

## SASKATCHEWAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES CLASS OF 2015

On Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, President, Trent Fraser, and Induction Celebrations Chair, Linda Burnham, announced the seven inductees who will become the newest members to be enshrined as part of the Class of 2015. The inductees will be officially inducted at the 49th Annual Induction Ceremony to be held at the Conexus Arts Centre on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

During the announcement, Linda noted that: "2015 has been declared The Year of Sport in Canada by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, 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. Here, at the Saskatchewan Sport Hall of Fame, we certainly echo that sentiment which is truly embodied in our Class of 2015. We look forward to enshrining them during our Induction Celebrations in June. Their accomplishments will also be featured in our Dedication to Sport exhibit as we share with the people of Saskatchewan the great sport history of our province."

The Class of 2015 includes:

#### IN THE ATHLETE CATEGORY:

Cliff Koroll – Hockey Milos Kostic – Triathlon Jason Parker – Speed Skating

#### IN THE BUILDER CATEGORY:

Sharon Tkachuk – Athletics Richard "Dick" White – Multi Sport

#### IN THE TEAM CATEGORY:

1985 Moose Jaw Generals AA Senior Men's Hockey Team – Hardy Cup Champions 2009 Eugene Hritzuk Senior Men's Curling Team – 2009 World Senior Men's Curling Champions

Tickets to the 49th Annual Induction Dinner & Ceremony are \$100/person and are available directly from the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame via 306-780-9232, sshf@sshfm.com, or online at www.sasksportshalloffame.com.

The SSHF would like to thank the following sponsors who have made a commitment to the Induction Celebrations:

























## **CLASS OF 2015**

#### Cliff Koroll (Born in Canora, SK) Athlete: Hockey

- 1967/68 University of Denver hockey team NCAA National Champions.
- 1968/69 Dallas Blackhawks of the Central Hockey League (CHL).
- 1969-1980 Cliff played for the Chicago Blackhawks of the NHL.
- Cliff holds the following distinctions with the Chicago Blackhawks:
  - o 20th All Time Blackhawk scorer
  - o 11th in games played
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> in game winning goals
- 1986 instrumental in establishing the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association along with Keith Magnusson. Currently serves as President of the Association.

Photo: Cliff Koroll being interviewed by The Green Zone's Jamie Nye (News Talk 980 CJME).

#### Milos Kostic (Born in G. Milanovac, Serbia) Athlete: Triathlon

- A competitive runner for 25 years, Milos has achieved the following:
  - Completed 17 half-iron or Ironman 70.3 triathlons, winning many and setting course records for his age group.
  - Completed 20 Ironman or iron-distance triathlons, winning many and setting course records for his age group.
  - o Completed many short races and about 150 Marathon and ultra-marathon races in Canada and the Unites States.
- 2010 and 2011 won his age group at the Boston Marathon.

Photo: Milos Kostic (centre) with 2013 SSHF inductee Don Galo & Saskatchewan Triathlon Association Corp. President, Mark Gibson.

#### Jason Parker (Born in Yorkton, SK) Athlete: Speed Skating

- Involved in the sport of Speed Skating for over 20 years, Jason spent 12 of those on the National Team.
- During his career, he competed in 75 World Cups and 10 World Championships - over 130 International races on both Sprint and All-Round Teams.
  - o 49 times he was in the top 10
  - o 99 times he was in the top 20
- 1998 & 1999 World Cup Bronze Medalist.
- 1998 World Championship Bronze Medalist.
- Silver Medalist, 2006 Olympic Long Track Team Pursuit, Torino, Italy.

 ${\it Photo: Jason \, Parker \, (centre) \, with \, his \, parents, \, Peggie \, \& \, Bill \, Parker.}$ 

### Sharon Tkachuk (Born in Prince Albert, SK) Builder: Athletics

- 1966-1981 and 1986-1997 High School Coach.
- 1996-2013 Officiated High School and Provincial Level.
- 1987-2013 Umpire Coordinator and Provincial Clinician and Mentor for Track Referees and Umpires.
- 1991-1999 Served on the Saskatchewan Athletics Board of Directors. President 1993/94.
- 1975, 1979, 1983 & 1999 Western Canada Games Referee and 1974, 1989, 1993 & 2005 Jeux Canada Games Referee.
- Officiated at:
  - $\circ$  1978, 1986 and 1994 Commonwealth Games
  - o 1983 World Student Games
  - o 1988 Sr. Pan AM Games
  - o 2001 World Outdoor Championships
- 1986-1989 for the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport, National Committee member; and 1989-1992 Jeux Canada Games Foundation, Board Member.







#### Richard "Dick" White (Born in Regina, SK) Builder: Basketball

- 1975-1990 Served on the board of the Regina & Saskatchewan Associations of Basketball Officials, including President.
- 1992-1995 Member of the Sask Sport Inc. Board of Directors.
- Vice President 1993/94 & President 1994/95.
- 1999-2012 Served on Canada West University Boards and Advisory Committees.
- 2002-2015 Key figure on the Board of Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) and CIS International as President, Past President and Board Member. Dick has served for more terms and for a longer period of time as CIS President than anyone else in the organization's 50-year history.
- January 2005 Chef de Mission for Team Canada at the International University Sports Federation (FISU) Winter Games in Austria.
- August 2005 Canadian Delegate for the FISU General Assembly Meeting in Turkey.
- Under his Directorship, the University of Regina has won 16 Canada West Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) Championships and 4 CIS Championships.

Photo: Dick White being interviewed by The Green Zone's Jamie Nye (News Talk 980 CJME).



- The Generals played in the South Central Senior Hockey League which consisted of 5 teams.
- They placed first in the league with a record of 24-0.
- They went on to the League Finals, facing the Milestone Flyers in a best of 7 series and winning in 4 straight.
- At Provincials the Finals were in Lloydminster against the Border Kings in a best of 5 match up with the Generals victorious in the last game.
- This win took the Generals to the Journal Cup semi-finals in Thompson, Manitoba to play the Thompson Hawks in a best of 5 series which they swept in 3.
- It was at the Journal Cup Finals in Moose Jaw, SK that they met the Quesnel Kangaroos from B.C. to battle for Western Canadian supremacy. It was also a best of 5 series which saw the Generals sweep again to win the Western Canadian Championships and the Journal Cup.
- In April 1985, Moose Jaw hosted the Hardy Cup National Finals. The Moose Jaw Generals were to play the Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown Islanders. This series was a best of 7 where the Generals continued their dominance beating the Islanders in 4 straight to win the Hardy Cup.

Photo: 1985 Moose Jaw Generals AA Senior Men's Hockey Team, Hardy Cup Champions.

## 2009 Eugene Hritzuk World Senior Men's Curling Team 2009 World Senior Men's Champions

- The team was comprised of:
  - o Eugene Hritzuk Skip
  - Kevin Kalthoff Third
  - Verne Anderson –Second
  - o Dave Folk Lead
- After winning the qualifier of the Senior Men's Northern Competition, it was off to the Senior Men's Provincial Competition in Estevan where they were victorious.
- This took them to the National Championship in Prince Albert, SK where the Hritzuk team knocked off Russ Howard's New Brunswick Rink 7-5, becoming the 2008 Canadian Senior Men's Curling Champions.
- Senior World Competition took them to Dunedin, New Zealand. Here they had a tough battle against the U.S.A. but scored one in the 10<sup>th</sup> end to win 4-3.
- The Canadian men were undefeated with a 7-o record to win the World Senior Men's Curling Championship.





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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

 Wednesday, May 27 – Annual General Meeting will be hosted at 7:00 p.m. via video-conference between Regina & Saskatoon.

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Saturday, June 13 – 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Festivities will be hosted at the Conexus Arts Centre.

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