

**SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL  
HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM ASSOC. INC. NEWSLETTER**  
**“HONOURING OUR BASEBALL HERITAGE”**  
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Year!**

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**THANK YOU, EACH AND EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING THIS HALL OF FAME  
AND MUSEUM**

**THIS MUSEUM IS THE PROTECTOR AND CARETAKER OF OUR  
SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HERITAGE**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It is the responsibility of the Directors of the Association to make certain the future of this Hall of Fame and Museum, remains secure.

In order to do this, we must continually pursue fund-raisers to provide operating costs.

Our means of funding include memberships, donations, sponsorships, fund-raising projects, and numerous volunteer hours. We do not receive Government funding.

This can be accomplished by supporting our fund-raising projects, giving a donation, or becoming a member of our association.

A regular annual membership fee is only \$25.00. Our year is Jan.1- Dec.31 each year.

A lifetime membership is \$200.00.

To our individual inductees, members of a team induction, or family induction-we encourage, solicit –**AND NEED** your membership fees to operate.

This is **YOUR** museum with **YOUR** baseball history.

Donations are always accepted, with your tax receipt mailed immediately.

Contact us about our 2011 Sponsorship Program.

To our members, donators and supporters of our projects, please accept “Special Appreciation and Thanks”! Keep it up!

We invite your comments and suggestions. As well, if you have an article that would be enjoyed by our readers, please forward it to us.

## **OBITUARIES**

**CHARLES “CHUCK” EDWARD STRAUTMAN-** died October 29, 2010, at 87 years of age. Chuck was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 1987. Chuck will be missed at the annual inductions!

**JUDGE ED GOSSELIN-MELFORT, SK.** - died June, 2009. Wife Jeannette informed us November, 2010. Ed was a life member.

**ELDON KEITH MAWSON-NORTH BATTLEFORD, SK.-** died unexpectedly, October 16, 2010. Eldon was 74 years old and was a member of the 1960-1969 Asquith Braves, the team inducted in 2007.

**CLIFFORD ALLAN GERWING-SASKATOON, SK.-** died October 15, 2010, at the age of 77 years. Allan was a 1998 inductee into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame.

## **GET WELL WISHES TO ANYONE WITH A HEALTH ISSUE.**



**MEMBERSHIPS – [SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER]**

**LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

Judge Serge Kujawa, Regina, Sask.  
Dale Potapinski, Alida, Sask.

Reg Coles, Canora, Sask.

**2010 REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS**

Ruth Vetter, Battleford, Sask.  
Royden L. Wallin, Weyburn, Sask.

Gordon J. MacKinnon, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Diane Johnston, Montmartre, Sask.

**2011 REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS**

D. Blake McDougall, Edmonton, AB  
Ronald L. Wallace, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Alan Hall, Sherwood Park, AB  
Beryl Forgay, Regina, Sask.  
Len Breckner, Saskatoon, Sask.

Royden L. Wallin, Weyburn, Sask.  
Gordon Johnson, Yorkton, Sask.  
Delmar Hebig, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Bill Clark, Columbia MO  
Barry Springman, Ft. Sask., AB

**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.** However, donations are **needed** and accepted throughout the year! Thank you.

I challenge each and every member to recruit one [1] new member! How about it?

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**Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Regular \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00      Lifetime \_\_\_\_\_ \$200.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques only to: The Saskatchewan Baseball Museum  
Box 1388  
Battleford, Sask.  
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**Returned Mail-**Terry Cunningham-1301 King Cresc. Moose Jaw, SK. S6H 3G3

**Addresses needed** for members of the **Kindersley Klippers! The team to be inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame on August 20, 2011!** Do you know where they are?? Norm Angeline-Bill Holland-Bentley McEwen-Craig Newmeyer-Jim Schommer-Randy Arthur-Dave Nordli-Gordon Ross-Shirley Leier [Ray's wife]

**DONATIONS [since last newsletter]**

**DONATIONS “IN MEMORY”**

Sharon & Wade Sauter, Fairlight, Sask. – “In memory” of Don Sauter.  
Robert (Bob) Armstrong, Saskatoon – “In memory” of Ed Gosselin and Lorne Strueby.

**DONATIONS – OTHER**

Erv Boehm, Regina, Sask.	Alfred Bexfield, Lloydminster, AB
Myrtle Conacher, Mervin, Sask.	Russell & Elsie Earl, Estevan, Sask.
Ernest & Theresa Franks, Melville, Sask.	Jack R. Lloyd, Beechy, Sask.
Metro Prystaj, Yorkton, Sask.	Doug & Annette Schultz, Watrous, Sask.
Royden L. Wallin, Weyburn, Sask.	Barry & Lenore Wourms, Fulda, Sask.
Ronald L. Wallace, Saskatoon, Sask. – “In Honour” of Saskatoon “Jays Gone Wild”	
Mosquito Baseball Team-the 2010 Provincial AA Tier 11 Champions, coached by Ron’s son, Lane Wallace.	

**TO: ALL FORMER INDUCTEES :** Remember, this Hall of Fame and Museum acknowledges, displays and honours **your** contribution to our great baseball heritage. If you have never supported this organization with a membership, we would ask that you consider doing so, or giving a donation. It requires funding for operating, proper preservation of memorabilia and artifacts, proper displays, research, and taking on fund-raising projects. Your help is needed. We DO NOT receive Government funding!  
We would love to hear from you!

**Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum**

**DONATION FORM**

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

PROVINCE\_\_\_\_\_POSTAL CODE\_\_\_\_\_

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AMOUNT OF DONATION--\$\_\_\_\_\_.

Cheques only to: The Saskatchewan Baseball Museum  
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## **OUR FUND-RAISING PROJECTS**

**MEMBERSHIP** – Our mailing list is updated regularly, therefore, we ask those people on our complimentary list to consider taking out a membership. Of course, Life members need not be concerned about paying the annual fee, but a donation is always accepted with gratitude! Annual membership fees are for January 1 to December 31. That fee is \$25.00. Lifetime membership is \$200.00.

**DONATIONS**- Our members must be commended for their dedication to this association for their financial support throughout the years. We are very proud of the accomplishments of this association, but we must ask for your support, as many of the past inductees are no longer with us, and it is now time for the rest of us to take over and keep the donations coming. The people of Saskatchewan are the greatest! Thank you.

**THE ANNUAL INDUCTION**-This demands year round preparation in order to obtain nominations for the “Selection Committee” to review and determine the inductees for the year. Nominations are the key to a successful event. This is where you, as a member of this association can assist by submitting a nomination for someone you feel strongly should be considered for induction. You may contact the office for nomination guidelines and forms, as well as any other questions you may have.

**The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction will be held Saturday, August 20, 2011.** Selected this past year, to be inducted in 2011, are the Biensch Family from Marsden, two teams, the Kindersley Klippers and Lashburn Linnets/Cardinals, and the community of Wilkie, the town that will be celebrating their centennial in 2011!

This is the project that you can support and have a very enjoyable time as well.

**ANNUAL CALENDAR**- Our annual baseball calendar is printed and distributed on, and following, induction day each year. Through soliciting advertising, at an extremely minimal cost to the advertisers, this has proven to be both a popular and profitable undertaking. You can support this project by purchasing a business size card, black and white ad, in the calendar, for only \$50.00. This could be a business ad or your own “Congratulatory” ad to the inductees.

**SILENT AUCTION**- During the reception and banquet each year, at the induction, a table with donated articles for the auction is set up for all on which to bid. This is another way everyone can support the museum.

**ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF GARDENS**-This project, held in the Battlefords, is becoming quite popular. However, the weather is a determining factor in the success of each event. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Gardens will be held Sunday, July 17, 2011.

**SOUVENIR SALES**- Baseball souvenirs that make great Christmas gifts:

BB Caps with embroidered logo-\$20.00 / Golf Shirts with embroidered logo-\$45.00

T-Shirts with logo-\$20.00 / Hoodies [green] embroidered logo-\$65.00

Coffee Mugs with logo-\$7.00 / Pins-\$3.00 / Swiss Army Knives-\$5.00

Key Chains with engraving-\$5.00 / Baseball Holders-\$10.00

These prices include taxes, with shipping extra.

**SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**- PLATINUM-\$2000.00 or more yearly.

- GOLD-\$500.00 yearly.

Would you consider a sponsorship or solicit on our behalf? Call us!

### **A TASTE OF SASKATCHEWAN-SASKATOON, SK.**

This project requires sufficient volunteers to do the necessary clean up as the contract requires.

The association has again been granted the **2011** contract, with Vice-President, Ed Bryant, Saskatoon, taking over from Norm Bell, as the “Project Manager.”

This is a project that requires many volunteers over the 6-day event. We would appreciate your help in volunteering for this project.

Special appreciation is extended to all those that volunteered this year.

**OUR NEWEST FUND-RAISER "THE PAINTING PROJECT"**

Will you consider supporting this historical museum that contains the baseball history of our great province of Saskatchewan?

As a special fund-raising project, we are offering you the opportunity to purchase one or more of three different Al Bauche paintings.

A613a- Northern Lights, A716a- Bessborough Live and A720a- Fresh Snow on the Pines. These are on the next page.

His painting, "**Bessborough Live**" is featured on the menu cover of the Golden Court Café at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon.

The artist, **Albert H. Bauche** is best known for his rich prairie water colours. In this, his preferred medium, he has achieved recognition and success. His work can be found in public and private collections across Canada and has received numerous awards and honours over the years.

Mr. Bauche has given permission to offer these prints, with all proceeds to the **Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum**.

One [1] print, size 16"x 20", is available at a cost of \$60.00.

If you order two [2] or more prints, the price is \$50.00 each.

Shipping and handling will be \$15.00.

These would make ideal gifts for Christmas, or for any other special occasion.

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**Order Form/Cheque payable to:**

*The Saskatchewan Baseball Museum*

*Box 1388, Battleford, SK. S0M 0E0*

*Phone 306-446-1983 <saskbaseballmuseum@sasktel.net>*

-----Print # 720 @ \$ 60.00 = \$

-----Print # 613 @ \$ 60.00 = \$

-----Print # 716 @ \$60.00 = \$

Total for prints \_\_\_\_\_ [calculate if 2 or more @ \$50.00 each]

Postage and Handling \$ 15.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .We do not accept credit cards.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_



**Print # A716**

**Bessborough Live**

**Print # A720**

**Fresh Snow on the  
Pines**



**Print #**

**A613**

**Northern Lights**



## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR MEMBERS

### **BASEBALL FREINDSHIP RENEWED AFTER 50 YEARS!!**

The Saskatoon Ambassadors baseball team had a pitcher, **Gerry Gartner**, and a catcher, **Bob Landine** who played together in 1961. Bob caught for Gerry all spring and summer leading up to the playoffs. "We were a great combination-thinking alike when it came to sizing up the batters, finding their weak spots and capitalizing on them. Bob was especially adept at catching periodic wild pitches that lefties are famous for. Playing together creates a special bond between pitcher and catcher that lasts beyond the games and over time. "Such it is between Bob and me" says Gerry of the time they played together.

They did see each other when the team was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999, but it was the only time that they had been together .....until August of this year. Gerry phoned Bob to say he was living in Fredericton, working as CEO with the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick for a one-year stint. Well, needless to say, he was invited to come over the next evening for a barbeque and has been a frequent guest ever since. Gerry's wife, Val, sent his glove and he and Bob have played catch a few times in the back yard!

They both enjoy watching their favourite football team, the Saskatchewan Roughriders and cheer them on from comfortable armchairs in the family room. Gerry has met several of Bob's NB friends and also family members, so he enjoys time spent at his "home away from home." Bob and Debbie both appreciate this renewed friendship and know that once the year here is finished, Bob and Gerry will always have that "special bond" and remain good friends.

Submitted by Debbie Landine, New Maryland, New Brunswick.

If you have an article or news to share with our readers, please forward that to us. An article of around 200 to 300 words would be best.

### **FROM OUR MEMBERS!**

"The Legislature opened for it's fall sitting last week and I thought it was important to bring to the attention of the MLA's and the public, the good work that you and the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame Board of Directors have been doing. Therefore, I took the opportunity to make a statement in the assembly that referenced the inductees at this year's banquet. I was pleased to have been in attendance at that banquet, and I'm very impressed by the work you do, and the small group of dedicated volunteers do everyday to keep Saskatchewan baseball in front of citizens throughout North America." **Len Taylor, MLA The Battlefords.**

"Thank you again for everything. Could not have done all of 'long distance arrangements' without your help! You certainly are appreciated! **Dennis and Connie Williams and family, Woodlake, California, USA**

"Keep up the good work. I saw the television clip on the Hall. Very nice! **Ian Young, Calgary, AB.**

"We were in hopes that we would possibly get up to see the museum once again, but Russ's health has changed and travel is out of the question. We both enjoy the newsletter. So many of the crew Russ was part of, have passed on. You do a wonderful job, and it is appreciated. We wish you well and a good year." **Elsie and Russ Earl, Estevan, SK.**

"Jane....A "Special Thank You" to you and your personnel for keeping the Hall and Museum a Great Saskatchewan Attraction!" **Ron L. Wallace, Saskatoon, SK. 2008 Inductee.**



“ I really enjoyed the dinner and ceremony. Thanks.” **Delmar Hebig, Saskatoon, SK. Member 2010 Fulda Flyers Team Induction.**

“..Thank you for the continued good work you are doing to preserve the great story of baseball alive in Saskatchewan” **Theresa and Ernie Franks, Melville, SK. [Ernie is a 2000 Inductee].**

“Jane-I want to commend you and your committee for keeping alive the baseball history of Saskatchewan. I’m certain that Dave, from his comfortable seat behind home plate in heaven, is proudly telling those around him, ‘that’s my wife. What a job she and the committee does!’ The hallowed crowd around him, with the noticeable absence of umpires, cheered in agreement.!!![The umpires were in a much warmer location!]

**Ron Hayter, Edmonton, AB. 2010 Honorary Inductee.**

“Yes, Jane, the 2010 induction was fantastic- going to be hard to beat...I was honoured to represent Bennie Griggs, who truly deserved to be in the Hall.... It was a pleasure to be part of it.” **Robert Fleming, Ormiston, SK.**

“I am originally from North Battleford [my maiden name was Balance] and I have known for years what you and your family has contributed to the sport [baseball]. Thank you for all that you do and have done. Being a parent/coaches wife/manager, I know the time commitment involved and dedication require.” **Pam Shoults, Saskatoon, SK.**

“We are all so very pleased to hear that our boys good baseball team of over 50 years ago, is going to be inducted into the Sask. Baseball Hall of Fame in 2011. That is a great honour. We all want to thank you for all the work you do for the association. This is a great thing for our province of Saskatchewan, and for all who love the game of baseball.” **Alf Bexfield, Lashburn, SK.**

#### ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

The Kanaweyemik Child and Family Services Inc., held a “Special Evening” recently to honour local heroes for their assistance to a united community. Receiving this award was **Senator Herb Sparrow**, Gordon Tootoosis, Janet Tootoosis, Allan Sapp and Henry Beaudry.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONOURARY PRESIDENT, SENATOR HERB!**

**Director Glen Shockey** and Mona Davidson were members of the Saskatchewan For Fitness Bowling Team that won the SILVER medal at the National Bowling Championships held in Ontario in August 2010. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Alf Bexfield**, Lashburn, SK., celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 5, 2010. Alf is a 2004 Inductee, and was the manager of the Lashburn Linnets, a team that will be inducted into the team category on August 20, 2011. **A BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



## **ABOUT THE MUSEUM**

**BREAK-IN!** Upon entering the museum one morning in July, I found glass all over the front step to the museum, then, upon entering, found broken glass all over the museum floor. Someone had broken one of the decorative thick glass blocks on either side of the front door and entered the building, stealing the "Donation Bubble" containing approximately \$50.00. Thankfully, there was no other damage, and of course, the RCMP were not able to find the culprit[s]. Then on November 12<sup>th</sup>, someone threw a stone through a window high up on the east side of the building. There was broken glass inside and out, but no one had entered the building. On both occasions, member **Alumi Glass, North Battleford**, came to our rescue, replacing the glass, with both materials and labour being donated. **"Thank you" Kevin Driedger!**

**WE HAVE OUR MURAL!!** One project our founder, the late David Shury, had planned years ago, was a mural depicting the first recorded baseball game in Saskatchewan. With some funding from the Town of Battleford Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program, and funds from donations in memory of Dave Shury, the mural was painted by "Wall Wizards" of the Battlefords, and now graces the west outside wall of the museum, with lighting at night. It looks great!

**MUSEUM OF THE YEAR!** We are very proud to have been selected the "2010 Facility of the Year" by Rivers West District for Culture and Recreation Volunteer Recognition. Director Glen Shockey, Perdue, SK. accepted the award on behalf of the Museum at the special event held in Biggar, SK. on April 15, 2010.

**CBC-TV** did a special "BASEBALL HISTORY" program featuring the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in Battleford. This was filmed in Battleford, the morning of Induction Day, August 21, 2010, and aired several times throughout that day. Many members informed us they had seen the program and were very impressed!

**Email???** If you now have email, please forward it to us.

**2010 INDUCTION DVD's are available for \$25.00, including shipping. Order now!**

A reminder to forward any information or stories you may have that we could use in the newsletter.

**TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM-A HUGE 'THANK YOU' FOR SUPPORT.**



**TO ALL- A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**