

50th Anniversary Edition



SASKATCHEWAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

FOR THE RECORD

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LINDA BURNHAM



Our 50th anniversary year is coming to a close and what a year it has been!

The celebrations throughout 2016 have included 3 major events, a 12 months-12 events series, as well as a dedication each week to one of our 51 represented sports.

Our first major event was *Diamond Girls*. This was a one-woman play depicting the stories of the Saskatchewan women who played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. This play travelled throughout the summer and received great reviews on every stage.

Next came our travelling exhibit. A semi-trailer, which has been retrofitted to house a display of artifacts, spent the summer travelling to a number of locations throughout the province. Our inductees represent over 140 Saskatchewan communities and the travelling exhibit enabled us to take the Hall to the people. If you missed your chance to see it this year, watch for us again in 2017!

The Gala was our last major event of the year. This was a very entertaining evening and we provided those in attendance with a view into the history of the SSHF. More details of this memorable event can be found throughout this newsletter.

We wish to thank everyone who attended our events throughout the year. We are very grateful for the support we received, and while we did not have an induction ceremony this year, we are currently reviewing the nominations for induction in 2017!

Our Board of Directors and staff also recently spent time at our annual retreat where we enjoyed getting to know each other, and also had a full day of business where our Strategic Plan was the focus of discussion. That plan will take us into the future with goals and direction that we continually work towards.

Throughout this hectic year it has become evident that our staff and board members are very committed and engaged, which will ensure that the SSHF continues to celebrate, preserve and promote the phenomenal sports history of our province.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. We hope you will connect with the SSHF personally as well as through our social medial channels.

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Best wishes,
Linda Burnham, President



50th Anniversary Gala, General Admission Lounge

November/December 2016

50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Now that was truly a one-of-a-kind celebration! Our 50th Anniversary Gala was a complete success thanks to our staff, generous sponsors, numerous volunteers, and of course, all of the wonderful inductees that were in attendance.



The night began with the first-ever celebration inside of new Mosaic Stadium. It was incredible for our guests to get a first look at the new space, where so many future historic sporting events are sure to take place.

After cocktail hour, dinner and festivities continued at the Queensbury Convention Centre. Entertainment this year consisted of three star-studded hotstove

panels, which had everyone in the room on the edge of their seat, engaged and laughing along every step of the way.

We would like to sincerely thank our Master of Ceremonies, Derek Meyers, as well as our panel moderators Taylor Shire, Warren Woods and Rod Pedersen for making our inductees feel so comfortable and helping with our special night!



Finally, we would also like to thank our sponsors, without your help, an event of this magnitude would not have been possible.

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Our year of celebrations has finally come to an end but we are going to take advantage of the awareness and excitement that we were able to grow in 2016 moving forward. We look forward to the next 50 years!



Photo: (Top Left) Gala attendees had a first-look at the new Mosaic Stadium. Everyone gathered in the General Admission Lounge for cocktails, with some spilling out onto the concourse for a look at the new field. (Top Right) Our three engaging hotstove panels in order of appearance: Hockey, Olympic and Football. (Bottom Left to Right) Former teammates Al Ford and George Reed reminisce during the Football Panel; Board member Fiona Cribb inside our Traveling Exhibit; MC Derek Meyers captivating the room; Inductees Darlene Solie and Shirley Kowalski check out the Traveling Exhibit at the start of the evening. All Gala photos courtesy of Designer Photographic Technologies.

ISHA CONFERENCE, CALGARY, ALBERTA

From September 26-28 Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in Calgary, Alberta was home to the 46th annual International Sports Heritage Association (ISHA) Conference. With an overarching theme of "Museums Embracing Emerging Technologies", the SSHF was given the unique opportunity to present *Diamond Girls* as part of a session on Bringing History Alive. Following the live performance was a discussion on the social media strategy that was behind *Diamond Girls*, which continues to promote Saskatchewan's sport history and the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League connection to the province. The feedback from our international colleagues was incredibly positive.

NEW EXHIBIT NOW OPEN: THOSE WHO SERVED – SPORTSMEN IN OUR ARMED FORCES

At the SSHF we honour those who are considered heroes in the realm of sport, but at the same time we realize that this is one of the many things we are privileged to have. Without the dedication and work of these committed and courageous individuals the opportunities to enjoy these sports would potentially not exist. So it is with that in mind that we humbly offer what homage we can to the people who make life as we know it possible.

On display until December 24, this exhibit is a celebration of the accomplishments made by our 81 brave inductees who also served in uniform. This exhibit features artifacts from our permanent collection, as well as artifacts graciously loaned to us by the Saskatchewan Military Museum.

We were thrilled to have the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Vaughn Solomon Schofield, in attendance for the grand opening of our exhibit on November 2. Her Honour is a strong supporter of the Canadian Forces and has shown commitment to the military during her term.

Also joining us at the opening were Retired Brigadier-General Cliff Walker, as well as serving and retired members from 15 Wing Moose Jaw, The Saskatchewan Dragoons in Moose Jaw, HMCS Queen in Regina, 10 Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery in Regina, The Royal Regina Rifles in Regina, 38 Service Battalion in Regina, the Royal United Services Institute in Regina and the Royal Canadian Legion.



Photos: (Left) Panoramic view of Gallery 3. (Right) The Lieutenant Governor speaking at the open house for our new exhibit, "Those Who Served".

INDUCTEE NOTES

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

Sheldon Kennedy (1989 Swift Current Broncos, Hockey – 1994) As a strong advocate for the prevention of child sexual abuse, Sheldon received the Alberta Order of Excellence on October 20, 2016. This award is the highest honour the province can give to its citizens.

Bryan Trottier (Hockey – 1997) The seven-time Stanley Cup winner was officially inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame on November 1, 2016. This induction is widely considered as the country's highest sporting honour.

John Konihowski (Athletics, Football – 1999), Terry Paice (Wrestling – 1988), Shelley Rhead Skarvan (Speed Skating – 1999) On October 4, 2016 it was announced that SSHF inductees would make up half of the Moose Jaw and District Sports Hall of Fame 2016 induction class. Konihowski, Paice and Rhead Skarvan were officially inducted during a ceremony on November 18, 2016.

IN MEMORIAM

The members of the Board and staff extend their sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Marnie, Donna and Terry.

Marlene "Marnie" Eistetter (Synchronized Swimming – 2009), Marnie dedicated over half of her life to volunteering. When her children became involved with synchronized swimming, she dove headfirst and devoted countless hours to the sport. Marnie was also extremely important to the SSHF, not only as an inductee, but she was also a consistent volunteer for over 20 years. We could always count on Marnie to help in any way that she could, she will be greatly missed. Marnie passed away on October 3, 2016 at the age of 82.

Donna Collins (1974 Emily Farnham Curling Team – 2000), as Lead, Donna worked alongside teammates Skip, Emily Farnham; Third, Linda (Saunders) Wagner and Second, Pat McBeath during an unforgettable season in 1974. After saving some of their best curling for nationals, the foursome were named Canadian Ladies' Curling Champions after nine straight wins. Donna passed away on October 7, 2016.

Terry Hincks (1971 & 1973 Regina Rams Football Club – 1973 & 1978) Terry was a member of two Regina Rams championship teams. After twice being named a Canadian Junior Football Champion, Terry turned his attention to politics and served four terms as a Regina city councilor. Terry passed away on October 14, 2016 after a three-year battle with cancer, he was 64.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The SSHF galleries will be closed from December 24-January 3 in order to give our staff a much-needed break. We will return to regular hours on Tuesday, January 3. From all of us at the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Please make plans to visit us in 2017!

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Photo: (Back) Nathan Morrison, Kevin Dureau, (Middle) Donald Gallo, Fiona Cribb, Robb Elchuk, (Front) Linda Burnham, Laurel Garven, Trent Fraser, Rankin Jaworski, (Missing) David Belof, Justin Scott, Scott Waters. Courtesy: SSHF archives.



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