

Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum

Honour Our Past — Ensure Our Future

Fall 2018



2019 Hall of Fame Inductees

Individual Nominees

Greg Cameron – Boissevain
Armin Gitzel – Carman
Dean McBride – Gladstone
Jon Robbins – Winnipeg
Randy Robertson – Hamiota
Bruce Stephens – Brandon

Major Teams

Brandon Cloverleafs 2006-2012
Carillon Sultans 1996-2003

Small Community Team

Springfield Jrs. 2007-2011

Special

Coulter Red Sox 1968
Sager Family
Bob Senff – Umpire - Virden
Paul Edmonds – Press – Winnipeg

Pre 1950

Chuck Lindsay – Hamiota, Reston

2019 Senior Provincial Host Sites

Jun 21 – 23; AAA – Elmwood
Jul 19 – 21; AA Allstars – Brandon
Jul 26 – 28; Senior AA – Wawanesa
July 27 – 28; Twilight Provincials –
Wawanesa
Aug 9 – 11; Senior AA – Rivers
Aug 15 – 18; WCBC -- Stonewall

Annual Induction Banquet

Saturday, June 1, 2019 – Morden Event Access Centre ~ Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum location

Tickets available from: Jack Hrehirchuk 204.638.6923 – jhrehirchuk@wcgwave.ca, David Taylor 204.476.3843 – taylor@brandon.ca, Joe Wiwchar 204.822.4636 – mbbbhof@mts.net or at baseballmanitoba.ca

Senior Recap

2018 Provincial Titles

Senior A – Reston Rockets
Senior AA – Morden Mohawks
Senior AA Allstars – SW BL Allstars
Senior AAA – Oak River Dodgers

Representatives at WCBC in Moose Jaw met in the final with Border League defeating St. James in the final. At AAA Nationals Oak River lost a tough extra innings game to Victoria in their final game that would have placed them in the playoff round. Chris Moffat of the Morden Mohawks was named Senior AA Player of the Year. The Baseball Manitoba High Performance Team of the Year were the Brandon Peewees who captured the Provincial title and collected a Bronze at the WCBC.

Inductee nominees for all categories are always welcome. Please check the Hall of Fame website or contact Director Murray Zuk – Box 158 Souris, MB R0K 2C0 – 204.483.2687 – murzuk@mymts.net

In Memorial

- *Harry Smithson (88)- Life Member - Inducted with Eden (1950-55)
- *John Russell (82) – Strong Pitcher - Inducted with Rivers Comets (1964-69)
- *Laurie Artis (86) - Organized Manitoba Minor Baseball Association in 1952 and was first MSBL president in 1961 – Inducted in 1997
- *Garry Mckinnon (80) - Life Member - Catcher who played with Wellwood who won Neepawa and district league in 1957
- *Michael Bynard - Played with Elmwood Giants and won the MJBL batting title in 1987
- *Harvey English (100) - Cardale first baseman with power who also was Reeve RM of Blanshard
- *Gordon Lyall (77) - Versatile player with Championship teams in Kenton and Hamiota - umpired – Inducted in 2007
- *Vic Rayner (87) - Catcher with Bossevain, who was a versatile athlete and long time referee and chief with SWHL
- *Warren Gillis (80) - Great sports supporter who played with Baldur and Neepawa Farmers
- *Larry Mudge (78) - From Mather and coached Legion 141 for 30 years – Inducted in 2016 with Elmwood Giants
- *Bill Fraser (82) - First manager of Neepawa Cubs when they joined the MSBL - Excellent pitcher - Inducted in 2007 with Neepawa Cubs (1955-60)

Other News

Elsie Moroz (93) who was in the first induction class in 1997, was inducted into the Ukrainian Sports Hall of Fame in Philadelphia on Sept. 15, 2018. Her four daughters Tammy, Penny, Cheryl and Dawn represented her and went on stage to sing a verse of “We are members of all American girls baseball league”.

The hall of fame committee received many letters of appreciation of the banquet programs. Letters were received from Morley Mcfarlane inducted 1999, Noreen Gordon widow of Belmont Ace “babe” Gordon inducted 2002, Don Breen (91) and David Hay of Saskatoon who likes to follow Manitoba Baseball History. Garry Toews former star pitcher from Plum Coulee and Morden enjoyed the program and shared it Conrad Delorme formerly of Pilot Mound. Garry lives in Carseland, AB.

It was noted by Jane Shury that Saskatchewan celebrated their 34th induction ceremony on Aug. 18,2018.

The Plumas Pirates who have had a senior baseball team since 1946 held a baseball reunion Aug. 3-5 with 35 former Pirates attending. There was a couple of games played and a banquet held . A note from Plumas is that Zac Yandea pitched his Kelowna College team to a national CIS crown.

We would like to take time to thank Joe Mcphee of Neepawa for his efforts over the past years in preparing the newsletter. We also would encourage any of you with stories or comments that you would like to share to continue sending them to Gladwyn Scott or Ross Tycoles.

Congratulations to Baseball Manitoba new executive director, Jason Miller and a thankyou to executive assistant Brenda Horz for her continued assistance

In closing, the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame operates on funds raised from our supporters. So if you wish to donate by way of a patron donation or life membership please go to our website at mhhhof@mts.net to see how you can help out or contact David Taylor Box 2188 Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0.