

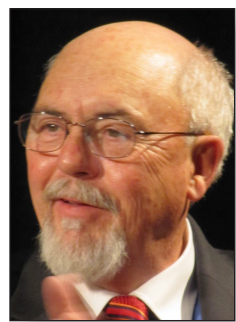
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Sport's Hall of Fame president's message by Ed Bryant



Welcome to this edition of our newsletter. Our 25th annual induction ceremony and dinner was a success with more than 520 people in attendance to recognize inductees for this year. It was a special evening for those who were inducted and honoured. It is our hope that having families, friends and supporters there to share the evening will provide them with fond memories of this event. On behalf of the board of directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, I want to thank all those who were in attendance, especially our pass inductees — 70 were there — and past board

members. To our founders and past presidents who attended and acted as our honour guard for the evening, thank you for all you have done for the Hall of Fame over the years. A special thanks to Ned Powers, Simon Hiatt, Bob Florence and Kevin Waugh for the great job they did again this year. To our sponsors and supporters, thank you for your assistance in making this evening a special event. On behalf of the board of directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame I extend to you and your families, a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2011.



NIGHT TO REMEMBER

25th annual Hall of Fame induction Nov. 6 at TCU Place



Melanie Sanford (second from left) had a banner evening at the 2010 Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame induction in November. Sanford was inducted into the Hall in recognition of her skill as a volleyball athlete. A graduate of Bedford Road Collegiate, she went on to play in university, the national team and was the first Canadian to play in the pro volleyball league in Japan. The Hall of Fame is a return engagement for Sanford and three of her friends shown here. **Gail Tennant** (far left), Sanford, **Cindy Busse** of Outlook and **Gisele Kreuger** of Calgary all joined the Hall in 1992 as members of the University of Saskatchewan Huskiette volleyball program which won three straight national championships. Among others on hand for Sanford's induction this November was high school coach **Barb Van Meenan**, former Huskiette head coach **Mark Tennant**, who is also in the Hall, current Huskies coach **Leslie Irie**, university coaches **Don Smith** and **Grant Gudmundson** and former national team coach **Lorne Sawula** from Edmonton.

Klaas Post, inducted into the Hall of Fame this year as a sports builder for his contributions to soccer and speed skating, addressed the audience at the banquet in his speech, talking on behalf of the 2010 inductees.

"Capturing the perfect words to say thank you is a difficult task," said Post. "At each table tonight there are different stories . . . what we share most of all is our sense of gratitude (for) people who have played an integral part of our success."



A plaque of 2010 athlete inductee **Allan Semeniuk**, who was on the Canadian rugby wheelchair team and helped develop the sport. Plaques of all the inductees in the Hall, from athletes to builders to teams, are on permanent display at the Field House.

Bryan Kosteroski is president of the Saskatoon Amateur Softball Association. The Hall of Fame recognized the SASA as the sports organization of the year for doing everything from running a league to holding major international softball events in Saskatoon.

Kosteroski is the 2010 recipient of the Rose Hodgson award, which Softball Canada presents to the volunteer of the year in Canada.

Dave Moore, **Noreen Murphy** and **Jacki Nichol**, all in the Saskatoon Sports Hall, are 2010 inductees in the Softball Canada Hall of Fame.



SPECIAL GUESTS AT INDUCTION CEREMONY

GORDON BARNHART
Lt.-Gov. (far left)

AUDRA YOUNG
president Sask Sport (top left)

SHIRLEY KOWALSKI
Saskatchewan
Sports Hall of Fame (bottom left)

GORD WYANT
MLA, Sask. government

DON ATCHISON
Mayor Saskatoon



GIL WIST
athlete inductee, wrestling



RON WALSH
builder inductee
football, track and field official

- Builder inductee **Terry Forbes**, who won a gold medal in softball with a team from Saskatchewan at the 2009 World Masters Games in Sydney, Australia, said the team is already looking forward to the 2013 Masters Games in Torino, Italy.
- **Randy Warick** was inducted in the Hall of Fame as a builder on the evening of Nov. 6. Earlier that day, he was on the field as a member of the officiating crew for a university football game between the University of Saskatchewan Huskies and Alberta Golden Bears as they met in a conference semifinal.
- The induction of the 2001-02 **University of Saskatchewan Huskies men's track and field** team turned into a reunion weekend, with athletes, coaches and trainers coming out full force. This is the sixth time that Huskies track and field coach **Lyle Sanderson** has been named to the Hall, joining as a builder in 1992 and five times with U of S teams. Also at the banquet were former Huskies track and field head coach **Ivan Tam** and current head coach **Joanne McTaggart**.

CATCHING UP

with **DR. HILARY CLAYTON**

■ *Dr. Hillary Clayton was inducted as a builder into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 1998 for her impact on equestrian sports. She was an instructor at both the Rusty Spurs Pony Club and Willow Ridge Pony Club in Saskatoon. A native of Sheffield, England, Clayton was a professor in the veterinary college at the University of Saskatchewan from 1982 to 1997. She is now in equine sports medicine at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.*



You have been on the research team at two Olympics, in 1992 in Barcelona and 1996 in Atlanta. If you get the chance to be an Olympic spectator, what event do you want to see at the Games?

Dr. Clayton: Besides equestrian? Are there any? Diving. I used to dive myself, in springboard. And I like watching track and field.

The movie with Triple Crown winner Secretariat is out this year. A few years ago there was a movie and book about Seabiscuit. What is the horse movie you'd do?

Dr. Clayton: I'd make something about show horses. You know the books by Jilly Cooper? I'd make something like that; about characters, people, about the funny side of it.

Have you had occasion to be back in Saskatoon since you left?

"A couple of times. I was there for the induction in the Hall of Fame and for a special lecture at the University of Saskatchewan. When I was back the last time it was in January. It was very cold.

"There are wonderful people who I miss a lot. I'm thinking of coming back.

"If I'm back, this will be in January again. I know what to expect for your weather."

—Dr. Hilary Clayton

What about horses and equestrian is something many of us don't know or appreciate?

Dr. Clayton: You watch it on TV and it looks so easy. It's doubly difficult because it not only involves the athlete, it includes the horse as well.

There are good days and bad days, for both of them. You have to see inside not only the athlete, but the horse.

The horses, they're all different. They all have their own personality.

Although they are strong, they are very fragile and very susceptible to strain injuries. And they're athletic.

When I was instructing in Saskatoon, the thing I tried to teach was you have to respect your horse. You have to develop a special relationship.

Look at the equestrian inductees in the Saskatoon Hall of Fame. There is Wynona Mulcaster, who is also known as an artist, and Catherine Wedge, who is a judge in B.C., and Gina Smith, who was assistant Chef d'equipe of the Canadian team at the World Equestrian Games this year. Is there a side to you we should know more about?



Dr. Clayton: I ride every day. I compete fairly seriously. I'm still active in equestrian, serving on the U.S. dressage committee.

My own competition horse retired this year; it's a great horse to have in the barn, to watch over everything.

(At work) I have a big lab for research with all kinds of special gadgets. I do motion analysis. We measure saddle pressure. There are sensors to measure rein tension.

I'm busy, very busy. Sometimes it would be nice to be bored.

What does it mean to you being inducted into the Hall of Fame?

Dr. Clayton: When I came to Saskatoon from the UK, this was a new city, me there on my own. I met people, lots of people; had a good time.

As far as legacy, it's not bricks and mortar. Coaching these young people, they will grow up and move on. Hopefully some become vets or riders.

I think of the many ways I have been helped throughout my career — as a vet, a professor and a rider.

I hope I left kids in the pony club in Saskatoon something from my background in England.



SO HAPPY TOGETHER

Blaine Knoll was inducted as a builder into the Hall of Fame on Nov. 6, 2010. Knoll was earlier added to the Hall in the team category as a player with the 1969 Saskatoon Jacks softball team, inducted in 1987. His wife Judy is in the Hall with the 1970 Imperials women's softball team.

This September, Knoll got together with a group of his former students from Evan Hardy Collegiate for a reunion weekend.

Many in the group pictured above played for head coach Knoll on the Souls football team.

Evan Hardy won the provincial high school championship for three consecutive years in 1977, 1978 and 1979.

Besides Knoll, men in this group who are in the Hall of Fame are **Larry Wruck** (athlete 1998, linebacker CFL), **Tony Gagnon** (team, QB/punter 1985 Hilltops football) and **Paul Rogal** (team, assistant coach with 1990 U of S Huskies football)

Passings



Ron Morris
1956-2010

Team inductee
1978 Hilltops football
quarterback, punter



Kathleen (Messner) McAllister
2009

Team inductee
1973 Blue Angels softball
infielder

Touching base

Ray Remmen (athlete inductee in 1993, harness racing) is one of five trainers to win both of the million-dollar stakes races held each year at Meadowlands Racetrack in New Jersey. He won the Hambletonian with Shiaway St. Pat in 1981 and was the driver and trainer of Beach Towel, which won the Meadowlands Pace in 1990. Ray and his brother Larry trained Shark Gesture, which retired in October this year after 27 career victories and winnings of \$2.81 million. Ray Remmen was 16 years old when he won his first race as a harness driver. Later, in September of 1976, and on the night the Meadowlands first opened, Larry and Ray won the first race. Ray, who lives in New Jersey, is inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in both Canada and the U.S.



Ray Remmen

Don Steponchev (builder inductee in 1993, basketball) was recently featured on the website for Wheelchair Basketball Canada talking about rules that have changed the game. Steponchev, nicknamed Butch, was accredited for international basketball officiating in 1975 and has done high school and university basketball games in Saskatoon for decades. He is a technical official with the International Basketball Federation.

Lori Zenuk-Nishide (team inductee in 1992, assistant coach University of Saskatchewan Huskies women's volleyball) is an associate professor at the University of Kobe in Japan. Lori, a native of Porcupine Plain, is married to **Masaru Nishide**, who is a track and field coach at Ryukoku University in Kyoto. She writes Japanese, reads Japanese, speaks Japanese. "Even though I've been here 27 years, I'm still learning," she said from her home in Japan. "The unknown I find real interesting."



Lori Zenuk-Nishide

Murray Hill (team inductee in 1996, coach with University of Saskatchewan Huskies men's volleyball, 1978-79) has retired from the Saskatoon StarPhoenix after 36 years with the newspaper. Hill was the production manager in prepress. He said he goes back to the days in The StarPhoenix when page makeup was done on hot metal.

Besides his work in management, Hill has also been a soccer columnist for the paper and introduces us to what's hot and what's not in new technology in his column called Gizmos and Gadgets. His wife **Dianne**, who played for the U of S women's volleyball team and also went on to a career in the newspaper production department, and Murray retired in October.

Jerry Shoemaker (builder inductee in 2009, curling) has been awarded an honorary lifetime membership by the Granite Curling Club.

Orest Kindrachuk (athlete inductee in 1999) became a U.S. citizen in September, but keeps dual citizenship with Canada. He correctly answered the six questions in his recent U.S. citizenship interview. Kindrachuk, who played junior hockey with the Saskatoon Blades, won Stanley Cup championships in 1974 and 1975 as a centre with the Philadelphia Flyers.

Sasho MacKenzie is a multi-event track and field athlete who is inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2010 with the 2001-02 U of S Huskies track and field. MacKenzie is now an assistant professor in the department of human kinetics at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S. and an assistant coach with the St. FX women's volleyball team.

Gar McIndoe (team inductee in 1986, player with Saskatoon Hilltops) is having a banner year. McIndoe, who lives in Bakersfield, Calif., was a high school student at Moose Jaw Central Collegiate and Saskatoon Nutana, which both had their 100-year anniversary this year.

DALE WEST — NAME IN LIGHTS

Dale West, an athlete inductee into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 1988, is among the Roughriders players who were featured on banners posted on light standards in downtown Saskatoon in 2010 as part of the team's 100th anniversary.

West played defensive back for seven seasons with the Roughriders and led the CFL in interceptions in 1963 with 10. He was on the Roughriders team that won the club's first Grey Cup, in 1966.

A native of Cabri, West grew up in Saskatoon. He played running back for Bedford Road in high school. In the 1957 season with the Bedford Redmen he rushed for 1,008 yards and averaged 11.2 yards a carry. Bedford won the provincial high school football championship that season.

West was also accomplished in track and field. He was an alternate on the Canadian track and field team in sprints for the 1960 Rome Olympics.

He played football for the University of Arizona and then the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in 1961 before joining the Riders.

West was a program co-ordinator with the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in Regina. He is inducted into both the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame and Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and is a member of the Roughriders Plaza of Honor.



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