



MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

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Nomination Deadline for 2013

Nominations for induction into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame are welcomed from honoured members, patrons and from the public. In order to have a candidate considered for induction at the next ceremony on Oct. 5, 2013, the Hall of Fame must receive a signed and completed nomination form by Dec. 15, 2012. Categories for nomination are player, builder, official, media, special and team. Individuals and teams nominated must have a connection to the province of Manitoba.

A nomination form with guidelines is available on the HOF website www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca. If you require a printed copy, call Gary Cribbs at 1-204-837-4159. An independent selection committee reviews the nominations and recommends candidates for induction to the board of directors. Selection committee chair Don Kuryk reminds anyone submitting a nomination that it is important to provide as much documented information as possible. For further information, contact Kuryk at cell: 1-204-803-3144.

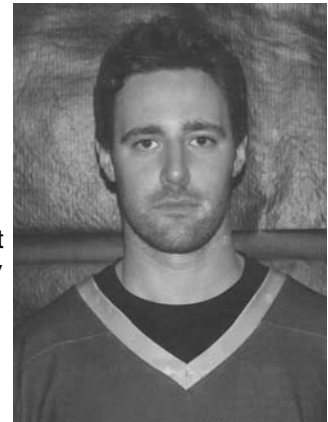
HOF Presence in Rural Manitoba

On Feb. 8 Poplar Point is celebrating 100 years of hockey when the Detroit Red Wings oldtimers led by Dennis Hextall play an exhibition game against the Portage oldtimers in the community's renovated arena. Unveiled that evening will be banners purchased by the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame that recognize the history and members of the Poplar Point hockey community. This is the latest project by our organization designed to support hockey in rural Manitoba. Hanging in the PCU Centre in Portage la Prairie are plaques donated in 2011 by the HOF that honour the two Portage teams and the Poplar Point team that have been inducted in our team category. In the spring of 2010 when the new recreation complex in Pilot Mound was opened and the arena portion was named after 1985 HOF inductee John 'Black Jack' Stewart, the HOF provided shadow boxes for the Stewart sweater and photo that hang in the facility. As part of our initiative to get automated external defibrillator (AED) units into rinks and rec facilities across the province, the HOF donated one to the Whitney Forum in Flin Flon. The northern community was chosen because of the large number of HOF members who played or coached there.

U of M Bisons Blair Macaulay and Leiette Klassen awarded 2012 Sam Fabro Scholarships

Blair Macaulay and Leiette Klassen are this year's winners of the \$1,000 Sam Fabro Scholarships. The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame and Museum awards the scholarships on an annual basis to a male and a female student-athlete in the University of Manitoba hockey program.

Blair Macaulay, a student in the Asper School of Business, received his award from Fabro on Oct. 12 at the Max Bell Arena. Manitoba defeated Saskatchewan 3-1 that evening with Macaulay scoring twice and adding an assist. He was the Bisons leading scorer in 2011-12 and was named a second-team All-Canadian.



Fabro was on hand again on Oct. 19 to present the female award to Klassen prior to the Bisons' game with Mount Royal Cougars. The goalkeeper from Altona then went out and made 23 saves in a 4-1 win over the Cougars. She had red-shirted one season and then was the back-up for two years. She now holds the starting position. Klassen, who previously played for Pembina Valley Hawks, is enrolled in Kinesiology and Rec Management.





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Hockey Hall of Fame News

A Message from President Gary Cribbs

Just about another year into the books. 2012 has gone by fast. With a lot of activity happening within the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame, where has the time gone.

The year didn't start off well, with the passing of our Vice President and dinner chair Jerry Kruk. Jerry will be missed by not only our organization, but also by many other groups in our City. An original member of our board, Don "Bones" Raleigh, left us this fall, which was another great loss. A valued member of the board, Frank McKinnon, stepped down from an active position. We will still count on Frank for his knowledge of the game and history.

We have had many happenings in this year. They include our awards to Hockey Manitoba referees, scholarships to high school student-athletes, the R.A. (Sam) Fabro U of M awards; new displays at the MTS Iceplex and celebrating Poplar Point's 100 years of hockey with commemorative banners. Work is continuing on the expansion of content on our website and we soon should have team photos that we have collected in our gallery. Nominations for induction into the Hall of Fame in 2013 are being accepted until Dec. 15. Grey Cup tickets can be purchased from the directors. Our subscription to newspaperarchive.com was renewed so anyone wanting to research a candidate can get access to it. Contact research chair Kent Morgan at 204-489-6641 and he'll walk you through the process.

A new major project is a video presentation at the MTS Centre, recognizing our Veteran members of the Hall. This has been a major undertaking and will be a highlight of the Hall of Fame and its features at the MTS Centre. We certainly do "Remember our Vets."

Hockey season is well under way. At this time of writing, no NHL, but plenty of hockey in your neighborhood. And that's real entertaining and fun. Where it all began. Get out to the local rinks, watch the kids, and enjoy our great game. Help out if you can. It is all part of our Mission Statement.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and we look forward to sending you additional information in the new year on our new crop of Inductees who will enter the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame on Oct. 5, 2013.

Hall of Fame News

At the March meeting of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame board, Murray Allan, Brian Coughlin and Mike Gottfred were appointed new directors. Allan is a retired City of Winnipeg police officer who is a past-president of the Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League as well as a former coach. Coughlin, the vice-president of business development for Cardinal Capital Management, played in the SJHL, the WHL and at the University of Manitoba. Gottfred, the head professional at Kingswood Golf Club, is a statistician at Winnipeg Jets games and has been active in hockey in communities where he has been the golf pro. John Jameson, who has been very involved with the HOF website, and Joe Piotrowski from Gimli, join the organization as associate directors. (See page 2 for a complete list of directors.)



Murray Allan



Brian Coughlin



Mike Gottfred

The board and the hockey community lost a valued member when vice-president and induction dinner committee chair Jerry Kruk lost his battle to cancer in January. As a result, Gary Cribbs agreed to remain as president through the 2013 induction dinner. He also will take on the role of chair of the dinner committee. Don Kuryk is the new vice-president and he will chair the independent selection committee that will review and recommend individuals and teams for induction in the Fall of 2013. Frank McKinnon, who chaired that committee, has resigned from the board, but will remain as an honorary director. The board lost honorary director Don Raleigh when he died in Kitchener, Ont. on Aug. 21. (See Skating Down Memory Lane, page 6.)

Directors Bryan Derrett and Len Morrow were inducted into the Manitoba Lacrosse Hall of Fame on Oct. 14 as members of teams being honoured. Morrow played for the 1954 and 1955 Manitoba junior all-star teams that competed for the Minto Cup emblematic of the Canadian junior championship while Derrett was with the 1955 team. Other hockey players on the two teams included Hall of Fame inducted member Gary Aldcorn (1997), patrons Bob Currie, Ralph Lyndon and Barry McQueen, as well as Ted Derrett, Ross Fargey, Dick Paulley and coach John Arondeus. Along with Bryan Derrett, HOF member Ted Harris (1985) and Gary Murray played for the 1955 team. Trainer Ed Haverstock, who was the trainer for many teams including the 1946 Memorial Cup champion Winnipeg Monarchs, was the team's trainer. Lyndon and patron Butch Wozniak, who played junior hockey in Thunder Bay and with the Monarchs and lacrosse for the 1951 junior all-star team, were inducted for their individual accomplishments.

Thank you to Peter Ball, David Bowles and Gord Lindal, who are the Hall of Fame's latest patrons. A life-time patron donation is \$100 and a charitable donation tax receipt is issued. Making a family member or a friend a patron would be a nice holiday gift. A cheque payable to the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame should be mailed to 43 Dickens Drive, Winnipeg, MB R3K 0M1. An up-to-date list of patrons can be found on our website.

The Final Faceoff

During 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 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*.

March 11, 2011 in Winnipeg - **Jim Young, 80** - Winnipeg juvenile first-team all-star centre in 1948-49, Andy Bathgate was second-team centre. Played for the junior Brandon Wheat Kings the next two seasons and Grand Rapids Rockets of the IHL in 1951-52

Dec. 1, 2011 in Maple Ridge, B.C. - **Wesley Guymmer, 71** - Member of the intermediate The Pas Huskies before joining the RCMP. Captain of the 1974 Western Canada Police Champion Vancouver Islanders.

Dec. 11, 2011 in Winnipeg - **Charlie Hogsden, 65** - Played for the Royal Canadian Air Force 402 Squadron Bears and served as timekeeper for the Winnipeg Central Hockey League.

Dec. 12, 2011 in Calgary - **Lyle Willey, 75** - Flin Flon native who played three seasons with the junior Bombers from 1953-54 to 1955-56 and later in the WHL with Brandon Regals and Saskatoon Quakers.

Jan. 9 in Cobourg, Ont. - **Paul Terbenche, 66** - A member of the 1978-79 Avco Cup champion Winnipeg Jets who also played in the WHA with four other teams and in the NHL with Chicago and Buffalo.

Jan. 16 in Winnipeg - ***Hal Sigurdson, 79** - Former sports editor of the *Winnipeg Free Press* and HOF media member (1993). During a stint in Vancouver he covered the NHL Canucks.

Jan. 17 in Morden - **Frank Loewen, 65** - Morden Minor Hockey Association coach and referee-in-chief.

Jan. 20 in Winnipeg - **Gord Klayh, 80** - Served as a coach and president of both the River East Minor Hockey Association and the East Elmwood Community Centre.

Jan. 22 in Winnipeg - **Jerry Kruk, 71** - Played for the St. Boniface Canadiens and was picked up by the Winnipeg Braves for the team's 1959 Memorial Cup champion run. Played in the IHL and with the Winnipeg Maroons. Had served as a board member of the Winnipeg Jets and Winnipeg Enterprises and was the vice-president of the HOF at the time of his passing.

Jan. 22 in Winnipeg - **Doug Smith, 63** - Weston product who played for the junior Jets and was drafted by the Oakland Seals in the second round of the 1968 NHL draft. Played pro in the EHL, WHL and CHL and senior with the St. Boniface Mohawks.

Feb. 7 in Winnipeg - ***Larry Desjardins, 88** - Politician and sportsman who served as the provincial minister responsible for sport. Played junior hockey with St. Boniface and Esquires and served as president and GM of the St. Boniface Canadiens. Also scouted for the Montreal Canadiens and Boston Bruins. Inducted as a builder into the Manitoba Sports HOF in 1990 and the Hockey HOF in 1993.

Feb. 8 in Winnipeg - ***Bill Benson, 91** - Played three seasons with the Winnipeg Monarchs leading the junior league in scoring in 1939-40 followed by NHL stints with the New York and Brooklyn Americans before serving in the Navy. After World War II played in the AHL with Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Inducted into the HOF in 1986.

Feb. 12 in Toronto - ***Trent Frayne, 93** - Brandon-born sportswriter who worked for the *Brandon Sun*, *Canadian Press* in Winnipeg and the *Winnipeg Tribune* before moving east where he had a lengthy career as a columnist, magazine writer and author. Inducted into the HOF media section in 1990.

Feb. 18 in Langley, B.C. - **David Brownsdon, 81** - Refereed hockey in Manitoba for 20 years.

Feb. 24 in Winnipeg - **Adam Cardinal, 31** - A teacher and coach who played goalie Whitey Merritt of the 1896 Stanley Cup champion Winnipeg Victorias in Farpoint Films' documentary *Champion City* that debuted on Feb. 13.

March 6 in Winnipeg - **Herb Burron, 92** - Played for the 1938 Memorial Cup champion St. Boniface Seals followed by a season with the junior Brandon Elks. Later played for Seattle in the PCHL, Philadelphia in the AHL and Winnipeg Radio Oil.

March 7 in Salt Lake City - **Dave Hrechkosy, 60** - North End product who played for the junior Jets and in the NHL with St. Louis and California Golden Seals and the minors with New Haven Nighthawks and Salt Lake Golden Eagles.



Bill Benson

March 13 in Winnipeg - **Steve Chmara, 84** - Raised in Winnipeg's North End, he joined the RCAF and was among the players who tried out for the RCAF Flyers team that was assembled to represent Canada in the 1948 Winter Olympics.

March 21 - **Jim Laird, 70** - Coached the Warren Merc's hockey team.

March 27 in Winnipeg - **Ken Tacium, 54** - Played for the St. Boniface Saints of the MJHL.

April 2 in Innisfail, Alta. - **Lorne (Boom, Boom) Benson, 81** - All-around athlete who is best known as a Blue Bomber running back but helped West End Orioles win a bantam championship and played to the senior level.

April 10 in Winnipeg - **Alan Sweatman, 91** - Served as chairman of the Committee to Save the Jets.

April 15 in Winnipeg - **Roy McMeekin, 82** - Played junior for the Winnipeg Monarchs and Toronto Marlboros. Between 1949-50 and 1956-57 donned his goal pads for the Wembley Lions, Kelowna Packers, Halifax Atlantics, Sudbury Wolves, Cleveland Barons and Troy Bruins.

April 20 in Pine Falls - **Bill Windsor, 65** - Played and coached the senior Pine Fall Paper Kings, played for the Ol' Kings and coached minor hockey in Pine Falls.

April 23 in Edmonton - **Ed Zemrau, 78** - Captained the University of Denver to its first NCAA title in 1958 and played the next two seasons on defence for the Winnipeg Warriors of the WHL. He later had a distinguished career as the U of Alberta director of athletics and in international sport.

April 26 in Swan Lake - **Bill Brick, 63** - Refereed in Winnipeg and the Interlake for 22 years.

June 25 in Selkirk - **Curtis Niemi, 44** - Played for the MNS Stars, Selkirk junior B Fishermen, Selkirk Steelers of the MJHL and the Hydro Hornets.

July 17 in Winnipeg - **Cam Lobson, 43** - Played goal for the St. Vital Victorias of the MMJHL and the St. Boniface Saints of the MJHL.

July 20 in Winnipeg - **Milt Swindlehurst, 83** - Played for the Winnipeg Monarchs in 1947-48 and 1948-49 followed by five seasons in the English National League with the Harringay Racers.

July 24 - **Merv Farmer, 74** - Interlake newspaper publisher who was president of the Western Interlake Intermediate League and the Stonewall Minor Hockey Association and was the co-founder of the Highway 6&7 hockey and baseball leagues. Coached and managed Stonewall minor, junior B and intermediate teams. Also served on the MAHA executive and was a MAHA official.

July in Winnipeg - **Craig Thorlakson, 47** - Played with the AA Twins before refereeing for many years.

Aug. 1 in Winnipeg - **Roger Goodman, 84** - A defenceman who played for West End Orioles, then the Brandon junior Elks in 1946-47, followed by three seasons with the Nottingham Panthers of the English National League. On his return from England, he played three years for UND Fighting Sioux.

Aug. 8 in Burnsville, Minn. - **Ron Lee, 77** - Fort Frances native who played junior for the Port Arthur Bruins, Moose Jaw Canucks and Prince Albert Mintos from 1952-53 to 1954-55 followed by two seasons in the EHL.

Aug. 11 in Victoria - **Hugh (Tim) MacCoy, 85** - For many years was well-known in the local hockey community for his leather work and ability to give hockey gloves and goalie pads a second life.

Aug. 21 in Kitchener - **Don (Bones) Raleigh, 86** - HOF director who played in the NHL with the New York Rangers and WHL with the Brandon Regals. (See Skating Down Memory Lane, page 6)

Aug. 21 in the Interlake - **Marino Sigvaldason, 73** - Played senior hockey for many years for the Arborg Falcons/Avalanche and honoured not long before his death at the team's 50-year reunion for his contributions.

Aug. 28 in Winnipeg - **Gerry Emmons, 73** - Volunteer for the Lions Tournament and St. James Canucks of the MMJHL and at Deer Lodge Community Club. Son Gary played for Team Canada and briefly in the NHL.

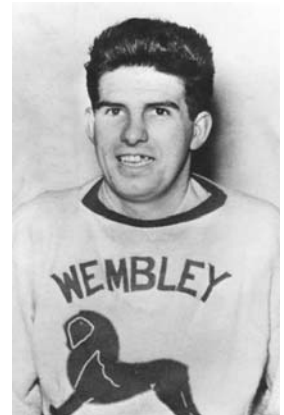
Sept. 2 in Calgary - **Boyd Diamond, 84** - Born in Tilston, Man., he joined the RCMP and played intermediate hockey while posted in The Pas and Flin Flon and later coached minor hockey in other Manitoba communities.

Oct. 5 in Morris - **Dale Rempel, 49** - Played competitively in Morris, Steinbach, Morden and Carman and was part of the ownership group that brought the Pembina Valley Twisters of the MMJHL to Morris.

Oct. 11 in Gloucester, Mass. - **Bill Ezinicki, 88** - Wild Bill played junior for the Winnipeg Rangers and won a Memorial Cup with the Oshawa Generals in 1944. NHL career included three consecutive Stanley Cups with the Toronto Maple Leafs from 1947 to 1949 along with stints with the New York Rangers and Boston Bruins. Inducted into the HOF in 1985.

Oct. 12 in Winnipeg - **James Coyne, 102** - Former Governor of the Bank of Canada who captained the Oxford University Blues hockey team in the early 1930s while he was a Rhodes Scholar.

Oct. 18 in Winnipeg - **Dave Grant, 90** - Cooper-Weeks sporting goods manager who served in management support for Canada's team that competed in the 1982 World Championship in Sweden.



Roy McMeekin

Skating Down Memory Lane With Ted Holland



Don Raleigh

Even back in the 1940s there wasn't much of a market for 150-pound hockey players but Don Raleigh, a magician with the puck, was an exception. Raleigh, who was born in Kenora but grew up in Winnipeg, died Aug. 21 in Kingston, Ont. at age 86.

The New York Rangers had trouble replacing players who had gone to serve in World War II. In 1943-44 they brought up Raleigh, the hot-shot 17-year-old, and dressed coach Frank Boucher, 26 years his senior at age 43. Raleigh suffered a broken jaw after 15 games and the following year he returned to junior hockey with the Winnipeg Monarchs. He was the first individual to play NHL hockey and then return to junior ranks full-time. The man they called "Bones" never did put on any weight but he played a lot of hockey.

New York had trouble coaxing him back to the NHL. During the 1945-46 season, he was a student and played hockey at Brandon College. Somehow he also played for the University of Manitoba in another league. He fulfilled his military obligation and played hockey for the Army. At the same time, Bones was playing junior for the Brandon Elks and led the MJHL in goals, assists and points. On

Sundays he drove to Winnipeg to participate in the Catholic League. The following year Raleigh played senior for the Winnipeg Reo Flyers.

The Rangers were happy to get him back in 1947-48 where he played for the next nine years. Raleigh finished fourth in scoring in 1951-52, trailing only Gordie Howe, Ted Lindsay and Elmer Lach. He never did drink out of the Stanley Cup, but came close in 1949-50 when Rangers surprised hockey fans by taking the Detroit Red Wings to double overtime in a seven-game final. Bones scored overtime winners in two consecutive games and always claimed he hit two posts in the extra time in game seven. Raleigh played in two all-star games and was listed as #32 in the book, *100 Ranger Greats*.

Raleigh was an original member of the Manitoba Hockey Players Foundation, the forerunner to the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Hall with the first group in 1985 and went into the provincial Sports HOF in 1998. He served on the Hockey HOF board until failing health led to a move to Kingston where his son Jack resides. In order to recognize his contributions to the HOF and hockey in our province, the board appointed him an honorary director.

A Renaissance Man, Raleigh spent many off-season hours touring American Civil War battlefields. He also wrote poetry while riding the Staten Island Ferry. Andrew Podnieks in his book, *Players*, appears to be on pretty safe ground when he says that Raleigh was the only hockey player to have his poetry reviewed by *The New York Times*.

Raleigh was a long-time member of the Winnipeg Winter Club and involved in the Victory Gardens along Lindsay St. in the city. If weeding hadn't been done in your plot, you received a polite but firm call from Mr. Raleigh.

In addition to playing college and junior hockey in Brandon, Raleigh played professionally in the Western League with the Brandon Regals. He later funded two scholarships at Brandon University. Raleigh took in Memorial Cup action in Brandon in 2010 and was guest speaker at the Society for International Hockey Research annual meeting held in the Wheat City at that time. Attired in a Ranger sweater, he enjoyed his time at the microphone talking about Ranger teammates such as Bill Juzda, Chuck Rayner and his favourite winger Danny Lewicki and also foes including Gordie Howe and Maurice Richard.

Bones didn't always talk about his Ranger days but in his wallet he did carry his hockey card that was given to him by Kent at a sports collectors show years ago.

A different version was published in the Canstar Community News Toast and Coffee column on Aug. 29.