

2022 SSHF INDUCTION DINNER & CEREMONY



The 2022 SSHF Induction Dinner & Ceremony honoured an exciting double class of inductees. Going in as the 2021 induction class were: athletes Justin Abdou (wrestling), Rod M Boll (trapshooting), Colette Bourgonje (athletics and skiing), Kaylyn Kyle (soccer), and Lyndon Rush (bobsleigh). Shannon Miller (hockey) was enshrined as a builder and the 2000-01 University of Regina Cougars Women’s Basketball Team and the 2013 Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club as teams. The 2022 class included: Kelsie Hendry (athletics), Harry Jerome OC (athletics), Rueben Mayes (football) in the athlete category plus Antonia “Toni” Beerling (athletics) and Bill Brownridge (hockey) in the builder category.



The members and representatives of the 2022 SSHF induction class gather for a photo (top) and Kelsie Hendry, left, talks to Bill Brownridge backstage at the event.

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INTERPRETING SASKATCHEWAN’S SPORT HISTORY

*Fanfare*

June 8, 2022 to present



***Dedication to Sport: Our 2022 Inductees***

September 24, 2022 to present



HALL OF FAME GALLERY UPGRADES



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DID YOU KNOW...

- 540 inductees from 53 sports are in the Hall of Fame, representing 149 communities in Saskatchewan
- The permanent collection contains more than 19,000 items valued at just under \$1 Million
- Added approximately 340 new items to the collection
- Added 830 items newly added to the Sask Collections database which now has 25,491 total artifacts, photographs and other items catalogued
- In the first three months of 2023, approximately 10,000 digitized photographs have also been added to the Sask Collections database
- In addition, 3,500 files have been edited, re-formatted and organized on our server
- SSHF videos have been viewed more than 110,769 times on YouTube during the 2022-23 fiscal year, an increase of 328% over the past year
- 67,195 people reached on the SSHF Facebook page reached during the last year
- 1,641 Followers on Twitter @SaskSportsHF (an increase of 1.6% over 2021)
- 1,033 Followers on Instagram @SaskSportsHF (an increase of 8.1% over 2021)
- 226,162 Impressions on Twitter @SaskSportsHF during the past year
- 59,000 sessions (15.2% increase) and 101,806 page views on <https://sasksportshalloffame.com> in 2022



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**2022  
ANNUAL REPORT**

BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT

It was another year of success and a notable return to normal for the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (SSHF) in 2022.

Our Induction Dinner and Ceremony is an annual high point of the year for us as an organization, but after two years without an induction class, this year’s ceremony was particularly rewarding.

The SSHF added 13 new inductees as the classes of 2021 and 2022 were inducted into the Hall of Fame at the same time. To see approximately 475 people come together to celebrate and honour these great Saskatchewan athletes, teams and builders made for a truly special evening.

For the second straight year, the hard work of the staff was rewarded with a pair of awards for the SSHF’s *Never Give Up* education program. *Never Give Up* is an education program that is delivered virtually and involves SSHF inductees who have overcome obstacles and hardships in order to achieve their own personal goals in sport and life.

*Never Give Up* earned the CASH Award of Excellence from the Canadian Association for Sport Heritage. This is the second straight year that the Hall has won this award.

*Never Give Up* was subsequently honoured by the Museums Association of Saskatchewan with a MAS Award of Merit. MAS has more than 250 member museums and a total membership of over 400, including individuals and associates, from across the province.

Congratulations go out to our Education Coordinator Vickie Krauss and the staff for their continued recognition.

While 2022 was a return to normalcy for the Hall in many ways, it was also a chance for the members of the Board to fully embrace all facets of our roles.

For the first time in two years, we were able to gather for a Board retreat at Manitou Springs. This was a great opportunity for new Board members to learn more about the Hall through orientation sessions and for everyone to get to know each other and meet face-to-face for the first time in some instances. The retreat also provided us with an opportunity to do some planning related to risk assessment and to ensure the long-term health of the Hall.

We were also pleased that we were able to return to Saskatoon to host our Friends’ Reception for the first time in three years. The attending staff and Board members enjoyed the chance to reconnect with a number of inductees and “friends of the Hall” whom we haven’t had the chance to see in person as often as we might have liked in recent years.

I also have to thank our Past Chair Robb Elchuk for his work during the pandemic and for making my transition into the Chair role as smooth as it has been. Robb wasn’t expecting to be the Chair for two years during a pandemic, but he and the rest of the Board did an excellent job of handling the challenges that were thrown at them during that time.

With more accolades and an exciting new group of inductees, we are excited to watch the continued growth and success of the Hall of Fame in the coming year.



Members of the 2022 Board of Directors at the staff retreat.

Trent Blezy

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			Christopher Weitzel
			Cary Wessel

ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

It has been a busy and fulfilling year at the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (SSHF) as visitors and school tours returned to the building, we had a great in-person Induction Dinner and Ceremony and won a pair of significant awards.

One of our biggest successes in the past year was the completion of Phase II of our Hall of Fame Gallery development. We are delighted to see this project come to fruition and reach completion.

This significant gallery improvement project has been under development for five years. The first phase was completed in 2020 when the new panels representing our inductees were unveiled. This second phase took 15 months of dedicated curatorial work to complete. Early in the new year, our partners at Twisted Pair Productions installed our new touch table and 3D artifact display case. These new additions allow our visitors to have unprecedented access to our permanent collection at one time. In a facility with limited exhibit space, this is a significant visitor enhancement.

Each of the Hall of Fame’s 540 inductees are represented on our Hall of Fame timelines on the touch table. Photographs, artifacts, and video supplement the expanded biographies that were created for each inductee.

These biographies took the work of numerous full-time and part-time staff members under the guidance of myself, Bryann, as curator, and the work of Marah Mattison who spent 10 months working on the biographies along with all of our part-time staff. Each inductee’s biography is at least four type-written pages. This wealth of content is now available at the fingertips of our visitors.

Twisted Pair photographed more than 500 artifacts over nine weeks to then capture and render them in a three-dimensional (3D) format. The images of the artifacts can be manipulated within the 3D case so more of the SSHF’s impressive permanent collection can be viewed at once than can be physically displayed at any one time.

These enhancements keep the SSHF on the cutting edge of technology and allow visitors to immerse themselves in Saskatchewan’s sport history and truly self-direct what they want to explore.

One of the key attributes of the touch table is that the content can grow and evolve as the SSHF creates new content and adds new inductees to the Hall of Fame. This allows increased flexibility in how we can interpret and share our sport history beyond the limitations of our physical space.

A project of this size would not be possible without the funding support of the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan, the Estate of Jordana (Ball) Buchan, Twisted Pair Productions, and Queen City Electrical.

Following the completion of the content creation aspect of the touch table, Marah has been busy working on the photographs in our collection, digitizing items that need it and cataloguing items as necessary. She and Luke Harasen have done valuable work updating our databases and the collection.

Our educational outreach programming has continued to grow and expand its offerings. School tours returned to the Hall of Fame and our in-person attendance continues to grow while we build on the successes of the virtual offerings we created during the pandemic.

We were thrilled to see our Never Give Up educational program win a pair of significant awards this past year. That and some of the Hall of Fame’s many other successes from this past year are presented throughout the Annual Report.

We thank the following individuals and organizations whose support has allowed us to have another successful year:

- Saskatchewan Lotteries for our core funding.
- SaskTel for sponsoring the award-winning *Never Give Up* education program.
- Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) and Canada Summer Jobs for their support of our summer program, *Creating Active Champions*.
- Tourism Saskatchewan for underwriting the costs associated with our market research.
- The individuals and corporations who chose to support our Fan, Teammate, All-Star and MVP giving program. As well as every “Friend of the Hall” who purchased a membership or donated this past year.
- Sterling Truck & Trailer Sales and Hornoi Leasing for their continued support related to the safety and security of the traveling mobile exhibit trailer.

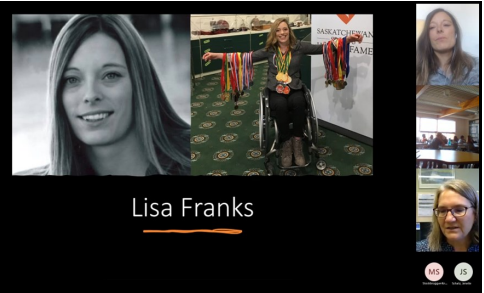
The success of our organization is tied directly to the ongoing efforts of our staff and volunteers, and the generosity of our members, inductees, sponsors, and partners. Please accept our collective thanks for helping to make this a great year for the SSHF.

Bryann Seib

NEVER GIVE UP RECEIVES TWO AWARDS



The SSHF received the Museums Association of Saskatchewan’s 2022 MAS Award of Merit for *Never Give Up*.



The SSHF received the CASH Award of Excellence from the Canadian Association for Sport Heritage for *Never Give Up*.

This educational program featured inductees Arnold Boldt, Colette Bourgonje, Lisa Franks, and Ted Jaleta sharing their inspiring story with students from across the province. *Never Give Up* is delivered virtually by SSHF inductees who have overcome obstacles and hardships in order to achieve their own personal goals in sport and life.

PARTNERSHIPS & PROGRAMMING

***Creating Active Champions***  
**Education Program**  
July 4-August 19, 2022  
Partner: Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) & Canada Summer Jobs



**I Love Regina Day**  
August 13, 2022  
Partner: City of Regina

