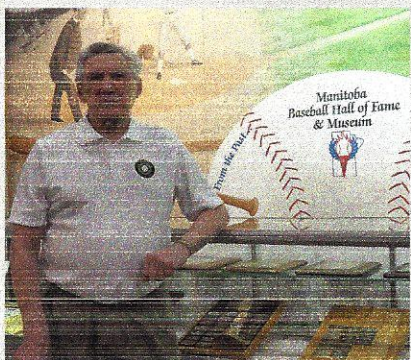


Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum

"Honour Our Past - Ensure Our Future"

Newsletter May 2022

Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Administrator Is Retiring



The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Museum (MBHOF) annually selects outstanding Manitoba athletes, coaches, officials, builders, and teams. It also gathers memories of the past and present associated with the history of baseball in Manitoba, located in Morden at the Access Centre.

The organization held its first banquets (1997-1998) in Brandon and incorporated in 1998. Chairpersons have been Gladwyn Scott, Al Kinley, Jack Callum, Morris Mott and currently Dan Giesbrecht is the chairperson. To accommodate a back log of members, in the beginning an average of 20 Hall of Fame members per year were inducted. "The idea for the organization originated with Gladwyn Scott. The first two banquets (1997-1998) took place in Brandon and all the others in Morden, except in Neepawa in 2001. They incorporated in May 2, 1998, and to catch up the board inducted 20 members in the early years.

The museum officially opened the day of the 1999 banquet in Morden, two banquets (1999 and 2019) were held in the hall in Morden while the rest was held on the ice surface until the last one," stated Joe Wiwchar, Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Administrator.

The corner stone of this Hall of Fame Museum has been Joe Wiwchar and what a fantastic representative the Manitoba baseball community has been able to have, during the first 25 years of existence. Joe also coached baseball continuously from 1953 – 2022, while also serving as the Museum administrator. Now on the cusp of retiring from his illustrious career as a builder of the sport of baseball, Joe has covered all the bases, home plate, the dugout, and everything in between serving as – player, coach, umpire, executive administrator, and mentor at local provincial, national, and international levels.

With Joe's retirement imminent, he has left the bases loaded and the MBHOF is in the market for a pinch hitter or two.

"Joe Wiwchar has done a tremendous job building the ship at the Access Event Centre, now we are looking for a good skipper to maintain the course and keep the MBHOF on an even keel," stated Lane Curry, Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Local Board Member.

In 1997, when the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Inc. was founded, Joe Wiwchar eagerly stepped up to the plate with a vision that reflected the statement: "Build it and they will come". For the past 25 years, Joe has continued to build the MBHOF and Museum in the Access Event Center, Morden, MB. into one of the finest sports museums in Canada.

His commitment, diligence and visionary leadership has made this a place where young and old are able to have a relaxing visit to view all the players, coaches, builders and umpires of yesteryears, biographies, and a large display of baseball memorabilia.

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Directors are deeply grateful to Joe for everything he has done. Thank you, Joe!

Senior Report- May 2022

With May upon us, Baseball has been on every bodies mind, all leagues across the province are gearing up to start. We will have all of the senior leagues operational and looking for the week of May 23rd as the start up week. Check for games in your area.

The Elmwood Giants will be Manitoba's representatives at the AAA Nationals in Sydney NS Aug. 25-28. While the South West All Stars will be, off to Saskatoon Sk. August 19-21 for the WCBA Senior Championships.

The 2022 Provincial Championships will be in the following Locations:
July 15-17- AA Stars at Morden MB
July 22-24 –Senior A and Twilight at Wawanesa, Mb.
Aug. 5-7 –Senior AA at Rivers, Mb.

We are hoping to have a tremendous season and look forward to seeing people at our local parks.
Yours in Baseball.
Ross Tycoles
Senior Chair

Hungry 9 Father's Day Raffle 2022

Why The Hungry 9?

The Hungry 9 is a reference to a baseball team scraping together the required nine players to participate. Therefore, this Hungry 9 Raffle will produce 9 different ticket winners and each winning ticket number will receive \$500.

Buy a ticket for yourself or your Father for Father's Day or in honour of him if deceased, or buy a ticket for a favorite Baseball Coach, Manager, Builder, Player, Team, Fan or just buy a ticket to win and support the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

If you are interested in purchasing a Hungry 9 Raffle ticket, please click here and complete the required information electronically so you can be contacted for payment and

confirmation of your ticket purchase.

Hungry 9 Father's Day Raffle 2022 Rules

Tickets drawn at 1:00 pm on Father's Day on June 19th, 2022, at

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum 111C Gilmour Street, Morden MB

1. Each Raffle ticket cost is \$100, and tickets will be sold in numerical order starting with #1 to #100.

2. Only 100 tickets are available for purchase for Manitobans or by Manitobans. 3. The following people are NOT eligible for purchasing raffle tickets or having raffle tickets purchased in their name. Raffle Chairperson, Lane Curry, MB Baseball Hall of Fame Chairperson, Dan Giesbrecht, and MB Hall of Fame Secretary, Don Schmall.

4. June 10th, 2022 will be the last day to purchase a raffle ticket for the 2022 Hungry 9 Father's Day Raffle.

5. Any unsold tickets by June 10th, 2022, will remain property of the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame for claiming prize money.

6. The Hungry 9 Father's Day Raffle will occur at the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame at 1:00 pm on June 19th, 2022.

Results will also be posted will be on the MBBHOF website and Facebook sites for all to see.

7. There will be 9 different numbers chosen as winners of \$500 each for a total distribution of \$4500.

8. After the ticket is drawn it will NOT go back into the draw.

9. The 9 Winning Prize Cheques will be mailed to the winners the week

Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame 2022 Banquet Submitted by Gladwyn Scott

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and plans to hold the induction banquet in Morden Saturday, June 4 for the class of 2020. For the last two years, banquets were not held due to the pandemic. The Winnipeg Goldeyes will host all the 2020 inductees at Shaw for a baseball game Sunday, June 5 at 1:00 PM against the Lincoln Salt Dogs. The Goldeyes will wear Cardale Cougar replica uniforms which will be for sale following the game. All 2020 inductees will be introduced on the field prior to the game. Special 25th anniversary pins and t-shirts will be available.

Members of the 2020 inductees include seven individuals – Ron Arnst (Winnipeg), Les Charles (Didsbury, AB), Blaine Fortin (Lundar), Andrew Halpenny (Winnipeg), John Kroeker (Stonewall), Morris Mott (Brandon), and Kalam Paull (La Salle); four teams – Carman Goldeyes Midgets (1994-95), Carman Goldeyes Juniors (1997-2000), Elmwood Giants Juniors (2002-2007), Cardale Cougars Bantams / Midgets / Bisons (1971-75); special team – Portage Athletics Midgets (1991); Honorary Life Member – Jack Callum.

Ticket information is available on the Baseball Hall of Fame website. Tickets for former individual inductees are available at a reduced rate.

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2022 Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Fund and Patron Fund Campaign.

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum Inc. (MBHOF) is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The MBHOF showcases the importance of baseball in Manitoba's cultural history and celebrates the achievements of our Province's best teams, players, builders, umpires, and media people. It is operated by volunteers, including a museum manager, a 20-person Board of Directors, and a local Morden committee. The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum is in the Access Event Centre, Morden, MB.

2022 Projects Identified by the Board Are as Follows:

1. Hire a part-time museum manager.
2. Install improved lighting for the display cases.
3. Improve the MBHOF website. The goal of website development is to improve the look and feel of the user's experience. The integration with a future kiosk will allow visitors to search for more in-depth information on inductees or display items.
4. Install new security cameras.

How Can You Help – By Donating to the Following Funds:

The Patron Fund

Patrons are individuals who donate at least \$ 50 and corporations or organizations that donate at least \$100. Benefits include a receipt for income tax purposes, your name listed on our website's donor page, and the opportunity to support a worthy cause. Donations may be made in memory of others and include the donor's name. These donations may be fully used for operation, maintenance, and upgrades to the MHBOF at any time as determined by the Board of Directors.

Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Fund

In 2019, the MBHOF enrolled in the Manitoba Heritage Trust Program, which the Winnipeg Foundation administers in conjunction with the Morden and Area Foundation. The MBHOF retains complete ownership of any funds invested in the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Fund and may use the annual interest accrued as the MBHOF determines. The funds invested in this program provide the organization with a stable and predictable source of revenue.

Online donations can be made by following the instructions on the MBHOF website - mbhof.ca, under the donations banner. Cheques, accompanied by a completed MBHOF Donor Form to:

Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum
111C Gilmour Street
Morden, MB. R6M 1N9

We invite our past supporters and all others, including all the inductees, to support our Patron Fund and the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Fund. Your support is needed so our museum can continue to operate as a top-class, flourishing facility.

Thank you for reading this letter and for your interest in the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,
Dan Giesbrecht

Dan Giesbrecht
Chairman,
Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Board of Directors

Gladywn's Musings...

In Memoriam:

Garry Van Buskirk (83) Jan.1/22 – Top MSBL pitcher inducted with the Hamiota Red Sox (1959-64) in 2004

Sam Phillips (83) Jan.5/22 – inducted with the Hamiota Red Sox (1959-64) in 2004 and with Miami (1956-61) in 2013

Tom Town (91) Jan.12/22 – inducted with the Brandon Cloverleaves (1954-60) in 1997 and individually in 1998

Gerry MacKay (91) Jan.21/22 – inducted with the Brandon Cloverleaves (1954-60) in 1997 and individually in 1998

Evie Moroz (97) Feb.3/22 – inducted individually in 1997 and with AAGPBL in 1998

Hall of Fame Day Submitted by Kevin Booker

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame (MBBHOF) will be hosting on August 6th, 2022, a "Hall of Fame Day" in Morden. The day will feature the 13U and 15U Team Manitoba male teams and the 14U and 16U Team Manitoba female teams who will be in Morden for workouts as they prepare for nationals.

The purpose of this day is to help promote both the HOF museum and our younger provincial teams.

For many players, this will be their first experience with a Provincial Baseball team and tends to generate an elevated level of excitement for both the players and parents/grandparents. What a great opportunity to introduce them to the HOF and the museum.

We want to make this day feel like a "big deal" for the players to be a part of our provincial teams.

There will be media present and the Winnipeg Goldeyes have offered to help with this day in any way they are able.

In addition to the team workouts, we will be conducting interviews with players and coaches, taking team pictures, touring the Museum, and having a BBQ.

If you are in Morden on August 6th, stop by and check out our up and coming Hall of Famers!

"Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is."
- Bullet Bob Feller

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