean's interest in Softball extended to a Regional and eventually a National Level.

She served as Secretary-Registrar on The Western Canadian Softball Championship Board and on a National Level, was Chairperson of The Minor Participation Development Committee for two years and Manitoba's voice at many Softball Canada National meetings. After stepping down as President, The Manitoba Softball Association presented Jean with The Association's Highest Honor, a Life Membership. Jean's passion has always been the youth of our sport and it was under her guidance that the minor program has developed to what it is today.

By naming this award in Jean's Honour, Softball Manitoba recognizes her contribution to Minor Softball.

AWARD RECIPIENT

Danika Nell Smitty's Terminators



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EDGAR STEVENSON MEMORIAL AWARD TOP MALE PLAYER – U17/19 OPEN

Edgar started playing softball even before he started school, tagging along with his dad's team and playing "catch" with the players and his friends on the sideline. His dad, also his coach and friend, spent countless hours playing "catch" with Edgar at home. By the time he was 12 years old, he was playing on his dad's team in Peguis. In 1989, the rest of Manitoba and Canada heard about Edgar Stevenson in a big way. That year, Edgar signed with the Landmark Knights' Bantam team and led them to a Provincial title and then to a Gold medal at the Western Canadian Bantam Championship. He was named the Top Pitcher in that tournament and later that year in Manitoba was also awarded the Jean Mayne Memorial Award (Top Male Player - Midget, Bantam level) and the Wayne Gilbert Memorial Award (Top Male Player over-all in the Province). As well, he made Manitoba's Summer Games Team that summer (the youngest player to do so) and was instrumental in helping that team win a Bronze medal at the Canada Summer Games.

In 1990, Edgar continued to shine; besides playing for his local high school and his dad's team, he signed with the Landmark team at the midget level. Again this team won the provincial crown and at Midget Nationals where his team won fourth, Edgar was voted an all-star and was the Top Hitter in the round robin portion of the championship.

Edgar's excellent play continued in 1991, locally, provincially and nationally. Several senior teams made offers to sign him, in Manitoba, in other parts of Canada and even in the U.S., however, he again signed with the Landmark Knights. He led them to another provincial title and at Nationals his team won the Silver Medal, again largely due to Edgar's strong contributions on the mound and at the plate.

- His all-around skills (he could pitch, hit, run and field).
- His love of the game (he played almost every day, on several teams, sometimes for two different teams at two different locations 100 miles apart on the same weekend).
- His competitive drive (he loved to challenge good hitters with his best pitch).
- His calm and friendly nature (often grinned or smiled in pressure situations).
- His good sportsmanship.
- His cooperative spirit.

AWARD RECIPIENT



Trayden Guiboche Oji-Cree Warriors

BOB TURNER MEMORIAL AWARD OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO GRASSROOTS SOFTBALL

This award recognizes the contributions Bob Turner made to the growth of Softball as a builder, administrator, clinician, umpire and coach. Bob's softball career spanned 40 years, first as a player. Following an outstanding playing career, Bob graduated to the officiating part of the game where he was an active umpire for many years. In 1989 Bob founded The Winnipeg Lightning culminating in coaching his team to the 1998 Softball Canada Senior Women's Fastpitch Championship. Bob started the Winnipeg Lightning Softball Association which continues to flourish. Bob's finest calling was as a leader in the areas of player and coaching development where he excelled at the Provincial and National levels. In 2007, Bob was inducted into the Softball Manitoba hall of fame. Bob passed away in 2011.

Criteria

- 1. Nominees must have made a significant contribution to Minor Softball as an organizer, builder, umpire, clinician or coach for an extended period of time.
- 2. Contributions made to the growth of softball at the Community or League level.
- 3. This award is open to persons no longer associated with Softball as well as current members of the Softball Community.

AWARD RECIPIENT

Rachel Hallson



JIM ADAMS MEMORIAL AWARD OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR, BUILDER OR EXECUTIVE MEMBER

This award recognizes the contributions that Jim Adams made to the game of softball as a builder, administrator, and executive member. He coached several championship teams in the Winnipeg Men's Industrial Fastball League and was the league president in the 1960s. He also became involved with Softball Manitoba at the Executive level during that time and served as the Association's president from 1970 to 1975. His connection with Softball Canada goes back to its founding years in the mid-sixties. He served three terms as Manitoba commissioner for Softball Canada and was elected as a vice-president of the national organization in 1974. In 1977, Jim was honored as Softball Manitoba's first life member. In 2002, he was the first builder inducted into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame. Jim passed away in 2005.

Criteria

- 1. Nominees must have made an outstanding contribution to Softball as an administrator, builder or executive member for an extended period of time.
- 2. Contributions that have been made at the team, league, provincial, national or international level or any combination of those areas of activity.
- 3. This category is open to persons no longer associated with Softball as well as current members of Softball Manitoba.

AWARD RECIPIENT

Lucy Chura



BILL SADONICK MEMORIAL AWARD TOP COACHING STAFF - MINOR DIVISION

Manitoba Softball lost a dedicated worker when its president, Bill Sadonick, passed away suddenly on the ball field in April of 1983. Bill was president of the Association at the time of his death, having being elected to that position in 1982. Previous to his election, he had served as Treasurer and the Chairman of Program Development. He also was one of the province's senior umpires. Bill had a particular fondness for Minor Softball and had coached that level for several years. It is most appropriate that Softball Manitoba remembers Bill Sadonick with an award that is presented to the top Minor Coaching Staff.

Criteria

- 1. Based on performance within the Province, at Regional, National and/or International competition during the current year only.
- 2. At least one (1) coach must be minimum Level 1 (Community Sport On-Going Participation).
- 3. Must have demonstrated knowledge and application of game fundamentals and shown a desirable attitude towards all aspects of the game.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Central Energy U19 AAA Female Brad Goderis Graham Shindle Al Couling Eve Goderis Kristi Guilford

LEO BOUCHARD MEMORIAL AWARD PITCHING CONTRIBUTION

Criteria

- 1. Based on performance within the Province, at Regional, National and/or International competition during the current year only.
- 2. Must be a registered team and at least one (1) coach must be minimum Level I (Community Sport On-Going Participation).
- 3. Must have demonstrated knowledge and application of game fundamentals and shown a desirable attitude towards all aspects of the game.

Leo Bouchard's involvement with softball in Manitoba as well as in Western Canada and the Northern United States lasted over 20 years until his most untimely death in 1980. While he is no doubt best known as a coach with two of the province's top fast pitch teams during that period, Kiewel's Seals and as an executive member. Always colourful, Leo's battles with umpires were legendary, so it was perhaps surprising that, when he retired from coaching, he joined the men in blue. Because fast pitch was his game, Leo Bouchard's name on an award for the top Senior, Masters, Intermediate, Junior, Co-ed Fast Pitch Coach or Manager of the year is most fitting.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Sarah Klassen



TEAM AWARDS

EUGENE MICHALOW MEMORIAL AWARD TOP MINOR TEAM

EUGENE MICHALOW MEMORIAL AWARD

A true friend of softball, Gene was a tireless and driving force in program development, coaching and as a member of the Association's Executive. Gene's influence on the development of softball touched nearly every young ball player that threw a strike or swung a bat in the province over the past fifteen years. A soft spoken, easy going individual, Gene gave unselfishly of himself to the sport that he loved so dearly. He was truly a "team" player. In recognition of his contribution to softball, the Association has renamed the Top Minor Team Award in his honour.

Criteria

- 1. Open to minor teams in all categories.
- 2. Based on performance during the current competitive season.
- 3. Must be a registered team and at least one (1) coach must be minimum Level 1 (Community Sport On-Going Participation).

Smitty's Terminators U19 AAA Female

TEAM ROSTER:

- Kayley Bosc Annabeth Carlberg
- Emily Doyle Taylor Henley
- Elly Holden Danika Nell
- Danika Peters Hope Ransome
- Isabelle Skead Katie Vigier

Janaya Watt



COACHING STAFF:

Brett Watt

Mackenzie Henley

Mike Vigier

Maizie Wolanski

Dwayne Henley

TOP SLO-PITCH TEAM AWARD

Criteria

- 1. Open to adult slo-pitch teams in all categories.
- 2. Based on performance during the current competitive season.

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TEAM ROSTER:

Tim Asmundson	Thomas Beaudry
Ken Blue	Dana Cormier
Shayne Cormier	Claude Courchaine
Gary Dear	Roberta Dear
Shawn Delaney	Pierre Doerksen
Gary Ellis	Doug Hermiston Jr.
Paul Lee	Monique Molgat
Bob Munz	Ross Penwarden
Terry Tabak	Cam Zacharias
Dennis Tucker	



2023 MANITOBA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Softball Manitoba is pleased to congratulate the 2023 Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame Inductees!

Athlete Category

Brandi Chammartin Harvey Julseth Deb Sonnenberg

All-Around Category

Adrian Brown Ralph Nespor

Builders

Phyllis & Larry Klimpke

Team Category

Legion #2 Blues Team Moose's Mob Team Sioux Valley Dakotas Team



Help Preserve the History of Softball in Manitoba

Nominations are being solicited from the public for induction of individuals or teams into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame and Museum. Deadline for nominations is September 1st annually

For Information, contact: Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame and Museum C/O Softball Manitoba Ph: 204-925-5673 E: softball@softball.mb.ca http://www.halloffame.mb.ca/



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