



# SASKATCHEWAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## FOR THE RECORD

### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LINDA BURNHAM



With the close of 2016, and our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations behind us, the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (SSHF) is embarking on another exciting year.

We were delighted to learn that the SSHF has been named a finalist for a Saskatchewan Tourism of Excellence Award in the category of “Business of the Year” (under 20 full-time employees). We are thrilled to receive that nomination and look forward to attending the Gala awards in April.

In 2016 we did not have an induction as the anniversary kept us very busy. However, in 2017 we will once again have an induction ceremony to welcome new inductees into the Hall. The media announcement to introduce this year’s class will be held at the SSHF on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Throughout the summer, our traveling exhibit will again be visiting a number of locations throughout the province. The exhibit was so well received last summer and it truly gives rural Saskatchewan a taste of what the SSHF has to offer.

We are also excited about some sporting events that Saskatchewan will be hosting in 2017 and 2018. The 2017 Skate Canada International, 2018 Memorial Cup and the Brier will each be located in Regina. These events bring awareness as well as drives sports fans to the city. We will certainly be showcasing these sports during those events and will be looking to draw fans to the Hall where we can promote the history and success of Saskatchewan athletes.

The SSHF staff continues to run education programs and the displays are changed frequently so each time a person visits, they see something new. We have been adding technology to our repertoire and our social media channels keep expanding with more followers. Thanks to all the staff, we appreciate that they are continually thinking of new ways to show us off!

Our Board still dreams of a new location where we can find space to break many items out of storage, and no doubt, one day we will find it. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your support. We strive to have our inductees remain connected to the SSHF, and to have the general public share in the history and sporting successes of this great province.

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Best wishes,

Linda Burnham, President



*Our traveling exhibit will be on the road from June through September.*

### OFFICIAL INDUCTION CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT: APRIL 27, 2017

The seven newest inductees into the SSHF will be announced on Thursday, April 27 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 2017 will be formally welcomed into the Hall of Fame during induction celebrations on Saturday, September 30 at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina. Full details will be available on April 27.

**February/March 2017**

## SSHF NAMED SASKATCHEWAN TOURISM AWARD FINALIST



The SSHF has been named among the finalists for the *Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence* for 2016, in the category of Business of the Year Award (Under 20 Full-time Employees). Other finalists in our category include Harvest Eatery and Fresh Market, Shaunavon, and Last Mountain Distillery, Lumsden.

The SSHF nomination was derived on the basis of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year and the “big three” activities including *Diamond Girls*, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Traveling Exhibit and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. We would like to recognize and thank a number of key people and organizations who were instrumental in making our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, and thus this nomination, successful. Maureen Ulrich for her engaging & entertaining *Diamond Girls* script, Malia Becker for bringing history alive through her stellar performance of 21 characters!, director Kenn McLeod, technical director William Hales, and stage manager Shelby-Lyn Lowe. All of our inductees, some of whom

traveled great distances, who chose to participate in one or more of our anniversary events including our 50<sup>th</sup> Gala reunion celebrations. And last, but not least, to our key sponsors who shared the vision and passion in taking Saskatchewan’s sport history to the entire province including Saskatchewan Lotteries, Community Initiatives Fund, Saskatchewan Blue Cross, Creative Display, Sterling Truck & Trailer Sales, Horno Leasing, SaskTel, SGI and Global Regina and Saskatoon.

The SSHF is also pleased to announce that past president, Trent Fraser, will be a recipient of the Tourism Builder Award. This award recognizes individuals who have made tourism an important part of their life’s work resulting in a positive impact on the industry they serve. Trent has been instrumental in the strategic stewardship of the SSHF for the past seven years which culminated in our successful 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations. He is a most deserving recipient of this award.

## AUTUMN MCDOWELL JOINS CASH EXECUTIVE

SSHF Communications Coordinator, Autumn McDowell, has joined the Canadian Association for Sport Heritage (CASH) executive in the position of VP Communications. CASH is a national association of institutions, organizations, and individuals dedicated to the preservation of Canada’s rich sports heritage. Established in 1979, CASH encourages the recognition of our sports heroes, and the promotion of a greater awareness of the achievements of Canadian athletes and sport builders, both past and present. The association is committed to assisting members in achieving and maintaining excellence in the recognition, preservation and presentation of sports heritage. The SSHF has been a member of CASH since 1979. Alongside SSHF Executive Director, Sheila Kelly, Autumn will travel to Vancouver in April to participate in the biennial CASH conference.

## NEW EXHIBITS NOW OPEN: FROZEN FABLES AND INDIGENOUS STORIES

Please come in and enjoy our newest exhibits! In celebration of the NHL’s 100th Anniversary, the SSHF is showcasing some of our finest hockey artifacts. With everything from trophies to jerseys, photographs and more, hockey fans will love these amazing pieces of history.

We are also very proud to display, for the first time ever, the extensive goalie mask collection on loan to us from Glenn “Chico” Resch (pictured right). Since these items are not part of our permanent collection, they may never be on display at the Hall again. Don’t miss your chance to see them while you can! This exhibit will be off the ice April 22, 2017.

Our third Gallery has also been updated. On display until September 2 is a tribute to our Indigenous inductees. This exhibit was initially inspired by our recent acquisition of the Balfour Redman collection from Balfour Collegiate in Regina. While we have always included Indigenous athletes within each of our displays, this is the first time that the SSHF has featured them in a stand-alone exhibit.



Photos: (Top) Glenn “Chico” Resch’s exclusive personal mask collection. (Bottom) Panoramic view of Gallery 3. Photos courtesy of SSHF archives.

## INDUCTEE NOTES

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

**Brian Towriss (1990, 1996 & 1998 University of Saskatchewan Huskies Football Team – 2003, 2009 & 2013)** After 33 years behind the U of S Huskies bench, it was announced on December 19, 2016 that Brian was stepping down. Brian will leave the Huskies organization with the most U-Sports football wins of all-time (196), 3 Vanier Cups and 3 teams inducted into the SSHF.

**Dr. Robert “Bob” Hodges (Speed Skating – 1987)** On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 it was announced that Bob will be receiving the most prestigious award in Peptide Chemistry from the American Peptide Society, The Merrifield Award. This award will officially be presented to Bob at the 25th American Peptide Symposium in Whistler, B.C. from June 17-22, 2017.

**Edward “Eddie” Litzenberger (Hockey – 2002), Bob Bourne (Hockey – 2014), Fiona Smith-Bell (Hockey – 2012)** On January 21, 2017 it was announced that three SSHF inductees would be part of the new Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame induction class. Litzenberger, Bourne and Smith-Bell, along with two builders, one grassroots, one official and two teams will be officially inducted during a ceremony on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Civic Centre in Battlefords.



**Tewodros “Ted” Jaleta (Athletics – 2005)** On March 3, 2017 it was publicly announced that the City of Regina and the Regina Civic Naming Committee have approved the use of Ted Jaleta’s name for a future street sign in the city. Ted’s name was chosen due to his community involvement and passion for Regina.

## IN MEMORIAM

Members of the Board & staff extend their sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Joyce, Hank, Gord and Arlene.



**Joyce Miller (1953 Janet Perkin Curling Team – 2005)**, as lead, Joyce worked alongside teammates Jean Graham at second, Phyllis Day at third and skip, Janet Perkin during their championship run. Although this was the first time the foursome had played on an artificial ice surface, they overcame the odds and were crowned Western Canadian Champions. Joyce was the team’s last surviving member. She passed away on December 7, 2016, she was 94 years old.

**Henry “Hank” Dorsch (1966 Saskatchewan Roughriders Football Club – 1967)** Dorsch was a member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders from 1964-1971, and was part of the magical 1966 team that gave the province its first Canadian Football League championship. He had the chance to reunite with his former teammates this past July, to celebrate the team’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Hank passed away on December 10, 2016 he was 76.

**Gordon “Gord” Currie (Football – 1978)** On February 23, 2017, the Canadian sporting world lost a legend. Gord was well-known as a fantastic coach in football, hockey and baseball. While coaching the Regina Rams the team won 108 games out of 135, including six Canadian Championships. But winning wasn’t everything to Gord, he was much more concerned with instilling values in his players and fostering great people first. Gord was 93 years old.



**Arlene (Johnson) Noga (Baseball – 1989)** Arlene was one of the best ball players of her time. A talented third-baseman in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, Arlene set multiple fielding records and in 1947 won the league pennant with the Muskegon Lassie’s. She was truly a SSHF treasure. Arlene passed away on March 14, 2017, she was 93 years old.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 5 – Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence Gala:** The finalists and award recipients will be honoured at the 28<sup>th</sup> annual *Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence Gala*, which will be celebrated on April 5 at the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel. The Tourism Builder Award will also be presented that night.

**April 27 – 2017 Induction Class Announcement:** Please join us at the SSHF, 2205 Victoria Avenue, for the official announcement of our newest induction class. Our program will begin at 11:00 a.m.

**May 31 – Annual General Meeting:** All members of the SSHF are welcome to attend the AGM, which starts at 7:00 p.m.

**September 30 – 50<sup>th</sup> Induction Dinner:** Save the date! We took one year off from inductions to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but we are back and excited to welcome our 2017 inductees into the Hall of Fame!

## **2017/2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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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.*

## **STAFF**

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10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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The SSHF is closed on statutory holidays.

## **PHOTO CREDITS**

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Ted Jaleta during Sled Dog Cross Country meet in Saskatoon, 2004 – Courtesy of SSHF archives

Gord Currie black and white headshot – Courtesy of SSHF archives

Arleene (Johnson) Noga next to an AAGPBL display at the Hall of Fame – Courtesy of SSHF archives

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