

SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL
HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM ASSOC. INC. NEWSLETTER
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2009 25TH ANNUAL INDUCTION DVD IS AVAILABLE .. Cost is \$25.00 plus \$5.00 handling and shipping. We also have baseball caps, mugs, golf shirts, t-shirts, bunny hugs and pens with the logo! Call us! **THESE WOULD MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!** Order early.

Our first “GOLD SPONSOR” in our new Sponsorship program, is:

FLATLANDER WELDING, SASKATOON [Preston Hogg] Thank you, Mr. Hogg!

Thank you, Norm Bell, for this first sponsor!

If you would consider becoming a “Gold Sponsor”, please contact our office.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

IN ORDER TO HONOUR ALL THOSE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO OUR GREAT SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HISTORY, AND TO INCLUDE THEM IN OUR “BASEBALL HALL OF FAME”, YOU MUST HELP US OBTAIN NOMINATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE. THERE ARE FOUR [4] CATEGORIES FOR INDUCTION: THE

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY IS FOR PLAYERS AND/OR BUILDERS; TEAM CATEGORY; FAMILY CATEGORY AND COMMUNITY CATEGORY.

WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE MARONUİK/MARCOUX

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. THIS IS FOR A BOY OR GIRL, TWELVE [12] YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER, THAT IS EXCEPTIONALLY SKILLED IN BASEBALL, WITH A DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE SUCH A CAREER. COACHES, PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS, TAKE HEED! SUBMIT A NOMINATION !

DEADLINE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS IS MARCH 15, 2010.

PLEASE CONTACT THIS OFFICE FOR GUIDELINES AND A FORM. THANK YOU.

2011 CALENDAR ADS ARE NOW BEING SOLICITED, WITH THE CALENDAR BEING AVAILABLE AT THE 26TH ANNUAL INDUCTION, SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010. FOR ONLY \$40.00, YOUR BUSINESS SIZE AD WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS CALENDAR THAT IS CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE AND ELSEWHERE.

THANKS TO:

GOLD SPONSOR- FLATLANDER WELDING, SASKATOON, SASK.

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**MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!
 FROM THE DIRECTORS AND STAFF.**

OBITUARIES

DEAN BELL- Sherwood Park, Alberta- 1935-2009-passed away with family by his side at the age of 74.

-Dean played baseball for the Notre Dame Hounds from 1952 – 1957

-Dean was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2008

Dean also received the following awards:

-Pride of Strathcona Award-1988

-Notre Dame Award of Excellence 1995

-Council of Alberta Individuals Achievement Award 2000

-Queen’s Jubilee Medal 2003

-Alberta Centennial Medal 2005

-Rotary Club Integrity Award 2008

“BOB” ROY STEWART-Regina ,Sask. [formerly of Melville, Sask.] - died October 12, 2009 at 86 years of age. He coached baseball for many years, and was a “Life Member” of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame Association.

RAY BOYD-Kindersley, Sask.- died July 2009. Ray was a member of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame Association.

Sincere condolences to the families of the deceased, from the Directors and staff of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

**We need you to inform us of any deaths of past inductees or members of the Association.
Thank you for your help.**

MEMBERSHIPS – [SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER]

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Howard Coolidge, Lashburn, Sk.

Richard Necker, Regina, Sk.

Meota Lakeshore Lions Club, Meota, Sk.

Kevin Kusch, Lloydminster, Sk.

Eston Lions Club, Eston, Sk.

REGULAR – Yearly renewals

Allan R. Roth, Regina, Sk.

D. Blake McDougall, Edmonton, AB

Bill Clark, Columbia, MO

Barry J. Trapp, Ft. Qu’Appelle, Sk.

Mary Lou Bird, Christopher Lake, Sk.

Don Cousins, Saskatoon, Sask.

Brad Pentz, Regina, Sk.

Len Taylor, N. Battleford, Sk.

Gordon Johnson, Yorkton, Sk.

Mike Weatherald, Regina, Sk.

Don Cameron, Brockville, Ont.

DONATIONS “IN MEMORY”

Robert Armstrong, Saskatoon, Sk. – in memory of Lou Slotsve
 Catherine F. Smith, Swift Current, Sk. – in memory of Frank L. Smith
 Mel Erfle, Lakewood, CO – in memory of brothers Albert (Lefty) Erfle & Rueben J. Erfle
 Phyllis A. Graham, Ft. Saskatchewan, AB – in memory of Dean Bell
 Ian & Anne McGilp, Saskatoon, Sk. – in memory of Dean Bell
 Don A. Orr, Kelowna, B.C. – in memory of Irl Flanagan

DONATIONS – OTHER

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| Eunice E. Gubbe, Battleford, Sk. | Bernice Reynolds, Outlook, Sk. |
| Metro Prystai, Yorkton, Sk. | Emil Lich, Meadow Lake, Sk. |
| Walter Haberstock, Langenburg, Sk. | Don Cousins, Saskatoon, Sask. |

These donations were inadvertently missed in the last newsletter. My sincere apologies!

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| Bienfait Lions Club, Bienfait, Sk. | Churchbridge Lions Club, Churchbridge |
| Gardiner Electric & Trenching, Battleford, Sk. | Roy Coles, Battleford, Sk. |
| Ray & Tanya Blais, N. Battleford, Sk. | Doug Schultz, Watrous, Sk. |
| Larry Leflar, Bengough, Sk. | Rose Sinclair, Calgary, AB |
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| Evelyn Flasch, Battleford, Sk. | Ruth Vetter, Battleford, Sk. |
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| Valerie Martz, Saskatoon, Sk. | Adam Fetsch, Goodsoil, Sk. |
| Oliver Harris, Landis, Sk. | Morris Mott, Brandon, Man. |
| Ralph Peterson, Moose Jaw, Sk. | Dub Henderson, Medicine Hat, AB |
| Glen Miller, Wilkie, Sk. | Dean Corbett, Macrorie, Sk. |
| Wayne LeBere, Moose Jaw, Sk. | Garry Shury, Yorkton, Sk. |
| John Dewar, Saskatoon, Sk. | Alfred Bexfield, Lloydminster, AB |
| Bob Joyce, Doddsland, Sk. | Bill Selnes, Melfort, Sk. |
| Wally Bayne, Battleford, Sk. | Gil Bellavance, Battleford, Sk. |
| Glen Shockey, Perdue, Sk. | Herb Sparrow, N. Battleford, Sk. |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!**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, and Thank You!

Life Members, please disregard this reminder as well.

A sweater was left at the Alex Dillabough Centre following the August 15, 2009 induction. It is a black with white, Tommy Filger cardigan, size XXL. Is it yours? Let us know. Thank you.

MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS

“Thanks so much for everything you have done for us! We really appreciate all your hard work and enthusiasm for the Museum.” **Donna and Earl Berard, Medicine Hat, Alta.**

“----Will share some ideas with you to increase ticket sales. Remember, the important factor here is, that, this event is a very prestigious event and should be treated like one! I still have Dave’s picture on my rumpus room wall-the one with the baseball seams painted on his head. “A REAL TREASURE!” **Gerry Lister, Victoria, BC**

“So great to read about the Hall of Fame Induction 2009 in the newsletter. It truly was a wonderful experience and Gary is blown away by how many people are still approaching him with congratulations!! He owes it all to you and your wonderful volunteers. We’ve been recommending it to all we talk to!! Again, thanks for everything.” **Big Foot and Shorty - Gary and Bev McKechney, Bienfait, Sask.**

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

HONOURABLE H.O. SPARROW RECEIVES THE ORDER OF CANADA MEDAL

The Order of Canada is the nation’s highest civilian honour, and was created to recognize a lifetime of outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and nation. Governor-General Michaëlle Jean bestowed the honour during the investiture ceremony at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, November 5, 2009. “Herbert Sparrow has made lasting contributions to farming in Canada and to his hometown of North Battleford. A Senator for 37 years, he was responsible for the publication of *Soil At Risk: Canada’s Eroding Future*. This highly influential report led to significant changes in farming practices in Canada and abroad, and serves as a model for sustainable agriculture. A farmer and business-man, he is also actively involved in his community, and has undertaken numerous projects aimed at battling hunger and poverty, and helping persons with disabilities. Among his many initiatives, he founded a school for children with special needs, as well as a successful school lunch program, helping to ensure the well being of youth in his community.”

Note- Herb has been the Honourary President of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Association since it’s beginning in 1983, and continues to be very helpful in so many ways throughout the years. Herb was honoured with an Honourary Induction in 2003, and received the “ Dave Shury Cup in 2009. He was a very good friend of the founder, Dave Shury.

LEN BRECKNER INDUCTED !

Len Breckner, of Saskatoon, was inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame on November 7, 2009, in the Athletes Category for his accomplishments in the sport of Baseball.

Len was one of the most prominent Saskatchewan born players in senior and semi-pro baseball from 1948 until 1967. He played with Colonsay Monarchs and Kindersley Klippers in the Saskatoon Exhibitions tournaments, winning the batting championship on two occasions. He played for the Saskatoon Gems from 1952 to 1959 in the Western Canada League.

In 1955, Len was a member of Team Canada at the Global World Series in Milwaukee.

He played for the Saskatoon Commodores in the Canadian American League in 1958-59, and later in the North Saskatchewan League.

He was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 1990, and has also been honoured by the Saskatoon Hockey Association and the Saskatoon Minor Softball Association for coaching and administrative services. “Congratulations Len!”

Ed Bryant, President Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame.

[Your President and CEO, Jane Shury, and volunteer Norma Linnell, attended this event and were thrilled to be part of the standing ovation Len received upon being introduced and inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. “Way to go Grandpa!”]

ED BRYANT BALL DIAMOND!!

One of the ball diamonds at the Goeff Hughes Park, “Home of Pee Wee League Baseball”, Saskatoon, has been named after our Vice-President, ED BRYANT, for his contribution to baseball in Saskatoon. “Congratulations, Ed!”

GRANDPA ED AND GRANDMA LINDA BRYANT!

Vice-President Ed Bryant and Linda, Saskatoon, Sask., have been blessed with their first grandchild, a girl! Baby Anna Lee was born on June 18, 2009, at 7lbs. 3oz. To Jon and Tara Bryant. **CONGRATULATIONS ED AND LINDA!**

GRANDPA KEVIN and GRANDMA LINDA KILLORAN!

Board member Kevin Killoran and Linda, North Battleford, Sask., have been blessed with their first grandchild, a boy! Baby Drake Killoran Phommavong, was born Oct. 2, 2009 at 8lbs.3oz. to Dur and Jamie. **CONGRATULATIONS KEVIN AND LINDA!**

Do you have something to submit for the newsletter? Get it to us! This is your newsletter!

FROM OUR READERS

More on Len Breckner! His 620 foot homerun!!

It was in 1956, a Wednesday afternoon, at a baseball tournament in Alsask, Sask. Len Breckner was playing for Kindersley. He hit a long fly ball over the head of the left fielder, over the fence, stopping at a granary in the field. The fly ball had hit the ground, then rolled, stopping at a granary in the field. Following that game, which they lost, someone stepped off the distance of 620 feet of that homerun. Len states the wind was behind him, and helped, but added that he hit a baseball over the fence from Saskatchewan into Alberta! “Way to go Grandpa!”

Jerry Flanagan, Kindersley, Sask.

A Story-“Learning How to Drive Was Bizarre”.

When I found myself alone and unable to drive, I thought it was time to learn, so I could drive back and forth to work and not have to depend on others. A man in the neighbourhood offered to teach me. I’ll call him Ed.

The day of the first lesson was a nice summer day, and I was dressed in a flowered summer dress and high heeled shoes-typical of the times. I thought we’d practice on some side streets or on the highway, but he drove out on the prairie where there was only a trail to practice on. After some steering, stopping and starting, the circus began. I had to stand behind the car and when he said

“Go” I had to run –as fast as my high heels would allow-to the front of the car, jump in, and start the car. My son-in-law, Garry told me that is a LeMans start for race car drivers! Ed was holding a watch and timing me. I don’t know where he thought I was going to race! Then I had to do the most scary test.. Ed walked up the road a few yards and stood there, arms folded, looking to the east, while I was to drive at normal speed up to him, then slam on the brakes-before I ran over him!At that stage I could have stepped on the gas instead of the brakes! He was a brave but foolish man. I was so nervous when he made me do that. Could I have not learned to use the brakes without that? If a small plane had been flying over, they would have wondered what on earth was going on down on the ground!I eventually learned to drive.

Written by **Olive Murphy, Estevan, Sask.**

[Olive will be submitting stories on “Baseball in Saskatchewan” in future newsletters.]

Do you have something you would like to share with our readers?

Please forward it for use in a future newsletter. Thank you.

OCTOBER 22, 2009, MARKED ONE YEAR SINCE WE LOST OUR FOUNDER, DAVE SHURY. MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY MY DEEPEST PERSONAL APPRECIATION TO ALL FOR THE MANY LETTERS, EMAILS, PHONE CALLS, MASSES AND KIND NESS SHOWN TO ME AND MY FAMILY AT THAT TIME, AND THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR. THANK YOU. JANE

SPECIAL TO THE MILLARD FAMILY

WELCOME –YOU ARE NOW ON OUR NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST!

PLAN TO INCLUDE THIS 26TH ANNUAL INDUCTION, TO BE HELD IN BATTLEFORD, SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010. THE MILLARDS WILL BE HONOURED BY INDUCTION INTO THE “FAMILY CATEGORY”, FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR GREAT SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HERITAGE! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING EVERYONE OF THE MILLARD FAMILY!

SPECIAL TO THE FULDA FLYERS

INDUCTION DAY – SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010, WILL BE UPON US SOONER THAN YOU THINK! MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR, AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY! WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

WELCOME TO THE COACHES OF THE 2009 PROVINCIAL MINOR BASEBALL CHAMPIONS!

“Congratulations” to the coaches of the teams that won the Provincial Championship in their division. Your name has been added to our newsletter mailing list. This association presents the “**MARONUIK/MARCOUX**” Scholarship Award each year, to a boy or girl that displays exceptional baseball skills and has a desire to continue to improve and develop his/her baseball career. This award is for anyone 12 years or younger, and is presented with this award during the

Annual Induction each year. This year that date is Saturday, August 21, 2010. We ask that you consider submitting a nomination. For further information please contact us.

December 2, 2009

To Past Inductees and Members:

The Board of Directors has approved the following project as a fund-raiser for the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Your assistance, as an honoured past inductee, or member of this Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, is requested to help make this project a success, and assist with funding in order to maintain the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Question - What are we asking you to do?

Answer- To provide the name of one [1] or two [2] volunteers that would commit several hours of their time to help with the project, "Taste of Saskatchewan Site Clean-Up."

Maybe a family member, or friend, could volunteer or provide names of others in or near Saskatoon.

TASTE OF SASKATCHEWAN is the biggest outdoor event held in Saskatchewan, and has been voted the best summer outdoor event in Western Canada for the past ten [10] years. This six [6] day event is produced and directed by Credit Union Centre, formerly known as Saskatchewan Place, will be held July 20 through July 25, 2010.

Each year Credit Union Centre awards the clean up to a non-profit organization.

The CLEAN UP, simply put, is the bagging of cans from the can receptacles placed throughout Kiwanis Park, and the bagging of garbage from the garbage receptacles as well as any garbage and cans on the grounds. This is not heavy work but the workers are expected to keep the park clean like you would see in Disneyland.

We are asking that you contact Norm Bell in regards to any question you may have, and with the name of your committed volunteer no later than April 10, 2010.

Norm Bell, Director

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Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in baseball,

Jane Shury, President/CEO

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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| REGULAR FEES [ANNUAL- JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31] | \$25.00 |
| LIFE MEMBERSHIP [ONE-TIME FEE] | \$200.00 |

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