

# THE MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME



## MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME'S CLASS OF 2015



*Scott Oake, 2015 Media inductee (centre)*



*Curt Ridley, 2015 Player inductee, receiving boutonniere.*

Manitoba's hockey history was celebrated with the induction of the Class of 2015 into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame on October 3, 2015. Achievements in the Player, Builder, Official, Media and Team category were recognized.

Following a cocktail reception, players were welcomed into the hall by the traditional piper and loud applause. Hall of Fame President Don Kuryk provided the welcome. During dinner, a montage of historical photographs graced the media screens in the hall, showing off some of the rich history of hockey in Manitoba.

Inductees were presented with medals and a copy of their plaque. Photograph versions of the Hall of Fame plaques are on display at Canad Inns Polo Park until the induction of the class of 2017. The Class of 2015 will find their plaques on display at the MTS Centre sometime in 2016.

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## **President's Letter**

### **Dear Members, Sponsors, and Friends,**

I have just completed my first term as President of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame. Success only comes with the assistance of others and to this I owe a huge thank you to the Board of Directors of the MHHF.

The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame is a volunteer organization with a mission statement of "dedication to Manitoba's hockey heritage, past, present and future.." Our work promotes hockey in numerous ways in the Manitoba including awards, scholarships at the university and high school levels, and the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame Museum.

Furthering our mission, we are excited to be launching the "Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame Community Award" in 2016. The Community Award will offer \$10,000 annually through a competition for ground level support to a community in Manitoba. Further details will be posted on our website.

This past year, the MHHF participated in the Transcona Fun Days annual ball hockey tournament. I thank Maxine Volk of the Manitoba Ball Hockey Association for the invitation and we look forward to next year's tournament.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 our semi-annual Hockey Hall of Fame induction dinner was held at Canad Inns Polo Park. On behalf of our Board of Directors, I congratulate the 2015 Inductees. They are Manitobans who have made outstanding contributions to hockey, locally, nationally and abroad. We are pleased to add them to the Hall of Fame's distinguished list of Players, Builders, Officials, Media and Wall of Champions.

The dinner was attended by over 500 guests. Thanks to the Board members for their efforts throughout the evening. A special thank you is extended to Gary Cribbs for his many hours of work in chairing the dinner portion of the induction celebrations.

Joe Aiello, the voice of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame, was in top form in guiding the Induction ceremony with his humor and professional approach to this prestigious event.

The Selection Committee, chaired by Jordy Douglas is a challenge to say the least with coordinating the nominations and selecting an independent committee to make the final selections. The program chaired by Garry Hammerback was a success. Assisting Garry were John Jameson, Rob Haithwaite and the Manitoba Sports Print shop. Jordy Douglas, Rick Brownlee and Kristin Tresoor oversaw the writing and photography for the Inductee plaques. John Jameson did an excellent job of overseeing the Inductee highlight videos shown at the induction dinner.

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER, continued**

Preparations have begun to welcome the Class of 2017 into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7th, 2017, for another wonderful evening honouring Manitoba's hockey greats.

Over the next year, the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame will continue its commitment to the following:

- Awards to referees throughout Manitoba
- Annual scholarships awards to both female and male hockey players in University and high school
- Sam Fabro Scholarship
- Maintain displays at the MTS Centre and the MTS Iceplex
- Ed Sweeney Memorial Research Grants and Awards
- Hockey hall induction held every second year
- Supporting ex-players who have fallen on tough times

The public is encouraged to submit nominations for the 2017 class of Inductees. Details and forms are available on our website at [www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca](http://www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca)

Respectfully,

Don Kuryk, President  
Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame

## **HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY AWARD**

-Jordy Douglas

At the October 3 Hall of Fame induction dinner, the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame Community Award was announced. This new contest is open to all hockey communities across the province.

The annual award of \$5000 will be awarded to a hockey community, hockey organization, or a community club in Manitoba. The MHHOF recognizes that the increasing costs of minor hockey keep a lot of kids out of the game. The prize is intended to assist a community's hockey program in a way that will encourage young people in the community to start or to continue to play the wonderful game of hockey.

The funds may be used for improvement of facilities, from painting dressing rooms to fixing rinks. It can be used to repair and update waiting areas or to assist with registration costs. The goal is to help keep boys, girls, and families involved in the game, so the funds are not to be used to elevate hockey programs to an elite level.

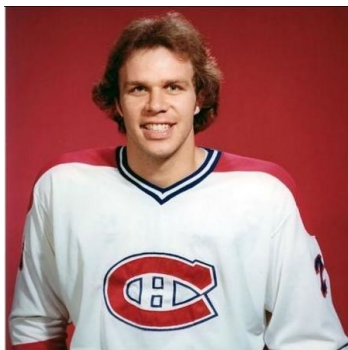
The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame is fortunate to have a corporate partner in this new annual prize, which will double the annual amount for the 2016 inaugural prize. Sigfusson Northern Construction of Lundar has generously matched the HOF's \$5000 allocation.

We have seen the effects of the Kraft Hockeyville prize, and it is hoped that the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame Community Award will have a similar impact. With the support of Sigfusson Northern, we hope to enhance hockey opportunities for Manitoba youth.

The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame Community Award details, including guidelines and application details, are posted on our website, at: <http://www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca>

## CLASS OF 2015 INDUCTION DINNER—OCTOBER 3, 2015

### PLAYER—CAM CONNOR

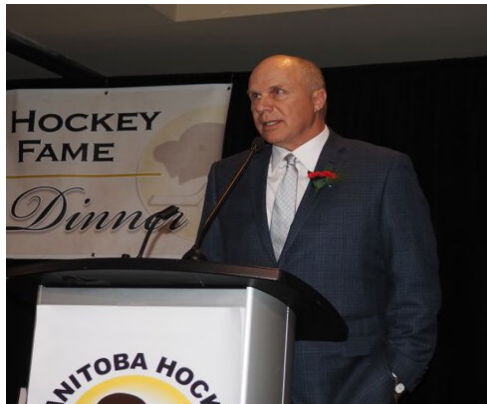


Cam Connor was born in Winnipeg in 1954. He played Junior with the Winnipeg Jets, St. Boniface Saints and the Flin Flon Bombers. He won the WCHL Rookie of the Year title in the 1973-74 season. He played in the WHA before being drafted by the Montreal Canadiens in the first round.

Connor later played with the Edmonton Oilers and New York Rangers. Connor is best remembered for scoring the winning goal in second overtime for the Canadiens to beat the Maple Leafs 4-3 on April 21, 1979. The team won the series and later won the Stanley Cup.

Connor accepted his Hall of Fame medal and plaque thanking all the people behind the scenes who

contributed to his success, including his wife and his father and his best friend growing up, Roddy Piper. Connor noted hockey was difficult to excel at and he practiced relentlessly, notably with Butch Goring. Connor said his father instilled in him a love of the game and "didn't send me to the rink, he took me to the rink." Connor said all of his skating practice paid off when he moved from the Junior Jets to the Flin Flon Bombers and later to the big leagues.



### PLAYER—SHELDON KENNEDY



Sheldon Kennedy was born in Elkhorn in 1969, enjoyed a spectacular Junior hockey career, winning a gold medal as part of the 1988 World Junior Hockey Championship. A year later, he captained the Swift Current Broncos to a Memorial Cup win

and was named to the Memorial Cup All-Star Team. In 1989 he was also named to the WHL's Eastern Conference Second All-Star Team. Kennedy joined the NHL in the 1989-90 season with the Detroit Red Wings where he got 9 points in 20 games. He spent his first season in Detroit and their AHL affiliate in Adirondack. He divided his time between the NHL and AHL for the Red Wings until the 1993-94 season when he was acquired by the Winnipeg Jets and later by the Calgary Flames. Kennedy played two seasons in Calgary and his last in the 1996-97 NHL season with the Boston Bruins. Kennedy is known better for his off-ice work as a spokesperson for survivors of sexual abuse and as an advocate for the

prevention of abuse, bullying and harassment in sport, schools and the workplace.

Kennedy was welcomed to the Hall of Fame stage by a robust standing ovation. He said it wasn't very often that he received a hockey award. Kennedy spoke about the "interesting journey" hockey has been for him. Kennedy credited hockey for giving him the life he now enjoys and praised the leadership within the hockey community. Hockey he said, "is a gift" and has "the ability to create good people. If you do that you get better hockey players." Kennedy spoke about the importance of giving back to a game that gives so much to players, and credited the teammates, family and mentors from his hockey journey, saying "you never do this alone."





## CLASS OF 2015 INDUCTION DINNER—OCTOBER 3, 2015

### PLAYER—CURT RIDLEY



Curt Ridley, born in Minnedosa in 1951 was a successful Junior league goaltender for the Portage Terriers and Brandon Wheat Kings who joined the Boston Bruins in 1971 and played until 1982 in both the NHL and the CHL. He spent years as a minor league back up for the Bruins and New York Rangers, but saw regular

duty in the NHL when he was traded to the Vancouver Canucks in 1976. In Vancouver he was the first NHL goaltender to shut out a touring Soviet Union team when the Canucks beat Moscow Spartak 2-0. During his CHL days, he won the Terry Sawchuk Award in 1976 for the fewest goals against and

later won the Max McNab Trophy in 1979 for Playoff MVP. Ridley is also known for the mask he wore as a Canuck, which placed their stick-in-rink logo across the front.

At the ceremony, a contingent of rowdy Ridley supporters cheered as he took the stage, where he thanked family and friends who attended the dinner to celebrate the induction with him. Ridley noted that the dinner was a reunion of sorts, as there were some people he hadn't seen in fifty years. Ridley also thanked Bill Percy and Bryan Hextall Sr for the roles they played in his career.



### PLAYER—CAROL WILLIAM “CULLY” WILSON



Wilson was born in 1892 in Winnipeg. His Icelandic parents changed their name to Wilson from Erlendson. “Cully” grew up playing hockey in Winnipeg’s West End, first with the Vikings in the two-tier Icelandic league. Professional hockey in North America was new and “Cully” quickly got noticed for his aggressive style and his speed.

He played with the Winnipeg Falcons, Kenora Thistles and the Winnipeg Monarchs between 1909 and 1912, when scouts brought him to the National Hockey Association to play with the Toronto Blueshirts. “Cully” helped build professional hockey on the West Coast when he joined the Seattle Metropolitans of

the Pacific Coast Hockey Association in 1915, the first year the NHA and PCHA competed for the Stanley Cup. The NHL was formed in 1917, and “Cully” played in Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton. He was a member of the brand-new Chicago Blackhawks when they joined the NHL for the 1926/27 season, his last in the NHL. Although he played in other pro leagues, he hung up his pro skates in 1932, when he was 40.

Wilson’s nomination was carefully researched and submitted by his great niece and great nephew, Wes Wilson and Elma Kozub Wilson, who understood Cully’s remarkable achievements in professional hockey and wanted to see them remembered.



## CLASS OF 2015 INDUCTION DINNER—OCTOBER 3, 2015

### BUILDER—AL HARES



Al Hares was born in Selkirk in 1945. His brief playing career set the stage for 33 years as a coach in the town of Selkirk. As coach for the Selkirk Steelers Junior A club, Hares led the team to

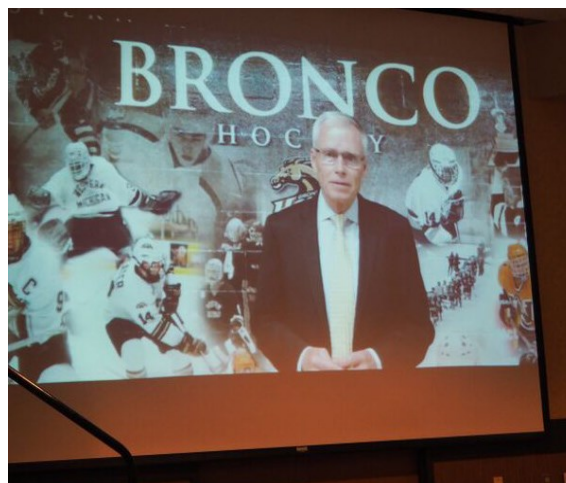
three Turnbull Cups and one Anavet Cup, in 1975. Known as the town's "Mr. Hockey," Hares also led the Selkirk Junior B Fishermen to seven league championships. His love of the game benefitted countless players, coaches and administrators, and played a key role in building hockey in Selkirk.

On October 3, Hares accepted his medal and plaque and then spoke of how proud and humbled he was to have been nominated and selected for the Hall of Fame. He thanked the parents of the kids he coached and his wife for her support. Noting that his grandsons gave him a reason to stay in the game, Hares reflected on his long coaching career, saying that he was never looking for any recognition, only to make a difference to the game and the kids playing it.

### BUILDER—ANDY MURRAY

Andy Murray, born in Gladstone in 1951, began his coaching career at 25 when he was behind the bench of the Brandon Travelers. He became head coach at Brandon University by age 30 in 1981. He coached the AHL's Hershey Bears to the championship in 1988 and then joined the NHL coaching ranks as Assistant with the Philadelphia Flyers. As Assistant Coach with Minnesota North Stars, Murray went to the 1991 Stanley Cup final. He was Assistant to John Paddock of the Winnipeg Jets and later head coach of the Los Angeles Kings and St. Louis Blues. Murray won three gold medals as coach for the Canadian National Hockey team, a coaching achievement unequalled.

Murray was unable to attend the induction ceremony, as he was coaching a game. But he sent a video greeting, in which he said being part of the Class of 2015 was a great thrill and he did not make it to his place in the game alone, identifying some of the people who helped him along the way.



Murray also noted that his uncle, Del Murray was part of the Dauphin Kings team inducted that night.

Murray acknowledged his former colleague John Paddock, also a Builder inductee, and the strong hockey communities of rural Manitoba.

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### BUILDER—JOHN PADDOCK



John Paddock was born in Hamiota in 1954 and grew up playing minor hockey in Oak River. He played with the

Wheat Kings in 1973-74 and was drafted that year by Washington. He played for Washington, and later the Philadelphia Flyers and their AHL affiliates, where he won two Calder Cups. In 1980, Paddock scored the tying goal in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Finals against the Islanders to send the game into overtime. His coaching career

in the AHL saw early success, winning two Calder Cups in four years. As an NHL coach with the Winnipeg Jets, Paddock led the team to successive play-off appearances. He coached the Ottawa Senators to the 2006-07 Stanley Cup finals. Paddock is a member of the AHL Hockey Hall of Fame, and recognized for his many coaching records.

Paddock took a break from his coaching duties with the Regina Pats for the October 3 dinner. He told the audience that the recognition brought him back to his own roots of the game, especially since so many he knew from his early days as a player were also at the dinner. He said that playing is the best job in hockey but coaching wasn't too bad either. Paddock said that when he started he never would have thought about the accolades but noted the Hall of Fame was very gratifying.

### BUILDER—DIANNE WOODS



Dianne Woods, born in Winnipeg in 1947 went from parent volunteer to one of the few female presidents of a junior hockey club. She also managed teams and worked on host committees for many international tournaments. She became tireless in her efforts to offset the high costs of minor hockey by

providing funding to young players. But her work to establish and develop the female hockey program in Manitoba is what makes her a Builder. Her promotion of equal participation for girls and women, particularly in her 16 years as Executive Director of Hockey Winnipeg, led to high profile and popularity for the sport, making it a major achievement in Canadian athletics.

Chris Woods accepted the Hall of Fame award and plaque and spoke of his the commitment his wife had to inclusion, which was her life philosophy. She wanted to break down barriers, and she did, while also changing the mindset of many towards girls in hockey and the economic burden of minor hockey.



*The Woods family*



## CLASS OF 2015 INDUCTION DINNER—OCTOBER 3, 2015

### OFFICIAL—GERRY VARNES



Gerry Varnes began officiating as a goal judge in 1946 in the elementary and junior high leagues. He went to the Winnipeg B Bantam League. In 1957 Varnes became a referee in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League under the two referee system. When the 1959 Memorial Cup was played in Winnipeg, Varnes was assigned as a linesman. Varnes also officiated intermediate, senior and university hockey games as well as the Headingly Jail league. He was very proud of officiating some games for Father David Bauer's National team.

On acceptance, Varnes said it had been a privilege to blow the whistle. He thanked his officiating colleagues—Danny Kurdydyk, Jack Arklie and Bud Ulrich—for knowing the rule book as well as he did. Varnes said he was honoured to be involved in hockey to become a member of the Hall of Fame.

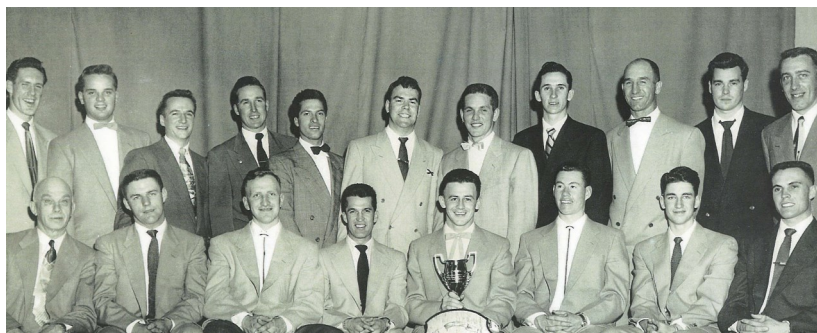
### MEDIA—SCOTT OAKE

Born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Scott Oake joined CBC Manitoba's 24 Hours as the sports anchor in 1975. For a decade, Oake covered all aspects of amateur and professional sport in Manitoba, including the busy hockey community. He joined the Hockey Night in Canada team as a contributor in 1979, and in 1996 he became a full-time reporter for the broadcast. Oake's exclusive interviews with NHL players on game night led to Gemini Award in 2003 for Best Sports Host or Interviewer in a Sports Program.

On October 3, Oake thanked the audience and fellow inductees for everything they have done to make the game better, saying that all he did was talk about hockey. Oake said that Manitoba is the cradle of hockey and the contributions Manitobans have made to the game are difficult to compare with other regions. He noted that his CBC job covering the game in a place like Manitoba, where it is important to so many people and communities, had been an honour.



### 1953-54 Dauphin Kings



The Dauphin Kings were part of the Big Six Hockey League, formed in the 1949-50 season with teams from Western Manitoba. Dauphin won 5 league titles, including in 1953-54. That year the Dauphin squad captured the Manitoba

Intermediate A champions (the Kings' fourth) and played the Saskatchewan Intermediate A champions to get into the final of the Western Canadian championship which they also won. In 1953-54 year the Kings also beat the team from Marathon to win the Manitoba-Thunder Bay title.

At the ceremony, Terry Murray spoke on behalf of the Kings, calling the team one of the most decorated team of their time, which played in the best intermediate league in Western Canada. After the 1954 championship spring, the town of Dauphin celebrated with a 200-car cavalcade, with a donkey, as a nod to their theme song, Mule Train.



## CLASS OF 2015 INDUCTION DINNER—OCTOBER 3, 2015

### Team—1975-76 Deloraine Royals

The Royals joined the Southwest Hockey league in 1967 and went on to win 6 League Titles and 4 Provincial Intermediate Titles between 1973-1979. During this run, it was the 1975-76 Royals that went the distance. They won the league title and the provincial title all in an undefeated season and

then they went on to win the Intermediate 'A' Manitoba-Saskatchewan title. The Brandon Sun named the 1975-76 Royals the Team of the Year.

At the ceremony, Royals representative Bob Caldwell said the success of his team happened at a time that the Royals had only local players on their

roster, while other teams in the league hired former pros to bolster their ranks.

Caldwell said their team wasn't the most physical team in the league, but they weren't pushovers. They had confidence in their competitiveness even if they didn't consider themselves a great team, but rather a good team with great people.



### Team: 1979-80 Transcona Railers



The Transcona Junior B Railers had their inaugural season in 1976 and made it to the league finals. Two years later the Railers won the league championship but lost to the Flin Flon Bombers in the provincials. In 1979, their third year, the Railers defended their league championship when they defeated the Steinbach Millers.

The Railers won a third consecutive league championship series when they

beat the Selkirk Fishermen for the league championship in 1980. The winning streak continued when they went on to capture the provincial title and the Baldy Northcott Trophy by beating the Brandon Junior B's in 3 games. The Railers then went on to win the Keystone Cup. The team was awarded the Manitoba Order of Sport Merit Medal for their efforts.

The Railers team members attended the ceremony, led by Ken Hyrzczyk, who thanked parents for all the pre-game spaghetti dinners. He said the tireless work and commitment behind the scenes was a key part of the Railers' ongoing success.

## THE FINAL FACEOFF

By T. Kent Morgan

Since the Winter 2015 newsletter, 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 or brought to our attention. Information below 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\*.

**December 14, 2014** in Calgary - **Bernie O'Callaghan, 80** - RCMP officer who played intermediate in several communities including Carman with the Beavers and The Pas with the Huskies.

**December 26** in Winnipeg - **Lindsay Tait, 69** - Coached at various levels in St. James for 38 years including a stint with the Canadians of the MJHL.

**January 1, 2015** in Winnipeg - **Derek Fontaine, 54** - Played for the Dauphin Kings of the MJHL in 1979-80 and was the GM of the OCN Blizzard at the time of his passing.

**January 3** in Winnipeg - **Sidney Koshalanyk, 82** - Minor hockey coach who operated Henry's Skate Service from 1975 to 1999.



Terry (Cowboy) Marshall

**January 7** in Rapid City - **Terry (Cowboy) Marshall, 64** - Defenseman from Virden who played four seasons with the Brandon Wheat Kings from 1967-68 to 1971-72 followed by a five-season minor pro career. Was an extra in the movie, *Slapshot*.

**January 9** in Winnipeg - **Bud Sherman, 88** - Journalist, broadcaster and politician who was the publisher of the *Hockey Spectator* newspaper in 1972 and 1973.

**January 9** in Winnipeg - **Shawn Coates, 52** - Involved in sports for many years as a broadcaster, communications officer and executive director. Photographer at Jets games and for Manitoba's hockey magazine, *Game On*.

**January 11** in Dauphin - **Thomas (Stymie) Love, 86** - Played junior for the Portage Terriers and Brandon Wheat Kings, senior for the Trail Smoke Eaters and Melville Millionaires and intermediate for the Dauphin Kings including the 1953-54 Western Canadian intermediate championship team that was inducted into the Hall of Fame in October. Coached the junior Kings of the MJHL for two seasons.

**January 20** in Thompson - **Red Sangster, 90** - Called a legend in Thompson, he was a hockey and baseball organizer and coach from the minor level to senior starting in the early days of the northern mining community. Also spent three years as recreation director.

**January 25** in Eureka, Missouri - **Curtis Chamberlin, 47** - Flin Flon native who played three seasons with the Saskatoon Blades of the WHL followed by minor pro.

**January 30** in Winnipeg - **Doug Yarish, 53** - Played junior for the Brandon Travellers, Flin Flon Bombers and Portage Terriers.

**February 6** in Okotoks, Alta. - **Ken Wilkie, 85** - Defenseman from Neepawa, who played three seasons for the University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux in the early 1950s. Also played intermediate in Brandon. Brother of 2009 HOF member Murray Wilkie.

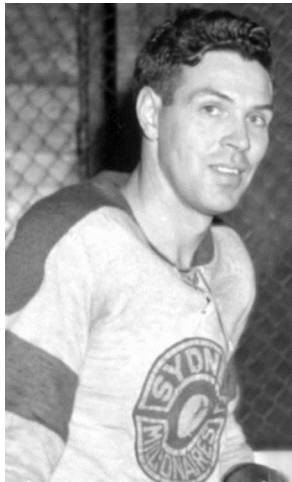
**February 8** in Tulsa, Okla. - **Dave Hoyda, 57** - Edmonton native who played parts of the 1979-80 and 1980-81 seasons with the Winnipeg Jets.

**February 8** in Kingston, Ont. - **Lloyd Penwarden, 96** - Longtime HOF patron and Society for International Hockey Research member, who wrote the book *Along the Hockey Highway* about hockey and other sports in Selkirk and the Interlake.

**February 16** in Vancouver - **Ron Yager, 67** - Well-known in the sports community during the 1980s as the CCM representative in Manitoba. Through CCM he was a strong supporter of the Friar Nicolson Juvenile Diabetes auctions.

**February 20** in Teulon - **Peter Smarz, 73** - Coached minor hockey in St. Andrews and served as coaching development coordinator for the Selkirk area.

**February 20** in Winnipeg - **Dave Posthumus, 39** - Played for the St. Boniface Saints of the MJHL in 1993-94 and 1994-95.



*Frank Bathgate*

**Feb. 21** in Brampton, Ont. - **Frank Bathgate, 85** - Winnipegger who played for the junior Guelph Biltmores from 1947-48 to 1949-50 followed by a senior and minor pro career until 1961-62. Brother of Andy Bathgate (HOF 1985).

**Feb. 25** in Winnipeg - **Bob Middleton, 92** - Played for CUAC in the MJHL in 1941-42 and 1942-43 and with the Kelowna Packers in the Okanagan senior league in 1949-50 and 1950-51.

**Feb. 27** in Winnipeg - **Oren Gilmore, 85** - Coach and hockey convenor at Kirkfield-Westwood CC, who served on the board for the St. James Canadians of the MJHL.

**March 3** in Winnipeg - **Merv Pilkey, 75** - Winnipeg minor hockey referee for many years.

**March 24** in Winnipeg - **Billy Yancy (Yanchuk)** - played for CUAC in the MJHL in 1943-44 and for the Muncie Flyers of the IHL in 1948-49. Later played Intermediate in Dauphin and Yorkton and was the equipment manager for the Calgary Stampeders and the junior Winnipeg Jets.

**March 25** in Winnipeg - **Bud Rush, 65** - St. James Canadians MVP in the 1968-69 season.

**April 10** in Lyon, France - **Russ Denton, 74** - Teacher who was Involved with high school and senior hockey in Portage la Prairie for 20 years.

**April 11** in Winnipeg - **Isaac Giesbrecht, 55** - Served as coach and manager of the Niverville Clippers of the Hanover Tache Junior Hockey League.

**April 16** in Edmonton - **Bob Robertson, 81** - Winnipeg-born defenseman who grew up in Gull Lake, Sask. and played for the Notre Dame Hounds, junior for the Moose Jaw Canucks and Regina Pats and one season with the Dunfermline Vikings in Scotland.

**May 18** in Selkirk - **Vern Calder, 85** - Played junior in Brandon, Flin Flon and for the Winnipeg Black Hawks. With the Detroit Heche of the IHL in 1950-51. Later played for the Pine Falls Paper Kings and the Selkirk Fisherman.

**May 27** in Winnipeg - **Joe Walker, 66** - Longtime director of the Charleswood Hawks of the MMJHL, who had served as an off-ice official for the Winnipeg Jets at the Winnipeg Arena.

**May 31** in Calgary - **\*Frank McKinnon, 80** - Played in Brandon for the Wheat Kings and Brandon College and intermediate in Hamiota and Carman. His many hockey positions included commissioner of the MJHL, president of the MAHA and chairman of the Hockey Canada board. He served for many years on the HOF board and was inducted as a builder in 1992. Inducted into the Manitoba Sports HOF in 1989.

**June 1** in Winnipeg - **George (Jud) Snell, 97** - Played for the Winnipeg Panthers midgets and the University of Manitoba. In 1940-41 he played with the senior Sydney Millionaires and then with RCAF teams in Winnipeg, Dartmouth and in Ottawa for the 1942 Allan Cup champion Flyers.

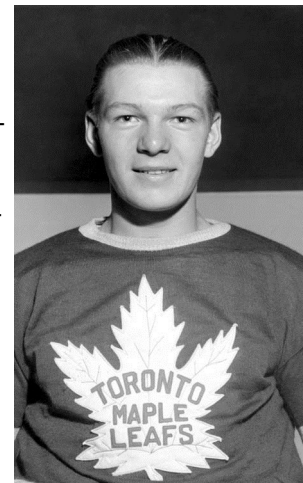
**June 23** in Victoria - **Dick Warwick, 87** - Regina native who played for the Brandon Elks of the MJHL in 1945-46 followed by a long senior career in B.C. Member of the Penticton Vees that won the world championship in 1955.

**June 28** in Toronto - **\*Wally Stanowski, 96** - One of our province's most honoured defensemen, who won a Memorial Cup with the St. Boniface Seals in 1938 and played on four Stanley Cup champions during his seven seasons with the Toronto Maple Leafs. NHL first-team all-star in 1940-41. Also played three years with the New York Rangers. Inducted into the HOF in 1985 and the Manitoba Sports HOF in 2004.

**June 29** in Gimli - **Don Newbury, 64** - Played for the West Kildonan North Stars of the MJHL and the Charleswood Hawks of the MMJHL.

**July 2** in Peterborough, Ont. - **Bill Robinson, 86** - played two seasons with the juvenile Winnipeg Rangers, junior in 1947-48 with the Brandon Wheat Kings and in 1948-49 with the Toronto Marlboros and the Oshawa Generals. With senior Moncton Hawks in 1949-50.

**July 3** in Gimli - **\*Gord Stratton, 80** - 2007 HOF inductee who played four years in the MJHL and tied for the scoring lead with his brother Art (HOF 1989) in 1954-55 when both were with the Winnipeg Barons. During his 17-year pro career primarily in the EHL he totaled 976 points.



*Wally Stanowski*



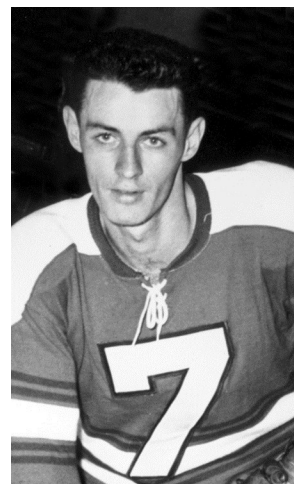
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**August 17** in Winnipeg - **Jim Walker, 80+** - Coached at Isaac Brock CC and was the MJHL coach of the year in 1967-68 when his St. James Canadians won the Manitoba championship. Served as a scout for the Chicago Blackhawks for 20 years.

**August 27** in Winnipeg - **Roy Davidson, 72** - Defenseman who played for the Winnipeg Rangers of the MJHL from 1959-60 to 1961-62 followed by four years at the University of Dakota and two seasons in the IHL with the Toledo Blades and Fort Wayne Komets.

**September 13** in Winnipeg - **\*Gordon Pennell, 86** - Played two seasons in the MJHL with the Canadians and one with the OHA junior Barrie Flyers. After eight years in the AHL and WHL, he played for the intermediate Warroad Lakers. His coaching career included stints with the Winnipeg Rangers, St. James Canadians and St. Boniface Saints of the MJHL and the Winnipeg Clubs of the WCJHL. Inducted into the HOF as a builder in 2001.



*Gord Pennell*

## ED SWEENEY MEMORIAL AWARDS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to announce the creation of a new program of awards and grants. The initiatives are named in honour of Ed Sweeney, who died in 2013. Sweeney was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005, in recognition of his tireless efforts to discover and promote Manitoba's hockey history and the international hockey achievements of Manitobans.

### ED SWEENEY MEMORIAL AWARDS

Beginning in 2015, two awards will be presented annually. Worth \$500.00 each, these awards will be presented to individuals or groups who have published or produced items that contribute significantly to Manitoba's hockey history. The items can be books, articles, films, television programs, radio programs, theatrical productions, internet productions or public exhibitions.

Anything published or produced from 2011 to 2015 will be eligible. The deadline for nominations is December 31, 2015. Nomination forms are available on the Hall of Fame website: <http://www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca/SweeneyAwards>

### ED SWEENEY MEMORIAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Beginning in 2015, research grants will be awarded annually. The grants are available to individuals or groups who plan to prepare a publication or production that promises to contribute significantly to awareness of Manitoba's hockey history. The publication or production may be a book, an article, a film, a television program, a radio program, a theatrical production, an internet production or a public exhibition.

The awards total \$10,000.00 per year with the maximum granted to any one project is \$5000.00. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2016. Research applications are available on the Hall of Fame website: <http://www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca>

Applications for the Awards and the Grants will be reviewed by a selection committee prior to ratification by the Hall's Board of Directors.

Winners for the Awards and the Grants will be announced in June 2016.