

November 2014  
to January 2015  
Newsletter

# SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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Photos on touch screen at Field House of all athlete, builder and team inductees in the Hall of Fame



## Jerry Shoemaker Hall of Fame president

Builder inductee, 2009

On behalf of the board of directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame I thank all those who attended our 29th annual induction ceremony and dinner Nov. 1. To all past inductees who attended, a very special thank you for your continued support.

This year we recognized four builders, three athletes and two teams representing athletics, baseball, softball, hockey, curling and golf.

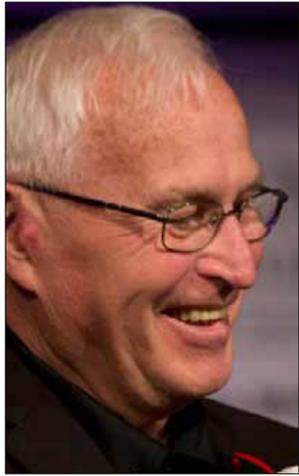
I congratulate the 2014 inductees and thank them for their contributions to the sporting community of Saskatoon. It is important that we recognize these contributions and I encourage all of you to consider nominating someone to our Hall. We are now accepting nominations for team, builder and athlete categories. Submission deadline is April 1, 2015. Nomination forms are available at the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame office at the Field House or on our website: saskatoonsportshalloffame.com

This year our Hall of Fame recognized Saskatoon Baseball Council as our organization of the year. I thank SBI for all of the work they do to provide an opportunity for approximately 1,200 young people to participate, learn and enjoy playing the game of baseball.

Once again a special thank you to Kevin Vaughn, Simon Hiatt and Bob Florence for the great work they do for the Hall of Fame. You are a very important part of our evening. To our sponsors and supporters thank you for assistance in making this a successful event.

On behalf of all the board members of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, I extend to you and your families a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2015.

A reminder that our annual general meeting is scheduled for Feb. 5, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Saskatoon Field House. You are invited to attend.



Jim McIntyre, head coach  
Saskatoon Contacts  
Team inductee, hockey



Dana Kidd  
Athlete, golf

## 2014 induction

29th annual ceremony

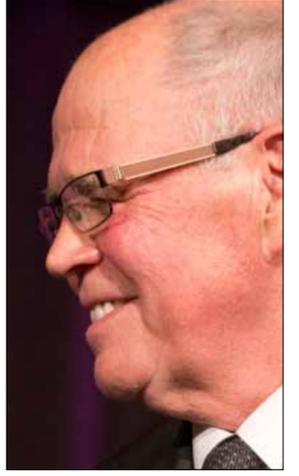
Saskatoon Baseball Council Inc.  
Sports organization of the year



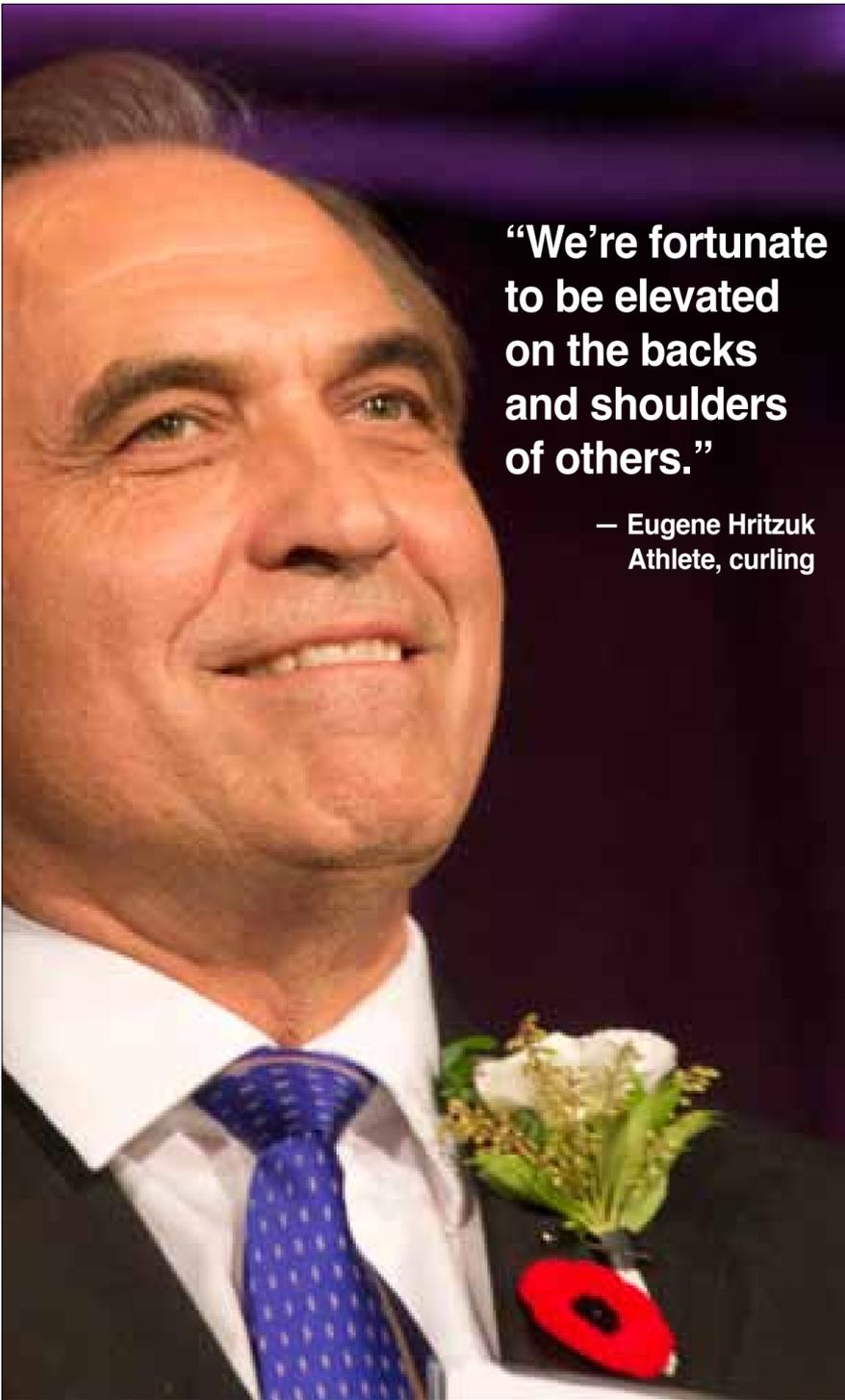
Toni Beerling  
Builder, athletics



Peter Sereda  
Builder, softball



Bill Remenda  
Builder, baseball



**“We’re fortunate  
to be elevated  
on the backs  
and shoulders  
of others.”**

— Eugene Hritzuk  
Athlete, curling



Marliese Miller rink. Team inductee, curling



Bob Dawes Jr. representing his late father  
Bobby Dawes. Athlete, hockey



Marilyn Woronuk representing her late husband  
Bill Woronuk. Builder, baseball and hockey

**7**  
years ago  
Gerry Couture scores three goals and Vern Woldfong has a big game in net as the University of Saskatchewan Huskies defeat the Saskatoon Junior Lions 7-3 at the Arena to win a two-game, total-goal northern junior hockey series 14-6 in 1944. Lloyd Saunders, who goes on to become a Hall of Fame broadcaster, plays for the Lions. Regina Commandos beat the Huskies 2-0 in the best-of-three provincial final. Regina is defeated by the Trail Smoke Eaters of B.C. in the West final, while Oshawa beats Trail 4-0 in the series to win the Memorial Cup as Canada's junior champions in 1944. Bobby Dawes of Saskatoon is a member of the Oshawa club.



Lloyd  
Saunders

**3**  
years ago  
Yorkton Comprehensive Raiders, led by Colleen Pura, win the provincial high school girls 3A volleyball championship at Evan Hardy Collegiate in 1979.

Pura goes on to become a conference all-star for the University of Saskatchewan Huskiettes.

Cheryl Anderson and Jay Kost are the top players for the host Hardy volleyball team which advanced to provincials after defeating E.D. Feehan in both the city and regional final.

Yorkton wins the provincial 3A boys volleyball title. Aden Bowman, the city champion in Saskatoon, is defeated by Nipawin in regional playoffs.

Kerry Alcorn and Art Peters are the top guns for Bowman.



Colleen  
Pura



## Forward progress



**Greg Yuel played football at Gordie Howe Bowl for the Mount Royal Mustangs in high school and Saskatoon Hilltops**

**G**reg Yuel is enshrined in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame with the 1991 Hilltops. Yuel led the recent fundraising campaign to install artificial turf, build a clubhouse and upgrade lighting at Saskatoon's main football field. The new and improved facility opened in September this year.

Formerly known as Gordie Howe Bowl, the site has been renamed the Saskatoon Minor Football Field.

The Hilltops, the Saskatoon Valkyries women's team, the Saskatoon High School Football League and the Saskatoon Minor Football League all play at the field.

A major benefactor of the upgrading project are husband and wife **James Yausie** and **Cora Weenk**. The Yausie family has a long association with football in Saskatoon. James and his brothers **Jeff Yausie** and **Matt Yausie** all played for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. Jeff, Matt and **Paul Yausie** also played for the Hilltops.

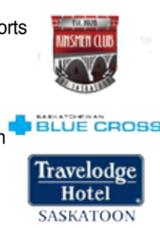
**Jack Yausie** and **Jay Yausie** played for the Aden Bowman Bears high school team this season.

Jeff, Matt and Paul Yausie are all enshrined in the Hall with the Hilltops; Jeff as an assistant coach and Matt and Paul as athletes on the club.

## Thank you sponsors



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**Members at large**  
 Gerry Heskett  
 Walter Mudge  
 Mark Tennant  
 Bob Florence

## Passings

### Ron Adam, age 80

#### Hall of Fame inductee, 1953 Hilltops football team

Ron Adam ran for a touchdown and threw for two more as the Saskatoon Hilltops, coached by Bob Arn, defeated Windsor AKO 34-6 in front of more than 7,000 spectators in Saskatoon to win the Canadian junior football championship in 1953. This was the Hilltops' first national title.

In high school, Adam was at quarterback as the City Park Cowboys played the first high school football game ever held under the lights at Cairns Field in 1950.

After graduating from the Hilltops, Adam went on to play for seven seasons in the CFL with the Saskatchewan Roughriders as a quarterback and defensive back.



**Ron Adam**

### David Dice, 1948-2014, age 66

David Dice was a founder of the Prince Albert Optimist Track Club in 1981. He coached the cross-country running and track and fields teams at Prince Albert Carlton Comprehensive while he was a science teacher at the high school.

Dice became an official in track and field, serving at the 2001 world championships in Edmonton.

Dice received a volunteer recognition award from Sask Sport Inc., in 2008. He is enshrined in the Prince Albert Sports Hall of Fame.



**David Dice**

### Howard Hornby, 1934-2014, age 79

Howard Hornby is a native of Asquith who played minor and junior hockey in Saskatoon, including for the Saskatoon Wesleys junior club. Hornby also played juniors for the Humboldt Indians and senior hockey for the Kamloops Elks, Kamloops Chiefs, North Bay Trappers and Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

Hornby was a centre on the Nelson Maple Leafs in the Western International Hockey League for eight seasons, being honoured with the Howard Anderson Memorial Trophy in 1962 as the league's most valuable and sportsmanlike player.

He was loaned by Nelson to the Trail Smoke Eaters in the 1962 playoffs, winning the Allan Cup national title with Trail and finishing fourth with the team at the 1963 world championship in Stockholm, Sweden.

A teammate of Hornby's at the 1963 world championship was Jack McLeod, on loan from the Saskatoon Quakers after McLeod won the scoring title in the Saskatchewan Senior Hockey League.



**Howard Hornby**

### Herbert Pinder Sr., 1923-2014, age 91

Herbert Pinder Sr., competed on Saskatchewan's interprovincial team at the 1979, 1981 and 1984 Canadian senior golf championships.

When he was a student at the University of Saskatchewan, Pinder was an offensive end and quarterback of the Huskies football team, winning the Hardy Trophy as champions of college football in Western Canada in 1941.

Pinder also competed for the U of S in basketball and swimming. He is enshrined on the U of S Athletic Wall of Fame.

His sons Gerry and Herb Jr., are inducted in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as hockey players.



**Herbert Pinder Sr.**

## On deck in Saskatoon

**Canadian long track speed skating championships**  
 Feb. 6-8, Clarence Downey Oval

**Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's volleyball championship**  
 Feb. 26-28, University of Saskatchewan Physical Activity Complex

# Touching base With athletes, coaches, officials in Hall of Fame

## Cheers for Knoll



**John Konihowski**

**Blaine Knoll** has hit a triple. Enshrined into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame both as an athlete and with the 1969 Merchants senior men's softball team, Knoll was added this year to the Yorkton Sports Hall. Knoll was raised on a farm near Yorkton and was a student at Yorkton Collegiate Institute. The Yorkton Hall inducted Knoll as an athlete and builder ... **Bob Molle** is an athlete Knoll coached when Molle wrestled and played for the Evan Hardy Collegiate Souls football team. Molle, who is enshrined in the Saskatoon Hall as an athlete, is a motivational speaker in Victoria. He coaches at Victoria Mount Douglas High, the defending provincial football champions in B.C. who have four players on the University of Manitoba Bisons this season ... Saskatoon Sports Hall inductee **John Konihowski** put in extra hours at Griffiths Stadium this summer, repairing the oval used for track and field. Konihowski lives in Calgary, running a company that specializes in artificial surfaces for sports and resurfaces tennis courts ... Saskatoon Scotiabank Selects, coached by **Dave McCullough**, were fourth in Softball Canada's female under-18 championship in Saskatoon this summer. Shortstop **Michelle Kukurudzka** of the Saskatoon Radiator Selects and utility player **Kailey Strouts** of the Scotiabank Selects were named playoff all-stars. **Samantha Ridgewell** of the Scotiabank Selects was the all-star utility player in the qualifying round. **Barry Randall** is head coach of the Radiator Selects, who finished 21st in the 22-team event. Saskatoon Selects were eighth in the under-16 male Canadian championship, Westside Selects sixth in the male under-18 nationals, Diamondbacks fourth in the male under-21 championship and Diamondbacks seventh in senior men.

## Saskatoon b-ball team second in world

### Michael Lieffers, Michael Linklater, Willie Murdaugh and O'Neil Gordon

of Saskatoon finished second at the FIBA 3-on-3 World Tour basketball championship in Japan this fall ... Seven athletes from Saskatoon were on the Saskatchewan under-15 girls provincial basketball team that won the Basketball Canada national championship in the summer:

**Paige Davies, Jordan Haggerty, Ella Johnson, Emma Johnson, Lauryn Prokop, Katriana Philipenko and Kyla Shand ... Bruno Axemen**, who won the Canadian men's broomball championship in 2004, 2006 and 2007, are new inductees in the Humboldt Sports Hall of Fame. The Axemen team has represented



**Imran Akhtar**

Saskatchewan at nationals 11 times and is a fixture in the annual Gold Broom tournament in Saskatoon, an event going into its 45th year ... Canada, coached by **Don Bates** of Saskatoon, finished third at the IX Pan American

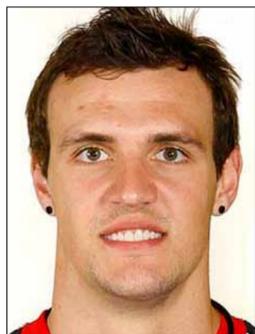
men's softball championship in Panama, Argentina. Pitcher **Devon McCullough** and infielder **Brennan Pokoyoway** of Saskatoon were on the Canadian team. **Gary Skjerven** of Balcarres was an umpire in the event ... **Taiso Gymnastics Club** in Saskatoon has a new training centre — 1521 Quebec Ave. Hall of Fame inductee **Keith Russell** started the club in 1979 at the University of Saskatchewan Phys Ed Building and is now a consultant with Taiso, as is **Warren Long**, who is also enshrined in the Hall. **Imran Akhtar**, who is in the Hall for his accomplishments as a wrestler, has served as Taiso's vice-president ... The Olympic Oval bursary fund was started 10 years ago by Hall of Fame inductee **Catriona Le May Doan** in Calgary to support high performance athletes. Nine athletes from across Canada received bursaries this year.

## Correction

**Larissa Werbicki** of Saskatoon won a silver medal in pairs at the world junior rowing championships this year, not Alissa Werbicki as reported in the previous newsletter from the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame.

## Look at them now

Sask. athletes, coaches, volunteers making news



### Gavin Schmitt

Volleyball

Gavin Schmitt, a native of Saskatoon, led the national volleyball team in scoring in six of the seven matches he played for Canada at the world championship this year in Poland.

Canada finished seventh for its best result ever in the championship that has been held 18 times since 1949.

Schmitt played for the Evan Hardy Souls in his senior year in high school and for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in 2004-05.



### Melissa Armstrong

Baseball

Melissa Armstrong of Saskatoon is a relief pitcher on the Canadian women's baseball team that finished fourth at the World Cup this year in Miyazaki, Japan.

Armstrong appeared in two games for Canada, 2-4.

Earlier in the season, Armstrong was the winning pitcher for Alberta in the final as it captured its first Canadian senior women's title.

She is a PhD student in history at Carleton University in Ottawa.



### Jim Boire

Swimming

Jim Boire of Saskatoon was named volunteer of the year by Swim Canada this year.

Boire was the meet manager for the Saskatoon Goldfins Swim Club at the Canadian championships this summer at the Shaw Centre. He used his engineering experience to maintain air and water quality at the pool.



### Lisa Thomaidis

Basketball

Lisa Thomaidis of Saskatoon is head coach of the Canadian national women's basketball team that finished fifth at the world championship this year in Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey.

The result is the best finish by the Canadian team at worlds since placing third in 1986.

Thomaidis has been head coach of the national team since 2013 and was its assistant coach from 2001-12.

She is head coach of the U of S Huskies women's team.



### Jarret Kenke

Kayaking

Jarret Kenke of the Saskatoon Racing Canoe Club has been selected to the Canadian national sprint team for 2014-15.

Kenke and Mykel Kowaluk of Saskatoon won the junior men's K2 500 and 1,000 metres at the national championships in Regina this year and were second in the 200.

Kenke was also second in the K1 500 and 1,000.

Kenke's coach in Saskatoon is Andrzej Gronowicz.