



# FOR THE RECORD

## Support the SSHF with a Membership

Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (SSHf) 2021 Memberships are now available. A SSHf membership covers admission to the Hall of Fame for an entire year and helps you stay informed with all of our events and programming – both virtual and in-person – for the coming year.

As COVID-19 continues to make a significant negative impact on our operations your continued support through the purchase of a membership is more important to us than ever. Your membership supports the SSHf and the work we do in maintaining, celebrating and sharing Saskatchewan's rich sport history throughout the province.

In 2020 we were able to move our

*Creating Active Champions* program entirely online, debuted a new program that pairs inductees with students remotely, created a new virtual tour, and are providing virtual field trips. In the coming year we are looking to continue our renovations with new display cases and taking the opportunity to digitize some of the film in our collection including a reel from the 1951 Grey Cup. The support of our members help make all of these initiatives possible.

Choose the membership category that is right for you:

- Individual \$35
- Family \$50
- Provincial Sport Governing Body \$60

· Corporate \$100

We hope that you will continue to help us achieve our strategic goals and survive the strain of COVID-19 through the purchase of an annual membership or donation. Our donation levels are Gold (\$500), Silver (\$250) and Bronze (\$100), though any donation amount is appreciated. A tax receipt will be issued for the total amount of your membership and donation contributions.

Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame 2021 Memberships can also be given as gifts.

For a complete list of member benefits and to fill out your membership renewal, please visit our [website](#).

## Inductee Tim Leier joins Board

Robb Elchuk, president of the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (SSHf), is pleased to announce that Tim Leier of Saskatoon has been appointed to the Board of Directors effective January 7, 2021. Tim brings to the SSHf Board professional expertise as a certified financial planner. A formal nomination in support of Tim will be put before the membership at the next Annual General Meeting scheduled for May 27, 2021.

Tim, inducted to the SSHf as a member of the 1983 Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) National champions University of Saskatchewan (U of S) Huskies hockey team, fills a current inductee vacancy on the board. Since the team's induction in 2000, Tim has held a deep interest in the Hall of Fame and its activities over the

past 20 years. His personal and professional schedules have converged to a point where he has more time to dedicate to a SSHf volunteer commitment. Tim's previous volunteer experience includes the Canadian Pension Benefits, Sask Sport, and the U of S Huskies Athletics Endowment Committee.

Tim played 76 games with the Huskies from 1980-85 and played in three straight CIAU national championship games. He also spent four seasons (1980-84) playing as a defensive back on the Huskies football team. In 1984 he won the E. Kent Phillips Trophy as the University of Saskatchewan's Male Athlete of the Year. He is currently a Senior Financial Planner as a partner with Brian Mallard & Associates.



*Tim Leier is the newest member of the SSHf Board of Directors.*

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# Virtual Tour Available

The Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (SSHF) rang in the New Year by unveiling a new [virtual tour](#) – *Prairie Pride: A History of Saskatchewan Football*. Our newest featured exhibit debuted in September and is now also available online.

As part of this immersive virtual tour, the exhibit is supplemented with additional videos, stories, and links to complement the physical version of *Prairie Pride*. This is the second virtual tour that the SSHF has created with the expertise of local partners White Rabbit VR.

With a recent spike in COVID-19 cases in the province, the SSHF has closed to the public indefinitely. By creating this virtual tour, our featured exhibit remains accessible and also supplements our educational programming and virtual field trip program. In addition to being available remotely,

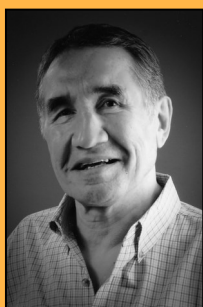


*The SSHF's new virtual tour features tags with more information about the artifacts depicted.*

*Prairie Pride* will now live on our website after the exhibit closes.

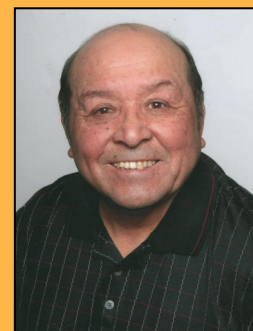
## IN MEMORIAM

The members of the Board and staff extend their sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Jim, Fred and Cheryl.



**Jim Neilson (Hockey – 2010)**, Jim made the improbable journey from St. Patrick's Orphanage in Prince Albert to the National Hockey League (NHL). The steady defenceman played more than 1,000 games in the NHL and was a standout over 12 seasons with the New York Rangers where he was widely regarded as one of the best defencemen of the era. The son of a Cree mother and a Danish father, Neilson entered the orphanage at five after his mother died and his father felt he couldn't care for his children. He would go on to play four more NHL seasons with the California Golden Seals and Cleveland Barons serving as captain with each club. He finished his career with Wayne Gretzky in Edmonton in the Oilers' final season in the World Hockey Association. He played in two NHL all-star games. He finished runner-up to Bobby Orr in the voting for the Norris Trophy as the NHL's top defenceman in 1967-68. In 2009, Jim was named No. 42 on the all-time list of 100 Ranger Greats for his contributions to the Blueshirts. Jim passed away on November 6, 2020 at the age of 78.

**Fred Sasakamoose (Hockey Builder – 2007)**, Fred was the first Indigenous hockey player with Treaty Status to play in the National Hockey League (NHL). He was taken to St. Michael's Indian Residential School in Duck Lake at the age of six, nearly 100 km from his home at Whitefish Lake. He managed to overcome the trauma of residential school to go on to a great junior hockey career in Moose Jaw. He was named the Most Valuable Player Western Canada Junior Hockey League with the Moose Jaw Canucks in the 1953-54 season. He played 11 games for the Chicago Black Hawks in the 1953-54 NHL season. After his retirement from competitive hockey in 1961, Fred became a band councilor of the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation for 35 years, six of those as Chief. In his post-hockey life, Fred dedicated himself to encouraging youth through sports involvement. For his work in his community, he was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 2017. Fred passed away on November 24, 2020, at the age of 86.



**Cheryl (Stirton) Zipper (Women's curling 1989 & Mixed curling 2004)**, Cheryl was first inducted into the SSHF as the third on the 1970 Dorenda Schoenhals rink that won the Canadian Women's Curling Championship. She was inducted again as the third on the Rick Folk curling team that won the 1974 Canadian mixed championship. The Schoenhals rink had won five straight Western Canadian University Championships before bursting into the national spotlight and winning the national title. Though their oldest member was 22, they only lost three times on their path to the title. The Folk foursome formed in 1974 with none of the members having curled on a mixed team. They enjoyed immediate success and claimed the national title in their first season together. Cheryl passed away on December 18, 2020, at the age of 69.