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**MANITOBA**  
**2023 ANNUAL**  
**AWARDS BANQUET**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
**6:30PM - 9:30PM**

**HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT WEST- 2520 PORTAGE AVE**  
**WINNIPEG, MANITOBA**



## BASEBALL MANITOBA LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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In Partnership with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

# BASEBALL MANITOBA

Baseball Manitoba is committed to furthering the development of amateur baseball at both the local and provincial levels. While the pursuit of excellence at all levels is a primary goal, we realize the need to provide participants with opportunities which enable them to reach their realistic level of potential, ability and interest. We realize the need to continually develop our programs and resources, thereby improving both the technical and administrative delivery of services to members and participants across the province.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Provide leadership, support and opportunities to our community for the development of baseball.

## VISION

*"To inspire a lifelong passion for baseball."*

## VALUES

- Ensuring a fun and safe environment
- Demonstrating respect and integrity
- Fostering teamwork and collaboration
- Achieving inclusivity and fairness
- Cultivating successful experiences and citizenship
- Supporting the development of participants





make the 2023 season successful and enjoyable.

This evening, we recognize the countless hours and great effort put in by our community to improve baseball in Manitoba. Stakeholders such as players, coaches, and umpires worked together this season to improve and challenge each other. Parents and volunteers strived to provide opportunities with facilities and events. Congratulations to all nominees, award winners and inductees.

I would like to recognize and thank Baseball Manitoba's Management Committee and our office staff for their dedication and efforts to provide leadership, support and opportunities to our community for the development of baseball. Finally, I would like to thank you again, our members, for your commitment, passion, enthusiasm, and time in helping deliver and grow baseball in Manitoba.

Roger Langlais  
President

On behalf of Baseball Manitoba, I would like to welcome all the athletes, volunteers, coaches, officials, parents and family members to the 2023 Baseball Manitoba Awards Banquet. Today, we celebrate baseball by recognizing outstanding performances and valuable contributions by our community.

A great big thank you to all our sponsors during this last season. We greatly appreciate our longstanding and new sponsors for their generosity and commitment to baseball in Manitoba.

This season Manitobans created many memorable baseball experiences across the province. We greatly appreciate all our community members who helped

**INTRODUCTION, WELCOME, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Master of Ceremonies - Clayton Dreger, Sport Director Golden West Radio

**PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS**

Roger Langlais, Baseball Manitoba

**GRACE**

Winston Smith, Baseball Manitoba

**DINNER**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Janet McMahan, Sport Manitoba

**AWARDS PRESENTATION**

- Grassroots Coach of the Year: ..... Jack Bell (St James)
- High Performance Coach of the Year: ..... Ed Kulyk (Elmwood)
- Grassroots Team of the Year: ..... 15U AA Charleswood Dodgers
- High Performance Team of the Year: Minor: ..... 13U AAA Pembina Hills
- High Performance Team of the Year: Major: ..... 22U Elmwood Giants
- Honour Society: ..... Al Suggitt (Red River Valley)
- Volunteer of the Year: ..... Louie Kulyk (Elmwood)
- Derrick Dubell Grassroots Umpire of the Year: ... Nicholas Dolhy (East St. Paul)
- Ron Shewchuk High Performance Umpire of the Year: Josh Braaksma (Russell)
- Larry Nicholls Umpire Award of Merit: ..... Pierre Bedard (Winnipeg)
- Honour Society: ..... Teri-Lynn Harms (Winnipeg South)
- Honour Society: ..... Curt Brandt (Blumenort)
- Challenger Player of the Year: ..... Jenny Kowalson (North Winnipeg)
- 13U Player of the Year: ..... Will Mateychuk (Carillon)
- 15U Player of the Year: ..... Logan Patterson (Winnipeg South)
- 18U Player of the Year: ..... Karsten Peters (South Central)
- 14U Girls Player of the Year: ..... Dayle Bettens (St Vital)
- 16U Girls Player of the Year: ..... Liberty Aime (Clandeboye)
- Senior Women's Player of the Year: ..... Zoe Hicks (Boissevain)
- 22U Player of the Year: ..... Easton Grieve (St James/Elmwood)
- Senior Men's Player of the Year: ..... Mitch Olson (Deloraine/Oak River)
- Honour Society: ..... Morgan de Peña (Winnipeg South)
- Baseball Manitoba Region of the Year

**SILENT AUCTION & 50/50 DRAW/CLOSING REMARKS**



# JANET MCMAHON



Janet McMahon is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sport Manitoba. She has worked in sport administration for over 30 years, leading a variety of sport, funding, athlete, and coach development programs and attended and participated in provincial, national, and international Games, and worked for the Host Societies of the 1999 Pan Am Games and the 2017 Canada Games, both held in Winnipeg. She was also Sport Manitoba's Director of Sport for five years before her current position. Her involvement in sports began well before her professional career, however. McMahon grew up in Brandon, MB, and she played a variety of sports such as cross-country skiing, cycling, and swimming. She also played basketball at Vincent Massey High School and at the University of Winnipeg and has coached for many years. McMahon believes that building quality sport programs improves the sporting experience of all Manitobans and inspires us all to stay active for life.



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**From 1984 to 1999 Baseball Manitoba selected a Coach of the Year, regardless of division coached. In 2000, separate categories for Grassroots Coach and High Performance Coach were introduced.**

**COACHES OF THE YEAR**

COACH	YEAR
Rick Penner (Altona Bantams)	1984
Al Robertson, Ray Mutcheson and Mike Labossiere (Team Manitoba Junior)	1985
Joe Wiwchar & Les Ehnes (Pembina Valley Jr.)	1986
Sam Jamieson (McAuley Senior)	1987
Doug Miner (Pierson Pee Wee)	1988
Bob Landry (St. Boniface Junior)	1989
Brad Clegg (Hamiota Senior)	1990
Gord Leduchowski (Team Canada)	1991
Erwin Warkentin (St. James Bantam)	1992
Art Essery (Grosse Isle Intermediate)	1993
Gord Van Hussen (Interlake Bantams)	1994
Brian Reid (Carman Midgets)	1995
Barry Chartrand (Carillon Bantam)	1996
Mike Rolling (Russell Midget)	1997
Jeff Robertson (Birtle Senior)	1998
Neil Andrews (Brandon Senior)	1999

**GRASSROOTS COACHES OF THE YEAR**

COACH	YEAR
Jim Findlay (Grosse Isle)	2000
Gary Williams (Deloraine)	2001
Nick Mancussi (St. James)	2002
Bill Old (Brandon)	2003
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Rick Baldwin (Grosse Isle)	2005
Cody Reimer (Rosenort)	2006
Dale McKinnon (Deloraine)	2007
Jason Quick (Red River Valley)	2008
Jeff Hlady (Dauphin)	2009
Todd Kembal & Paul Armstrong (St. James)	2010
Mike Johnson (Baldu)	2011
Michel Fournier (La Broquerie)	2012
Curtis Grieve (St. James) & Jason Mateychuk (Dominion City)	2013
Curt Brandt (Blumenort)	2014
Ryan Fines (Stonewall)	2015
Jeff & Kerry Trager (Winnipeg South)	2016
Jeremy Culleton (Carillon)	2017
Dean Sproule (Niverville)	2018
Doug Lockhart (Winnipeg)	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
Kelly Wiens (Kleefeld)	2021
John Magarrell (Domain)	2022

**JACK BELL (ST JAMES)**

**2023 GRASSROOTS COACH OF THE YEAR**



- Coached the 13U A Phoenix Flames in 2023
- An outstanding coach from St James who, with a positive attitude, dedication, and patience, truly puts his all into his team
- Has a vast knowledge of the game which was shown all season long and led his team to win the 2023 13U A (Zone 1) Provincial Championships in Red River Valley



# ED KULYK (ELMWOOD)

2023 HIGH PERFORMANCE COACH OF THE YEAR



- Head coach of the 22U Elmwood Giants
- Has been an integral part of the Elmwood Giants community for many years, delivering multiple significant championships, and has acted as a board member, coach, team governor, mentor, and more.
- Inspires a high-performance atmosphere and is exceptional at leading players and teaching essential skills



## HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHES OF THE YEAR

COACH	YEAR	COACH	YEAR
Morgan de Peña (Winnipeg South)	2000	Faron Asham (Team MB, Brandon)	2012
Darryl Bruce (Carillon)	2001	David Nychyk (North Winnipeg)	2013
Bob Andruchuk (Wpg. South) & Lawson Davie (Midwest)	2002	Blaine Boyle (Pembina Hills)	2014
Ross Tycoles (Oildome)	2003	Jeff Bouchard (Bonivital)	2015
Faron Asham (Team Manitoba)	2004	Jamieson Krentz & Nic Grenier (Carillon)	2016
Bryan Ezako (Winnipeg South)	2005	Faron Asham (Team Manitoba)	2017
Eric Mabon (Elmwood Giants)	2006	Dave Martine (Brandon)	2018
Russ Paradoski (North Winnipeg)	2007	Ed Kulyk (Winnipeg)	2019
Glen Hunter (Red River Valley)	2008	None due to COVID-19	2020
Gerry Janz (Baldur Sr.)	2009	Jeff Bouchard	2021
Jamie Bettens (St. Boniface Jrs.)	2010	Clinton Brandt (Mitchell)	2022
Dan Giesbrecht (Altona Jrs.)	2011		

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## TEAMS OF THE YEAR

TEAM	YEAR
Altona Bisons (Bantam)	1984
Team Manitoba (Junior)	1985
Carman Goldeyes (Senior)	1986
Killarney A's (Bantam)	1987
Brandon All-Stars (Pee Wee)	1988
St. Boniface Native Sons (Senior)	1989
Oil Dome A's (Bantam)	1990
Portage Athletics (Midget)	1991
Elmwood Giants (Midget)	1992
St. Boniface Native Sons (Senior)	1993
Morden Mohawks (Intermediate)	1994
Carman Goldeyes (Midget)	1995
Russell Chargers (Mosquito)	1996
Winnipeg South Chiefs (Pee Wee)	1997
St. James A's (Bantam)	1998
Carillon Sultans (Pee Wee)	1999

## HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS OF THE YEAR

TEAM	YEAR
Brandon Marlins (Midget "AAA")	2000
Carillon Sultans (Bantam "AAA")	2001
Elmwood Giants (Senior "AA")	2002
Carillon Sultans (Midget "AAA")	2003
Pembina Valley Orioles (Junior "AAA")	2004
Elmwood Giants (Junior "AAA")	2005
Elmwood Giants (Junior "AAA")	2006
Brandon Cloverleafs (Senior "AAA")	2007
Winnipeg South (Pee Wee "AAA")	2008
St. James (Midget "AAA")	2009
Winnipeg South (Bantam "AAA")	2010
Altona Bisons (Junior "AAA")	2011
Elmwood Giants (Senior "AAA")	2012





# 15U AA CHARLESWOOD DODGERS

2023 GRASSROOTS TEAM OF THE YEAR



- Went 9-4-1 (+76 run differential) during the Regular Season, and earned the title of undefeated League Champions
- Head-coached by Gary Bell, this team won the 2023 15U AA Provincial Championship in La Broquerie, which a Winnipeg team has not done since 1993
- A dedicated and hardworking group of athletes who supported one another throughout the season



## GRASSROOTS TEAMS OF THE YEAR

TEAM	YEAR	TEAM	YEAR
Altona Bisons (Bantam "AA")	2000	Altona Bisons (Midget "AA")	2012
Steinbach (Bantam "AA")	2001	Oak River (Bantam "AA")	2013
Boissevain (Pee Wee "AA")	2002	Rock Lake (Midget "AA")	2014
Neepawa (Midget "AA")	2003	Stonewall (Pee Wee "AA")	2015
Grosse Isle (Pee Wee "AA")	2004	Winkler Pee Wee ("AA")	2016
Plum Coulee (Pee Wee "AA")	2005	La Broquerie A's (15U "AA")	2017
Morden (Bantam "AA")	2006	14U Girls Team Manitoba	2018
Altona (Midget "AA")	2007	18U Altona Bisons	2019
Cardale (Midget "AA")	2008	None due to COVID-19	2020
Charleswood Dodgers (Mosquito "AA")	2009	Bonivital White Sox (15U "AA")	2021
Altona Bisons (Pee Wee "AA")	2010	Gladstone Pirates (18U "AA")	2022
Oak River/Cardale (Pee Wee "A")	2011		

# 13U AAA PEMBINA HILLS

2023 HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAM OF THE YEAR: MINOR



- Had a record of 11-1 in the Regular Season, and won the 2023 13U AAA (Tier 1) Provincial Championships in St James with a record of 5-1
- Finished 4th at the 2023 Western Nationals in Fort McMurray
- A talented group of athletes who displayed an incredible amount of sportsmanship



Starting in 2013 Baseball Manitoba divided the High Performance Team of the Year into two divisions -Minor, which is for U13 to U18 teams, and Major, which is for U21 and Senior teams.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS OF THE YEAR: MINOR

TEAM	YEAR	TEAM	YEAR
South Central (Pee Wee "AAA")	2013	13U AAA Brandon Marlins	2018
Pembina Hills (Pee Wee "AAA")	2014	13U AAA Bonivital Blacksox	2019
Winnipeg South (Midget "AAA")	2015	None due to COVID-19	2020
Team Manitoba 16U Girls	2016	Winnipeg South Wolves (18U "AAA")	2021
Team Manitoba (17U Canada Summer Games)	2017	Carillon Sultans (15U "AAA")	2022

# 22U ELMWOOD GIANTS

2023 HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAM OF THE YEAR: MAJOR



- Won the 2023 22U Men's National Baseball Championship in Stonewall, a feat which has not been done since 2010
- Head-coached by Ed Kulyk, this competitive team of extremely talented athletes was comprised of Elmwood Giants and several MJBL All-Stars, including two Gold Medal winners from Team Manitoba (Baseball) at the 2023 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG)
- Won the 2023 Manitoba Junior Baseball League Pennant for the 5th consecutive year in a row

## HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS OF THE YEAR: MAJOR

TEAM	YEAR
Pembina Valley Orioles 21U (Junior "AAA")	2013
Elmwood Giants 21U (Junior "AAA")	2014
Baldur Regal (Senior "AA")	2015
Wawanesa Brewers (Senior "AA")	2016
St. James A's (Junior "AAA")	2017
Morden Mohawks (Senior)	2018
Elmwood Giants (Junior)	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
Elmwood Giants (Junior "AAA")	2021
22U Elmwood Giants	2022



## HONOUR SOCIETY

Each year at the Annual Awards Ceremony, Baseball Manitoba takes time to recognize those individuals who have paved the way, and have spent their lifetimes involved in baseball as either a builder, player or official. These honourees are very valuable to our sport and it is their countless efforts and dedication that keep baseball moving forward.

## 2023 INDUCTEES

Al Suggitt (Posthumous) (Red River Valley)  
 Teri-Lynn Harms (Winnipeg South)  
 Curt Brandt (Blumenort)  
 Morgan de Peña (Winnipeg South)

MEMBER (CITY)	YEAR	MEMBER (CITY)	YEAR
Cliff Cory* (Virden)	1970	Garth Seafoot (Carroll)	1986
Alex Turk* (Winnipeg)		Glennis Scott (Minnedosa)	
Louis Molgat* (Ste. Rose)		Steve Clark* (Brandon)	
Cecil Murray* (Lyleton)		Gladwyn Scott (Warren)	1987
Curly Haas* (Winnipeg)	1971	Almer McKerlie (Miami)	
Fred Parnell* (Winnipeg)		Jim Mutcheson* (Morden)	
Ab Richardson* (Brandon)		Lloyd Orchard* (Miami)	
Hub Orchard* (Miami)	1972	Maurice Meyers* (Wawanesa)	1988
Bob Wilson* (Grandview)		Al Robertson (Hamiota)	
Scotty Oliver (Winnipeg)		Dr. Gordon Bonar* (Deloraine)	
Clark Simpson* (Winnipeg)		Joe Wiwchar (Morden)	1989
William White (Winnipeg)	1973	Lloyd Brown (Brandon)	
Ernie O'Dowda* (Winnipeg)		Cliff Seafoot* (Carroll)	
Al Seymour* (Winnipeg)	1974	Murray Zuk (Souris)	1990
Len Gzebb* (Winnipeg)		Stan Oleson (Glenboro)	
Lorne Caldwell* (Hamiota)		Bob Dobbelaere (Cartwright)	
Sam Burns* (Winnipeg)		Roy Cuthill* (Welwyn)	
Sam Tascona* (Winnipeg)	1976	Walter Proutt (Winnipeg)	
Bob Brown (Winnipeg)		Joe Sandryk* (Winnipeg)	
Dick Campbell* (Boissevain)		Bob Wasslyn (Winnipeg)	
Gerry Couthard* (Pilot Mound)		No inductee	1991
Bill Stephen (Winnipeg)	1977	John Parobec* (Angusville)	1992
E.C. "Kay" MacKelm		Andy Alexiuk (Winnipeg)	1993
Don Sumner* (Brandon)		Tom Town (Brandon)	
William Neville* (Binscarth)	1978	Graeme Shaw* (Cardale)	
Monty Montague* (Rivers)		Bill Kirkup (Souris)	
J.C. Chuck Winram* (Pilot Mound)		Bill Carpenter* (Libau)	1994
Gayton Labossiere (Rivers)	1979	Ian Lowe* (Bradwardine)	
George Robertson* (Hamiota)	1980	Red Sangster* (Thompson)	
Claude T. Gagnon (Lac du Bonnet)		Don Hunter (Souris)	
Bobby Bend* (Stonewall)	1981	Don Breen (Winnipeg)	
Mike Makowski* (Teulon)		Tom Thompson (Winnipeg)	
Ian Lobban* (Hamiota)		Daryl Steen* (Winnipeg)	1995
Gerry MacKay (Brandon)	1982	Ross Kinley* (Winnipeg)	
Terry Hind* (Winnipeg)		Maurice Kohut* (Winnipeg)	
Joe Pethybridge* (Carman)	1983	Irv Powers (Brandon)	1996
George Leduchowski (Teulon)		Ray Simms* (Brandon)	
Andy Newton* (Dauphin)		Roy Seidler (Giroux)	
Lorne Lilley* (Brandon)	1984	Ollie Schroeder (Winnipeg)	
Jake Epps (Winnipeg)		Walter Mueller (Manitou)	
Jack Thompson* (Winnipeg)			



**MEMBER (CITY)**

David Boileau\* (Vassar)  
 Henry Constant (Winnipeg)  
 Don Duncan (Winnipeg)  
 Alex Campbell (Brandon)  
 Jake Sanheim (Elkhorn)  
 David Olsen (Winnipeg)  
 Gord Leduchowski (Riverton)  
 Gord Fines (Stonewall)  
 Grant Norman (Winnipeg)  
 Bob Jones (Winnipeg)  
 Dean Danforth (Winnipeg)  
 Art Essery (Stonewall)  
 Walter Hillhorst (Killarney)  
 Harry Lalonde\* (Glenboro)  
 Ray Walker (Plumas)  
 Bev Fisher\* (Winnipeg)  
 Ted Nowicki\* (Winnipeg)  
 Garth White (Neepawa)  
 Barry Wowk (Brandon)  
 Wally Walker (Plumas)  
 Bill Smigelski\* (Dauphin)  
 Duane Boutang (Winnipeg)  
 Ron Jaremy (Ste. Rose)  
 Al Kinley (Winnipeg)  
 Gary Crellin\* (Winnipeg)  
 Brian Smitten (Winnipeg)  
 Linda Tomanek (Winnipeg)  
 Gil Normandeau (La Broquerie)  
 Brian Savage\* (Stonewall)  
 Jack Hrehirchuk (Dauphin)  
 Ed Shamray\* (Oak River)  
 Sam Katayama (Winnipeg)  
 Larry Ausman\* (Winnipeg)  
 Jim Giesbrecht (Morden)  
 Ken Prociw (Sandilands)  
 Allan Maxwell (Pilot Mound)  
 Orville Renwick (Melita)  
 Joe Scheiring\* (St. James)  
 Bob Boyce\* (Winnipeg)  
 Rita Morton (Stonewall)  
 Byron Morton\* (Stonewall)  
 Mervyn Sharpe (Minnedosa)  
 Jack Kostiuik (Angusville)  
 Bryan Hodgson (Winnipeg)  
 Ken St. Germain (Winnipeg)  
 William Sidoryk\* (Angusville)  
 Winston Smith (Winnipeg)  
 Murray Wiegand (Winnipeg)  
 Ian Wise (Winnipeg)  
 Joe Raposo (Winnipeg)  
 Don Krawsowski (Winnipeg)  
 Ken Wiebe (Altona)

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**MEMBER (CITY)**

Ron Ramsey (Hamiota)  
 Ross Tycoles (Reston)  
 Gerry Falk (Carman)  
 Ray Mutcheson (Morden)  
 Larry Nicholls (Killarney)  
 Curtis Smith (Lorette)  
 Dino Garroni (Winnipeg)  
 Paul Lagimodiere (Winnipeg)  
 Eugene Letkeman (Altona)  
 Bob Shipley\* (Winnipeg)  
 Mike Labossiere (Brandon)  
 Perry Kalynyuk\* (Virden)  
 Mike Anderson (Winnipeg)  
 Mo Gervais (Winnipeg)  
 Rodger Sheldon (Ste. Rose)  
 Patti Hacualt (Bruxelles)  
 Brian Hodgson (Winnipeg)  
 Mike Johnson (Baldur)  
 Marvin Mills (Boissevain)  
 Gerald Palidwor (Dugald)  
 Gerry Ouellete (Winnipeg)  
 Ron Shewchuk (Minnedosa)  
 Ken Sharpe (Minnedosa)  
 Bob Alm (Dauphin)  
 Faron Asham (Brandon)  
 No inductees  
 John Kroeker (Stonewall/Interlake)  
 Fred Shipley (Interlake)  
 Gord Sawatzky (Altona)  
 Conley Kehler (Altona)  
 Kristal Benton (St. James)  
 Wes Penner (Winnipeg South)  
 Jack Reynolds (Brandon)  
 Vic Fron\* (Dauphin)  
 Andy Boehm (Portage La Prairie)  
 Neil Andrews\* (Brandon)

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**AL SUGGITT (RED RIVER VALLEY)****2023 HONOUR SOCIETY INDUCTEE****Posthumous**

- Originally from Transcona, Al Suggitt was the epitome of the dedicated baseball volunteer within the Springfield/Red River Valley/Transcona community for almost 40 years
- Held the title of player, parent, coach, clinician, and league executive over his career, and was instrumental in bringing AAA baseball back to Red River Valley
- With his unwavering commitment, Al left his mark on a countless number of community members

## LOUIE KULYK (ELMWOOD)

2023 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



- Is a member of the Red River Valley Baseball Association who, for over 16 years, has provided a premier facility for youth baseball in the heart of the Elmwood Giants Community
- As the Operations Manager for Koskie Field in Elmwood, he is described as reliable beyond words, and consummately dedicated to his duties and tasks
- Is well known within his community for his endless amount of work, often staying at the ballpark from sunup to sundown during peak baseball season

**VOLUNTEER**

Maurice Kohut (Winnipeg)  
 Joe Wiwchar (Morden)  
 Larry Nicholls (Killarney)  
 Don Duncan (Winnipeg)  
 Henri Constant (Winnipeg)  
 Bill McKetiak (Miami)  
 Maurice Meyers (Wawanesa) and Dick Campbell (Boissevain)  
 Brandon World Youth Baseball Committee  
 Gary Crellin (Winnipeg) and Guy Yerama (Winnipeg)  
 George Leduchowski (Teulon)  
 John Kroeker (Stonewall)  
 Jerry Maryniuk (Niverville)  
 Gladwyn Scott (Stonewall)  
 Sam Katayama (St. James)  
 Winston Smith (Winnipeg South)  
 Maurice Kohut (St. James)  
 Al MacDonnell (Thompson)  
 Ken St. Germain (Winnipeg)  
 Jake & Angie Spentz (Grunthal)

**YEAR VOLUNTEER**

1984 Faron Asham (Brandon)  
 1985 Gord Selinger (Portage la Prairie)  
 1986 John Matas (Winnipeg South)  
 1987 Shelley Old (Brandon)  
 1988 Al Kinley (Elmwood) and Tom Yandea (Plumas)  
 1989 Conley Kehler (Altona)  
 1990 Scott Johnston (Brandon)  
 Brad and Diana Drews (Lundar)  
 Patti Hacault (Bruxelles)  
 Nicole Madsen (Hamiota)  
 Doug Quark (Winnipeg South)  
 Alex Grenier (Ile des Chenes)  
 Louis Cote (La Broquerie)  
 Kristal Benton (St. James)  
 Bobbi Bottle (Challenger)  
 Roger and Gail Langlais (North Winnipeg)  
 Lori Vassart (La Salle)  
 None due to COVID-19  
 Tony Staruch (Winnipeg South)  
 Stephen Ceslak (La Salle)

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## NICHOLAS DOLHY (EAST ST. PAUL)

2023 DERRICK DUBELL GRASSROOTS UMPIRE OF THE YEAR



- A level two umpire within the Red River Valley Baseball (RRVB) community who displays respect and maturity
- In 2023 he volunteered for RRVB grassroots and high-performance winter camps while also organizing a fundraising project for Challenger Baseball
- He demonstrates sportsmanship no matter what age or level he's officiating, and his consistency, enthusiasm, and knowledge of the game is well-known

### YOUTH UMPIRES OF THE YEAR

**UMPIRE**

Aaron Tycoles (Reston)  
 Ashton Liskie (Winnipeg)  
 Benjamin Ericson (Killarney)  
 Eric Ledoux (Winnipeg)  
 Brenden Sommerhalder (Winnipeg)  
 Sid Rashid (Morden)  
 Devon Moore (Pilot Mound)  
 Adam Barr (Brandon)  
 Jared Bruce (Balmoral)  
 Roddy McLeod (Portage la Prairie)  
 Quinn Thacker (Dauphin)  
 None

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**UMPIRE**

Lane Reed (Winnipeg)  
 Noah Letkeman (Altona)  
 Rudy Neufeld (Lowe Farm)  
 Will Hlady (Dauphin)  
 Riley Nordman (Winnipeg)  
 Carter Williamson (Dauphin)  
 Ethan Holland (Winnipeg)  
 Avery Smart (Brandon)  
 None due to COVID-19  
 Tyson Plett (Carillon)  
 Nate Grant (Winnipeg)

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# JOSH BRAAKSMA (RUSSELL)

2023 RON SHEWCHUK HIGH PERFORMANCE UMPIRE OF THE YEAR



- Josh is a school teacher, coach, and umpire course conductor in Roblin, Manitoba
- He attended his 4th National event this year at the 22U Men's National Baseball Championships in Stonewall, and was assigned the Bronze Medal Plate for his Sunday assignment
- He worked in the Western Canada Baseball League in July and August of 2023 (which included the Championship Series) and worked at the Senior Western Canada Championship in Oak River

## HIGH PERFORMANCE UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

### UMPIRE

Blake Swedlo (Bonivital)

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UMPIRES

# PIERRE BEDARD (WINNIPEG)

2023 LARRY NICHOLLS UMPIRE AWARD OF MERIT



- Pierre has been an umpire for over 30 years and was previously the UIC for Winnipeg South
- He has officiated at nine National events, his first being in 2003, and another memorable event being the Canada Games in Charlottetown, PEI in 2009
- He is an umpire course conductor, provincial supervisor (having supervised many Baseball Manitoba Provincial Championships), and mentors young/new umpires

## UMPIRE AWARD OF MERIT

### UMPIRE

Gilles Taillon (Winnipeg)  
Ron Shewchuk (Binscarth)  
Percy Cassel & Walter Weremiuk (Winnipeg)  
Garth Sararas (Hamiota)  
Larry Nicholls (Killarney) & Merril Kiliwnik (Binscarth)  
Don Howard (Winnipeg)  
Lloyd Orchard (Miami)  
Brian Hodgson (Winnipeg)  
Maurice Kohut (Winnipeg)  
Sam Tascona (Winnipeg)  
Bob Senff (Oak Lake)  
Wilbert D. Funk (Altona)  
Orville Renwick (Melita)  
Bob Boyce (Winnipeg)  
Stan Plewak (Grandview)  
Alvin Semenek (Winnipeg)  
Glenn Perrin (Killarney)  
Emile Jacob (Ste. Rose)

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1986 David Whitehead (Winnipeg)  
1987 Bruce Potter (Pilot Mound)  
1988 Vic Fron (Dauphin)  
1989 Weldon Newton (Neepawa)  
1990 Don Adamko (Woodlands)  
1991 Bill Salyn (Brandon)  
1992 Kevin Crouch (Winnipeg)  
1993 Clarence Ledoux (Winnipeg)  
1994 Wayne Rankin (Morden)  
1995 John Unger (Grunthal)  
1996 Jim Welwood (Oakbank)  
1997 Peter Perreault (Russell)  
1998 Kevin Kozielic (Winnipeg)  
1999 Marty Flett (Ebb and Flow)  
2000 Murray Lawrance (Steinbach)  
2001 Kevin Le Lievre (Portage)  
2002 None due to COVID-19  
2003 Dave Ford (Winnipeg/Carillon)  
Ferlin Asham (Brandon)

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**TERI-LYNN HARMS (WINNIPEG SOUTH)**

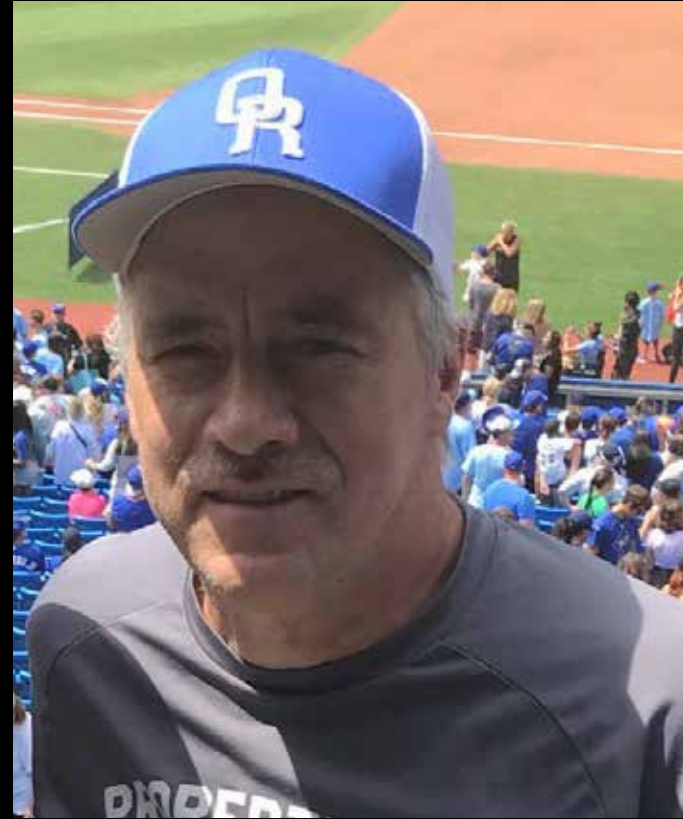
*2023 HONOUR SOCIETY INDUCTEE*



- Teri-Lynn has been an essential member of not only the Winnipeg South Minor Baseball (WSMBA) Community for over 15 years (holding titles such as VP of High Performance, Treasurer, Team Manager, scorekeeper, organizer, and more) but also with Baseball Manitoba and Baseball Canada
- Her enthusiasm and countless hours of dedication have inspired many within her community to volunteer, including her son who is now a coach within WSMBA
- She represented Manitoba as a scorekeeper at the 2023 Women's Baseball World Cup in Thunder Bay, ON, and serves on the Baseball Canada Scorekeeping Committee

**CURT BRANDT (BLUMENORT)**

*2023 HONOUR SOCIETY INDUCTEE*



- Curt has coached AAA baseball at multiple levels and has been a member of the Carillon Minor Baseball Executive Committee for over 20 years
- He has also been a member of multiple Baseball Manitoba Committees, including competition and high performance
- Over ten years ago, Curt started and has since run a Fall Baseball Program in Carillon, which has been integral to the development of high performance teams in his community, inspiring not only an improved skill set but also a passion for the game amongst athletes and other coaches within his community

**From 1984 to 1994 Baseball Manitoba selected a Player of the Year in two categories - Minor and Senior**

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Minor (13U to 18U)**

<b><u>PLAYER</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR</u></b>
Scott Hendrickson (Brandon)	1984
Todd Dann (Morden)	1985
Terry Letkeman (Altona)	1986
Keith Carriere (Legion 141)	1987
Darryl Bruce (Boni-Vital)	1988
Andrew Halpenny (Interlake)	1989
Marty Murray (Oil Dome) and Troy Fortin (Interlake)	1990
Ryan Boguski (Dauphin)	1991
Troy Fortin (Interlake)	1992
Blaine Fortin (Interlake) and Derrick Jones (Oil Dome)	1993
Blaine Fortin (Interlake)	1994

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Senior (Junior & Senior)**

<b><u>PLAYER</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR</u></b>
Brian Reid (Carman Senior)	1984
Jeff Bouchard (Team Manitoba Junior)	1985
Darryl Ingram (St. James Junior)	1986
Shane Moffatt (Carman Senior)	1987
Terry Letkeman (Pembina Valley Junior)	1988
Jeff Robertson (Hamiota Senior)	1989
Kalam Paull (Elmwood Junior)	1990
Dale Hunter (Riverside Senior)	1991
Gord Paddock (Oak River Intermediate)	1992
Curtis Grieve (St. Boniface Junior)	1993
Scott Hlady (Brandon Cloverleafs Senior)	1994

***In 1995, Baseball Manitoba instituted individual Player of the Year Awards for each age category from 13U to Senior to more equitably recognize the performances of the players.***

***In 2023, Baseball Manitoba has introduced 3 new individual awards for female athletes, 14U Female, 16U Female, and Senior Women’s Player of the Year.***

***The winners and this year’s recipients are listed on the following pages.***



**JENNY KOWALSON (NORTH WINNIPEG)**

**2023 CHALLENGER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**



- Jenny attended every single game during the 2023 season and acted as a helper for her sister, who also played on her team
- She is a hard-working athlete who always arrives at the ballpark with a positive attitude
- During this past summer, she improved her skills and was an encouraging and essential member of her team

**CHALLENGER PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**

<b><u>PLAYER</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR</u></b>
Evania Dias-Rojas (St. James)	2016
Brett Hutton (Winnipeg South)	2017
Alyssa White (Winnipeg South)	2018
Brady Dzwinchuk (Winnipeg)	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
None	2021
Jaden Whitney (North Winnipeg)	2022



# WILL MATEYCHUK (CARILLON)

2023 13U PLAYER OF THE YEAR



- Had a batting average of .563 and an E.R.A. of 2.35 in the 2023 season
- Possesses unwavering dedication and sportsmanship, and consistently displays respect for teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials
- He is a member of the 13U AA Steinbach team, the 13U Baseball Manitoba Provincial Team, and was picked up by Pembina Hills for the 2023 Western Nationals

## 13U PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

PLAYER	YEAR	PLAYER	YEAR
Ryan Dueck (Carillon)	1995	Jayce Hawryluk (Roblin)	2009
Ryan Haggarty (Midwest)	1996	Marshal Burgess (Brandon)	2010
Tyler Boldt (Winnipeg South)	1997	Liam Lenton (Carillon)	2011
Derrus Gray (Oildome)	1998	Ian Briscoe (Bonivital)	2012
Jeff Thomson (Carillon)	1999	Tristan Peters (South Central)	2013
None	2000	Jordan Lussier (Bonivital)	2014
Steven Kletke (South Central)	2001	Easton Grieve (St. James)	2015
Michael Mutcheson (South Central)	2002	Juni Song (Winnipeg South)	2016
Kurt Wallace (Brandon)	2003	Dillan Thiessen (South Central)	2017
Brady Nichol (Int.) & Daniel Worb (Wpg S.)	2004	Hugh Montgomery (Winnipeg)	2018
Paul Kraemer (Winnipeg South)	2005	Luke Wagner (Bonivital)	2019
Joel Edmundson (Brandon)	2006	None due to COVID-19	2020
Tanner Jago (Brandon)	2007	Logan Patterson (Winnipeg South)	2021
Madison Bowey (Winnipeg South)	2008	Riley Bullion (Winnipeg South)	2022

# LOGAN PATTERSON (WINNIPEG SOUTH)

2023 15U PLAYER OF THE YEAR



- Had a batting average of .469 and an 1.6 E.R.A. in 2023
- Played for the 15U AAA Winnipeg South team, which represented Manitoba at the Western Canadian Championships in Chilliwack, BC and he also played for Team Manitoba as they competed at the 2023 Ray Carter Cup in Laval, QC
- His exceptional work ethic and attitude led him to also win the 2023 Winnipeg South 15U AAA Player of the Year award

## 15U PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

PLAYER	YEAR	PLAYER	YEAR
Kevin Wilson (Norman-Parkland)	1995	Chris Shaw (Winnipeg South)	2009
Scott Kelman (St. James)	1996	Derrick Millar (Winnipeg South)	2010
Manley Mackedenski (Midwest)	1997	Ben Onyshko (Winnipeg South)	2011
Jordan Mikkelson (St. James)	1998	Marshal Burgess (Brandon)	2012
JayDen Murray (Oildome)	1999	Jayden Bergen (South Central)	2013
Jason Neufeld (Winnipeg South)	2000	Victor Cerny (Bonivital)	2014
Jon Lawrance (Carillon) and Jeff Thomson (Carillon)	2001	Tristan Peters (South Central)	2015
Ryan McGorman (Midwest)	2002	Isaiah Letkeman (South Central)	2016
Mitch Olson (Oildome)	2003	Dawson Tanner (Carillon)	2017
Michael Mutcheson (South Central)	2004	Juni Song (Winnipeg)	2018
Chris Perron (Winnipeg South)	2005	Conor Geekie (Strathclair)	2019
Daniel Worb (Winnipeg South)	2006	None due to COVID-19	2020
Paul Schaak (South Central)	2007	Jack Lussier (Bonivital)	2021
Dennis Millar (Winnipeg South)	2008	Nate Lodewyks (Winnipeg South)	2022



# KARSTEN PETERS (SOUTH CENTRAL)

2023 18U PLAYER OF THE YEAR



- Had a batting average of .417 and an 3.67 E.R.A. in 2023
- Played for the 18U South Central Team, who went on to win 2023 Provincials as well as attended the 2023 18U AAA Western Championship where they finished with a silver medal, he was awarded multiple Player of the Game awards at both events
- Known as a hard-working and supportive individual among coaches and teammates

# DAYLE BETTENS (ST VITAL)

2023 14U FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



- Had a batting average of over .600 and a 2.0 E.R.A. in 2023
- Played on the Baseball Manitoba 14U and 16U Girls Provincial teams, and travelled to Summerside, PEI for the 16U Girls National Championships and Richmond, BC to compete at the 14U Girls Western Championships
- She is a highly skilled team leader who was awarded Player of the Game while at Westerns

## 18U PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

PLAYER	YEAR	PLAYER	YEAR
Devin Helps (Carman)	1995	Bret Heselwood (Brandon)	2009
Matt Mutcheson (Carman)	1996	Chris Shaw (Winnipeg South)	2010
Scott Kelman (St. James)	1997	Zane Sawyer (Oildome)	2011
Bryan White (Midwest) & Brendan Harz (Carillon)	1998	Matt Dunstone (Winnipeg South)	2012
Manley Mackedenski (Midwest)	1999	Troy Blad (Carillon)	2013
Curtis Morrison (Brandon)	2000	Branden Hatley (South Central) & Nic Grenier (Carillon)	2014
Ryan Friesen (South Central)	2001		
Adam Kirk (Stonewall)	2002	Brady Moxham (Pembina Hills)	2015
Greg Hockin (Midwest) & Matt Lepage (Carillon)	2003	Cody Bartel (Carillon)	2016
Matt Degagne (Brandon)	2004	John Patmore (Oildome)	2017
Miles Johnson (Interlake)	2005	Shayne Campbell (Winnipeg)	2018
Mike Mutcheson (Morden)	2006	Joey Moffat (Portage)	2019
Chris Norquay (North Winnipeg) & Zak Johnson (Interlake)	2007	None Due to COVID-19	2020
		Donavan Collier (Winnipeg South)	2021
Shane Seddon (Red River Valley)	2008	Tyson Vassart (Winnipeg South)	2022

## FEMALE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR\*

PLAYER	YEAR
Jade Ledochowski (Interlake/Team Manitoba)	2014
Brittney Langlais (Garson/Team Manitoba) & Katie Heppner (Winkler/Team Manitoba)	2015
Katie Heppner (Winkler/Team Manitoba)	2016
Jamie Johnson (Arborg/Team Manitoba)	2017
Brittney Langlais (Garson/Team Manitoba)	2018
Brittney Langlais (Garson/Team Manitoba)	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
Payton McNish (Midwest)	2021
Leah Peitsch (Charleswood/Tuxedo)	2022

**\*From 1995-2022, Baseball Manitoba awarded a Female Player of the Year Award. In 2023, Baseball Manitoba has introduced 3 new individual awards for female athletes, 14U Girls, 16U Girls, and Senior Women's Player of the Year.**

# LIBERTY AIME (CLANDEBOYE)

2023 16U FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



- Had a batting average of .454 and a 6.0 E.R.A. in 2023
- She played on the AA North Winnipeg team and the Baseball Manitoba 16U Girls Provincial Team, who travelled to Summerside PEI to compete at the 16U National tournament, where she was the only athlete on her team to play every single position during the event
- She leads by example, both on the field as a top catcher, diverse athlete, and umpire (for the last two years), and off the field as a mentor for younger teammates



# ZOE HICKS (BOISSEVAIN)

2023 SENIOR WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

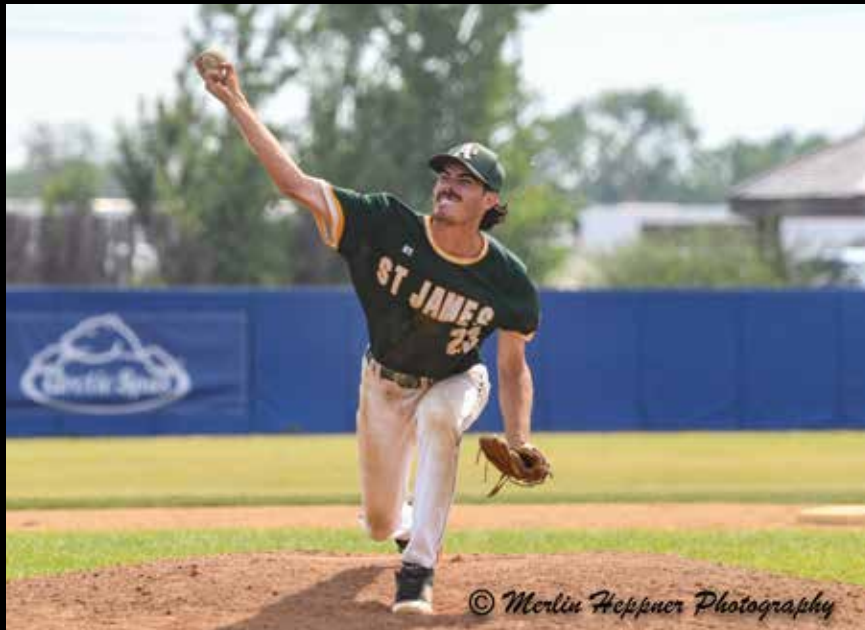


- Had a batting average of .667 for Team Canada (which was the second-highest batting average of the World Qualifiers) and .455 for the Baseball Manitoba Senior Women's Team
- She is a member of Baseball Manitoba's Senior Women's Provincial Team, Baseball Canada's Women's National Team, and Canada's National Softball Team, and is currently a Baseball Technology Associate with the LA Dodgers
- She is an energetic and passionate leader who is eager to help others and is respected by all



# EASTON GRIEVE (ST JAMES)

2023 22U PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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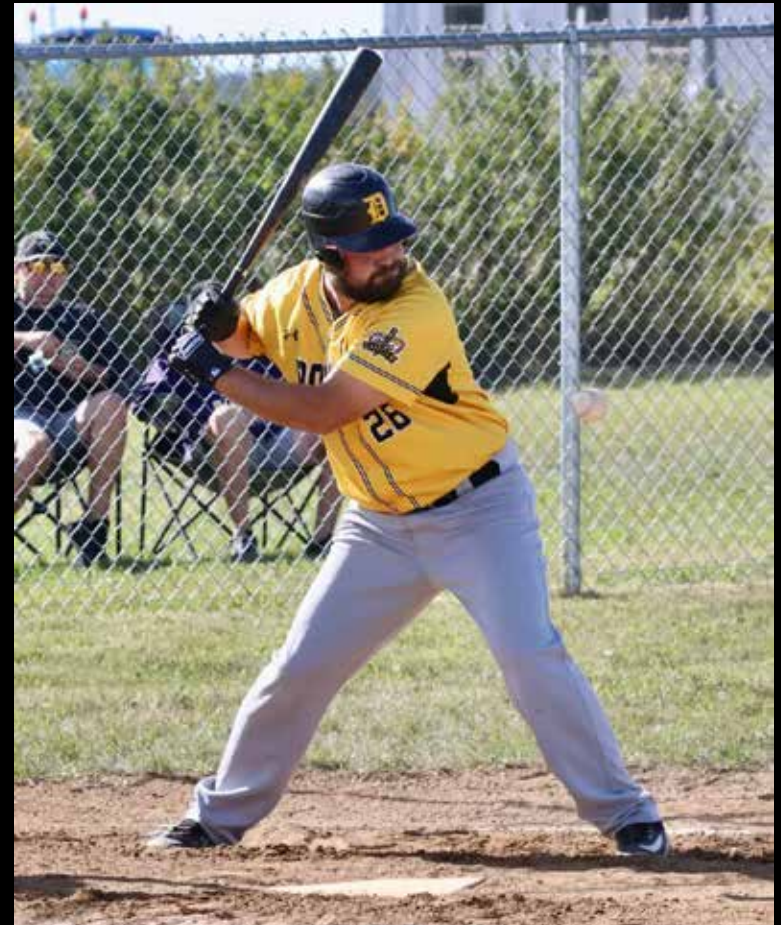
- Had a batting average of .553 and a 4.81 E.R.A in 2023 and is one of the premier pitchers in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League (MJBL), and routinely plays outfield, middle infield, and catcher
- Played for the St. James A's (MJBL) and the Elmwood Giants during the 22U National Champions in Stonewall where he received a Player of the Game award
- He gives back to his community as a mentor and teacher to younger athletes through the Homerun Sports Baseball Academy

## 22U PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

PLAYER	YEAR	PLAYER	YEAR
Ryan Leroux (Elmwood)	1995	Evan Hardman (St. Boniface)	2009
Wade Forster (Pembina Valley)	1996	Anthony Friesen (Pembina Valley)	2010
Devin Helps (Pembina Valley)	1997	Angus Klassen (Altona)	2011
Wade Forster (Pembina Valley)	1998	Jamieson Krentz (Carillon)	2012
Lindsey Dahl (Carman)	1999	Jamieson Krentz (Carillon)	2013
Jaret Valainis (Winnipeg South)	2000	Brent Dunn (Pembina Valley)	2014
Brendan Harz (Carillon)	2001	Drake Pilat (Winnipeg South)	2015
Keith Clawson (Pembina Valley)	2002	Colton Boudreau (Elmwood)	2016
Aaron Hildebrandt (Altona)	2003	Cole Armstrong (St. James)	2017
Steve Mullin (Pembina Valley)	2004	Nik Kauenhofen (Carillon)	2018
Drake Moslenko (Elmwood)	2005	Tyler Wood (Elmwood)	2019
Drake Moslenko (Elmwood)	2006	None due to COVID-19	2020
Kevin McNeill (Elmwood)	2007	Tyler Smith (Elmwood)	2021
Josh Voth (Altona)	2008	Connor Cory (Wawanesa)	2022

# MITCH OLSON (DELORAINÉ)

2023 SENIOR MEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR



- Had a batting average of .489 in 2023
- Played for the Deloraine Royals, the Oak River Dodgers, and Team Manitoba (Senior) in 2023, who travelled to Red Deer, AB and won the Bronze Medal
- He had a dominant year at the plate in the South West Border League (SWBL), setting a modern-day SWBL record with 9 home runs and 31 RBIs in a 16-game season.

## SENIOR MEN'S PLAYERS OF THE YEAR\*

PLAYER	YEAR
Colten Boudreau (Elmwood)	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
None due to COVID-19	2021
Ty Enns (Cartwright)	2022

From 1993-2018, Baseball Manitoba awarded a Senior "AA" and a Senior "AAA" Player of the Year Award. In 2019, Baseball Manitoba introduced a single Senior Men's Player of the Year Award.



**MORGAN DE PEÑA (WINNIPEG SOUTH)**

**2023 HONOUR SOCIETY INDUCTEE**



- He has been a long-time Baseball Manitoba community member since 1978, and was the Executive Director of Baseball Manitoba from 2000 until his retirement in 2018
- He has held the title of player, coach, umpire, volunteer, groundskeeper, and executive member throughout his career
- He is well-respected in his community and has dedicated countless hours to, and is responsible for, much of the growth of baseball in Manitoba

*The Region of the Year award reflects the efforts put forth by those volunteers who organize the minor ball in their regions. The criteria for Region of the Year includes, but is not limited to: participation numbers, hosting of coaches and umpire clinics, participation in grassroots programs such as the Grand Slam Jamboree, My First Pitch and RBI, participation in Provincial Team Programs, and the performance of club and elite teams on the provincial, western and national stages.*

**REGIONS OF THE YEAR**

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
Carillon	2001
South Central	2002
Brandon	2003
Interlake	2004
Brandon	2005
Red River Valley	2006
Parkland	2007
Winnipeg South	2008
St. James	2009
Pembina Hills	2010
South Central	2011
South Central	2012
Midwest	2013
Carillon	2014
Carillon	2015
Winnipeg South	2016
North Winnipeg	2017
Carillon	2018
Midwest	2019
None due to COVID-19	2020
Carillon	2021
Brandon	2022



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