



MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

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R. A. (SAM) FABRO SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA



Nicole McGlenen, recipient, and Don Kuryk, MHHF President

On November 5, MHHF President-Don Kuryk presented the R.A. (Sam) Fabro scholarship to the 2016 recipients.

Winnipeg-born Nicole McGlenen of the University of Manitoba Bisons was chosen. A fifth-year player with the Bisons, McGlenen was chosen for her strength and dependability. Coach Jon Rempel called McGlenen “a model of consistency and a reliable teammate.”

McGlenen is graduating in 2017 in the Faculty of Kinesiology at the University of Manitoba. She is planning to further her education in either Occupational or Physical

Therapy. Congratulations to Nicole from the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame family.

Brett Stovin is the 2016 recipient from the Men’s team. Stovin, 21, is playing in his second season and was named by Coach Mike Sirant as Assistant Captain.

The 6’1” Stony Mountain-born forward was named to the 2015-16 Canada West all-rookie team when he finished with 26 points. He tied for third among rookies in scoring. Stovin also tied for the second-longest point streak in 2015-16 with an 11-game point run. Stovin played in all 28 regular season games in the conference. Congratulations to Brett from the MHHF family.



Brett Stovin, 2016 scholarship recipient with President Don Kuryk



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The MHHF has embarked on several new endeavors this past year, as well as maintaining the status quo of previous initiatives. These new initiatives have proven to be a success.

The inaugural year of the Community Award success belongs to director Murray Allan. Under his guidance, we were successful in reaching out to 22 Manitoba hockey communities. These communities submitted their applications for a ten thousand dollar improvement to hockey in their respective communities. MHHF is grateful to Sigfusson Northern for sharing the cost of the inaugural community program.

This year's winner was Clearwater, Manitoba. This small community of some 65 residents is surrounded by a number of small communities. Clearwater will use the funds to improve their arena by adding safety glass around the rink.

The MHHF Ed Sweeney award was given for the first time to a writer from the Winnipeg Free Press. *Back in the Bigs*, by Randy Turner was a deserving award winner. The book is a worthy read, telling of the trials and tribulations of the Jets leaving and returning to Winnipeg.

Our ongoing initiatives include:

- MHHF-awarded scholarships to university men's and women's hockey as well as scholarships at the high school level.
- Annual awards sponsored by MHHF were presented to officials and players throughout Manitoba.
- Maintaining the official site of the plaques of MHHF members at the MTS center and memorabilia at the MTS Iceplex is ongoing.
- Alanna Sharman, a player for the University of Manitoba Bisons Women's Hockey Team was given the amazing opportunity to represent Canada in an international competition at the end of January 2017. MHHF will help support her in this endeavour.

I thank the directors of the MHHF for making the past year a success.

I wish all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Don Kuryk
President of the MHHF

MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2017

-JORDY DOUGLAS

The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2017 nominations close December 16, 2016. Nominations are the lifeblood of the Hall of Fame and no individual or team can be inducted without a nomination.

New nominations will be reviewed along with all previously unsuccessful nominations from the past three years. Every year the selection committee has the difficult task of reviewing the many worthy candidates in the five nomination categories: Players, Coaches, Officials, Builders and Media.

The selection process will be completed by March 2017 and publicly announced in April 2017 and formally inducted in October 2017 at the bi-annual dinner.

All nominations require the official nomination form, available online at our website, manitobahockeyhalloffame.ca

MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME COMMUNITY AWARD

-MURRAY ALLAN

In 2015, the Community Award was created by the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame after the idea was put forth by past president, Gary Cribbs. The Community Award is to be given to a Hockey Community to assist with necessary repairs to their rink, supply hockey equipment or to offset hockey registration.

For our inaugural year, we received twenty-two applications from all over Manitoba. Only one was not from rural Manitoba. Our selection committee chose Clearwater Manitoba, whose 46-year old rink is tended by volunteers. It was submitted by Perry Russell, their arena president.

On Wednesday June 29, 2016, President Don Kuryk and Committee Chairperson Murray Allan drove out to Clearwater Manitoba where we were greeted by a well turned out Community gathering and presented Perry and Mark Sloane with a cheque for \$10,000.00 that will assist in rink repairs.

This award money would not have been possible without the help of our corporate sponsor, Sigfusson Northern Ltd., who graciously donated \$5,000.00 as the sponsor our 2017 Community Award.



Hockey Communities are encouraged to submit their 2017 Community Award Application by checking out the Hockey Manitoba website, www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca

THE FINAL FACE-OFF

-T. Kent Morgan

Since the Winter 2015-2016 newsletter was published, 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 1, 2014 in southern Manitoba - **Connor Beech, 68** - an original player of the Selkirk Steelers in 1966-67, who later played for the Pilot Mound Pilots of the South Eastern League.

October 9, 2015 near St. Claude - **Taylor Renwick, 20** - Played for the Melita Bisons and the Winnipeg Aces.

October 13 - in Winnipeg - **William Sutherland, 96** - Played for the junior Winnipeg Monarchs in 1937-38 and 1938-39 and later with the Nanaimo Clippers of the Pacific Coast Senior League.

October 31 in St. Pierre - **Wayne Hawrysh, 66** - Born in Dauphin, he played three seasons with the Flin Flon Bombers followed by four in minor pro. Later played for The Pas intermediate Huskies and was involved with formation of the OCN Blizzard of the MJHL.

November 9 in Kingston, Ont. - **Lynn Davis, 78** - Goalie who played for the Fort William Canadians and was picked up by the Flin Flon Bombers for their run to the 1957 Canadian junior championship

November 10 in Brandon - **Ken Fowles, 76** - Worked as an on-ice official in the MJHL, SJHL and the WCHL during the 1960s.

November 13 in Toledo, Ohio - **Neil McLean, 90** - Oakburn native who played in the IHL for the Detroit Auto Club in 1950-51 and the Detroit Hettche and Toledo Mercurys in 1951-52.

November 15 in Winnipeg - **Donald (Chuck) Woodlands, 78** - Goalie from Lauder who played for the Winnipeg Barons of the MJHL in 1955-56 and 1956-57. Later played intermediate in southwestern Manitoba.

November 21 in Winnipeg - **Darci Instance-Liskie, 27** - Played four seasons in the Manitoba Women's Junior Hockey League and later coached the Western Predators for three seasons winning the provincial championship in 2014.

December 1 in Thunder Bay - **Fred Sylvester, 73** - Involved in the creation of the North Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association and the North Winnipeg Satellites and MNS Stars teams.

December 9 in Surrey, B.C. - **Lawrence Reay, 95** - First served as a referee and then a board member of the Greater Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association.

December 14 in Brantford, Ont. - **Glen Sonmor, 86** - Born In Moose Jaw, he played for the Brandon Wheat Kings in 1948-49 when the team lost in the Memorial Cup final. The Wheat Kings were inducted into the HOF in 2007. Sonmor coached the Minnesota Gophers and Fighting Saints and was both coach and GM of the Minnesota North Stars.



January 11, 2016 in Kimberley, B.C. - **Wally Souter, 75** - Born in Roblin, played for the Flin Flon junior Bombers from 1958-59 to 1960-61 followed by 10 seasons with the Kimberley Dynamiters of the Western International Hockey League.

January 16 in Phoenix - **Don Caley, 70** - Goalie from Dauphin who played junior for the Weyburn Red Wings and then eight seasons of minor pro in the AHL, CPHL and WHL.

January 22 in Sarnia, Ont. - **Bob (Punchy) McCaig, 78** - Flin Flon native played for the minor Bombers. Operated the McCaig Hockey School in Sarnia for 25 years. After moving to Atlanta, he was recruited by USA Hockey as coach-in-chief for the southeastern USA.

January 23 in Pattaya, Thailand - **Dave Todoruk, 70** - Played several years with the intermediate Transcona Turbos of the Manitoba Eastern League.

Don Caley

January 26 accidentally in Idaho - **Blaine Jarvis, 31** - Captain of the Gladstone Lakers of the Tiger Hills League, who had played for the Neepawa Natives of the MJHL, Bemidji State University and the Rapid City Rush of the CHL.

January 28 in Winnipeg - **Ken Hayward, 87** - Played junior for the Winnipeg Rangers in 1946-47 and led the Winnipeg Black Hawks in scoring the next season. Later played senior for the Winnipeg Nationals, Emerson Canadians and Letellier Maple Leafs.

January 30 in Winnipeg - **Don Marks, 62** - Author and filmmaker of the book and documentary titled *They Called Me Chief* about aboriginal hockey players.

February 4 in Winnipeg - **Gerry Probert, 86** - Served as secretary-manager of the MMJHL and coached the Fort Garry Blues to the league championship in 1974-75.

February 10 in Winnipeg - **Jeff Dunsmore, 61** - The son of HOF member Fred Dunsmore played junior for St. Boniface in the MJHL and the Winnipeg Clubs in the WCHL and senior with the Transcona Chargers.

February 12 in Winnipeg - **Gene (Zeke) Zakala, 89** - Played the 1942-43 season with the Wolseley Flyers and the next three years with the Winnipeg Rangers of the MJHL.

February 14 in Winnipeg - **Cooper Nemeth, 18** - Member of the River East Marauders midget AA team.

February 19 in Winnipeg - **Garry Gregory, 85** - Chaired the St. James International Lions tournament for seven years.

February 26 in Brampton, Ont. - ***Andy Bathgate, 83** - Played minor hockey in Winnipeg before going east to play junior for the Guelph Biltmores. Played pro from 1952-53 to 1971-72 primarily in the NHL with New York Rangers, Toronto, Detroit and Pittsburgh. League's most valuable player in 1958-59. Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame (1978), MHHOF (1985) and the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 1993.

February 26 in Winnipeg - **Ron (Slip) Mahoney, 78** - Coached the St. James Canadians of the MJHL in 1983-84 and 1984-85.

March 13 in Niagara Falls - **Ken Broderick, 74** - Played goal for Canada's National Team from 1963-64 to 1967-68. Nine-year pro career included stints with the Minnesota North Stars and Boston Bruins of the NHL and Edmonton Oilers and Quebec Nordiques of the WHA.

March 14 in Winnipeg - **Eldon Ross, 84** - Served as president of the St. James Flames senior club.

March 20 in Olds, Alta. - **Matt Suderman, 33** - Born in Winkler, he played for the Flyers of the MJHL, the Saskatoon Blades and eight seasons of minor pro.

March 22 in Portland - **Norm Johnson, 83** - The Moose Jaw native played 16 years in the pros including the 1956-57 season with the Brandon Regals of the Western Hockey League. Coached the Brandon Wheat Kings juniors in 1974-75.

March 31 in Carman - **Brian Parker, 76** - Defenceman who played minor hockey for the Treherne-Holland Combines, juvenile and senior for Hamiota and served as playing coach of the Carman Beavers of the SEMHL.

April 19 in Winnipeg - **Len Sigurdson, 84** - Played for the Winnipeg and St. Boniface Canadiens of the MJHL from 1949-50 to 1951-52 followed by three seasons with the McGill Redmen.

April 19 in Winnipeg - **Gord Burr, 79** - Past-president and life member of the MMJHL.

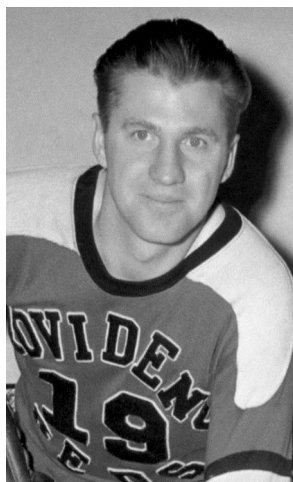
April 22 in Winnipeg - **Daniel Mandrick, 91** - Played junior with CUAC and St. James Orioles, in the British National League with the Greyhounds and from 1947 to 1949 with the Toledo Mercurys of the IHL.

April 26 in Winnipeg - **Bill Johnson, 88** - Played minor hockey for the Excelsiors and Orioles and junior for the Winnipeg Rangers and Brandon Elks. Spent three seasons in England with Harringay Racers and nine with the Winnipeg Maroons winning the Canadian senior championship in 1964.

May 4 in Winnipeg - **Ross Jones, 82** - Played for the junior Brandon Wheat Kings from 1951-52 to 1953-54 and then intermediate in Brandon.



Bill Johnson



Pete Kapusta

July 16 in Winnipeg - ***Pete Kapusta, 92** - Played for the Winnipeg Rangers of the MJHL in 1941-42. Spent 16 seasons as a pro in the AHL, QHL and the WHL with his final three seasons with the Winnipeg Warriors. Coached in the MJHL with the St. Boniface Canadiens and Winnipeg Warriors for four seasons in the early 1960s. Inducted in the HOF in 1993.

July 20 in Calgary - **Ron Hartwell, 88** - Born in Swan Lake, he played from 1948-49 through 1951-52 with the Colorado College Tigers who won the NCAA title in 1950. Holds the Colorado goal scoring record of 111 in 74 games.

August 4 in Maple Ridge, B.C. - **Norm Moulder, 82** - Was player-manager of the Tobans and president of the Provencher League in Manitoba and was a past-president of the Maple Ridge Senior Hockey League.

August 20 in Okotoks, Alta. - **Jake Fleming, 86** - Formed and operated the Canadian Professional Hockey Schools in Winnipeg and was involved in the introduction of AAA hockey in Winnipeg. Father of the late Wayne Fleming (HOF 2013).

September 13 in Kenora - **Len Kropioski, 98** - World War II veteran known for singing and saluting during the national anthem at Winnipeg Jets

games in the MTS Centre.

September 19 in Winnipeg - **Jack Kennedy, 87** - Former mayor of The Pas who played for the intermediate Huskies and served as president of the local minor hockey association.

September 19 in Des Moines, Iowa - **Andy Arnot, 74** - Former sports director of CKND-TV in Winnipeg who broadcast the WHA Jets games on TV.

September 20 in Winnipeg - **Walter (Duke) Buchanan, 79** - Played junior for the St. Boniface Canadiens, Winnipeg Rangers and the Port Arthur North Stars from 1954-55 to 1956-57.

September 21 in Pine Falls - **Bob Guay, 88** - Goalie for the 1957 Western AA intermediate champion Pine Falls Paper Kings who were honoured by the HOF in the team category in 2009.

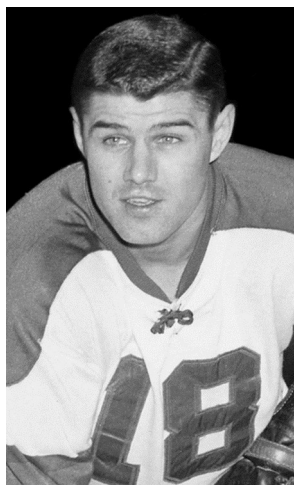
September 22 in Winnipeg - **Roy Ormiston, 96** - Played for the 1939-40 St. James Canadians of the MJHL and for the Winnipeg Navy in 1944-45..

October 2 in Winnipeg - **Dr. Larry Travis, 88** - Played junior for the Winnipeg Rangers from 1944-45 to 1946-47 followed by two years of pro, six seasons of senior in the Maritimes and four with the Rockets in Dryden where he practiced medicine. .

October 3 in Winnipeg - **Stan Luzny, 91** - Longtime referee in minor and oldtimers hockey.

October 14 in Stonewall - **Ed Peltz, 84** - Helped build the Warren arena and served on the executive of the Warren hockey club.

October 16 in Winnipeg - **Bud McIntosh, 88** - Served as president of the Pre-Cambrian Intermediate Hockey League, on the board of the Snow Lake minor hockey association and as program chair of the Flin Flon junior Bombers.



Bob Kabel

October 20 in Winnipeg - **Jack Gibson, 90** - goalie for the 1946 Memorial Cup champion Winnipeg Monarchs, who later played for the Sydney Millionaires in the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League.

October 21 in Eagan, Minn. - ***George Konik, 79** - Born in Flin Flon, he played defence for the 1957 Memorial Cup champion Bombers and for two NCAA champions at the University of Denver. Captain of the US National team in the 1971 world championship. Played in the NHL with the Pittsburgh Penguins. Inducted into the HOF in 2011.

October 23 in Winnipeg - **Ray DeVuono, 82** - Played for the West End Memorials and junior for the St. Boniface Canadiens and Winnipeg Monarchs.

November 12 in Edmonton - ***Bob Kabel, 82** - Dauphin native who played junior for the Flin Flon Bombers and the Saskatoon Wesleys of the SJHL and then pro from 1955-56 to 1968-69 in the AHL, WHL and the NHL with the New York Rangers.

ED SWEENEY MEMORIAL AWARD

-Morris Mott

The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame is pleased to announce that the first winner of an Ed Sweeney Memorial Award is Randy Turner, for his book *Back In The Bigs*.

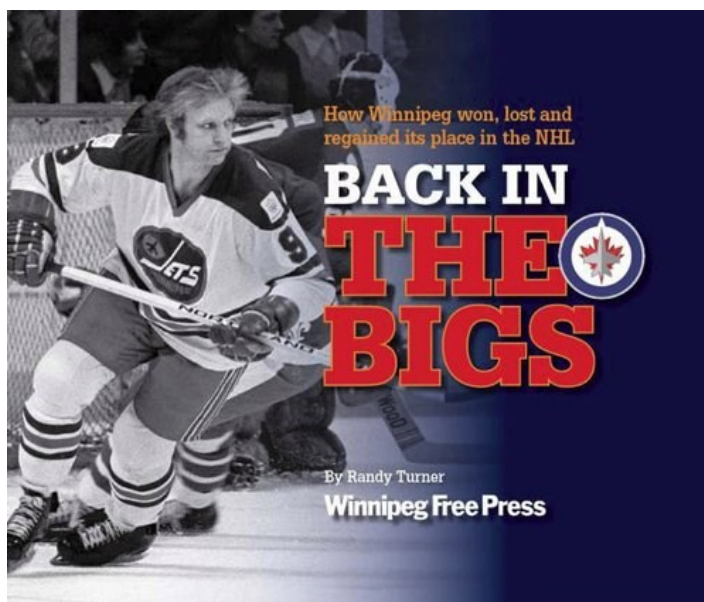
Turner's book is carefully researched, clearly written, and beautifully illustrated. It celebrates the return of NHL hockey to Winnipeg in 2011, and also outlines the histories of all the professional hockey teams that have played in Winnipeg since the WHA Jets were established in 1972.

The Ed Sweeney Memorial Awards were established by the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame in 2014 to recognize publications (books, magazine articles) or productions (films, plays, radio or television programs) that contribute significantly to awareness of Manitoba's hockey history.

They are presented in memory of the late Ed Sweeney, a former Director of the Hall of Fame who worked tirelessly to collect artifacts and stories connected to Manitoba's hockey past. Information on the Awards can be found on the website of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame, www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca.

Congratulations to Randy Turner on a terrific book, and for winning the Sweeney Award.

Back in the Bigs can be purchased in Winnipeg at McNally Robinson, and is available for online



JERRY KRUK 2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Each spring Hockey Manitoba awards a graduating Manitoba high school hockey player with the Jerry Kruk Scholarship. Kruk was a longtime MHHF board member who died of cancer in 2012. He played hockey in the north end of Winnipeg as a youth. Kruk was also a member of the 1957 Winnipeg Braves, the last Winnipeg-based team to win the Memorial Cup.

Jerry graduated from Engineering from the University of Manitoba and achieved great success at Intercity Gas Company and at CAA Manitoba.

The 2015-16 recipient of the scholarship is Eryn Stewart. Eryn, from Stonewall, played for the Central Plains Capitals in the Female Midget AAA League. She is playing the 2016-2017 season at Oswego State University in New York.

Congratulations to Eryn. The MFFH wishes her the best for her playing and academic career at Oswego State.

CELEBRATING ALUMNI: WAYNE CHERNECKI

The MHF is proud of its members and their contributions to hockey, to the community and to society. Our members have had lasting impacts, something the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame wants to celebrate beyond their inductions.

Wayne Chernecki (Class of 2013, Builder), died of cancer in 2013 at the age of 63. He was remembered in the Lives Lived section of the *Globe and Mail*.

Paul Brett, a lawyer at Thompson Dorfman Sweatman in Winnipeg, was a longtime friend of Wayne's who wrote the memoriam. This is an excerpt:

Every now and then an individual comes into our lives who forever changes us for the better. Wayne Chernecki was such a person. Lighting up any room with his contagious smile, Wayne could make you want to be a better person by emulating his quiet, confident, respectful ways.

The son of Peter and Emily Chernecki, proud of his Ukrainian-Canadian heritage, Wayne was an outstanding athlete in his youth. By age 19, he had won the Manitoba Junior Baseball League Triple Crown, been named most valuable player in his high school league and been drafted by the NHL's Detroit Red Wings.

More important than all of Wayne's athletic accomplishments, however, were his character and personality. He was humble but not apologetic, self-confident though never arrogant, strong but never a bully, and fiercely loyal to friends through good times and bad.

Of all his sports, Wayne chose to pursue hockey, first with the West Kildonan North Stars, then the Winnipeg Junior Jets of the Western Canada Junior Hockey League. Unique among his peers, he at the same time pursued and obtained an honours degree (in commerce).

Fervently proud of his North End Winnipeg roots, Wayne moved comfortably through the boardrooms of Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary and elsewhere, also serving as the Thomson nominee on the board of the True North Sports and Entertainment, now the owner of the new Winnipeg Jets.

After coaching his children on minor baseball and hockey teams, Wayne committed himself to coaching amateur hockey at the bantam, midget and junior A levels, leading the St. James Canadians of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League for seven years in which they won the league championship in two successive seasons.

When an opposing team used a trick right out of Slapshot to trap his undermanned team into a pregame brawl, Wayne refused to play the game. He always stood up for what he knew was right, his moral compass unswerving.

When his brother, Norman, was struck with cancer several years ago, Wayne was instrumental in his care and well-being. When his parent's health failed, he never missed a day of stopping by the family home to check in on them, run an errand or just cheer them up. Wayne truly inspired all of his to become better people.



Originally published on August 28, 2013, you can read the entire column online here:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/facts-and-arguments/lives-lived-wayne-chernecki-63/article14012481/>