

**SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL**  
**HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM ASSOC. INC. NEWSLETTER**  
**“HONOURING OUR BASEBALL HERITAGE”**  
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**25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INDUCTION-SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009**

**A VERY SPECIAL EVENT! SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!**

Imagine, twenty-five years of honouring those ‘Great Ones’ that contributed to our Saskatchewan baseball history! Our founder, David Shury will be looking down on us, from on high, with that huge wonderful smile, feeling so proud!

All information about induction day is included in this issue, as well as order forms for tickets to the event. Order tickets early and make your accommodation reservations early as well.

**WE ARE NOW COMPLETELY WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE!!!**

Yes, we now have a bathroom on the main floor! We were able to obtain some funds from a “Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program”. The amount received for construction was \$2000.00, plus \$400.00 worth of paint from Doug’s Benjamin Moore Paints in North Battleford. The paint will be used in the office and entrance, but this will not be done until September. The total cost of this renovation far exceeded the grant received, therefore, we are now soliciting funds to cover this cost. Our objective is \$5000.00.

**SILENT AUCTION REQUEST!**

This project has proven to be a financial success, so we now ask you to solicit articles from any business in your area, to assist in this fund-raiser. How about a coupon for gas?? This is a Hall of Fame and Museum for ALL of SASKATCHEWAN, and we need the support of ALL SASKATCHEWAN citizens! Thank you.

## OBITUARIES

**PETER DONISON, REGINA, SASK.**- died May 10, 2002, at 86 years of age. Peter was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002!

WILLIAM JOHN STANG, Esterhazy, Sask.- 1948-2009-enjoyed baseball especially the Toronto Blue Jays!

BANNATYNE JEAN, Quill Lake, Sask.-1913-2009-loved baseball and the Toronto Blue Jays!

MARK LOUIS KASUN, Manthorpe, England-had lived in Kindersley, Sask.-played baseball.

EDWIN ROY BRICK, Kindersley, Sask. -1956-2009- loved baseball!

### **GET WELL WISHES**

Bob Colliar, Meota, Sask.-Is recuperating at home from surgery. Bob is a Director of this Association, and a 1991 Inductee.

Bonnie Kalin, Meota, Sask. is now hospitalized in Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon. She was a very dear friend of the editor.

Gordon Johnson, Yorkton, Sask.-rushed by ambulance to Saskatoon, June 17, 2009.

Gordon is a member of the 1967 Yorkton Cardinals Baseball Team that will be inducted into the Team Category of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame August 15, 2009.

### **BOOKS OF INTEREST!**

Did you know that there is a book written by Alison Gordon, Ontario, called "**PRAIRIE HARDBALL**" that is all about a murder that takes place in THE Saskatchewan Baseball Museum when it was located in an old historical Church in Battleford. We have a signed copy at the museum if you are interested. It is available in libraries.

We have available, a book written by Jim Shearon, Ontario, titled "**OVER THE FENCE IS OUT**", the Larry Walker Story, and more of Canada's Baseball Legends. You can order it from us.

**WHEAT PROVINCE DIAMONDS!** This book is the story of Saskatchewan Baseball, with over 200 photos from many parts of Saskatchewan. An absolutely great gift for anyone interested or involved with this great game!

Available at the Saskatchewan Baseball museum.

<p><b><u>FRIENDS OF THE HALL - JOIN NOW - 2009 MEMBERSHIPS</u></b></p> <p><i>THE HALL OF FAME IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO SHARE THEIR MEMORIES AND DREAMS ABOUT SASKATCHEWAN HISTORY- <b><u>BASEBALL!</u></b></i></p>
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**BASIC MEMBERSHIP-\$25.00** - INVITATION TO THE AGM WITH VOTING PRIVILEGES.

- RECOGNITION IN THE NEWSLETTER.

- NEWSLETTER-FIVE TIMES A YEAR

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP-\$200.00** - BASIC PLUS A LAMINATED PERSONALIZED MEMBERSHIP CARD.

- SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM PIN.

## **MEMBERSHIPS – [SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER]**

### **LIFE**

None.

### **REGULAR – Yearly renewals**

Battlefords Tourism, North Battleford, SK  
 Don Sumner, Brandon, MB  
 Andy Boleziuk, Yorkton, SK  
 Robert Jack, Bonnyville, AB  
 Wayne LeBere, Moose Jaw, SK  
 Lyle Jackson, Kindersley, SK

Karen Rongve, Saskatoon, SK  
 Donald W. Cameron, Brockville, ON  
 George Olafson, Medicine Hat, AB  
 Edwin Rolheiser, Rosetown, SK  
 D.E.L. Keown, Edmonton, AB  
 Don Mitchell, Battleford, SK

### **DONATIONS “IN MEMORY”**

Karen Rongve, Saskatoon, SK – in memory of Dave Shury  
 Gerry Lister, Victoria, BC – in memory of Dave Shury  
 Judy Gebhard, Liberty, SK – in memory of Peter Donison

### **DONATIONS – OTHER**

Robert J. Stevenson, Eston, SK  
 Don Sumner, Brandon, MB  
 Marcel Richards, Saskatoon, SK

### **ABOUT DONATIONS RECEIVED “IN MEMORY OF DAVID SHURY”**

Curio cabinets have been purchased and now display many personal articles that Dave cherished in life, along with some of the numerous awards he received throughout his life.

### **WAYS YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT THIS MUSEUM**

- 1 - **Membership**
- 2 - **Donations**
- 3 - Solicit ads from your area for our **‘Calendar Project.’** For only \$40.00, a business size ad will be included in the annual calendar published and distributed throughout Saskatchewan and surrounding provinces.
- 4 - Donate an article to the **‘Silent Auction’** table held at the induction.
- 5 - **Nominate** an individual, a team, a family or a community for induction into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.
- 6 - **Encourage visits** to the museum. We have become an interesting historical tourist attraction.

### **MAIL RETURNED**

Mr. Robert Tucker  
 1203 - 1700 Commodore Blvd.  
 Cocoa Beach, Florida, USA  
 32931 – 3263

**EXTRA---EXTRA---EXTRA--- ALL ABOUT BASEBALL**

**IS IT POSSIBLE TO STRIKE OUT FIVE [5] BATTERS IN ONE [1] INNING?**

It certainly is possible, although obviously unlikely.

One scenario:

1<sup>st</sup> batter – strikes out.

2<sup>nd</sup> batter – strikes out.

3<sup>rd</sup> batter – strikes out, but catcher drops the third strike, batter-runner is safe at first.

R1 steals second.

4<sup>th</sup> batter – strikes out, but catcher drops the third strike, batter-runner is safe at first.

5<sup>th</sup> batter – strikes out.

As a matter of fact, it is possible for an unlimited number of batters to strike out in one inning, under a similar repeating scenario.

Remember though, that a batter-runner is not entitled to run to first on a dropped third strike if first base is occupied. Otherwise, if first base were occupied, a catcher could conceivably drop the third strike on purpose, throw to second for a force out there, and then they could relay to first for an unfair double play.

**A GOOD BOOK TO READ: “A GLOVE OF THEIR OWN”**

“A Glove of Their Own” is for the kids who toss the bat to choose captains and pick teams, playing in a neighborhood field or an empty lot. You’ll find no coaches, no concession stands, and sometimes just an old bat and ball. But once the first pitch is thrown, you’ll find the real heart and soul of America. You’ll find baseball in its purest form. And the publisher of “A Glove of Their Own” wants to help kids know this simple joy by donating a portion of the proceeds to help bring equipment to the kids who play without it.

“For few things in life are ever as good

As the smell of your own glove, the crack of the wood

Or being with friends at that one special spot

And sharing what you have with those who have not.”

By Graham Greene

**DID YOU KNOW?**

“Baseball is 90% mental and the other half is physical.” – Yogi Berra

“They can holler at the uniform all they want, but when they holler at the man wearing the uniform, they’re in trouble.” – Umpire Joe Brinkman #15

“You spend a good piece of your life gripping a baseball and in the end it turns out that it was the other way around all the time.” – Jim Bouton – Ball Four

“You look forward to it like a birthday party when you’re a kid. You think something wonderful is going to happen.” – Joe DiMaggio, on Opening Day

“I think a baseball field must be the most beautiful thing in the world. It’s so honest and precise. And we play on it. Every star gets humbled. Every mediocre player has a great moment.” – Lowell Cohn in “The Temple of Baseball” (1981)

“Kids today are looking for idols, but sometimes they look too far... They don’t have to look any further than their home because those are the people that love you. They are the real heroes.” – Bobby Bonilla

## **A LAUGH**

A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he strutted through the backyard, wearing his baseball cap and toting a ball and bat. "I'm the greatest hitter in the world", he announced. Then he tossed the ball into the air, swung at it, and missed. "Strike one" he yelled. Undaunted, he picked up the ball and said again, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!" He tossed the ball into the air. When it came down he swung again and missed. "Strike two!" he cried. The boy then paused a moment to examine his bat and ball carefully. He spit on his hands and rubbed them together, he straightened his cap and said once more, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!" Again he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. He missed. "Strike three!" "Wow!" he exclaimed, "I'm also the greatest pitcher in the world!"

## **REMEMBER WE TAKE NOMINATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

If you have a name to present for consideration by the 'Selection Committee' for induction, please contact us and we will be happy to help you with the nomination. If you need a nomination form and guidelines we will send that to you. Please let us know.

## **ANOTHER REMINDER THAT MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE!**

Annual membership fees are for January 1 to December 31 of each year, and are due January 1, 2009. The fee is \$25.00 for the annual membership and \$200.00 for a lifetime membership. Membership fees and donations, along with our fund-raising projects and many volunteers, have maintained this museum for the past 25 years. Thank you! We plan to continue another 25 years!

## **MESSAGES FROM OUR READERS!**

"I read with great sadness about the passing of Dave. Had I known in time, I would have made the journey to his service. Dave meant a lot to me in my early days in North Battleford and our travels to the Expos Spring Training in 1968 or 1969. A memory not soon forgotten. I will cherish all the great and fond memories of Dave for there will be no more. Dave had "Major League" drive in his will to live and was an inspiration to many. May Dave's legacy live on through the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. May all Baseball Fans, young and old, continue to support the Hall forever. Dave was, and is, baseball's "GREATEST FAN". May he Rest in Peace, and may baseball return to the Battlefords!"

***Gerry and Stephanie Lister, Victoria, BC.***

"Enclosed is a donation in memory of my father, Peter Donison, Regina, who was inducted in 2002, and passed away May 10, 2009, at age 86. We will miss him so very much and we appreciate your kindness in all that you have done for Mom and Dad. Thanks again."

***Judy Gebhard, Liberty, Sask.***

"I recall with admiration the great work that Dave did on behalf of baseball in Saskatchewan and Canada. It was a privilege for me to have met you and Dave in Battleford in 1997."

***Jim Shearon, Kanata, Ontario***

"I continue to receive many emails and telephone calls extending condolences on Dave's death, and I would like to say how much this means to me. May I extend my most sincere appreciation".***Jane Shury, Battleford, Sask.***

## **THE SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM LIVES ON!**

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**REGULAR ANNUAL FEES**-----\$25.00  
**[JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR]**

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**-[a one-time fee]-----\$200.00

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**DONATION FORM**

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IF YOU WANT THIS DONATION 'IN MEMORY', PLEASE INDICATE NAME

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**SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL HALL OF FAME**  
**INDUCTION DAY SCHEDULE**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009**

11:30 am to 1:00 pm - informal luncheon at the Legion Hall 262-22<sup>nd</sup> St. Battleford, Sask.  
 No charge for the luncheon, but a donation would be appreciated. Wheelchair accessible.  
 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Tours of Museum- 292-22<sup>nd</sup> St. There will be a display of this year's  
 inductees. Wheelchair accessible to museum, but not to bathrooms.

**THE FOLLOWING TAKES PLACE AT THE ALEX DILLABOUGH CENTRE**

Located at 421-28<sup>th</sup> St. Battleford. Wheelchair accessible.

4:30 pm- Reception-Come early-renew old acquaintances and make new memories.

**6:30 SHARP-MARCH-IN OF HEAD TABLE [INDUCTEES]**

OPENING CEREMONIES

DINNER [HEAD TABLE WILL BE SERVED]

GUEST SPEAKER

20 MINUTE BREAK

INDUCTION CEREMONIES

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Dress-semi-formal.[suit; jacket/slacks]

Cash bar in hall.

Souvenirs available at lunch and banquet.

Silent auction in hall.

Individual name tags will be ready for the individual inductees.

Team name tags [not individual names] will be ready for team members.

Family name tags [not individual names] will be ready for immediate family members.

PLEASE be seated at your table by 6:30 pm, to allow the proceedings to begin on time.

There will be a short break following the guest speaker, before the Induction Ceremonies.

One pre-selected inductee will reply on behalf of **ALL** the inductees. Time does not permit each inductee to respond.

**ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION**

**MOTELS AND HOTELS**

Tropical Inn-446-4700 1-800-219-5244

Happy inn-445-9425 1-800-390-3947

BMC Inns-445-7747 1-888-700-2264

Super 8-446-8888 1-800-800-8000

Gold Eagle Lodge-446-8877 1-866-446-8877

Battleford Inn-445-1515 1-800-691-6076

**BED AND BREAKFAST**

Prince Manor-306-937-2437

Harvelle House-306-937-6105

Wasmuth Homestead-306-937-2440

Lakeview Lodge -306-892-2339

Irene's B&B-306-445-4092

Shepley House-306-445-4568

**CAMPGROUND INFORMATION—TOURISM-306-445-2000**

For further inquiries- phone 306-446-1983

- fax-306-446-0509

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**ORDER FORM FOR INDUCTION BANQUET TICKETS**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009**  
**BATTLEFORD, SASK.**

**An income deductible tax receipt will be issued for a percentage of each ticket**

-----Adult tickets @ \$50.00 each =====\$ \_\_\_\_\_

-----Children [12 and under] @ \$25.00 each ===== \$ \_\_\_\_\_

-----Children [5 and under] \_\_\_\_\_ FREE===== \$ 0000000000000000

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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WE WILL BE HONOURING \_\_\_\_\_  
 [Please indicate the name of the individual, team, family or community to be inducted.]