



FOR THE RECORD

New look coming in challenging times

I hope this e-newsletter finds you safe and healthy. The past 16 weeks have been exceptionally challenging for everyone. On a world-wide scale priorities have been re-evaluated, events cancelled, and programming moved to online delivery. The Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (SSHF) staff began working remotely on March 16 and has striven to manage the impact of COVID-19 by developing short- and long-term strategies that will allow us to continue to preserve, interpret and celebrate Saskatchewan's wonderful sport history through online platforms.

We are not immune to the negative financial and emotional impacts of COVID-19. Tough decisions have been made over the past three months that will bring ramifications to the SSHF for many more months to come. But we also have much to be grateful for. Funding received through Saskatchewan Lotteries has allowed us to maintain our core programming. Sponsors have been receptive to reimagined programs and implementation. And the continued generosity of our inductees, members, volunteers, donors and partners has not gone unnoticed. Thank you! We truly appreciate all of your financial support and fully understand that our past successes, and our continued success, are directly tied to the continued generosity and support from all of you.

The SSHF will remain closed until such time as it is safe and practical to open. Museums are included as part of Phase Four, Part II of the provincial Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan which took effect on June 29. The SSHF has decided that our exhibit galleries will



We can't wait to welcome you back to the Hall of Fame on September 1.

not re-open to the public until September 1. Ongoing renovations will be complete by then resulting in a refreshed Hall of Fame Gallery, a new Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) Interactive Gallery, and new feature and vignette style exhibits. We can't wait to share the results with everyone!

On behalf of the staff of the SSHF, I would like to reiterate my thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support during these exceptional times. We look forward to engaging with you as we navigate the new-normal of 2020 and beyond. If you are able, please purchase – or

continue to purchase – Sask Lottery tickets. Your purchase supports over 12,000 sport, culture and recreation groups, including the SSHF, with critical funding in uncertain times. If your preference is to specifically support the SSHF with a financial donation at this time we would direct you to our [website \(https://sasksportshalloffame.com/donate/\)](https://sasksportshalloffame.com/donate/). We are most grateful for your support.

All the best and stay safe,
Sheila Kelly
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SSHF welcomes new Board following AGM

The membership of the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (SSHF) approved a new Board of Directors during the Annual General Meeting on May 28.

Following the meeting, Robb Elchuk began his term as SSHF President. Rankin Jaworski now moves into the non-elected position of Past President following his two terms as President. Kevin Dureau assumes the role of Vice President, while Mike Babcock remains Treasurer and will also serve as Secretary.

Trent Blezy was elected to his first term on the board, while Samer Awadh and Laurel Garven were each re-elected to another term. Trent lives in White City and he works with the Ministry of Energy and Resources for the Government of Saskatchewan.

Linda Burnham, a two-time SSHF Inductee herself, is stepping off the board after three elected terms and two more years as Past President. Don Gallo and Nathan Morrison both completed their second term on the board and did not stand for re-election.



Past President Rankin Jaworski speaks to the attendees at the President's Reception in Saskatoon.

Linda Burnham reflects on a decade of service on SSHF Board

Hi everyone, I have had the pleasure of being a Board member for the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame for the last decade! As an inductee, it has been eye-opening to see all that goes on behind the scenes as most typically only see the celebrations that occur upon their induction. I have met many inductees over the last 10 years, and feel privileged to have learned of their success in their chosen sport.



Linda Burnham

I want to thank all the staff. They each have a variety of responsibilities and they make this organization run very smoothly. I especially thank Sheila, the Executive Director, for her ongoing commitment and dedication, and having the ability to make it all look easy!

Thank you to those who remain on the Board. This is a very talented, and dedicated group that will take the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame into the next decade acting in the best interest of the Hall.

It was such a pleasure, and an honour, to have served!

Linda Burnham

A message from new President Robb Elchuk

It is an honour for me to assume the role of President of the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame. For the past two years, Rankin Jaworski has served as President and has left me with some large shoes to fill. I would like to thank Rankin for his outstanding leadership during his term as President.

After four years serving on the Board, I am thrilled to take over as President. I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve the rest of the Board, our wonderful staff, our inductees, members, and sponsors.

This year has offered challenges to



Robb Elchuk

the SSHF, but I am confident in our ability to meet those challenges moving forward. I am disappointed that some of the events and plans we had in place – chief among them our 2020 Induction Ceremony – have been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic, but I am excited for 2021.

In the meantime, the SSHF is shifting programming to online

delivery and finding new ways to engage with the public online and through our social media channels.

Robb Elchuk

The 2020-21 SSHF Board of Directors OFFICERS OF THE SSHF

President – Robb Elchuk (Regina)

Vice President – Kevin Dureau (Regina)

Treasurer – Mike Babcock (Regina)

Secretary – Mike Babcock (Regina)

Past President – Rankin Jaworski (Regina)

DIRECTORS: Samer Awadh (Regina), Trent Blezy (White City), Lori Ebbesen (Saskatoon), Laurel Garven (Regina), and Tennille Grimeau (Saskatoon).

Creating Active Champions moving online

This summer the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame is excited to offer our *Creating Active Champions* program online.

Starting July 6, *Creating Active Champions* will be livestreamed twice a day, Monday to Friday, at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for 30-45 minutes on our [Facebook page \(https://www.facebook.com/SaskSportsHF\)](https://www.facebook.com/SaskSportsHF).

The program is geared towards students between the ages of 6 and 12.

For the second straight summer Ross Vanstone will share interesting and creative ways to stay active and encouraging new skills. At the same time, participants will also learn about the great sport history in Saskatchewan.

The program is free of charge and runs through to August 21.

A small gift package is available for children who participate. Each child is eligible for one package for the duration of the 2020 program while supplies last. Pick up of packages will be determined at a later date when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and the SSHF re-opens to the public.



Ross Vanstone, foreground, will lead our Creating Active Champions program once again this year.

In order to be eligible for the gift package, you must register your group or individual and fill out the [program evaluation form](#). To register your child(ren) please email Vickie at vkrauss@sshfm.com.

We encourage all groups/individuals who participate to fill out the [evaluation form online](#) so we can make our program better and get to know a little bit about you and where you are located.

Creating Active Champions wouldn't be possible without the support of our funding partners: Community Initiatives Fund and the Saskatchewan Amateur Trapshooting Association.



**Community
Initiatives Fund**

SSHf to unveil new STEM Interactive Gallery

Our newest permanent exhibit will be the Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) Interactive Gallery, sponsored by SaskTel. This gallery will feature many interactive components to test your physical fitness and get you wondering how STEM is used in all aspects of sport and exercise. Get your brains and body moving as you cycle

through the equipment and STEM challenge activities.



Interactive elements — such as a balance disk — are some of the things you can expect in the SSHF's new STEM Interactive Gallery.



Students and Inductees interact as part of online learning initiative

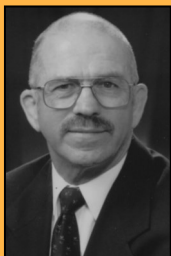
One of the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame's initiatives in recent months was pairing classrooms and individual students with our Inductees. Under

teacher or parental supervision, a group of our Inductees shared their stories with students in the province via video call or email. While social distancing has

been difficult, the SSHF has sought to take advantage of the possibilities created by remote learning and are looking at carrying the program forward.

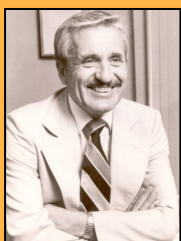
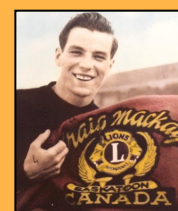
IN MEMORIAM

The members of the Board and staff extend their sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Allan, Craig and Dick.



Allan Few (Judo Builder – 2005), Allan began his association with judo at the Saskatoon YMCA in 1953 – the province's first judo club – and when the new YMCA building was being designed he was a driving force in ensuring the club would have a good facility in the new structure. He attained the rank of Godan (Fifth Degree Black Belt) and gave back to the sport through coaching, refereeing and grading. He taught judo courses through the University of Regina, giving the sport wider exposure. He began working as a referee in 1966 and would referee on the national stage and also served as the Judo chair at the Jeux Canada Games. He also served as a board member with the Saskatoon Hall of Fame. Allan passed away on May 7, 2020, at the age of 87.

Craig Mackay (Speed Skating – 1973), Craig took up speed skating in Saskatoon in 1943 and won his first provincial title a year later. In 1947, Craig won his first national medal, winning the Senior Men's Three Mile event. In 1948, he represented Canada at the Olympic Games in St. Moritz, placing 13th overall. At the 1952 Olympics in Oslo, he placed 11th in the 5,000-metres and 13th in the 10,000-metres. He was also an alternate on the 1956 and 1960 Olympic teams. Craig passed away on February 28, 2020, at the age of 92.



Richard "Dick" Rendek (Multi Sport Builder – 1997), Dick chaired the bid committee to secure the first Grey Cup in Regina in 1995. He was also the fundraising chair of the Taylor Field expansion, raising more than \$1 million in the late 1970s. Dick joined the board of directors of the Saskatchewan Roughriders in 1977, serving as president from 1982-84. He was the chairman of the inaugural Western Canada Summer Games, a member of the Canadian Olympic Association, and served on the board of governors of the Canadian Football League. Dick also served on the boards of directors of the Regina YMCA, the Regina Exhibition Association, and the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame. Dick passed away on March 1, 2020, at the age of 88.

Inductee Notes:

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

Dick White (Builder – 2015)
Dick White was named the interim CEO of U Sports, the national governing body of Canadian university sport.

Diane Jones Konihowski (Athletics – 1980) Diane Jones Konihowski will be inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame as part of a combined 2020-21 class. Jones Konihowski is a two-time Olympian and a Commonwealth Games gold medalist in the pentathlon in 1978 in Edmonton.

2020 Induction Dinner & Ceremony moved to 2021

The Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (SSHF) made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Induction Dinner & Ceremony scheduled for September 26, 2020, due to health and safety concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2020 Induction Class will be carried forward as the Class of 2021. Their induction is now scheduled to occur in September 2021.

The SSHF has been closely monitoring developments since social distancing protocols were put in place by the Government of Saskatchewan in March. The health and welfare of our inductees, their families and friends, patrons, staff, volunteers and suppliers remains front of mind. Given the continued uncertainty relating to when groups could gather safely and without restriction, the SSHF and its Board of Directors felt this cancellation was the most prudent course of action.

Serious consideration was given to other creative means to honour our 2020 Class virtually. Ultimately, the decision to cancel was made based on our concern for what would be best for our inductees. By delaying a year, the SSHF wanted to ensure that their induction night would be an opportunity to come together with family, friends, teammates and the Saskatchewan sporting community to celebrate their accomplishments.

In addition to moving the Class of 2020 forward, any nominees still under consideration will retain an extra year of eligibility. Our next nomination deadline is now October 31, 2021 and we encourage anyone who has an athlete, team or builder that they feel is worthy of inclusion in the Hall of Fame to please take the time to nominate them.

The Class of 2021 will be unveiled at a later date.