



MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2013



Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame to induct 14 individuals and honour three teams on Oct. 5 in Winnipeg

The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame will induct six players, seven builders and one official in the Fall of 2013. Three teams also will be honoured. The class of 2013 was announced April 15 at a media conference held at the Canad Inns Polo Park in Winnipeg. See pages 3-5 for detailed biographical information.

Two defencemen, Mike Ford, and Bill Mikkelson, played junior for the both the Brandon Wheat Kings and Winnipeg Jets before moving on to successful pro careers. Four forwards were selected for induction. Former Winnipeg Blue Bombers running back Gerry James won a Memorial Cup with the Toronto Marlboros and played for the Toronto Maple Leafs. He got his start at Sir John Franklin Community Club in Winnipeg's River Heights area. Vaughn Karpan from The Pas played junior in Brandon, at the University of Manitoba and then spent several seasons with Canada's National Team. In 1985 while with the University of Minnesota-Duluth, Bill Watson from Pine Falls won the Hobey Baker Memorial Award as the top collegiate player in the USA. He later played in the NHL with the Chicago Blackhawks. The fourth forward, Ed Hoekstra, will be inducted posthumously. Born in Winnipeg, he was a top scorer for the Weston midgets before moving east to play in St. Catharines. His professional career ran from 1958-59 through 1973-74. Hoekstra, who had multiple sclerosis, died in St. Catharines on Nov. 10, 2011 as a result of injuries he suffered when his scooter and a car collided.

Two builders, Wayne Chernecki and Wayne Fleming, also will be inducted posthumously. Chernecki, 63, died in Winnipeg on Feb. 11 and Fleming, 62, in Calgary on March 25. The Hall of Fame independent selection committee had made its choices for 2013 in January so Hall of Fame vice-president Don Kuryk, who chairs the committee, was able to participate in private ceremonies honouring them before their deaths. A product of Winnipeg's North End, Chernecki was an outstanding player, who turned to coaching where he had success from bantam to junior.

Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame 2013 Induction Dinner

Date: October 5, 2013
Cocktails 5 p.m.
Dinner 6 p.m.
Location: Canad Inns, Polo Park, Winnipeg
Tickets: \$120 with a charitable tax receipt.
Table of 10 - \$1,100

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Fleming's coaching resume included stints at the U of M, Europe, the NHL and as an associate coach with Canada's gold medal winning team at the 2002 Olympics.

Former MAHA and Winnipeg Minor Hockey president Don MacKenzie; Tom Miller, president of the St. James Canucks of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League for 35 years; Bruce Southern from Winnipeg's Riverview area, who coached junior in the three Prairie provinces and scouted for four NHL teams; Al Tresoor, whose 29 years behind the bench began in Elmwood and included provincial championships at the juvenile and junior level; and Ian Heather, who has been a leader in the development of officials for Hockey Manitoba and Hockey Canada, also will be inducted as builders. Bob Thompson from Oak Lake, who attained a Level 6 credential that allowed him to work as high as international hockey, will be inducted as an official.

In the team category, the Ile des Chenes North Stars, winners of the Canadian senior hockey championship in 2003, the 1951 Western Canada junior champion Winnipeg Monarchs and the undefeated 1972-73 St. Malo Warriors Intermediates will be honoured.



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Message from President Gary Cribbs

Since our last newsletter, the Board has been swamped with happenings of the *Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame* activities. As noted throughout the newsletter, our independent selection committee made its choices and we announced the individuals and teams that will be honoured at the Fall induction dinner. Scholarships were awarded to our high school student-athletes; frames were dedicated and hung at the U of M Bisons Max Bell Arena; a dedication to the reopening of the Poplar Point Arena was held; video projection honoring our veteran members of the Hall was installed and ran through the month of November; and different displays were placed in our exhibit area on the second floor of the MTS Iceplex. Always something seems to be going on. A credit to Board members for sure.

We are pleased to announce a new award, the Jerry Kruk Memorial Award, in honor of our late vice-president Jerry Kruk. Jerry, who passed away a year ago last January, was a tireless worker on behalf of our organization. This award will be presented annually to a deserving young Manitoba player in conjunction with Hockey Manitoba. Jan Brown's awards committee has done a great job in nominating our award recipients.

Also in the works is an oral history video project headed up by John Jameson. Grants have been obtained to cover a great deal of the expense of producing this program.

Details on a new research award and grant program will be announced in the Fall.

Now it is on to an enormous task of hosting the induction dinner. Organizing this project takes a lot of effort by a number of people. So mark your calendar for October 5, 2013 at Canad Inns Polo Park in Winnipeg. Ticket information is on page 1. The last two dinners were sold out so don't hesitate in purchasing yours.

Due to retirements and resignations, the make-up of the Board will be changing in 2014. In the meantime, your input and support would be greatly appreciated towards any and all projects. Our finances are in great shape so we welcome any suggestions from you about programs and projects which we might consider in the future.

I look forward to seeing you on Oct. 5. In the meantime, have a good summer.

Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee Bios

PLAYERS

Mike Ford

Mike Ford was born July 26 1952 in Ottawa, Ont. A product of a military family, Ford began to play hockey in Shilo, Man., later at Sir John Franklin and River Heights community clubs in Winnipeg. After junior with the Winnipeg Jets and Brandon Wheat Kings and two years with Port Huron of the IHL, he had a tryout with the WHA Winnipeg Jets. This resulted in two Avco Cups with the Jets with a short stint with Calgary Cowboys in between. Ford also played eight seasons in Europe.

Ed Hoekstra



Ed Hoekstra born in 1937, played minor hockey in Winnipeg and then followed his older brother, Cec (2001 HOF player inductee), to play junior for the St. Catharines Teepees where he scored 102 goals in four seasons. Hoekstra played one season for the Philadelphia Flyers and 97 games for Houston Aeros of the WHA. He was a journeyman who chalked up 833 points in 965 games in places such as Quebec, Cleveland, Buffalo, Denver and Springfield. He died in 2011.

Gerry James

Gerry James, born in Regina in 1934, grew up in Winnipeg and played sports at Sir John Franklin Community Club. He was, of course, better known in football. He played for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers while still in high school and went on to become one of the best ball carriers in the country. But the Toronto Maple Leafs liked his hockey skills. While still a juvenile player he participated in the 1951 Memorial Cup final with the Winnipeg Monarchs. He was also part of the Toronto Marlboros 1955 national junior championship team and later played in the 1960 Stanley Cup final with the Leafs.

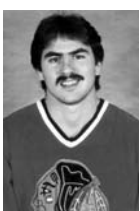
Vaughn Karpan

Vaughn Karpan was born in 1961 in Flin Flon and grew up in The Pas. He played junior with the Brandon Wheat Kings and New Westminster Royals and scored 98 goals and 169 points in 102 games with the U of Manitoba Bisons. Karpan played 213 international games for Canada including in the 1984 Olympics in Sarajevo and the 1988 Olympics in Calgary. He has been a scout for a number of NHL teams and presently is a pro scout for the Montreal Canadiens.

Bill Mikkelson

Bill Mikkelson, born in Neepawa in 1948, played junior with Brandon Wheat Kings and the junior Winnipeg Jets. In the NHL, he was with LA Kings, New York Islanders and Washington Capitals. He also played part of seven AHL campaigns and was a member of champion Springfield Kings in 1970-71, his first pro season. A teammate on the Kings that season was another 2013 inductee, Ed Hoekstra. Bill retired at the age of 29. No doubt there is hockey blood in the Mikkelson family. Bill's uncle Jimmy McFadden was the NHL rookie of the year in 1948. Bill's son, Brendan, is an Anaheim draft choice and his daughter, Meaghan, just competed in the world championship with Team Canada.

Bill Watson



Bill Watson, born in Pine Falls in 1964, played junior for Prince Albert Raiders of the WHL and joined The University of Minnesota-Duluth for three seasons. In 1984-85 he scored 46 goals and added 46 assists for 100 points. This earned him the Hobey Baker Memorial Award as the outstanding player in US college hockey and first-team All-America honours for the second consecutive year. Watson passed up his final year of eligibility to sign with Chicago Black Hawks where he played 115 games. He was an assistant coach with his alma mater in 2010-11 when they were NCAA Division 1 national champs.

BUILDERS

Wayne Chernecki



The late Wayne Chernecki would likely have received consideration from the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame as a player or a builder. A star from playground through junior and a Detroit Red Wing draft choice, he played 263 games for the AHL Springfield Kings and Providence Reds. He then returned to Winnipeg and put to use the commerce degree he had completed while playing for the Winnipeg junior Jets. As a coach he won the Western Canadian AAA bantam championship with the Winnipeg Hawks in 1992 and two league championships with St. James Canadians of the MJHL in 1996 and 1997.

Wayne Fleming

Wayne Fleming was an assistant coach in the NHL with Phoenix, Philadelphia, Calgary, Edmonton, the New York Islanders and Tampa Bay. He started it all as the Manitoba Bisons head man and also coached in Russia, Sweden, Germany and Switzerland. Fleming worked with head coach Dave King when Canada won a silver Olympic medal in Albertville, France in 1992. He was a member of the coaching staff when Canada won Olympic gold in 2002 in Salt Lake City. He also was associate coach at the 2006 Games in Torino, Italy.

Ian Heather

Ian Heather has been a long-time referee and was referee-in-chief for WMHA 1973-78 and later served in that role for the Winnipeg High School League from 1987-1994. Most of his support, however, referred to his work in referee development which is why he enters the Hall as a builder. Ian was supervisor of officials for the 2003 CIS women's championship and the 2005 Royal Bank Cup and was involved in the 2007 under-17 tournament in Selkirk in 2007 and the World Under-17 championship in Winnipeg in 2011. And that's just naming a few.

Don MacKenzie

Don MacKenzie started coaching minor hockey at Isaac Brock Community Club when he was playing junior for the Winnipeg Rangers. He served as a director and then president of the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association in the 1970s. At the provincial level, he spent 10 years on the executive of the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association and was president from 1980 to 1984. Over the years he was involved in the organization of a numerous championships including the Air Canada national midget championship and the IIHF world junior championship. In 2055, his leadership role in events such as the 1990 Western Canada Summer Games and the 1999 Pan Am Games as well as hockey earned him induction into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame as an all-round builder.

Tom Miller

Tom Miller is sometimes called "Mr. Hockey in St. James." He became the founding president of the St. James Canucks of the MMJHL in 1978-79 and he is still in the job. They also call him the general manager, fund raiser and team psychologist. Tom always thought area players deserved to have the opportunity to play and while he could have had stronger teams by bringing in players from outside the area, he has stayed true to their original idea. It is said that Tom once went into surgery with fundraising tickets taped to his chest so the doctor had to buy them before the operation began.

Bruce Southern

Bruce Southern has been involved in hockey as a player, coach and scout for 45 years. Bruce coached the Fort Garry Blues to three MMJHL titles and also coached St. James Canadians and St. Boniface Saints of the MJHL. He was also coach of the WHL Winnipeg Warriors and an assistant coach at Calgary and Swift Current of the same league. Bruce was an assistant coach with the Winnipeg Jets from 1984-89 and scouted for Ottawa, San Jose and Minnesota Wild and was director of player personnel for the Manitoba Moose in both the IHL and the AHL.

BUILDERS (cont.)

Al Tresoor

When Al Tresoor coached at East Elmwood and then moved to Kelvin Community Centre, he coached winning minor teams at every level. He later went on to coach junior hockey with Kildonan North Stars and St. Boniface Saints, who he led to a Manitoba/Saskatchewan title in 1970-71. Tresoor coached for 29 years. He learned wherever he could - skating tips from Harold Snell, an Ice Capades clown, advice on goaltending from his baseball coach, Terry Sawchuk, and help from Carl Brewer, Anatoly Tarasov, the great Russian coach, and when he lived in Toronto, Lloyd Percival.

OFFICIAL

Bob Thompson

Bob Thompson from Oak Lake refereed 3,000 games in 25 years in southern Manitoba. He began by officiating 75 games in 1970 in Brandon. By 1972 he was a linesman in the Western Junior League and at the University level. He obtained his level 6 papers in Toronto and officiated at the World Junior Championships in Brandon and the Western Canadian university finals in Regina. As a registered MAHA clinician, he conducted officiating clinics across the province from the 1970s through the 1990s.

TEAMS

2003 Ile des Chenes North Stars

Ile des Chenes began its run to the 2003 Canadian senior hockey championship by winning a three-team tournament in Manitoba that included La Broquerie Habs and the Warroad (Minn.) Islanders. The North Stars then travelled to Lloydminster and swept the hometown Border Kings three straight to earn the right to represent Manitoba and Saskatchewan at the Allan Cup playdown in Dundas, Ont. The four-team competition included the host Real McCoys, Stony Plain Eagles representing Alberta and B.C. and Lancaster ThunderCats from New Brunswick, the East. In round-robin play North Stars beat Lancaster 6-3 and Stony Plain 6-2, but lost 5-3 to Dundas. The 2-1 record put North Stars into the national final while Stony Plain earned a spot by shutting out Lancaster 3-0 in a sudden-death semi-final. The Manitoba team won the Canadian title with a 3-2 victory in double overtime. Although registered in Manitoba as an independent senior team, Ile des Chenes had been a dominant team in intermediate league play for years and won six Hanover Tache League championships in the previous decade.

1950-51 Winnipeg Monarchs

The Winnipeg Monarchs had a very difficult road in order to win the Abbott Cup emblematic of the 1951 Western Canada junior hockey championship. First of all, Monarchs had to beat the two-time defending champion Brandon Wheat Kings in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League final that went six games. In a back-and-forth series with the Thunder Bay champion Port Arthur Bruins, Monarchs won game one 4-3, lost the next two 1-0 and 8-4, went up three games to two with 6-4 and 1-0 wins, and saw Bruins tie the series with another 1-0 shutout. In game seven played at the Winnipeg Amphitheatre, Monarchs led 3-0 and held off the Bruins for a 3-2 victory. Regina Pats from the Western Canada Junior Hockey League were the Monarchs' opponents in the Western final. The first three games were played in Regina with Pats winning 2-1, the teams playing to a 5-5 tie, and Monarchs taking the third game 2-1. Back home, Winnipeg won 2-0 and 5-2, but Pats refused to give in and tied the series with a 2-1 victory in game six and a 4-3 win in game seven. In the eighth game, Monarchs came out flying and led 3-1 after the first period and 7-1 after two en route to an 8-4 win. In the Canadian final for the Memorial Cup that was played in Winnipeg and Brandon, Monarchs lost four straight to the powerful Barrie Flyers.

1972-73 St. Malo Warriors

The intermediate Hanover Tache Hockey League was established in January 1958 to provide an outlet for local players from smaller communities in southeastern Manitoba. Six teams played in the initial season and St. Malo entered a team for the first time in 1963-64. In 1970-71, the Warriors finished first in the league's south division, but lost to Mitchell in the semi-finals. The next season the third-place Warriors defeated the first-place Mohawks in the semis, but then lost to the eventual champion Grunthal Red Wings. In 1972-73 it all came together for the youthful St. Malo team. Warriors went through the regular season undefeated winning 18 straight games. They then capped off a perfect year by winning eight more in the playoffs and the team's first Hanover Tache title. Now 40 years later, the St. Malo Warriors are being recognized for their single-season accomplishment in 1972-73.

The Final Face-Off

Since our last newsletter in fall-winter 2012, the hockey community has lost a number of Manitobans as well as people with a connection to the sport in our province. Also included are earlier deaths not mentioned in previous newsletters and brought to our attention. Information has been compiled from newspaper obituaries and other sources such as the Internet and the Society for International Hockey Research. Individual members of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame are noted with an asterisk*.

July 28, 2007 in Flin Flon - **Harry (Red) Nelson, 72** - Goalie who played in the SJHL with Saskatoon Wesleys and Humboldt Indians before finishing his junior career with the Flin Flon Bombers. Officiated for 17 years in Flin Flon minor hockey and the SJHL, MJHL and the Western Canada Junior League.

Nov. 10, 2011 in St. Catharines, Ont. - **Ed Hoekstra, 73** - to be inducted as a player in October. See bio and photo on page 3.



Gordon Fashoway

May 1, 2012 in Portland, Ore. - ***Gordon Fashoway, 85** - Nicknamed Goal-A-Game, he played for the 1946 Memorial Cup champion Winnipeg Monarchs and had a long pro career primarily in the WHL. Inducted into the HOF as a player in 1992.

Aug. 15, 2012 in Phoenix - **Bud McRae, 78** - Member of the 1956-57 Pine Fall Paper Kings team inducted in 2009. Then played a season in England followed by several seasons in the IHL and the USHL.

Nov. 3, 2012 in Swan River - **Jeff McGill, 56** - Played in the Western Canada junior league, the IHL and the AHL and coached the Dauphin Kings of the MJHL, the team where he started his junior playing career.

Nov. 8, 2012 in Winnipeg - ***Paul Platz, 92** - Played on three provincial championship teams with the Winnipeg Monarchs and later pro in the AHL and USHL.

Inducted into the HOF as a player in 1990.

Nov. 19, 2012 in Steinbach - **Roy Krentz, 91** - Called the patriarch of Steinbach's greatest sporting family and the father of hockey players Ralph, Ken and Dale Krentz. Helped build the Steinbach Arena.

Nov. 24, 2012 in Winnipeg - **John Arondeus, 91** - Manitoba Lacrosse Hall of Fame member who played for CUAC of the MJHL in 1939-40 and 1940-41 and two seasons of senior with Winnipeg Stylists and Plowmen following World War II.

Nov. 30, 2012 in Miami - **Bob Thomson, 86** - Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame member who played organized hockey in rural Manitoba for more than 40 years winning numerous awards and being recognized for gentlemanly play.

Dec. 29, 2012 in Winnipeg - **Brent Shule, 44** - Served as equipment manager of the St. Vital Victorias of the MMJHL.

Jan. 3, 2013 in the Toronto area - ***Hyland Beatty, 85** - Member of the 1946 Memorial Cup champion Winnipeg Monarchs, who was inducted into the HOF as an official in 1993. Served on the Manitoba Hockey Foundation board for many years and as president of the MJHL.



Gerry Brisson

Jan. 16 in Mesa, AR. - **Gerry Brisson, 75** - Played junior with St. Boniface Canadiens and Peterborough Petes followed by a nine-year pro career primarily in the WHL. Later coached in the WCHL with the Brandon Wheat Kings, Winnipeg Jets, Clubs and Monarchs and the Calgary Wranglers.

Feb. 2 in Winnipeg - **Ed (Bud) Laidler, 80** - Played junior for the Winnipeg Black Hawks and Lethbridge Native Sons, then in the IHL and senior in Alberta and B.C. and finally three seasons in Belgium in the early 1970s.

Feb. 10 near Waskada - **Gage Spence, 10, Logan Spence, 9, and Dawson Pentecost, 9** - Members of the Pierson/Waskada Canucks atom team who died in a plane crash en route home from Brandon where the team had been honoured the previous day at a Wheat Kings game.

Feb. 11 in Winnipeg - **Wayne Chernecki, 63** - to be inducted as a builder in October.

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Feb. 15 in Winnipeg - **Rob Carriere, 62** - Well-known Zamboni operator who worked for the City of Winnipeg at the Bertrand, River East and Terry Sawchuk arenas and after retirement at the Notre Dame Arena.

Feb. 20 in Montreal - **Jean Gauthier, 75** - Defenceman who was picked up from the Fort William Canadiens by the 1957 Memorial Cup champion Flin Flon Bombers. Played in the NHL with Montreal, Boston and Philadelphia.

Feb. 22 in Winnipeg - **Brian Aronovitch** - Served on the Winnipeg Jets board when the team was operated by Winnipeg Enterprises.

Feb. 27 in Winnipeg - **William Erickson, 77** - Well-known Interlake goaltender who played many seasons for the Lunda Falcons.

March 6 in Winnipeg - ***Ed Sweeney, 78** - Long-time board member and hockey collector and researcher who was inducted into the HOF in 2005 as its only historian.

March 12 in Winnipeg - **Denis (Tank) Lambert, 82** - Played for the Winnipeg Monarchs, Pine Falls Paper Kings, Kenora Thistles, Glace Bay Miners and for the Milwaukee Chiefs of the IHL.

March 17 in Winnipeg - **Allen White, 65** - Played defence for the U of M Bisons.

March 18 in Carman - **Dade Fuller, 81** - Played in Carnduff, Sask, Ponoka, Alta and with the Oakville Seals of the South East league. Later coached the junior B Portage Terriers.

March 22 in Stonewall - **Barry McQueen, 78** - Played for the Winnipeg Monarchs of the MJHL followed by a season in the EHL and IHL. Played with numerous teams in Manitoba until the age of 77.

March 23 in Calgary - **Pat Morrow, 44** - Died shortly after playing in a recreational game. Son of long-time HOF board member Len Morrow.

March 25 in Calgary - **Wayne Fleming, 63** - to be inducted as a builder in October. See bio on page 4.

April 3 in Winnipeg - **David (Chips) Adams, 78** - played junior for the Brandon Wheat Kings from 1951-52 through 1953-54.

April 6 in Toronto - **Johnny Esaw, 87** - Award-winning broadcaster who served as sports director of CKRC and CKY-TV in Winnipeg and later became VP of CTV Sports.

April 9 - **Ron Tanner, 66** - Volunteer for the St. Vital Victorias of the MMJHL.

April 11 in Thunder Bay - **William (Sambo) Fedoruk, 88** - Born in Gardenton, Man., he played hockey for Warroad and Fort Frances and was the captain of the Fort Frances Canadians team that won the Canadian senior championship in 1952.

April 25 in Winnipeg - **Daryl Young, 77** - Played for Orioles and formed and played for the North Kildonan oldtimers.

April 27 in Winnipeg - **Louis Gosselin, 68** - Was instrumental in starting the St. Malo Warriors hockey team that is being inducted in October and coached the team in its first season in the intermediate Hanover Tache League in 1963-64.

April 28 in Winnipeg - **Bill McMaster** - Saskatchewan native who played defence for senior teams in Peterborough and Belleville, Ont. in the late 1940s and for Dunfermline of the Scottish National League in 1951-52 and 52-53. After moving to Winnipeg coached at Crescentwood Community Club and staffed the players' entrance at the Winnipeg Arena.

May 7 in Winnipeg - **Ken Blight, 79** - Member of the 1956-57 Poplar Point Memorials team inducted in 2009, who continued to play until his late Seventies.

May 8 in Winnipeg - **Bob Fitzpatrick, 86** - Involved in the formation of the MMJHL as a partner of the Fort Garry Blues.

May 10 in Winnipeg - **Ted Plouffe, 91** - Played two seasons with CUAC of the MJHL and was a North Division all-star in 1940-41.

May 24 in Nestor Falls, Ont. - **Mike Kubara, 65** - Coached and managed the Nevs Knights and West Kildonan North Stars teams.

May 27 in Selkirk - **Bill Campbell** - A memorabilia expert in particular on hockey who had worked on Antiques Roadshow Canada and for Classic, Leland and Heritage auctions. Was the 'b' in Winnipeg's first sports collectibles store, Ab D Cards, on Portage Ave.

May 31 in Winnipeg - **Fred Miller** - East St. Paul native who played for the Winnipeg Flyers and the East St. Paul Old Saints and coached in the community.

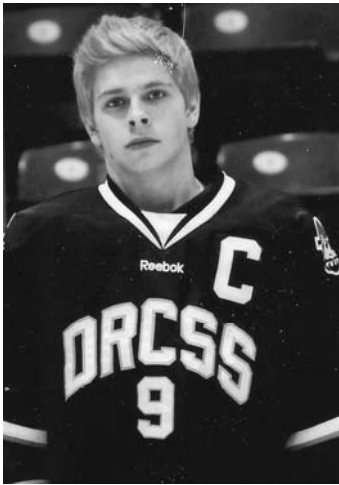
June 27 in Winnipeg - ***Don Baizley, 71** - Winnipeg player agent who was inducted into the HOF as a builder in 2007. Played junior for the St. Boniface Canadiens and Winnipeg Rangers and for the U of M Bisons. See page 8.

June 29 in Winnipeg - **Ted Bicknell, 73** - Played for the junior Brandon Wheat Kings in 1958-59.



Sambo Fedoruk

Name Dropping



Kyle Allard was awarded the Ken "Friar" Nicolson award for exhibiting success both on and off the ice. Allard was captain of the Dauphin Clippers, a Westman high school all-star and the league's most gentlemanly player. He will study engineering at the University of Manitoba this fall. He was an honour roll student and valedictorian of the class of 2013 at Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School. He was named to the Top 10 list of high school hockey players by the *Winnipeg Sun*.

Taylor Lafreniere took the Sami-Jo Small award for a female player exhibiting success on and off the ice. She tore her ACL playing soccer but was determined to compete in athletics, soccer and hockey. In 2012, she was the most improved and hardest working player for the Kelvin Clippers. She was an alternate captain this past season. She was a student council member at Kelvin High School in Winni-

peg, involved in a mentorship program and was also involved in volleyball, swimming and was a provincial track and field team member.

Both awards, sponsored by the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame, are accompanied by cheques for \$ 1,000. They were presented by President **Gary Cribbs** and awards chair **Jan Brown** at the Manitoba High School Athletic Association annual awards luncheon on May 21.



Original board member **Sam Fabro**, has been chosen as Winnipeg's Citizen of the Year for 2013. He was selected for his business successes, his philanthropy efforts over the number of years for the betterment of citizens of Winnipeg, and his continued volunteerism. He will be honored with a permanent statue that will be unveiled in the Honored Garden in Assiniboine Park on Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. All will be welcome to congratulate Sam on his most recent accomplishment...2007 builder inductee **Don Baizley** of Winnipeg lost a courageous battle to non-smokers lung cancer in late June. He was remembered at a celebration of his life at the MTS Centre on July 10. Some 2000-plus people from all walks of life attended to pay honor to Don. He was one of those who remembered everyone he met, always with a kind word. Don represented many of the top players in hockey. NHL players such as **Anders Hedberg, Ulf Nilsson, Paul Kariya, Ab McDonald, Bobby Hull, Joe Sakic, Teemu Selanne, Theo Fleury** and many others came from far and wide to pay homage to a chap who really was a big brother and advisor to those who were his clients. **Bob Leiter** (HOF 1986), who also attended, and **Terry Ball** (HOF 2011) were Don's first clients. Cute stories were told by his family, his friends and his clients and e-mails and tweets were read and shown on a large screen in a wonderful afternoon of remembrance. Don's final words were said to be, "No regrets."...In a TV spot that ran frequently prior to Father's Day, **Bill Mikkelsen**, who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Oct. 5, did voiceover duties while his daughter Meaghan worked out. Meaghan is a member of Canada's women's hockey team. He kept saying you have to be better every day at what you are doing. The commercial ends with Dad saying, "I'm very proud of you."...Further on the subject of Canada's women's team, they unveiled a new set of uniforms at the recent world championship. They are black and gold, the colours worn by the 1920 Olympic champion Winnipeg Falcons men's squad...**Ralph Krueger** from Steinbach lost his job as head coach of the Edmonton Oilers after the short season of 2013. Even General Manager **Craig MacTavish** said it wasn't fair. Krueger was the man who picked up hockey in Switzerland and pointed it in the right direction as head coach of the Swiss national team. He must have been pleased to see that Switzerland defeated both Canada and the USA in the recent world championship...An 1896 Winnipeg Victorias medal that was donated to a Winnipeg church for its garage sale is now on display at the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in Winnipeg. The story about how this Stanley Cup medal was rescued can be read on our website www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca.

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