



MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

NEWSLETTER

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R.A. "SAM" FABRO PRIZES AWARDED TO BISON PLAYERS

For over a decade, the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame has supported the University of Manitoba Bisons Men's and Women's hockey teams. Each year, the R.A. "Sam" Fabro prizes of \$2000 each are provided to one member of the Bison Men's team and one member of the Bison Women's team. The Fabro Prizes recognize skill, team leadership qualities and academic achievement.

On November 9, 2014, defenceman Brock Sutherland was presented with his prize. Sutherland, a Brandon native, is in his third season with the Bisons, having played previously with the Brandon Wheat Kings and the Calgary Hitmen. Sutherland will don the "A" for the first time during the 2014-2105 season.

On November 21, 2014, forward and team captain Maggie Litchfield-Medd was recognized as the Bison Women's recipient. Litchfield-Medd is in her second year as captain with the women. Coach Jon Rempel praised Litchfield-Medd's attitude, work ethic and the leadership she brings to a young team. MMHOF President Don Kuryk and Sam Fabro himself were present to award the prizes to both Sutherland and Litchfield-Medd.

KEN "FRIAR" NICOLSON SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Through the Manitoba High School Athletic Association, the MHHOF annually awards a scholarship to the most promising high school hockey player who demonstrates excellence in athletics, academics and community service. The award honours the late Ken "Friar" Nicolson, the former CJOB broadcaster.

In May 2014, Sanford Collegiate's goaltender Bronson Ammeter was

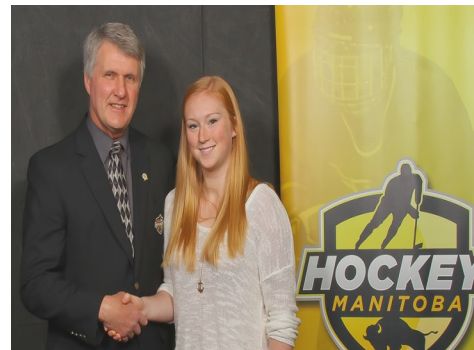
awarded the \$1000.00 prize by MHHOF President Don Kuryk. Ammeter had the top GAA in the WSHL in the 2013-2014 season. Ammeter is an all-round athlete playing badminton, basketball, volleyball and running on the cross-country team. Ammeter is also an

A+ student who volunteers as a Big Brother, and is actively involved in fundraising for many community organizations.



Bronson Ammeter and MHHOF President Don Kuryk

JERRY KRUK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Erin Kucheravy at Hockey Manitoba presentation

The MHHOF-sponsored Jerry Kruk Memorial Scholarship was presented to University of Manitoba Bisons forward Erin Kucheravy. Kucheravy, an Oak Park High School graduate, played Midget with Winnipeg Avros for three years prior to joining the Bison team for the 2014-2015 year.

The annual scholarship of \$1000.00 honours the life of former MHHOF director and Jerry Kruk, who died of cancer in 2012. The prize is presented annually to a player graduating high school to play university level, who demonstrates academic achievement, leadership and community commitment.



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President's Letter

As your new President, may I, on behalf of the Board of Directors wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame and Museum has had a changing of the guard this past year, and, with our new Board members, have accepted the challenge of continuing the work of the past, as well as striving to make new programs for the future. In keeping with the Mission Statement, our Board looks forward to keeping hockey past, present and future in the minds of Manitobans.

We would also like to thank those Board Members who have served us all so well, and have decided to leave the Board. To Len Morrow, Frank McKinnon, Bob Chrystal, Bryan Derrett, Ted Holland, Laurie Langrell, Kent Morgan, and our former Secretary/ Treasurer Don Steele our sincere appreciation for your years of dedication.

The work of past Directors leaves us with a legacy of successful programs, and it is our intent to move forward with these initiatives:

- Annual scholarship Awards to student/Athletes, both male and female, at University and high school with the Province Referees' Awards in conjunction the Hockey Manitoba, to deserving officials.
- Maintaining and upgrading the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame, and exhibits at the MTS Centre and the MTS IcePlex.
- Selecting and Inducting former Players, Builders, Officials and Media into our Honored Hall.
- Supporting communities in the Province as they too go through changes in their hockey programs.
- Supporting ex-players who may have fallen on tough times, etc.

With the resignations from the Board, Kent Morgan and Ted Holland, along with their friend Gillian Giles, who have spearheaded and edited our Newsletter for the past number of years, we thank them and let them know their efforts were greatly appreciated. We still hope to hear from our past members with their stories and memories.

And with that, we welcome Kristin Tresoor, who will assist us in editing our newsletters in the future, beginning with this edition.

Again, our new Board looks forward to carrying on with the traditions of those Directors of the past, and would appreciate your input and messages.

Respectfully,
Don Kuryk

MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2015

The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame 2015 nominations closed December 15, 2014. New nominations will be reviewed by the selection committee along with previously unsuccessful nominations from the past. Every year the selection committee has the difficult task of reviewing the many worthy candidates in the five nomination categories: Players, Builders, Teams, Officials, and Media.

The selection process will be completed by March 2015 and publicly announced in April 2015 and formally inducted October 3, 2015 at the bi-annual dinner.

Nominations are the lifeblood of the Hall of Fame process. Every and all players, builders, teams, officials, and media have to be nominated to be considered. Nominations must be submitted to the committee in MHHOF nomination format. Forms for future inductees can be downloaded from the website at: <http://www.manitobahockeyhalloffame.ca>

MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME DINNER TO BE HELD OCTOBER 3

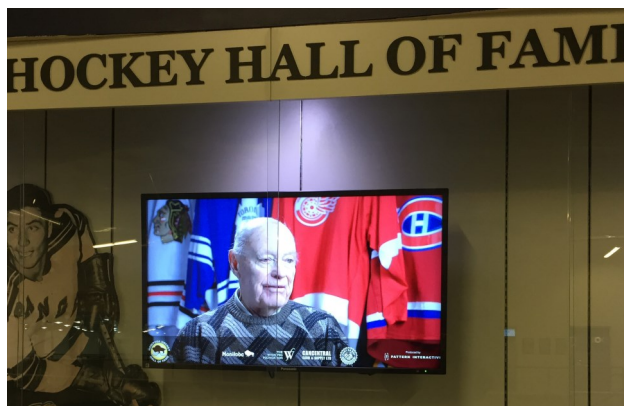
The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame & Museum will hold its bi-annual ceremonies on Saturday October 3rd, 2015, at the Canad Inns Polo Park, Winnipeg. Radio personality Joe Aiello will return as the evening's MC, after a great job at our 2013 dinner.

Tickets will be sold individually or by tables. The induction dinners have typically been sold out so watch for ticket information which will be available in April after the public announcement of the 2015 selected Honorees.

NEW MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME DISPLAY AT MTS ICEPLEX

The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame recently installed a 42" screen in its display case on the 2nd floor of the MTS Iceplex. The screen features stories on the history of hockey in Manitoba and from our many honoured members. The display also includes local memorabilia.

Over the past year the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame Heritage Committee produced a series of oral histories that are currently featured in rotation with the introductions to the 2012 Hall of Fame class. Ab MacDonald, Bobby Leiter, Don Collins, Gary Aldcorn are some of the many Manitoba hockey greats that took the time to sit down and chat about their careers.



The Oral History project is a co-operative effort, spearheaded by the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame with the generous support of the Province of Manitoba Heritage Grants Program, Winnipeg Foundation, corporate sponsors Fort Garry Breweries and CanCentral Collectibles and numerous volunteers and supporters.

Visit the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame Oral History in person at the MTS Iceplex, 2nd floor, or viewed online: <http://oralhistories.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca/>

THE FINAL FACEOFF

-T. Kent Morgan

Since our last newsletter in the spring of 2014, the hockey community has lost a number of Manitobans, as well as people with a connection to the sport in our province. Information below has been compiled from newspaper obituaries and other sources such as the Internet and the Society for International Hockey Research. This includes deaths before April 3, 2014 that were not reported previously. Individual members of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame are noted with an asterisk*.

November 30, 2013 in Ottawa - **Cliff Chadderton, 94** - Played junior in 1938-39 with the Winnipeg Falcons-Rangers and during World War II with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, Truro Winnipegs and the Winnipeg Army. Lost his right leg in France in 1944 and after the War became the head of War Amps and a strong advocate for service organizations.

April 21, 2014 in Selkirk - **Hugh Turnbull, 74** - All-around athlete who played junior for the Winnipeg Monarchs from 1956-57 to 1958-59 and oldtimers for Bronx Park.

April 27 in Winnipeg - **Gordie Mackie, 92** - Trainer whose hockey teams included the WHL Winnipeg Warriors and the 1974 Team Canada. 1987 Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame builder inductee.

April 30 in Surrey, B.C. - **Ron Matthews, 87** - Winnipeg-born defenceman who played pro between 1947-48 and 1965-66 primarily in the WHL with New Westminster, Portland and Vancouver.

May 12 in Chilliwack, B.C. - **Brian Marchinko, 65** - Played junior for the Flin Flon Bombers of the WCJHL in 1967-68 and 68-69 and in the NHL with the Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Islanders.

May 13 in Winnipeg - ***Fred Dunsmore, 85** - A 1989 Manitoba Sports HOF Inductee as an all-around athlete, his hockey career included junior with the Brandon Elks and Winnipeg Canadiens, two years with Streatham in England and 13 seasons with the Winnipeg Maroons team that won the Allan Cup in 1964. Inducted into the Hockey HOF in 1989.



Malcolm Davidson

May 18 in Winnipeg - **George Robinson, 87** - Played junior in Winnipeg between 1943-44 and 45-46 followed by a pro career in the AHL, PCHL and USHL and with the Harringay Racers in England.

May 25 in Kelowna, B.C. - **Bob Barton, 73** - Served as president of the Thompson King Miners juniors.

May 26 in Winnipeg - **Malcolm Davidson, 87** - Played junior in Winnipeg with the Rangers and Monarchs and senior with the Nationals and Maroons and seven seasons in England with Wembley Lions and Monarchs between 1948 and 1957.

May 31 in Winnipeg - **Chuck Lumsden, 81** - A forward and defenceman who played junior for the Winnipeg Monarchs and Toronto Marlboros followed by the 1952-53 and 53-54 seasons with the Pittsburgh Hornets of the AHL. Back home in Manitoba his teams included the Pine Fall Paper Kings, Warroad Lakers and the 1964 Allan Cup champion Winnipeg Maroons.

June 23 in Winnipeg - ***Ray Frost, 86** - 2005 builder inductee who coached minor hockey, managed the Winnipeg Rangers of the MJHL in the late 1950s and 1960s and scouted for the Philadelphia Flyers from 1967 to 1977.

July 1 in Kenora - **Buck Matiowski, 78** - A 2002 Manitoba Sports HOF builder inductee who served as president of the MAHA in 1984-85 and as a director of the CAHA. Wrote a ground-breaking report on hockey violence for the national body.

July 15 in Stonewall - **Murray Couch, 79** - Another longtime member of the Winnipeg Maroons who was with the 1964 Canadian senior championship team. Played junior for the Monarchs and with the Stonewall oldtimers for many years.

July 18 in Goderich, Ont. - **Don Bridge, 85** - Carman-born goalie who played for the junior Winnipeg Monarchs in 1946-47 and 47-48.



Ron Matthews

July 29 in Winnipeg - **Ethan Williams, 16** - Played for the AAA Winnipeg Thrashers and a few games for the Moose Jaw Warriors that drafted him 90th overall in the 2012 WHL draft.

July 31 in Landmark - **Henry Penner, 80** - The first president of the intermediate Hanover-Tache Hockey League in 1958, who served until 1961.

August 1 in Winnipeg - **Dale Hughesman, 51** - Played at the U of Winnipeg and served as a volunteer with the Selkirk Steelers and as chair of the MJHL board of governors. Also was a partner in the *Manitoba Hockey News* magazine before his death.



Wally Hergesheimer

August 2 in Boissevain - **Miles Phillips, 84** - Newspaper editor whose community work included the Boissevain Border Kings and the Southwest Hockey League.

August 3 in Winnipeg - **Lou McLaren, 81** - Served as the longtime treasurer of the MMJHL.

August 22 in Winnipeg - **Earl Fast, 92** - Played junior for the St. Boniface Seals, Winnipeg Falcons-Rangers and the 1941 Winnipeg Rangers that won the Memorial Cup. Played the 1942-43 season with Yorkton Wings seniors.

August 23 in Delta, B.C. - **Robert (Bobo) Sikorski, 87** - Played junior for CUAC in 1944-45. Coached the Exhibition team that won the Greater Winnipeg playground championship in 1945 and the YMCA Bulldogs that won the provincial bantam B title in 1946.

September 8 in Winnipeg - **Fred Cressock, 85** - Played goal for the Winnipeg Black Hawks of the MJHL in 1947-48.

September 15 in Winnipeg - **Wayne Tefs, 66** - Well-known Manitoba author whose hockey book, *On the Fly*, was published in 2012. Played in the juvenile provincials for the Steinbach Royals and coached bantam, midget and high school teams at St. John's-Ravenscourt.

September 18 in Winnipeg - **Len Cowie, 85** - Worked as an official in the MJHL, WCJHL and Intermediate leagues and was the Greater Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association bantam 'A' referee-in-chief during the 1960s.

September 22 in Winnipeg - **Rick McPherson, 31** - Played in the MJHL with the Swan Valley Stampeders, Winnipeg South Blues, OCN Blizzard and Winnipeg Saints between 1999-2000 and 2003-04.

September 2 in Calgary - **Bob Peers, 69** - Selkirk native who played junior with the St. Boniface Canadiens in 1960-61 and 61-62 followed by four seasons at the University of Denver. Later played senior for the Calgary Spurs and a season in Austria.

September 4 in Winnipeg - **Mallory Byron, 21** - Goalie who helped Miles Mac Buckeyes win the Winnipeg Women's High School division II championship in 2011 and later became a referee.

September 27 in Winnipeg - **Wally Hergesheimer, 87** - After playing junior for the Winnipeg Rangers and Monarchs and the Brandon Elks, the right winger spent 15 seasons in pro hockey including 351 games in the NHL with the New York Rangers and Chicago Black Hawks. Won the AHL rookie-of-the-year award in 1950-51 and was inducted into the Manitoba Hockey HOF in 1987 and the Manitoba Sports HOF in 2009.

October 11 in Brandon - **Wayne Robertson, 74** - Volunteer who served on Puralator Cup, Air Canada and World Junior championship committees and with the AAA midget Brandon Wheat Kings.

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October 13 in Winnipeg - **Sheldon Bloomer, 86** - Defenceman who played junior for Winnipeg Canadiens and then pro in the AHL, USHL and QHL from 1948-49 to 1953-54. Then spent the next 10 seasons with the Winnipeg Maroons winning the Allan Cup in 1964.

October 23 in Winnipeg - **Clint Bradley, 78** - Hockey official who served as referee-in-chief of the Greater Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association in the 1960s.



Cole Hamblin

In 1979 served as the officiating committee chair for the inaugural Air Canada Cup national midget championship in Winnipeg.

October 29 in Winnipeg - **Peter O'Hara, 60** - Played for the Gimli Wolves, Old Hotel Warriors and Frontiersmen and coached minor hockey in Gimli.

November 1 in The Pas - **Wayne (Red) Armstrong, 74** - Defenceman who played for The Pas Huskies midget, juvenile and intermediate teams and was a member of the team that won the intermediate A provincial Championship in 1969.

November 5 in Winnipeg - **Cole Hamblin, 21** -

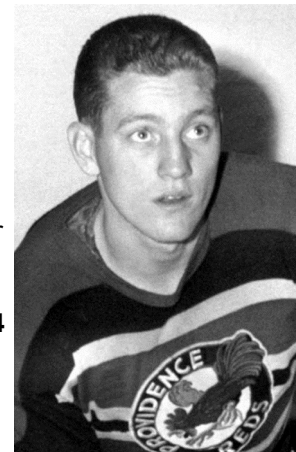
St. Adolphe defenceman who played in the WHL with the Spokane Chiefs and Regina Pats and in the MJHL with Winnipeg Blues, Selkirk, Portage and Virden.

November 20 in Winnipeg - **Alan Laidlaw, 93** - Played four seasons in the 1930s with John Black Memorial, champions of the Sunday School Hockey League.

November 21 in Brandon - **Clair Murray, 89** - Played with the Souris Elks and the Brandon Molson Pioneers.

November 29 in Chicago - **Chad Miller, 21** - Portage la Prairie product who played two seasons with the Illiana Blackbirds of the Minnesota Junior Hockey League where he was the team's all-time goals and points leader.

December 1 in Morden - **Connor Beech, 68** - Played for the Pilot Mound Pilots and tied for the South East Manitoba Hockey League scoring title in 1967-68.



Sheldon Bloomer

PHOTOGRAPHS, SCRAPBOOKS WANTED

In 2010, the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame Research committee issued a call for scrapbooks, photo albums, and other historical material, including video and film. Since then, the Research committee has evolved into the Heritage committee and has taken on the Oral History project.

The committee welcomes official and family photographs of players and teams, newspaper clippings, and other material that would be scanned and indexed. These materials can be valuable sources of information for the MHHOF Heritage Committee and for general research on Manitoba's hockey history.

As we lost many in the hockey community this year, the Heritage Committee reminds all that photos and other materials are always useful. For more information, contact MHHOF president Don Kuryk via email at: donaldk@mymts.net

In the Spring 2015 newsletter:

- *Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2015 Inductee Announcement*
- *Ticket Information—October 3 MHHOF Induction Dinner*
- *Skating Down Memory Lane, with Ted Holland*
- *The Final Faceoff, from T. Kent Morgan*