

SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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



I bring greetings from the board of directors and welcome you to this edition of our newsletter. Our induction ceremonies and dinner is on Saturday, Oct. 29 at TCU Place.

This is our 26th induction proceedings and we extend an invitation to all past inductees and board members to attend and honour the inductees for 2011.

These inductees have made significant contributions to their sports at many levels including local, provincial,

regional, national, international and Olympic levels.

The induction proceedings are a special event for the inductees, their family members and friends. Please join us in making this an evening for them to remember as we honour their accomplishments and contributions to the Saskatoon sporting community.

Tickets can be obtained at Al Anderson's Source for Sports, Olympian Sports Excellence or the Saskatoon Field House.

Something to know about 2011 inductees

The 26th annual induction banquet is Oct. 29 at TCU Place.

Phone the Hall of Fame at 664-6744 for more information.

2011 BUILDERS

Len Bell — Bell, inducted as a baseball builder for his work as an umpire, was a home run hitter playing softball.

Kelly Bowers — Bowers won the Rusty MacDonald Cup, a major award in Huskie Athletic at the U of S, for combining athletics, academics, leadership and sportsmanship.

Vic Ferrer — Ferrer made a documentary on Meliton Geronimo, who was his mentor in the Phillipines in sikaran, a martial art.

Cedric Gillott — Gillott, a soccer coach, wrote a science book on entomology, or insects, that is more than 800 pages long.

2011 ATHLETES

Tracy Kelly — For 19 years, Kelly was the only U of S Huskie to win a conference title in cross-country running. She was also the Canadian senior champion.

Heather Kuttai — Kuttai competed in shooting in the 1988 Paralympics in Seoul, the first time the Paralympics and Olympics were held in the same city, now a tradition.

Rick Reelie — In addition to winning medals as a competitor in the Paralympics, Reelie has gone on to coach and develop international athletes, including Paralympic medallist Ilana Duff.

Richard Van Impe — Van Impe won a Western Hockey League championship on the Portland Buckaroos pro team that included players Pat Stapleton, Tom McVie, who later coached in the NHL, and Doug Messier, who is Mark Messier's father. Portland was coached by Hal Laycoe of Saskatoon.

2011 TEAM

2001 & 2002 Saskatoon Hilltops — Four coaches with these Hilltops — Dave Fisher, Marc Olson, Tom Sargeant and Brent Turkington — earlier won national football titles with the team as players.

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association

Last season, the SMHA iced 356 teams for boys and girls age 5 to 18.

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Try this quiz

Some inductees in the Hall have been involved in sports besides the one they are honoured for. Can you match the inductee with their other sport?

Inductees

- **Catriona Le May Doan**, speed skating Olympian
- **Diane Jones Konihowski**, track and field Olympian
- **Dave Adolph**, U of S Huskies hockey player, coach
- **Jay Sim**, catcher on national softball team
- **Dan Farthing**, Saskatchewan Roughriders receiver
- **Lyle Sanderson**, track and field coach Huskies, Olympics
- **Jacki Nichol**, Canadian shortstop in Olympic softball

Answers:

Catriona Le May Doan, Holy Cross sprinter
Diane Jones Konihowski, U of S volleyball
Dave Adolph, Evan Hardy defensive back

Jay Sim, Westleys hockey forward
Dan Farthing, Holy Cross basketball team

Lyle Sanderson, Luther defensive lineman
Jacki Nichol, ringette all-star

Pick the inductees' other sport

- Football: Evan Hardy Souls all-star defensive back
- Basketball: Provincial high school champ with Holy Cross
- Track and field: Champion sprinter at Holy Cross
- Football: Defensive lineman for Regina Luther College
- Ringette: Twice an all-star at national championships
- Volleyball: Played for University of Saskatchewan
- Hockey: Forward for Westleys in North Sask. Junior League



JIM McCLEMENTS WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Jim McClements, who is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a builder, receives a national award in September in Mississauga, Ont.

McClements is presented with the Allen G. Rae Builder Award by Sports Officials Canada in recognition of his work in long track speed skating.

McClements has been an official in speed skating for almost 40 years, including doing 18 world championships and being appointed to officiate at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. He was the chief referee for years at the Canadian national championships.

Besides being an official himself, McClements has given clinics around Canada to develop speed skating officials.

"While it is a great honour to be recognized as a builder, no one sets out to be a builder," McClements said. "It just happens because you are passionate about sport. My focus was never on officiating, but rather making sport a little bit better.

"While I have been engaged with people at the national and international levels, most of the opportunity to learn came right here in Saskatoon and Saskatchewan. While what I did was with the International Speed Skating Union and Speed Skating Canada, most of it was done in collaboration with Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating, Saskatchewan Culture and Recreation staff, Sask Sport, the Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club and folks in other Saskatchewan sports such as track and field. It is based on friendship, brainstorming, listening, even arguing, but all with the purpose of making sport better.

"Whatever I put into sport I got back many times over."

McClements was head coach of the cross-country running team at the University of Saskatchewan for five years. One of his athletes, **Tracy Kelly**, is being inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame this year.

Making their mark

Ed Bryant Hall of Fame inductee, builder baseball

Ed Bryant, who was a pitcher, began playing senior baseball for a team in Shellbrook at age 14.

He learned how to pitch from his father and by practising on his own. He could throw high heat. Even into his 40s Ed was hitting 83 m.p.h., timed on a speed gun while he was coaching kids. "One day I was watching a game on TV," Bryant said, and this dates to the 1970s. "When I saw who was on the mound for the Yankees, I went 'Hey, I know that guy.'"

Pitching for the Yankees was Nipawin's Dave Pagan, who Bryant used to compete against in Saskatchewan.

Pagan told Bryant later he thought Bryant had major league calibre.



Anne Schulman Hall of Fame inductee, builder swimming

Anne Schulman's two daughters — Margot in Calgary and Paula in Basel, Switzerland — arrived this June at Hitchcock's Hideaway, a camp with cabins at Lake Diefenbaker.

Margot and Paula were there as part of Camp Circle O' Friends, an annual four-day event started by their mother 25 years ago for youth age 6 to 18 in Saskatchewan who have experienced cancer.

There is a big sculpture of tiger lilies near the main lodge of the camp dedicated to the late Anne Schulman. A scholarship for campers and camp volunteers has been started in Anne's name.



Brian Towriss Hall of Fame inductee, team U of S Huskies football

Brian Towriss has become the all-time leader in wins for a coach in Canadian university football. Towriss is in his 28th season as head coach of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

Through five games this season, Towriss had 170 regular season and playoff wins with the Huskies, moving him past former Western Ontario coach Larry Haylor in London, Ont., for the career record.

Before Haylor was head coach at Western, he grew up in Prince Albert, was a quarterback for the Saskatchewan Huskies in the 1960s and was an assistant coach at the U of S.

Towriss played line for the Huskies from 1974 to 1977.



In the fast lane



DR. CYPRIAN ENWEANI
Dennis Beerling says:
"Although the 100 is not his forte (the 200 is), picking him is not just about who he is as an athlete, but as a person."



RUEBEN MAYES
Dennis Beerling says:
"I remember one of the first times I saw Rueben. He came walking out to the start in shorts twice as big as he was."

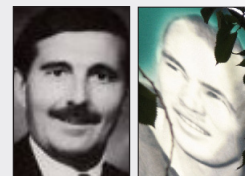
Dennis Beerling of Saskatoon has decades of experience as an official in track and field. In July this year he was one of the technical officials assigned to the Central American and Caribbean athletics championships in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. The meet was a qualifying event for the world track and field championships later in the summer in Daegu, South Korea.

Beerling is inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a builder and was president of the Hall when it started in 1984.

For fun, he picks his all-time 4x100 men's relay team. "Golly, there's been so many good sprinters," Beerling said. "I'll make mine all from Saskatchewan. That way when people say 'How come he didn't choose (someone else in the world)?' it's because it's all Saskatchewan."

Beerling's dream team consists of **Dr. Cyprian Enweani** of Saskatoon, **Rueben Mayes** of North Battleford, **George Short** of Saskatoon and **Dale West** of Saskatoon. Beerling's alternate is **Ben Daku** of Saskatoon, who Beerling said made blazing starts.

Enweani, Short and West are all inducted into the Saskatoon Hall of Fame.



GEORGE SHORT
above left
Dennis Beerling says:
"At the time he was one of the best in Canada."

DALE WEST
above right
Dennis Beerling says:
"A natural athlete."

Touching base: With Hall of Famers

Lucas Oleniuk the football player has turned into a globetrotter. Lucas is in the Hall with the 1996 University of Saskatchewan football team when he was a linebacker. He is now a photographer with the Toronto Star and earlier this year was in Lebanon and Jordan, taking pictures for the paper of developing news in the Middle East. Lucas, who went to Holy Cross High School, has twice won a Canadian National Newspaper Award for photography. His older brother, **Marcus**, also went to Holy Cross and played linebacker for the Huskies in the late 1980s. Marcus runs a photo studio in Hong Kong and has lived in Asia for more than a decade. Marcus has been nominated for a World Press Photo by Newsweek and Time ...



Lucas Oleniuk

Gwen (Wall) Ridout was a world-class hurdler. Now her daughter **Paige** is on the rise in pole vault. Gwen is in the Hall for her accomplishments in the 400-metre hurdles, including being a four-time Canadian champion and holding the national record. Gwen, who went to Mount Royal Collegiate and the University of Saskatchewan, is now a teacher at Western Canada High School in Calgary, as well as a hurdles and sprints coach with the University of Calgary Athletics Club, a club she helped start. Paige, 19, an athlete on the club, finished second in junior pole vault at the Canadian championships this summer.

Honours from U of S

Lloyd Cenaiko, in the Hall with the 1978 Hilltops, is being added to the Wall of Honour by the University of Saskatchewan College of Education. Cenaiko, who lives in Airdrie, Alta., runs HART, a Humanitarian Aid Response Team. See www.HART.ca. Said Lloyd: "To hear the words 'I love you daddy' from one of my kids beats any award this world could offer me, but I am quite pleased and maybe through this I'll get some opportunities to share the impact HART is having on the lives of thousands of underprivileged kids in Eastern Europe." Cenaiko spent this summer in the Ukraine, helping youth in his work with HART ... **Hubert Buydens**, an offensive lineman in the Hall with the 2001 and 2002 Hilltops, has New Zealand on his travel schedule. Buydens was picked to the Canadian team for the World Cup of rugby, which runs

Swifter, higher, stronger

The countdown begins to the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, July 27 to Aug. 12.

Although they don't have a Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame angle, the Hegg family of the United States has a connection to both Saskatchewan and the Olympics.

Sisters **Heidi** and **Cris Hegg** competed on Saskatchewan's cycling team at the 1981 Canada Summer Games in Thunder Bay, Ont., when the Hegg family lived in Lloydminster. The girls were also accomplished skiers, as was their older brother **Steve Hegg**.

The family soon returned to the U.S., where they are from. Steve represented the U.S. in both downhill skiing and cycling. At age 20, he won one gold medal and one silver in cycling at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. He also competed in cycling in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

in September and October. His club team is the Prairie Wolf Pack in Calgary ... **Don Bjarnarson** is in the Hall as an offensive lineman and punter with the 1968 Canadian champion Hilltops. He has been involved in horse racing for years and this summer finished second on the money list for trainers in the thoroughbred meet at Marquis Downs, including 17 wins ...

Pat Barry and **Jack Nepjuk** are in the Hall with the Hilltops, Barry as a defensive back on the 1991 Toppers and Nepjuk as an assistant coach in 2001, 2002 and 2003. Barry and Nepjuk were honoured this year by the Saskatoon Schools Athletic Directorate (SSAD) at its annual awards luncheon. Nepjuk, retiring from teaching, was recognized for contributions to high school sports in his career. The award for Barry salutes what he has done as a teacher/coach with football and wrestling at Mount Royal ... **Brian Guebert**, inducted into the Hall as a defensive lineman with the Hilltops, won a silver medal as a member of Canada's team at the inaugural world senior football championship this summer in Austria. Huskies head coach **Brian Towriss**, who is in the Hall with two Huskies teams, was an assistant coach at worlds ... **Nancy Jewitt Filteau**, who competed in judo in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and is in the Hall, has her son **Justin** playing linebacker for the Hilltops ... **Tom Sargeant** and **Dean Newton**, both in the Hall



Hubert Buydens

with the Hilltops, are on the move. Sargeant goes from being the principal at Bedford Road to become principal at Centennial Collegiate. Newton, who was the principal at Mount Royal, joins the human resource department with the Saskatoon Board of Education downtown ... **Jerry Friesen**, in the Hall as an athlete, is on the coaching staff of the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Friesen, a graduate of Bedford Road Collegiate, played linebacker with the Hilltops and Huskies, then in the CFL with Montreal and Saskatchewan. He was head coach of the University of Alberta Golden Bears the last 10 years.

Hockey in North Carolina

Hockey Huskies in the news are **Richard Kortje** and **Kevin MacNaught**. They are in the Hall with the 1983 U of S Huskies who won the Canadian university championship. Kortje as a defenceman, MacNaught as a forward. Kortje is now vice-president and investment advisor with Canaccord Wealth Management, a financial services company in Vancouver.



Richard Kortje

Kortje serves on the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, which this summer raised almost \$400,000 at a charity golf event to go toward a new psychiatric and education centre at the hospital. MacNaught has been the general manager of the Fayetteville Fire Antz, a minor pro team in North Carolina, since the club started in 2002. Fayetteville won the championship in the Southern Professional Hockey League in 2007 ... **Ian Mirtle**, in the Hall as a builder, has launched a new website as executive director of the Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association. See www.SMBA.ca. The site is packed with information about the league. Mirtle played basketball at Bedford Road, started coaching high school basketball at Kinistino, where he won provincials in 1966 with the girls team, and later coached boys teams at City Park, Marion Graham and Mount Royal. He has been with the SMBA for 25 years, including getting his son **Trevor** and daughter **Heather** in the league, both as players and volunteers ... **Bruce** and **Bobbi Waldner**, husband and wife, are at home in the desert, working in Saudi Arabia. Bruce is in the Hall as a wrestler and Bobbi as a high jumper. Both competed for the U of S. In his recreation time now, Bruce golfs, while Bobbi gets up at 4:45 a.m. to run and weight train with friends. "Start any later and it gets too hot in Saudi Arabia," she said. The Waldners earlier worked in Chile.

Coming attractions

2012

● **Tim Hortons Brier**
Canadian men's curling
March 3 to 11
Credit Union Centre

● **Saskatchewan First Nation Winter Games**
April 8 to 13
Jemini Arena, Henk Ruys Centre

2013

● **Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey championship**
● **Softball Canada**
Under-21 International Cup for men
July 10 to 15

2014

● **Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey championship**
● **Canadian summer nationals in swimming**
July 17 to 20 at Shaw Centre

2015

● **Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's volleyball championship**

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Plaques of Hall of Fame inductees are on display in the Field House.

Passings

Frank Longridge, 1918-2011

Athlete inductee, badminton

Longridge won the provincial men's singles championship eight times, from 1937 to 1949.

He also played for the Saskatoon Empire Jacks, who were Western Canadian champions in softball, and the Saskatoon Toilers in basketball.



Larry Tyson, 1921-2011

Athlete inductee, bowling

Larry Tyson was on men's bowling teams that won Saskatchewan five-pin titles in 1975 and 1976 and also competed at the national championship.

Tyson rolled a perfect game of 450.



This family knows their stuff

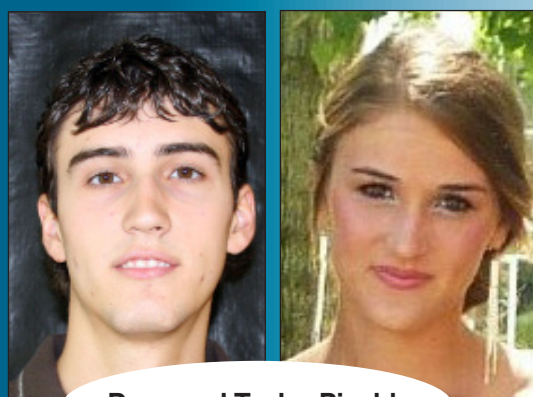
Volleyball runs in the family for **Cindy (Shepherd) Pischke**.

Cindy, a native of Saskatoon who went to City Park, is inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a player with the 1979, 1980 and 1981 University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes. They won three straight Canadian university volleyball titles.

She is married to **Garth Pischke**, one of the top volleyball players in the history of the Canadian

national men's team. Garth played in the 1976 Montreal Olympics and the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. He has been coach of the University of Manitoba Bisons for going on 31 years, leading the team to nine Canadian championships.

Their son, **Dane**, is going into his fourth season with the Bisons, while daughter **Taylor** is starting her first year at the University of California Santa Barbara. Taylor was given a full scholarship to play both indoor and beach volleyball for the Gauchos.



Dane and Taylor Pischke

Major league achievement

Spero Leakos and his wife **Georgia** were in Cooperstown, N.Y., on a Sunday in July as special guests of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Pat Gillick was inducted into the Baseball Hall this summer as a builder. He invited Spero and Georgia of Calgary to attend the ceremony, reported the Saskatoon Express newspaper.

Gillick, who is from California, has known the Leakos family since the 1950s when he was a left-handed pitcher, playing for the Vulcan Elks and Granum White Sox in the Foothills-Wheatbelt League in Alberta, as well as with the Edmonton Eskimos in the Western Baseball League.

Spero was the owner and general manager of the Saskatoon Commodores in the WBL. He has been inducted by the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a



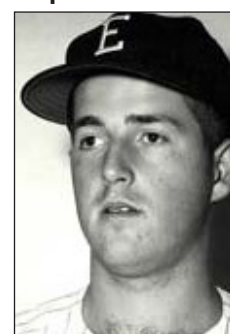
builder, mostly because of his contributions to baseball but also basketball. Gillick, whose mother was an actress on the silent screen and his father was a minor league pitcher and a sheriff, went on to play five seasons of pro ball. When he moved into the front office in 1963, Gillick became a scout with the Houston Astros, which included holding a tryout camp in Saskatoon with a hand from Leakos and the Commodores.

Gillick joined the Toronto Blue Jays, a new team, in 1976 and within two years became their general manager. Gillick developed the Blue Jays into World Series champions in 1992 and 1993. He added a third World Series ring as general manager of the Philadelphia Phillies in 2008.

Gillick has also been GM of the Baltimore Orioles and Seattle Mariners.



Spero Leakos



Pat Gillick

Spero Leakos and his wife Georgia were invited to the Baseball Hall of Fame induction this year in Cooperstown, N.Y.