



MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER

Winter 2011-2012



2011 INDUCTION DINNER BIG HIT

Fifteen individuals and six teams became the newest members of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame at an induction dinner at the Canad Inns Polo Park in Winnipeg, Oct. 1. Welcoming them was a crowd of more than 650. Goalie Karl Friesen, defensemen Terry Ball, George Konik, Jayson More and Neil Wilkinson and forwards Theo Fleury and Mike Keane were inducted for their playing accomplishments. The builders category added Bob Cornell and Glen Lawson from Brandon, Deloraine's Don Dietrich and Ted Foreman from Winnipeg. Laura (Vanderhorst) Loepky and Bud Ulrich entered as officials and Curt Keilback and Bob Picken became the latest media members. Winnipeg Jets radio voice Brian Munz introduced the inductees who received their awards from Sam Fabro, the first chair of the Hall of Fame. All were in attendance with the four blueliners coming from their homes in the USA.

Player-coach Bob Tuff spoke for the 1974 Warroad Lakers and David Marvin for the 1994-95-96 Lakers teams that were inducted. They stressed the Minnesota community's connection with Manitoba hockey. Minnesota Hockey president Dave Margenau sent a letter congratulating the Lakers and thanking the HOF for honouring the Warroad teams. Goalie Ed Chadwick served as spokesman for the 1955-56 WHL and Edinburgh Cup champion Winnipeg Warriors. Manager Orest Horechko and co-coach Gord Cole thanked the HOF for inducting the North End Flyers 1983 Hardy Cup champions.

(See inductee photo gallery pages 6&7.)

Plaques with bios and photos of the individual inductees have been installed in the Hall of Fame in the northeast corner of the MTS Centre, home of the Winnipeg Jets of the NHL. Team photos are part of a Wall of Champions. Inductee photos also hang in a gallery at the Canad Inns Polo Park.

Feedback from the inductees and the attendees in regard to the dinner was very positive. Concern about the length of the evening was expressed by some people which the board knew might be an issue due to the large induction slate.



Former Moose Jaw Warriors junior teammates Mike Keane and Theoren Fleury entered the Hall of Fame in the Player category.

Guests received a 36-page commemorative program. Included with the program was an information sheet on how individuals can support not only the induction dinners but the other programs that HOF undertakes by becoming a patron. President Gary Cribbs and the board wish to thank Jordy Douglas, Robert Jefferson, Paul Krestanowich, Bill Lesuk, and Gerry Varnes who have become patrons since the dinner. Thank you also to Karen Struebel who asked that her late father Teddy Baines, who was involved with the Warroad teams, be added to the patron list. The patron numbers now have topped 250 and the up-to-date list is on the HOF website. Making a family member or friend a patron would be a nice gift or as Karen has chosen to do, a way to remember an individual from the hockey community. A life-time patron donation is \$100 and a charitable donation tax receipt is issued. A cheque payable to the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame should be mailed to 43 Dickens Drive, Winnipeg MB R3K 0M1.

Cribbs emphasizes that without the support of the more than 45 program advertisers and other sponsors, it would be impossible to hold the type of popular event that the induction dinner has become. Key this year was the strong advertising support from the Westman region and from Warroad as well as the NHL teams with a connection to the inductees.



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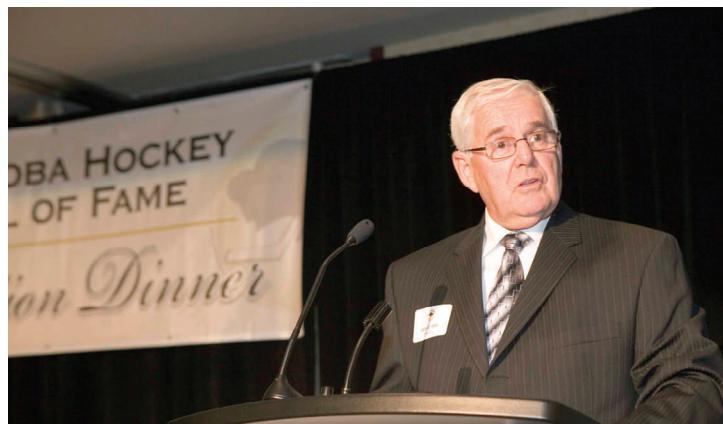
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Hockey Hall of Fame News

A Message from President Gary Cribbs



The year 2011 is fast coming to a close, and in reflection, it has been a relatively busy year for the Hockey Hall of Fame here in Manitoba.

The announcement of the new class of honourees in the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame was made in April, and leading up to the Induction Dinner created a lot of organization by our dinner committee, VP Jerry Kruk and his group of volunteers. It was truly a great evening with in excess of 650 in attendance. Again our congratulation to all our newest members of our Hall.

We opened our newest display of artifacts at the MTS IcePlex in west Winnipeg. The exhibits are scheduled to be changed fairly often and you are invited to come out and see hockey history on display.

Dr. Jan Brown, our awards chairman, was instrumental in working with the University of Manitoba in choosing this year's recipients of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame R.A. (Sam) Fabro Scholarships. We again supported the Referees Awards in conjunction with Hockey Manitoba. The advancement and education of officials is so important to our game.

A lot of effort was put in by your Board and a number of fellows who sold Grey Cup pool tickets. Again another sell out.

Now we are all well into another hockey season with the spotlight on the newest NHL members, the Winnipeg Jets, leading the way. At the same time, we urge you to get to your local rink where the grassroots of hockey is being played by men and women, boys and girls of all ages, who need your support, as they enjoy this great game.

The very best of the season and a happy New Year to all.

Hall of Fame News

Jared Walker and Kristen Cockerill are the 2011 winners of the \$1,000 Sam Fabro Scholarships that are presented annually to a male and a female hockey player at the University of Manitoba by the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame. A fifth-year forward, Walker from Winnipeg was presented with his award on Nov. 11 at Max Bell Arena before the Bisons met Lethbridge Pronghorns. Cockerill, a third-year forward from Selkirk, received her award on Nov. 18 before the Bisons played UBC Thunderbirds. Mr. Fabro, who was the first chairman of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame and played for the 1941 Memorial Cup champion Winnipeg Rangers, was at Max Bell both evenings to present the scholarships.

In October, the Hall of Fame obtained a one-year subscription to the newspapers site, newspaperarchive.com. In addition to the *Winnipeg Free Press* archives, the subscription gives us access to the archives for about 30 daily and weekly newspapers in Manitoba as well other parts of Canada and 10 countries including the United States. The years available vary from paper to paper. If you would be interested in doing research from your home computer, please contact research committee chair Kent Morgan at (204)-489-6641. We can then discuss your interests in relation to specific research projects the HOF would like to undertake. Direction will be provided on how best to record the information for our permanent records.

Gary Cribbs wants to remind honoured members that they can still purchase Hall of Fame Rings until the end of 2011 at a guaranteed price.

Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame 2011 Grey Cup Pool Winners

<u>First Quarter</u>		<u>Prize</u>
<u>W</u>	<u>E</u>	
6	0	Kevin Poleschuck \$25
7	0	Chad Lukie \$25
10	0	George H. Taylor \$25
11	0	Barb Sokaliski \$200
0	11	Paul Dyck \$50
<u>Second Quarter</u>		
14	0	Paul Jacuzzi \$25
14	3	Paxin Mueller \$25
14	6	David Curry \$200
6	14	Ted Foreman \$50
<u>Third Quarter</u>		
14	9	Laurie Langrell \$25
17	9	Chad Johnstone \$25
23	9	Elaine Linklater \$25
24	9	Ron Stewart \$200
9	24	Anita Candy \$50
<u>Fourth Quarter</u>		
0	9	Bernice Eakin \$25
1	9	Lorraine Matlock \$25
1	15	Kim Campbell \$25
1	16	Carey Baldwin \$25
1	22	Mary Parker \$25
1	23	Fran Mcleod \$25
4(34)	23 (FINAL)	Ken Cunningham \$1000
23	4(34)	Linda Grieve \$100
0 – 0 Juaki Grobler		\$25
29 -29 Barb Cooke		\$25

Note: After 29 score reverts to 0

The Final Faceoff

Our last The Final Face-Off list was published in the Winter 2010-11 newsletter as space was not available in the Summer 2011 issue. This listing includes members as well as those with a connection to the Manitoba hockey community who died between February and December 2011. Information 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*.

Feb. 3 in Beausejour - **Dennis Draward, 50** - Served as president of the Beausejour Brokenhead Minor Hockey Association and chair of the community board responsible for building the new arena, the SunGro Centre.

Feb. 16 - **Ernie Ellis, 95** - At age 13 helped build a rink in Wawanesa and 53 years later was elected chairman of the first board for the Wawanesa and District Recreation Centre.

Feb. 26 in Winnipeg - **Ron Cumming, 78** - Coach at Pirates Community Club in Transcona and a Greater Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association convenor.

March 19 in Winnipeg - **Carolyn Ransby, 68** - Served on the board for the Assiniboine Park Rangers.

March 19 in Abbotsford, B.C. - **Edmond Hogue, 87** - Member of the 1956-57 Popular Point Memorials intermediate team that was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009.

A black and white portrait of Gerry Wilson, a man with short hair, wearing a dark hockey jersey with a prominent 'H' logo on the chest. He is smiling and looking towards the camera.
March 19 in Winnipeg - **Dr. Gerry Wilson, 73** - Top Montreal Canadiens prospect who played junior in Winnipeg, Montreal and Ottawa-Hull before injuries ended his career. Credited with discovering Swedish players for the Winnipeg Jets.

March 24 in Brandon - **Jack Forsyth, 69** - Hockey Manitoba president 2001-2004, Hockey Canada director 2001-2007 and commissioner of the Manitoba AAA Midget League for 20 years. Received the Hockey Canada Order of Merit in 2008.

April 7 in Winnipeg - **Bob Bingham, 69** - Long-time hockey official who served as the Hockey Manitoba assistant referee-in-chief in 1990-91 and head official the next season.

May 18 in Beausejour - **Herb Beger, 77** - Played for the Beausejour Beavers.

May 29 in Beausejour - **Bill Middleton, 81** - Past-president of the Beausejour junior B Comets.

May 31 in Hamilton - **Percy Robertson, 86** - Member of the 1951-52 Allan Cup champion Fort Frances Canadians.

June 11 in Montreal - **Shaun Best, 43** - Winnipeg-born award-winning photographer who specialized in hockey and golf. Son of former Winnipeg

Braves and Michigan Tech goalie Rick Best.

July 11 in Winnipeg - **Jack Warwick, 84** - All-around athlete who starred in baseball and football. Played hockey in England with the Nottingham Panthers.

July 12 in Morden - **Wayne Rankin, 53** - Morden minor hockey volunteer and top softball umpire who died while playing in Morden.

July 17 - in Winnipeg - ***Ralph Borger, 81** - HOF director and 2005 builder inductee who was named Hockey Volunteer of the Millennium in 2000. Hockey Manitoba life member who owned the St. Boniface Saints of the MJHL for 28 years.

July 18 in Winnipeg - **Lorne Huff, 72** - Had a long connection with the Winnipeg Police Hockey League.

July 29 in Selkirk - **Jim Whall, 85** - President of the Selkirk Steelers juniors when the team won the Centennial Cup in 1974.

Aug. 2 in Palm Springs, Cal. - **Dianne Woods, 64** - Executive director of Hockey Winnipeg, formerly the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association, at the time of her passing. Her lengthy volunteer resume included president of the St. James junior Canadians and VP for female hockey with the WHMA.

Aug. 7 in Ottawa - **Dr. Peter Premachuk, 84** - The Pas native who played junior and senior hockey in Flin Flon and served as the junior Bombers doctor from 1954 to 1972. He later served on the medical staff for the Ottawa 67's juniors and for the 1984 Team Canada junior team.

Sept. 5 - ***Russ Farrell, 75** - Dauphin native who became a Hockey Manitoba life member and president from 1980 to 1982. Received a Hockey Canada merit award in 1979. Played goal for 45 years. Inducted as a builder in 2003.

Sept. 6 in Sarnia - ***Dick Kowcinak, 94** - Won the Memorial Cup with the Winnipeg Monarchs in 1937, the Allan Cup in 1938 and the World Championship the following season with Trail Smoke Eaters, and a second Allan Cup with Kirkland Lake in 1940. Led the IHL in scoring in 1947-48 and 1949-50. Inducted as a player in 1995.

Sept. 6 in Markham, Ont. - **Jim Platt, 71** - Won several city championships and two Coach of the Year awards while coaching the Fort Richmond Kings and Fort Garry Twins between 1972 and 1991. Then coached the Markham Waxers juniors for two seasons. Posthumously inducted into the Rugby Manitoba Hall of Fame on Oct. 15. Sept. 9 in Mission, B.C. - **Hec McCaig** - Long-time Flin Flon hockey executive who served as the trainer for the 1957 Memorial Cup champion Bombers.

Sept. 18 - **Bob Martell, 72** - Retired RCMP officer who served in security roles with the Winnipeg Jets and the Manitoba Moose for more than 30 years. Played goal for oldtimers teams including the Stonewall Old Buffaloes. Son Rob is a NHL referee.

Sept. 25 in Sacramento, Cal. - ***Fred Creighton, 78** - Brandon native who played junior in Flin Flon followed by 11 seasons of minor pro. Coached pro for 19 years including five NHL seasons with Atlanta and one with Boston. Inducted as a builder in 2009.

Sept. 27 in Treherne - **Marcel De Graeve, 77** - Coached the Holland Rockets for 17 seasons.

Oct. 3 in Winnipeg - **Ron Baron** - Played in the MJHL with the St. James Canadians from 1970-71 to 1972-73 and spent the 1974-75 season with the Copper Country Chiefs of the USHL.

Oct. 5 in Winnipeg - **Kirk Owen, 34** - Coached the Devils female senior team.

Nov. 5 in Winnipeg - **Mark Hamilton, 31** - Former St. James Canadian junior who died after playing a game at Canlan Ice Sports.

Nov. 9 in Grand Forks - **Roger Christian, 75** - Star forward with the US team that won the 1960 Winter Olympics. Played for the Warroad Lakers teams that won several Manitoba championships.

Nov. 10 in Brandon - **Jack Brockest, 84** - Owner and general manager of the Brandon Wheat Kings in the 1970s and early 1980s and first GM of the Brandon Keystone Centre.

Nov. 10 in St. Catharines - **Ed Hoekstra, 73** - Winnipeg native who played junior for the St. Catharines Teepees followed by 15 years as a pro including a season in the NHL with Philadelphia. Brother of HOF member Cec Hoekstra.

Nov. 12 in St. Boniface - **Alphonse Boily, 82** - Played for the La Broquerie Habs.

Nov. 17 in Selkirk - **Lefty Goodbrandson, 84** - Served on the executive of the Selkirk Steel Kings.

Nov. 18 in Winnipeg - **Russ Martens, 72** - Coached and served on the Transcona Minor Hockey Association executive.

Nov. 23 in Winnipeg - **Ted Boulton, 83** - Played junior for the Winnipeg Canadians and the Brandon Wheat Kings.

Nov. 24 in Winnipeg - **Billy Ray, 67** - Riverview native who played for the Winnipeg Rangers and later coached and refereed.

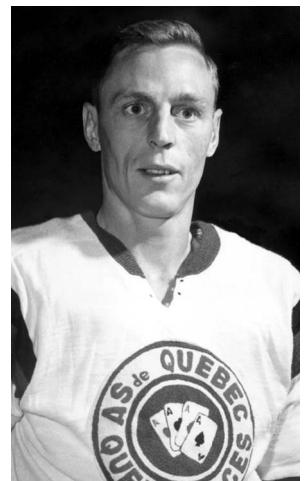
Nov. 28 - **Mike Hesford, 42** - Served as PA announcer for the Pembina Valley Twisters of the MMJHL and the Morris Mavericks high school team.

Dec. 2 in Winnipeg - **Jim Drury, 80** - Trainer for the 1959 Memorial Cup champion Winnipeg Braves.

Dec. 3 in Winnipeg - **Sheldon Kostenko, 33** - played for the St. Boniface Riels in the MMJHL.



Dick Kowcinak



Ed Hoekstra

2011 Hall of Fame Photo Gallery



Terry Ball
Player



Ted Foreman
Builder



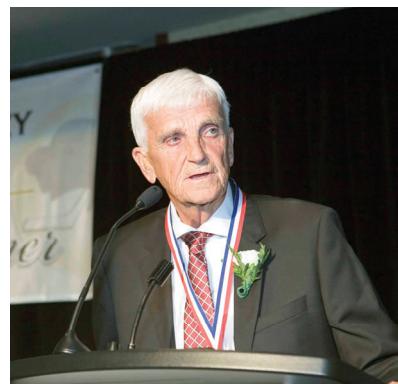
George Konik
Player



Bob Cornell
Builder



Karl Freisen
Player



Glen Lawson
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Don Dietrich
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Laura Loepky
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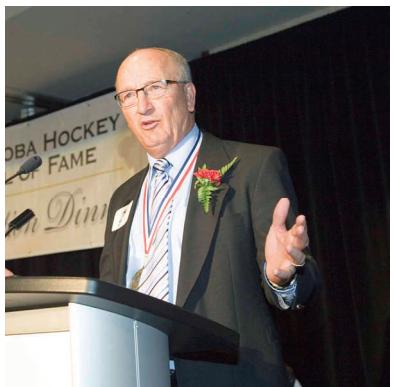
Neil Wilkinson
Player



Ed Chadwick
1955-56 Winnipeg Warriors



Orest Horechko and Gord Cole
1983 North End Flyers



Bob Tuff
1974 Warroad Lakers



David Marvin
1994-95-96 Warroad Lakers



Brian Munz
M.C., TSN 1290 Radio

Skating Down Memory Lane With Ted Holland

MANITOBA OLDTIMERS RETURN TO GERMANY IN 1975

They're baack! (Translated from the equivalent in German). After the Manitoba Oldtimers successful tour in 1972, it was decided to do it again in Feb-March, 1975. Minister of Defense James Richardson announced support for the trip in January of that year. This time there would be more emphasis on conducting hockey schools at both Lahr and Baden Baden. Lahr had a hockey program for 650 offspring of military personnel from age four to the teen-age years. The youngsters were thrilled to be receiving instruction from the ex-pros and top Canadian amateurs.

The lineup included 11 players who travelled to Germany in 1972. That group included goalie Ray Charambura, playing-coach Bill (The Beast) Juzda, defensemen Alex Kurceba and Don Wilkinson, and forwards Keith Campbell, Ron Castelane, Bryan Derrett, Buddy McCormick, Vic Shettler, Tod Thurston and Father Elmer MacGillivray. The newcomers included goalie Dick Todd, who had played for Humboldt Indians and in the British National League, and defensemen Bernie (The Polish Prince) Grebinsky and Tony Green. The forward lines were bolstered by Nick Mickoski, who had played more than 700 NHL games, Murray Wilkie, who played pro in a dozen locales, and Clare Wakshinski, who spent 11 seasons in the EHL. Also new up front were Jerry Kruk, Rollie Marion and Ross Parke. Grebinsky and Parke had helped the Winnipeg Maroons win the Allan Cup in 1964 while Green, Marion and Kruk had played junior together with the St. Boniface Canadiens. Green and Marion also played junior for the Rangers while Kruk was with the Winnipeg Braves for the team's playoff run to the 1959 Memorial Cup.

According to Al Vickery, the team's publicity rep who was sending reports back to *The Winnipeg Tribune*, the first scheduled game in Freiberg had to be cancelled when the local team surprised people by winning its last two games and advancing to the play-offs. This meant the arena wasn't available for the Manitoba-Military game. Instead the Oldtimers viewed the Louis Guntrum winery with its 800 thousand-gallon vats. Included in the tour was a veal steak dinner and "taste-testing of seven major brands of white wine produced by Guntrum's," Vickery wrote.

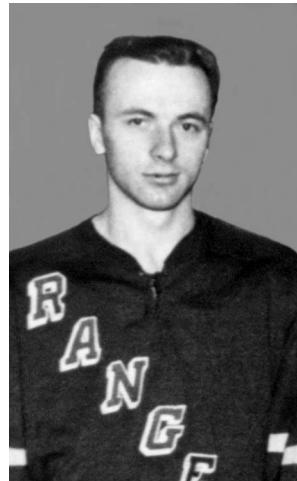
When the team, which averaged 44 years of age, did get into action they had a slow start as *Winnipeg Free Press* sports editor, Maurice Smith, also along on the trip, put it, "They won't be remembered for their speed, skill and dexterity, for the old legs aren't what they used to be. But these veterans of many a thrilling hockey game will be remembered for their moxie, determination and most of all, pride and heart; for that is what enabled them to return home unbeaten."

Smith said they were outclassed in the early going by their much younger and well-conditioned military opposition. In Lahr, the Oldtimers were down 6-2 after two periods but outscored their opponents 5-1 in the third period to gain a 7-7 tie. It was a similar story in Baden Baden when the Manitoba team again started slowly but rallied to come away with a 5-5 tie. Winnipegger Mike Daski came for a visit from Badtoelz, Germany where he had coached for many years. Juzda commented that Derrett is the only guy he knows that travelled to Germany to buy a Japanese watch.

The final game of the tour was back on Canadian soil In Trenton and the Oldtimers won convincingly, 7-3. Castelane scored twice for Manitoba and singles were added by MacGillivray, Wakshinski, Parke, McCormick and Marion. Wilkinson chalked up four assists.

Wakshinski had six points on the junket, McCormick five and Castelane four. Kruk, one of the youngsters on the team at 34, led the team with four goals, all in the opening game. The next night he was cut for eight stitches by an errant skate. He was with Greater Winnipeg Gas at the time and had to leave the team in Ottawa to fly to a meeting of gas executives in Atlanta, thus missing the final game. He must have made a great impression with a fat lip, facial bruising and eight sutures.

Clare Wakshinski



Nick Mickoski

