



# SASKATCHEWAN — SPORTS — HALL OF FAME

## FOR THE RECORD

### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HUGH VASSOS



One of my objectives as President was to re-engage former presidents of the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame. To that end, I have created the SSHF Past Presidents Club. Our first get together was a luncheon in early January where we had a chance to bring the past presidents up to speed on important issues including facility relocation and our new business plan. This was also a great opportunity to have the past presidents provide their input into our operations from an experienced perspective. The intention is to have a least two meetings for the group per year and to hopefully get them involved in our special events and projects as we go forward. I want to thank those who attended the inaugural event and I look forward to working with them as a past president myself next year.

As everyone knows, we are facing our facility challenges head-on and working hard to determine the best opportunity for the SSHF in the immediate and foreseeable future. Our current situation is simply inadequate and we can no longer sit back and hope the problem resolves itself. Our board is determined to find a new environment for the SSHF to grow into

the new age of interpretive educational facilities that other Canada cities have already built. At this time, I can report that we are considering a very exciting option that still requires a fair amount of groundwork before we can publicly talk about the opportunity. We will continue to work with our partners to determine the feasibility of relocation and hopefully we will soon have a new home for everyone to be proud of. It's a long process but we are making progress.

On that front, it is absolutely imperative that the SSHF continues down the self help road that we started on last year. We cannot rely on others for financial security. We need to be proactive with our Teammate program and other fundraising initiatives. We will be implementing a General Admission fee beginning this Spring. We all know the SSHF offers good value and therefore a fair price should be charged for admission. This modest fee will not only help in our day to day operations but it will also position us as we explore other facility options. Of course, our members will retain special admission benefits and privileges they so deserve for their financial commitment.

### CLASS OF 2013 TO BE ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 18

The nine newest inductees into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame will be announced on Thursday, April 18 at 11 a.m. We extend an invitation to our members to join us in Gallery I for the public announcement and meet the successful nominees for the first time. The Class of 2013 will be formally welcomed into the Hall of Fame during induction celebrations on Saturday, June 15. Full details will be available on April 18.

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**March 2013**

## MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHEILA KELLY

If you don't play hockey what do you do in the winter? Our current exhibit, *Winter in Saskatchewan*, features a variety of sports including curling, broomball, skating, ringette, skiing, snowshoeing, and speed skating. As per our strategic plan, this exhibit continues the strategy of featuring inductees within our exhibits and showcasing artifacts from our permanent collection. *Winter in Saskatchewan* will remain on public display through April 12.

Also on exhibit are components of the Old Timers Hockey Collection. Donated in 2011, this collection spans the Old Timers Hockey Championships - also known as the Nu-Central Oldtimers Hockey Tournament - which ran in Saskatoon for 15 years in the 1970's and 1980's. It's a who's who of hockey personalities from those eras and contains not only the tournament archives but also associated memorabilia. These materials will also be on public view through April 12.

The SSHF is pleased to announce the most recent publication under the auspices of the Sport History Project. *Out-Of-Bounds: A Century of Golf in Moose Jaw* by Kenneth A. Bradley has been co-published with the Saskatchewan Golf Association. The book is currently available at the Lynbrook or Hillcrest Golf Courses in Moose Jaw for a cost of \$20.

## ADMISSION FEES TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Over the course of the past year the board and staff have been evaluating all of the activities conducted on an annual basis and revising our organizational Business Plan to better support the needs of the SSHF. One of the major outcomes of this evaluation process has been the decision to implement a general admission charge for entry into the public galleries. For the past 6 months we have been promoting a "Suggested Admission" fee to SSHF patrons and this will convert to a "Mandatory Admission" fee effective April 1<sup>st</sup> with the following fee structure:

- Adults (18 years & over) \$5
- Children/Students (6-17) - \$2
- Family (2 adults/2 children) - \$10
- Children under 5 - FREE (must be accompanied by an adult)
- Members - FREE

The best way to access the SSHF throughout the year is, of course, to purchase an annual membership which provides unlimited entry to the galleries, as well as our public programming. A number of membership categories are available including:

- Individual \$25
- Family \$40
- PSGB's/Associations \$50
- Corporate \$75

To purchase a membership please contact the SSHF directly at 306-780-9232.

## PAST PRESIDENTS RENDEZVOUS AT THE HALL

On Tuesday, January 22 we had the privilege of hosting a number of our past presidents at the SSHF in the first of what will become a regular event. These individuals have seen the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame (SSHF) through many important milestones over our 47 year history. The meeting was an opportunity to share the vision of the current board of directors, receive feedback about this direction, and encourage the continued involvement of everyone in the SSHF's operations.

What an opportunity! While still very committed to the SSHF, it's a rare day - if ever - that we have been able to get all of these individuals in the same room at the same time. Such camaraderie and shared vision was immediately evident, and all still hold that shared passion for the SSHF. Over lunch the future direction of the SSHF was discussed and critiqued, resulting in the knowledge that our future can be very bright.



We would like to thank each and every one of the individuals who were able to take time out of their busy schedules to be a part of this and we look forward to seeing more of them in the future.

*From left to right:*

*Back Row: Alan Ford (2007), Cas Pielak (2000), Robert Millar (2004)*

*Front Row: George Reed (1980-1984), Marlene Hoffman (1999), Hugh Vassos (2011 - present), Barry Taman (2006), Craig Adam (2008), Paul Spasoff (2009-2010)*

## INDUCTEE NOTES

Congratulations are extended to the following honoured members of the SSHF on their most recent accomplishments.

**Arnold Boldt** (Athletics 1980) was named to the Order of Canada in December 2012 for his achievements in sport and his contributions as a role model for people with disabilities.

Hockey inductees **Gordon “Red” Berenson** (2000), **Bernie Federko** (2003), **Clark Gillies** (2000), **Bill “Red” Hay** (1992), **John “Jack” Maddia** (2002), **Eddie Shore** (1990), **Del Wilson** (2010), and the **1913/14 Regina Victorias** (1967) will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame (SHHoF) in July. The SHHoF is located in Swift Current and features exhibits prepared by the SSHF.

**Marnie Eistetter** (Synchronized Swimming 2009), **Keith Russell** (Gymnastics 2010), and **Lyle Sanderson** (Athletics 1994) have been awarded the Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of their contributions to Canadian sport. The Diamond Jubilee Medal was established to commemorate Queen Elizabeth’s commitment and dedication over the past six decades and is awarded to recognize outstanding contributions to community and Canada. **Catriona Le May Doan** (Speed Skating 2006) served on the 2012 judging panel for the Canadian Olympic Committee to evaluate nominations in support of the Diamond Jubilee Medal awarded for contributions to Canadian sport.

**Margaret Tosh** (Athletics 1978) has been named Sask Sport Inc.’s Master Athlete of the Year. Marg won gold medals in all six of her Throwers Club Masters events held in Stouffville, ON. Events included hammer throw, shot put, discus throw, javelin throw, weight throw and weight pentathlon. On route to her medals Margaret established Canadian Records in all events and set World Records for the weight throw and weight pentathlon.

## NEVER GIVE UP - PRINCE ALBERT

On Wednesday, February 7, Ted Jaleta and Fred Sasakamoose starred in *Never Give Up* in Prince Albert, made possible through the financial support of SaskEnergy. The theme of ‘never give up’ is very prominent with SSHF inductee, Ted Jaleta, who not only is a world class runner, but an inspiration to people of all ages. As told in his book, *Never Give Up*, Ted has endured many hardships growing up in Ethiopia and arriving in Canada, but with a positive outlook, courage, determination and hard work, he overcame obstacles and made the impossible, possible. 400 students in grades 3, 4 & 5 listened to the life stories of Ted & Fred and embraced their message of never giving up on your dreams.



Fred shared with the students positive memories from his childhood including wearing bob skates that his grandfather made for him, while using a hand carved wood stick to play hockey on the lake. He also shared some of his childhood struggles including leaving home at 6 years of age to attend a residential school and the abuse that he endured there. He sees all of these episodes in his life as building blocks which helped him to achieve his dream of playing in the National Hockey League (NHL). The first treaty Indian to play in the NHL, Fred went on to play 11 games with the Chicago Blackhawks. While there he learnt of the need to accept diversity and he shared the importance of this with the PA students. Upon leaving the Blackhawks Fred made it his goal to help give others the same opportunities that he received. He has worked extensively to build and develop minor hockey and other sports in his community. At 79 years of age Fred makes it a priority to talk to children and encourages them to never give up on their dreams.

Ted told the students about the challenges of growing up in Ethiopia; the need to leave home – against his parents’ wishes – in order to complete his high school education; and the civil war that tore apart his homeland and life as he knew it. Escaping from war torn Ethiopia, Ted and his family immigrated to Canada in 1982 to begin life anew. A successful long distance runner in Ethiopia, Ted used sport as a means to integrate himself into Canadian life. It became a means to meet new friends, learn the language, and establish himself within his new community. By 1986 Ted was once again long distance running and proving himself on the provincial, national and international level. In 1997 Ted was ranked 7th in the International Master’s Road Racers. Ted shared with the children the need to treasure their education, never give up on their goals, and always be willing to give back.

The SSHF’s Never Give Up program will be continuing in the communities of North Battleford (March 7) and Regina (March 14) with Ted being joined by Canadian sprint kayaker, Kia Byers.



## IN MEMORIAM

The members of the Board and staff extend their sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Eagle.

**Eagle Keys** passed away on December 20, 2012, at the age of 89. Eagle, legendary coach of the Saskatchewan Roughriders was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1967 as part of the 1966 Grey Cup Champion team.

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Noon – 5:00 pm

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