



SASKATCHEWAN — SPORTS — HALL OF FAME

FOR THE RECORD

WELCOMING VICKIE KRAUSS AS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

We are pleased to announce that Vickie Krauss has been promoted to full time employment as our Admin Assistant/Education Coordinator. Vickie joined our team at the beginning of September in a part-time administrative capacity. Since then she has gone on to prove that she is an instrumental part of the team. With her background as an educator it was a natural choice for us to look at Vickie when it was time to re-hire for our education coordinator position. Vickie is thrilled to be able to use her skills in the development and implementation of our new curriculum based programming initiatives to support the new hardware being incorporated into the galleries, as well as the many exhibits featured annually.

Welcome to the team Vickie!



2015 DESIGNATED AS YEAR OF SPORT IN CANADA

2015 has been declared the *Year of Sport* in Canada by the Right Honourable David Johnson, Governor General of Canada. The declaration from the Governor General celebrates the role that sport plays in our Canadian identity and its vital connection to the cultural fabric of our nation. Interestingly, similar language was used in 1998 when the SSHF established its mission statement:

“The Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame recognizes sport excellence, preserves sport history, and educates the public on the contribution of sport to Saskatchewan's cultural fabric.”

The Governor General went on to encourage all Canadians to celebrate sport within their community. This declaration provides the perfect backdrop for all of the enhancements that we have planned for the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame throughout 2015. Rise to the Governor General's challenge and celebrate all that we have to offer. The 498 individual and team inductees honoured in the Hall of Fame, representing 54 sports, heralding from 130 Saskatchewan communities certainly embody that vital connection to not only Saskatchewan's cultural fabric, but also Canada's.



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DOWN SIZING? WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOUR SPORT COLLECTION?

Inductees, families of inductees, and sport memorabilia collectors, we need to talk. As you know, the SSHF is in the business of preserving the sport history of Saskatchewan. Specifically, our mandate calls for us to collect, record, preserve and interpret this history. What does this really mean? It means that anything (in museum speak this is artifacts and archives) related to Saskatchewan's sport history is included in our collection policy. Being part of Saskatchewan's sport history does not necessarily mean that it had to happen in Saskatchewan. Case in point is inductee Verne "Glenn" Reeve, who had been chatting with us for a number of years about the need to deal with his sport collection when he moved out of his house.

Glenn spent more than 30 years involved in softball, much of this through Softball Canada. When Glenn originally contacted us in regard to his collection he was of the opinion that we would only be interested in those materials related to accomplishments in Saskatchewan. Not so. As it was explained to Glenn, as an inductee of the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame, we considered all of his activities as being part of the sport history of the province. The result, in February 2015 the SSHF became the proud owners of the Verne Glenn Reeve Collection which encompasses 144 artifacts and approximately 10,000 pages of archives. Curator, Brock Gerrard, enlisted the assistance of SSHF inductees and Board alumni, Shirley Kowalski and Don Gallo, to help with the packing of the collection. Brock, still relatively new to the Saskatchewan sport scene noted that "getting such a large collection from a distinguished member of the Saskatchewan sporting community is an honour for the SSHF." Brock also noted that "it was great that Glenn had moved his collection to the kitchen, but it wouldn't have been any more trouble if it was still housed in his basement." The most important thing is that this significant sport history has found a long term permanent home.



The SSHF has been in a position to accept a number of large collections in recent years. Peter Jmaeff (shooting) donated a significant portion of his collection when he moved out of the province. Paul Dojack (football) bequeathed his collection to us in 2011. Gordon Currie (football) also donated his collection in 2011 when he downsized his home. But it is not just our inductees who make such donations. Isaac Williams and "Shorty" Mitchell are just two of the many sport fans who chose the SSHF to donate their significant collections to when the time came. And, it doesn't have to be a large collection that is donated. Some of our most significant artifacts have made their way to us as stand-alone items.



Our point is simple. When you have sport related items and you are not sure what to do with them we hope that you will speak to us first. If you are an inductee the answer from us is never "no". Our mandate requires that we collect your material. All other items of a sporting nature are considered for their connection to Saskatchewan, their preservation status (i.e. if it is moth infested and totally falling apart the answer will probably be "no"), and whether we already have the identical or similar item in our collection. In short it becomes a dialogue. A dialogue that we would very much like to have.

We do need to be clear in the fact that we do not purchase items for our collection. In certain situations, keeping within the rules of the Canada Revenue Agency, we are in a position to provide a tax receipt in support of a donation. However, be aware that these are infrequent and require a significant amount of prep work on the part of the donor and the SSHF to obtain a non-biased third party professional appraisal specific to value. The true value to the SSHF is that this material is not lost for future generations to appreciate. It is through these items that our mandate of recording, preserving and interpreting comes to the forefront.

So please, before you start filling bags for the local charity bins or, worse yet, garbage cans, please contact us. You know what they say; one person's trash is another person's treasure. We truly understand that saying. Your lifetime of accumulated history is, in fact, our treasure. This is what enables us to tell the captivating stories of our 498 inductees. We need your help. Please call. 306-780-9232.

Photos: (Top) A portion of the Verne Glenn Reeve Collection ready for boxing; (Bottom) Shirley Kowalski and Don Gallo in their "Mission Accomplished" moment....and it all fit in one car!

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Celebrates sport in Canada every day!

***FOR THOSE ABOUT TO ROCK:
WOMEN'S CURLING IN SASKATCHEWAN***

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Galleries - Monday to Friday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Galleries - Saturday (May 16 – September 5, 2015) Noon – 5:00 pm
Admin Offices – Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The SSHF is closed on statutory holidays

DATES TO NOTE

- ❖ Thursday, April 16 – Class of 2015 will be announced at 11:00 a.m. in the SSHF Galleries
- ❖ Wednesday, May 27 – Annual General Meeting will be hosted at 7:00 p.m. via video-conference between Regina & Saskatoon
- ❖ Saturday, June 13 – 49th Annual Induction Festivities will be hosted at the Conexus Arts Centre. Full details will be provided on April 16.

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