

Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum

"Honour Our Past - Ensure Our Future"

Newsletter November 2021

First Annual Golf Tournament

The Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum had 96 golfers and several board members participate in a very successful day at the Neepawa Golf and Country Club. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful day. and the committee hopes to build on the success for another year. We would like to thank all the donors and businesses for their support.

Winning teams of the day were:

Dan Giesbrecht Reported...

It was so heartwarming to finally see so many Board members face to face on Friday, August 27th and willingly pitching in wherever there was a need. I thank each and everyone for your help in making the 1st Annual MBH of Fame and Museum Golf Tournament a huge financial success as well as an effective way of promoting the MBH

First - Pat Angers, Second - Greg of Fame and Museum. I have Cameron and Third - Don Schmall, received many compliments and a lot of encouragement to make this an annual event.



Unfortunately, due to the **COVID Pandemic, the Annual Minor Teams** Hall of Fame Banquet had to The 2020 be canceled. recipients will be recognized Carman Goldeyes Juniorsin 2022 instead. It has been 1997-2000 tentatively scheduled for Elmwood Giants Juniors-June 4th in Morden.

Individual Ron Arnst - Winnipeg Les Charles -Didsbury, Ab. **Blaine Fortin-Lundar** Andrew Halpenny-Winnipeg John Kroeker-Stonewall Morris Mott-Brandon Kalam Paul- La Salle

Carman Goldeyes Midgets-1994-95

2002-2007 Cardale Cougars- Bantam, Midget, Bison 1971-1975

Special Team Portage Athletics Midgets 1991

Honorary Life Member Jack Callum

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Manitoba Baseball Alumni Facebook

Earlier this spring, a Facebook group was created for Manitoba baseball enthusiasts. The group is private and is named, Manitoba Baseball Alumni. The purpose of this site is to provide updates on our current players in the colleges/pros, provide updates on our provincial teams and to take a trip back in time to relive some old memories. Saturday/Sunday Spotlights and Flashback Fridays showcase the individuals, teams and events that have played a significant role for baseball in Manitoba. As well, the page provides current information on the MBBHOF events. We have received great feedback about this group. Currently, there are 262 members and we would love to increase the membership. If anyone is interested in joining, you first must have a Facebook page. Next, email me and I will get you an invite to the group. My email address is bookerk21@gmail.com.

If you are not interested in being a member of the Facebook group but would still like to receive the posts, I will be providing some of the same information that is posted on Facebook through email. Email me and indicate that you would like to receive info through your email.

Thank you and I hope to hear from you, Kevin Booker

Gladwyns's Musings...

In Memoriam:

- □ Jack Callum (85) May 30 inducted in 2013 from Miami and later, Winnipeg 6 year chairman helped acquire more museum space
- ☐ Lloyd Rigby (90) Elmwood Giants
- Morley McFarlane (85) July 22 inducted in 1999 himself and with the Brandon Cloverleafs in 1997
- □ Alan Lee (91) July 19 inducted with Lyleton in 2006 – from Pierson – 1st amateur player inducted into Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame
- ☐ Gord Hunter (89) August 14 inducted in 2007 himself and with the Riverside Canucks (1973-79) in 1999
- □ Barry Swanton (85) October 4 Langley B.C. - inducted in 2006 North Winnipeg Legion 141 Wrote History of Mandak League.

Other Milestones:

- □ Gladwyn Scott from Carberry inducted in 1998 with 3 different teams celebrated 60th wedding anniversary July 29
- Andy Alexiuk from Vita, Balmoral, and
 Winnipeg inducted in 2000 celebrated
 90th September 12 with 50 baseball buddies
- ☐ Gerry MacKay from Brandon inducted in 1998 with 3 different teams – celebrated his 91st birthday October 2 at WMCA
- □ Noreen Gorden from Winnipeg Oldest supporter of the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum. Husband was Babe Gordon star pitcher with the Belmont A's

"The only real game, I think, in the world is baseball." "I hear the cheers when they roared and the jeers when they echoed." "Never let the fear of striking out get in your way." Babe Ruth

2021 Baseball Manitoba Recap Submitted by Ross Tycoles

With our province still dealing with Covid19 restrictions, baseball in Manitoba adjusted to a shortened season again. For the second year in a row, there were no Provincial tournaments. The only Provincial Championship awarded was to the MJBL champion Elmwood Giants as there league declares the league champion our Provincial champion. Congratulations to the Giants.

There were modified schedules and leagues as not all communities participated. The AAA programs used the summer to play a series of exhibition games between Zone 1 and Zone 2 teams. This leading to a discussion to consider a AAA league in the future.

No provincials took place in Senior Baseball. The following Senior leagues had playoffs and declared champions: Winnipeg Senior A-Side Elmwood defeated St. James 3-0, B-Side Spring field defeated North Winnipeg 3-2, Border league Pilot Mound defeated Morden 2-1, Brandon Senior League The Young Guns defeated — The Cardinals 2-0.

The 2022 Host Sites for Baseball Manitoba Senior Provincials are as follows: July 15, 16, 17 -AA Stars at Morden July 22.23.24- A and Twi-lite at Wawanesa Aug. 5, 6,7- AA at Rivers

The Manitoba Baseball awards luncheon took place on Nov. 6/2021. Here are some of the highlights: There were 45 nominations considered for various categories. Tyler Smith (Elmwood Giants) Junior player of the year, Payton McNish (Midwest) Female player of the year, Tony Staruch (Winnipeg South) Volunteer of the year, Inducted to the Honour Society John Kroeker (Stonewall/Interlake), Fred Shipley (Interlake), Gord Sawatzky (Altona), Kristal Benton (St. James), Wes Penner (Winnipeg South). For all other nominees please visit the Baseball Manitoba website.

As we work through the winter and the fourth wave of Covid19 it is our hope the 2022 baseball season will return to normal. See you on the diamond next spring.