

# MANITOBA HOCKEY FOUNDATION **NEWSLETTER**

**Winter 2007** 



#### **INDUCTEES REMEMBER ROOTS**

The 2007 induction class of eight players, four builders, one official, one member of the media and two teams entered the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame at its 14<sup>th</sup> induction dinner Oct. 6. The evening also marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Manitoba Hockey Foundation that established the HOF in 1985. A crowd of more than 600 joined in the celebration at the Canad Inns Polo Park.

Master of ceremonies Bob Picken introduced the individual inductees and team members. Foundation president Gary Cribbs presented the awards that included a plaque similar to the one that will hang in the Hockey Hall of Fame in the MTS Centre. The first Foundation president Sam Fabro said grace.

It became clear from their responses that the players haven't forgotten where they got their start. Reg Abbott remembered playing at Clifton Community Club on a line with HOF members Andy Hebenton and Fred Dunsmore. Dan Bonar started skating at age 2 in Deloraine and spoke about his parents, coaches and the members of the town intermediate team that helped him. Gord Stratton joked about his early days in Arborg. James Patrick told the family of Danny Johnson, who was inducted posthumously, how the Jets captain picked him out of a crowd of young players at Woodhaven Community Club and gave him some tips. Perry Miller talked about playing at Pascoe Playground in Weston and admiring older boys from the area such as Doug Smith and Jim Benzelock, who played for the junior Jets. In addition to Johnson, players Bill (Cowboy) Kendall and Tom Rendall, official Perry Allan and Portage la Prairie sports reporter Moe Cartman were inducted posthumously.

The dinner committee used a video from Anaheim Ducks general manager Brian Burke roasting and then praising player agent Don Baizley to begin the induction of the builders. Baizley responded with stories about how he got into the player agent game. Benito native Bill Maluta, who coached for 25 years in Flin Flon, received a thank you from one of his former players, Hall of Fame member Bob Clarke. Elmer Hildebrand, who was involved with the Altona Maroons and the South Eastern Manitoba League for many years, spoke about the impact hockey had in his home community and the surrounding area. Several members of Canada's National Team that was based in Winnipeg in the 1960s came to see teammate Morris Mott inducted as a builder. Despite his involvement in many areas of hockey including a stint in the NHI



stint in the NHL, **Gary Cribbs and James Patrick** coaching at various levels, and researching and writing articles on Manitoba hockey history, the Brandon University professor said his favourite years were the ones he spent coaching his son in hockey and his daughter in softball.

Glen Sonmor came from the Twin Cities to speak on behalf of the 1948-49 Brandon Wheat Kings team that lost the Memorial Cup final in eight games to the Montreal Royals. Along with Reg Abbott, Wheaties Mac Beaton, Bob Chrystal, Joe Crozier, Mike Durban, Gus Juckes, Jack McKenzie and Brian Roche were at the dinner.

Captain Chuck Meighen spoke for the U of M Bisons that had most of the line-up there that won the university's only CIAU hockey championship in 1965. Returning home from out-of-province were Geoff Ball, George Butterworth, Brian English, Ken Kachulak, Gord Lindal, Jim Pineau and former St. Boniface MP Leo Duguay.

The decision by the dinner committee to forego speeches by dignitaries freed up time on the program so all the inductees or their representatives could speak. In the past, one inductee spoke on behalf of the players and a second for the builders. Based on the reaction of the crowd, they want to hear from the inductees.

Because it was the Foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the dinner committee produced a program that not only included photographs of the inductees for the first time, but also information on the history and activities of the Foundation and the Hall of Fame as well as advertising. Committee chair Jerry Kruk expects that these initiatives will be continued for future dinners.

Induction dinner photo gallery on pages 6&7



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### **The Hockey Book Shelf**

Sure to be at the top of the wish list for every Manitoba hockey fan this holiday season is the new book, *The Winnipeg Jets A Celebration of Professional Hockey in Winnipeg*. The large-format 224-page book is available in both hardcover (\$34.99) and softcover (\$26.99) editions. The publisher is Studio Publications. The contributors are text – Scott Taylor, statistics – Kris Row, research – Ed Sweeney.

The highlight of the book has to be the wonderful artwork that is enhanced by the creative design of Studio's Catherine Crivici and Jillian Austin. Jets fans and collectors will be amazed at the photographs and memorabilia the publisher and the contributors managed to track down. Anders Hedberg wearing a green plaid jacket in an ad for Robert Castling Gentlemen's Fine Clothing. Original Jets Brian Cadle and Dunc Rousseau curling. Dale Hawerchuk's 1981 standard player contract. A Jets table hockey player. Goalies Joe Daley and Ernie Wakely in 1970s threads with entertainer Tiny Tim dressed as a Jets goalie. Willy Lindstrom's sneezing powder. A portion of the proceeds from sales are being donated to the Jets Goals for Kids Foundation, in care of the Winnipeg Foundation.

On Nov. 29, another hockey book was launched at the Fort Garry Hotel. Titled *Crushed Ice* (Hayecho \$19.95), it's the story of the pursuit of a Canadian Professional Hockey League (CPHL) a dozen years ago. Prominent Winnipeg businessman Bill Loewen, who came up with the idea, recruited author Bud Ulrich and research analyst Lisa Shaw to see if it was feasible. Ulrich is a former junior player and WCHL official while Shaw played in the Winnipeg Women's Hockey League and served as league president for seven years. The story as told by Ulrich is an intriguing one even if the league never made it to the ice. More information on the CPHL and the book can be found at www.cphlinc.ca.

Honoured members Morris Mott (2007) and Ed Sweeney (2005) meshed their knowledge to write the hockey essay for the first *Encyclopedia of Manitoba* (Great Plains \$99.95) that was published in November. More than 35 hockey personalities and teams merited their own entries. Mott also wrote the curling entry and newsletter editor Kent contributed the softball essay. They along with editor Dutch provided some direction on the overall sports content.

Cara Hedley, who grew up in Fort Garry where she played midget hockey, has written a novel titled *Twenty Miles* (Coach House \$19.95). She describes it as "a coming-of-age story of a young woman leaving Kenora to play for a woman's team in Winnipeg after playing with boys all her life." Hedley admits that the energy, humour and friendship of the fictional team, the Scarlets, are drawn from her own experiences. Hedley played three seasons with the U of Manitoba Bisons before moving to Calgary where she completed a master's degree with specialization in creative writing. After researching Canadian hockey literature, she noticed a glaring lack of fiction representing women's hockey. *Twenty Miles* responds to that lack.

### Name-Dropping by Toast and Coffee

Editors Ted and Kent were labelled Toast and Coffee when they wrote a sports column under that title for the *Winnipeg Sun* from 1997 to 2001. They now write the bi-weekly "The Sporting Life" column for *The Prime Times* newspaper.

The death of one of our province's outstanding players seems to have passed without any local notice. The reason may be because he never played in the NHL. but chose to take the skills he learned in north Winnipeg to England. Chick Zamick, 81, passed away Oct. 8 in London. In 624 games for Nottingham Panthers of the British National League, he scored 778 goals and added 645 assists. He made the British first all-star team seven times and second team three times between 1948 and 1958. After coaching in Switzerland for three seasons, he returned to England and notched 19 more goals and 12 assists in 11 games with the Wembley Lions. The seven-time British scoring champion totalled 1454 pts over his 12-year career. An impressive total at any level of hockey. He was inducted into the British Hockey HOF in 1951 and our Manitoba hockey shrine in 1995. Zamick played junior for the Winnipeg Air Cadets in 1943-44 and the St. Boniface Athletics the next season. He also played softball and entered the Manitoba Softball HOF in 2005 as a member of the 1950-1954 Northern Hotel/ Ukrainian Legion Branch 141 senior men's teams...Bev Bonner waved a photo of her late brother Alf Francis of the 48-49 Brandon Wheat Kings when she accepted his award at the induction dinner. Later she wrote, "Thank you for including me with the Wheat Kings. Much to my surprise the evening brought my brother alive for me. Being in the company of so many of his best friends, all of



**Chick Zamick** 

whom had thoughts of Alf when he was at his very best, was very uplifting to me. A few of them even recognized me, and many of them remembered my mom and dad without prompting." Francis passed away at age 26...Former Buffalo Sabres GM **Joe Crozier** (1985), who played for the Wheat Kings, made sure he tracked down director **Ed Sweeney** at the induction dinner. He wanted to meet and thank Ed for the birthday card he sends each year to honoured members. Crozier now lives in Williamsville, NY...The arena in Miami has been renamed the **Lloyd Orchard** Memorial Arena to honour the 1999 official inductee, who passed away on May 2, 2006...**Barry Swanton** sent an article from the *Vancouver Province* about former Winnipegger **Norm Flynn**. In the story, Flynn credits hockey as what saved him when he



Norm Flynn

was growing up in what was described as "a tough low-income neighbourhood." After hearing a mother tell a young boy that he couldn't play because they had no money, Flynn created an after-school program called HEROS - Hockey Education Reaching Out Society. Aimed at at-risk kids aged 7-13, the not-for-profit program has been running for seven years on Vancouver's east side. This year HEROS is operating a program in Toronto. According to his first coach **Warren Chubey**, who now lives in Regina, Flynn started playing organized hockey at CUAC/Sinclair Park at age 10. He later played with the peewee and bantam AA Satellites and the midget MNS Stars. Between 1978 and 1981, he played in the WHL with the Lethbridge Broncos, Portland Winter Hawks and Winnipeg Warriors...Coaching Manitoba couldn't have brought in someone with a much better resume than **Pat Quinn** as their pre-lunch

speaker at the Super Seminar for Coaches at Maples Collegiate, Oct. 20. Quinn was behind the bench for Philadelphia, LA, Vancouver and Toronto in the NHL and coached Team Canada in the Olympics, Worlds and the Spengler Cup. He also played nine seasons in the NHL. Quinn had good things to say about a couple of HOF members. His first coaching job was as an assistant to **Fred Shero** (1985). "He was ahead of his time, he was the first coach to have a system for all three zones and the first to use video," Quinn said. The colourful **Boom Boom Geoffrion** also used video when Quinn played for him in Atlanta.

"Da jukebox don't lie," was the way Boomer put it. Quinn stressed the value of leadership saying that they had 11 captains on the 2002 Olympic team. He called Flin Flon's **Bobby Clarke** (1985) "the best captain on and off the ice when he was with Philadelphia."...Thanks to **Eric Hildebrand** for donating copies of the Altona Maroons history from 1991 to 2001 to the Foundation archives. The publication covers the team's fifth decade of operation and supplements a hardcover book published when Maroons celebrated 40 years in the South Eastern Manitoba Hockey League...

#### Name-Dropping by Toast and Coffee (continued)

Former Detroit Red Wings defenseman **Jiri Fischer**, who collapsed on the bench during a game in 2005, is now a spokesperson for the national Heart and Stroke Foundation. The use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) helped save his life and he would like to see them in more arenas. Prices start at around \$1,200. The provincial H&S Foundation is aware of defibrillators in eight arenas, but there could be more that haven't been reported. Maybe the Hockey Foundation could consider supporting a project in Manitoba particularly with players now playing into their seventies and eighties...The 1957-61 Elmwood junior Giants will be inducted into the Manitoba Baseball HOF on June 7, 2008. Former St. Boniface Saints coach **AI Tresoor** and ex-juniors **Denny Halford and Ray Hoskins** (Monarchs), **Norm** 



**Howie Hughes** 

Rogoski (Rangers), Ken Tresoor and Foundation director Jerry Kruk (Canadiens), who were with the Giants during that period, attended a news conference on Nov. 7 when the 2008 slate was announced. Kruk had no memory of pitching a three-hitter for Elmwood, but Hoskins had a newspaper article to prove it. HOF member Howie Hughes (1995) also was a Giant as was Tom Trosky who went into the hall in October with the U of M Bisons... Do any oldtimers remember a digest-sized publication called The Manitoba Sports Gazette that cost 10 cents? Sports historian and all-around athlete Mark Flynn had a copy of issue No. 2 dated December 1949 that contained a story titled "Is the C Form Fair?" by former MAHA vice-president **Hector J. Craig**. The cover photo showed the Winnipeg Canadians and Black Hawks battling along the boards, but no players were identified. The Provincial Library has issue No. 1, but we have not been able to determine if No. 3 ever was published. The latest sports publication on the local scene is titled Manitoba Score Magazine. In the unnumbered inaugural issue, publisher Tom Thiessen says it's aimed at amateur sport. Included is a column by **Paul Edmonds** about the need for a new mid-sized (3,500 seat) arena in Winnipeg. Scott Taylor is the edi-

tor. The November issue of *The Hot Dog Hockey Post* has Moose captain **Mike Keane** and his children Olivia and Jackson on the cover. Published by **Dale Hughesman**, it's labelled "Manitoba's amateur hockey magazine." Any magazine of this type that makes it to Vol. 2 No. 4 has to be considered a success.

Manitoba SportsScene, Sportsland and Face-off are just a few of the periodicals published locally that only survived for a few issues...In August, **Evan Weiner** wrote an article on NHL.com about the "faux" Avco World Trophy that was presented to the New England Whalers after the team defeated the Winnipeg Jets in the first WHA final in 1973. The WHA forgot to get the trophy ready so the Whalers bought the best one available and billed the league. Whalers owner **Howard Baldwin** told Weiner that no one knows where that trophy is. "It's the case of the missing Cup," he said. Weiner wrote that there is also a question about where the real Avco World Trophy is. The Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto has one version, but Weiner writes that former Jets owner **Barry Shenkarow** contends that the real Cup is in Winnipeg in his house. Clearly, Weiner isn't up-to-date. Manitoba Sports



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HOF executive director **Rick Brownlee** confirmed that the trophy Shenkarow had is now in the HOF as it was part of the Jets Goals for Kids gallery that the Children's Museum and the Shenkarow family donated. A third version, which Brownlee has seen, is in the Nova Scotia Sports HOF. It does not have the champions' names engraved on it like the one in Winnipeg...Former pro **Chuck Arnason** spoke at the Red River Sports Collectors' Association September meeting and **Ab McDonald** was a guest in November...Got your 2008 calendar handy? The Manitoba Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association will name its athletes and team of the year on Jan. 27. Note from Kent: Don't look for **Dutch** at the head table as his two years as MSSA president ended at the December annual meeting. Mark in Feb. 9 as Hockey Day in Canada. The Winkler Arena will host the CBC's **Ron MacLean**, **Don Cherry**, **Cassie Campbell** and **Dick Irvin** on the country's unofficial hockey holiday. The Festival du Voyageur will host the Western Regional Pond Hockey Championships Feb. 21-24, Four hundred skaters aged 25 and up for men and 19-plus for women are expected to compete in more than 1,000 games.

### **The Final Faceoff**

Since our last newsletter in early September, the hockey community has lost a few members. Also listed are two deaths from earlier in the year, which were drawn to our attention. Information below has been compiled from obituaries and other sources, Individual members of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame are noted with an asterisk.

April 3 in Portage la Prairie – **Bud Ritchie**, **85** – Played for the 1942 Portage Terriers Memorial Cup champion team that was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

Aug. 2 in Vancouver – **Chris Worthy, 59** – Goaltender with the Flin Flon junior Bombers, whose 10 shutouts during the 1967-68 season set a Western League record that lasted for 36 years. Played in the NHL with Oakland and the WHA with Edmonton.

Sept. 15 – **Chuck Lindsay, 87** – Hamiota native who played hockey in his hometown and also was an outstanding baseball and softball pitcher.

Sept. 16 in The Pas – **Orest Pidskalny**, **71** – Former director of the OCN Blizzard of the MJHL.

Sept. 16 in Winnipeg – Pat Laidlaw, 50 – Played for the Silsat oldtimers team.

Sept. 29 in Winnipeg – **Alf Davies, 29** – Played for the Marauders, Kodiaks, Eastman Selects and the Winnipeg South Blues of the MJHL.

Oct. 2 in Brandon – Allan Morcombe, 63 – One-time editor of the Oak Lake News who played and then coached in the community.

Oct. 8 in London, Eng. – \*Chick Zamick, 81 – North end Winnipeg product who set scoring records in the British National League. Inducted into the Manitoba Hockey HOF in 1995. (See story in Name Dropping).

Oct. 27 in Winnipeg – **Bill Ringach, 65** – Well-known baseball umpire who played goal for many teams in Winnipeg until age 40.

Nov. 21 in Falmouth, Mass. – **\*Tom Johnson, 79** – Baldur, Man. native and Winnipeg Monarch junior, who won six Stanley Cups with Montreal Canadiens between 1953 and 1960, two more as the Boston Bruins assistant GM in 1970 and coach two years later. The Hockey Hall of Fame member is the only Manitoban to win the Norris Trophy as the NHL's top defenseman (1959).



**Tom Johnson** 

#### MANITOBA HOCKEY FOUNDATION 2007 GREY CUP POOL WINNERS

Final Score: \$1000. W 23 – E19 Scott Ellis 212-1591 26<sup>th</sup> St., Brandon Reverse Score: E23 – W 19 Allyn Bishop 106-35 Strauss Dr., Winnipeg

Tie Score Winners: \$25. 0–0: Pat Riddell 8 Reinhard Pl., Winnipeg \$25. 29–29: Dave Humniski P.O. Box 1829, Gimli

First Quarter Winner: \$200. E 3 – 0 Tony Iannone 539 Waterloo St., Winnipeg Reverse Score: \$50 W 3 - 0 G. Sims P.O. Box 648, Manitou Half Time Score Winner: \$200. W 10 –7 Greg Sanderson, Waterhen Reverse Score: \$50. E 10 – 7 Ben Hewak 51 Colchester Bay, Winnipeg

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Score Winner: \$200 E 16 – W 14 Rick Liske, Beausejour Reverse Score Winner: \$50. W 16 – E 14 Tom Prescott 33 Lansdowne Ave., Winnipeg

Score Change(s): \$25. E 5 –W 0 Joe Gallagher 30 Norham Rd., Winnipeg E 7 – W 0 Michelle Wesley 333 Ada St., Neepawa E 7 – W 7 Jim Harris PO Box 46, Grosse Isle W 13 – E 7 Al Dyker 155 Harris Blvd., Winnipeg W 13 – E 13 Bob Wall 203 Riverside Dr., Thompson W 14 – E 13 Jordan Liske, Beausejour W 22 – E 14 Bette Mueller PO Box 40, Manitou W 23 – E 14 W.H. Ringer 203 – 39 First Ave., Gimli

### 2007 Hall of Fame Photo Gallery



Reg Abbott



Dan Bonar



Perry Miller



Gord Stratton



Don Baizley



Elmer Hildebrand



Bill Maluta



Morris Mott



Lorne Kendall for Bill Kendall



Son Tod Allan for Perry Allan



Son John Cartman for Moe Cartman



Gary Cribbs and Tom Rendall's daughter Sandra Czech



Danny Johnson's son Robin and grandsons Brett and Anders



MC Bob Picken and Sam Fabro, the Foundation's first president





Bev Bonner for Alf Francis, Angus Juckes, Michael Allison for Bill Allison, Jack McKenzie, Mike Pawlyshyn for Walt Pawlyshyn, Brian Roche, Mike Durban Front row (I-r): Mac Beaton, Joe Crozier, Bob Chrystal

**1948-49 Brandon Wheat Kings** Back row (I-r): Reg Abbott, Glen Sonmor,

**1964-65 University of Manitoba Bisons** Back row (I-r): Ken Kachulak, Leo Duguay, Bill Podolsky, Edgar Rivalin, John Shanski, John Trojack, Tom Trosky, Gavin Speirs, Chuck Meighen, Gord Lindal, George Butterworth Front row (I-r): Brian English, Ken Plews, Jim Pineau, Terry Mancer, Geoff Ball, Gibb Pritchard

## Skating Down Memory Lane With Hockey Historian Ed Sweeney



The first playoff overtime goal in NHL history was scored by Montreal's Odie Cleghorn in game five of the 1919 ill-fated Stanley Cup final. Canadiens won over Seattle Metropolitans by a 4-3 score. The final was cancelled after this game due to an influenza epidemic that claimed the life of Hockey Hall of Fame (HHF) member Joe Hall.

A number of Manitoba players have scored playoff sudden-death overtime goals over the years and a few remain in the NHL record book. Harry Oliver (HHF) was the first Manitoban to accomplish the feat scoring in the opening game of the 1930 playoffs. Oliver's winner gave Boston Bruins a 2-1 victory over Montreal Maroons as he beat netminder "Flat" Walsh in the third extra period. Modere (Mud) Bruneteau scored the winner in the longest NHL game ever played as Detroit Red Wings edged the defend-

ing Cup champion Maroons 1-0 in the 1936 playoff opener. The historic goal came at the 116.30 mark of extra time in the sixth OT period when Bruneteau beat Lorne Chabot.

In 1939, Mel Hill of the Boston Bruins became the only player in NHL history to score three overtime winners in a playoff series. This was the year that the NHL changed the playoff format to best-of-seven. In game one of the opening series with the New York Rangers, Hill's goal against Dave Kerr gave Bruins a 2-1 victory. In game two, he scored against Bert Gardiner, who had replaced the injured Kerr, for a 3-2 win. Bruins won game seven 2-1 when Hill scored his third OT winner beating Gardiner in the third extra session. Boston went on to win the Stanley Cup and Mel Hill earned the nickname "Sudden Death."

Three Manitoba players have scored two playoff overtime goals in one series. Don (Bones) Raleigh of the Rangers did it in the 1950 Stanley Cup final with Detroit. His winners came in games four and five against goalie Harry Lumley. Red Wings won the Cup 4-3 in overtime of the seventh game. Raleigh nearly joined Hill in the record books when he rang a shot off the goal post in OT of that final game. Another Ranger from Winnipeg, Pete Stemkowski, scored OT winners in games one and six of the 1971 semi-final against Chicago Black Hawks. Goalie Tony Esposito was the victim both times, but Chicago captured the series with a 4-2 victory in game seven. Butch Goring tallied overtime winners for Los Angeles Kings in the 1976 quarter-final series with Boston. The goals came in game two against Gerry Cheevers and game six against Gilles Gilbert. Boston won the final game 3-0.

Bryan Hextall Sr. (HHF) is the only Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame member to score an overtime Stanley Cup winning goal. It came in game six of the 1940 final when he beat Toronto goalie Turk Broda (HHF) at the 2:07 mark of overtime to give the Rangers a 3-2 victory over the Maple Leafs.

In addition to Hill, Bobby Clarke (HHF) of the Philadelphia Flyers scored three career playoff OT winning goals. Bruneteau, Reggie Leach and Mike Keane had two. All the Manitoba players except for Keane, who remains active in pro hockey as captain of the Manitoba Moose, have been inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame.



Harry Oliver



Mud Bruneteau



Bryan Hextall