



MANITOBA HOCKEY HALL OF FAME NEWSLETTER Spring 2014



SELLOUT CROWD OF 600-PLUS AT 2013 INDUCTION DINNER



1951 Abbott Cup Champion Winnipeg Monarchs (l-tor): Bruce Bell, Ron Hamill, John Mozol, Ron Barr, Ross Parke, Don Johnston, Don Collins

The Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame class of 2013 was inducted on Oct. 5 in front of a sellout crowd of more than 600 at the Canad Inns Polo Park in Winnipeg. Director Sam Fabro presented the awards and radio personality Joe Aiello acted as MC. Players in attendance included Mike Ford, Gerry James, Vaughn Karpan, Bill Mikkelson and Bill Watson. Also on hand to be honoured were builders Ian Heather, Don MacKenzie, Tom Miller, Bruce Southern and Al Tresoor and official Bob Thompson. Player Ed Hoekstra and builders Wayne Chernecki and Wayne Fleming, who are deceased, were represented by family members.

In the team category, seven members of the 1951 Western Canada junior champion Winnipeg Monarchs attended. The 2003 Canadian senior champion Ile des Chenes North Stars were represented by a very large group of players and management as was the 1972-73 St. Malo Warriors team. A photo gallery of inductees is on pages 4 and 5. Biographies of the individuals and teams are up on the website www.mbhockeyhalloffame.ca and were included in the Summer 2013 newsletter.

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Hockey Hall of Fame Messages Past- President Gary Cribbs

Here we are into 2014 and many changes have taken place within the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame (MHHF). The Board of Directors itself has changed. After serving as your president for a number of years, I have stepped down and Don Kuryk has accepted that position. Don has been a long-serving member of the board and has already started to implement programs, which will keep us moving forward. We will leave Don to advise of his changes and suggestions. I also want to thank the directors who have left the board for their commitment and support.

R.A. (Sam) Fabro has agreed to remain as an advisor to the board, and will assume the role of Honorary Chairman. Sam was a founder of the organization, and through its name changes, has dutifully assisted us all over the years. I will remain on the board as past-president and will assist President Don in any capacity he wishes.

Since assuming the president's role from the late George Depres, we have seen the organization through a multitude of initiatives such as the permanent display honoring our honored members at the MTS Centre in downtown Winnipeg; the memorabilia displays at the MTS Iceplex in west Winnipeg; the promotion of AED units in arenas throughout the province; the assistance to communities that have replaced or refurbished their arenas, the development of our website, the expansion of the awards and scholarships program plus many more activities.

One of the great pleasures in the position was seeing the bi-annual induction dinner honoring our newest Inductees into the Hockey Hall of Fame. These have been well received as well as sold out over the past 10 years.

While we certainly have had successes in the past, we look forward to implementing many more as we move forward. Please forward ideas, suggested programs, etc., for the board to consider under the leadership of our new president.

Hall of Fame Messages (cont.) President Don Kuryk

My first meeting as the new president of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame was held January 14 at the Canad Inns Polo Park in Winnipeg. I have taken on the assignment knowing that measuring up to former president Gary Cribbs will be a tall order. Gary was elected for two terms but ended up doing five terms (each term is two years). Under his leadership he sculptured a series of new directions for the MHHF. The dinner held every two years took on new meaning with attendance over 600 and growing. Gary was successful negotiating with True North for the Hall of Fame inductees plaques to be placed at the MTS Centre as well as the displays at the MTS Iceplex. Gary's contributions to the MHHF are numerous and I look forward to working closely with him in his role as past-president as I take on my new assignment.

A Jerry Kruk Memorial Hockey Scholarship has been established in memory of our former vice-president who died in 2012. Jerry was an instrumental part of the board of directors. He chaired the induction dinners and the success of the dinners and the many other endeavors Jerry initiated were always handled in a very professional manner. The first scholarship will be presented in April.

The scholarship valued at \$1,000 will be awarded annually to a Hockey Manitoba member in good standing who:

- demonstrates a commitment to academic achievement;
- shows a hardworking, diligent approach to the game of hockey;
- displays strong leadership skills and community involvement; and
- is graduating high school and proceeding to a post-secondary education on a full- or part-time basis.

Board members John Jameson, Jordy Douglas and Mike Gottfred have and will be working with True North to improve the displays at the MTS Iceplex. A digital screen has been purchased and will be displaying the heritage of hockey in Manitoba. The new heritage committee will be responsible for researching, storage and control of artifacts for the display at the Iceplex. A new research awards and grants program has been established with Morris Mott heading the committee. Information in this initiative and the 2015 induction will soon be available on our website.

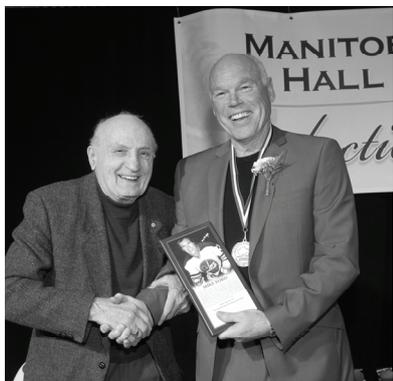
I look forward to the challenge given me and will work towards improvements.

2013-14 Sam Fabro University of Manitoba Award Winners

Jeremy Schappert and Kyleigh Palmer are the 2013-14 winners of the \$1,000 Sam Fabro Awards presented annually to a U of M Bisons male and female player by the Hockey Hall of Fame. Schappert, who his coach Mike Sirant called "one of the best defencemen in Canada West," is a three-time academic All-Canadian. After Palmer received her award from Fabro on Nov. 3, she scored three goals and added an assist in a 5-3 win over the U of Regina Cougars.



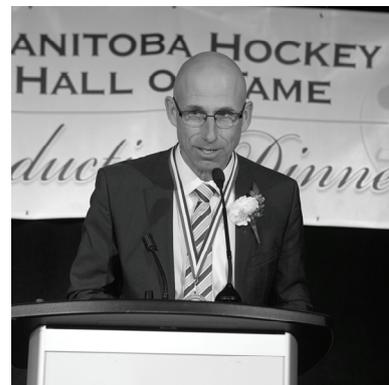
2013 Hall of Fame Photo Gallery



**Sam Fabro and
Player Inductee Mike Ford**



**Gerry James
Player**



**Vaughan Karpan
Player**



**Bill Mikkelson
Player**



**Bill Watson
Player**



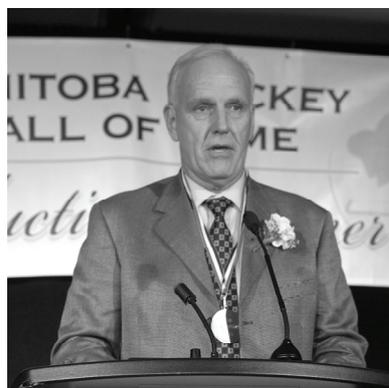
**Ed Hoekstra's Sisters
accept for the deceased Player**



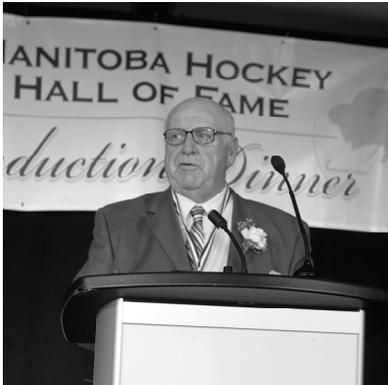
**Wayne Chernecki's Family
accept for the deceased Builder**



**Carolyn Fleming accepts for late
husband Wayne, a Builder**



**Bob Thompson
Game Official**



**Ian Heather
Builder**



**Don MacKenzie
Builder**



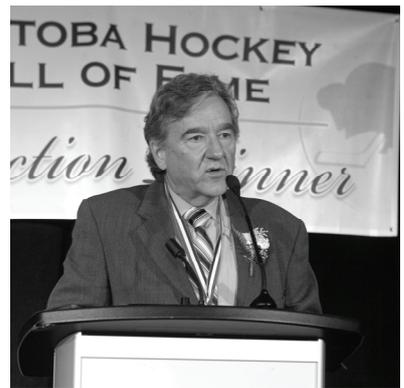
**Bruce Southern
Builder**



**Tom Miller
Builder**



**Al Tresoor
Builder**



**Lévis Preteau
1972-73 St. Malo Warriors**



**2003 Ile des Chenes North Stars
had a large turnout for the Hall of Fame dinner.**

The Final Faceoff

Since our last newsletter in the summer of 2013, the hockey community has lost a number of Manitobans as well as people with a connection to the sport in our province. 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*.

Aug. 17, 2013 in Winnipeg - **Charles (Chuck) Sabo, 83** - Played junior for the Humboldt Indians of the SJHL in 1949-50, senior with the Winnipeg Orioles, and intermediate with the Carman Beavers. Travelled to Russia twice with oldtimer teams.

Sept. 8 in Winnipeg - **Vic Fredette, 80** - Played junior in 1950-51 with the Medicine Hat Tigers and then with the Winnipeg Monarchs team that reached the Memorial Cup final and was honoured by the Hall of



Wilf McCluskey

Fame in October 2013. Also played for the Winnipeg Black Hawks and the Milwaukee Chiefs of the IHL.

Sept. 8 in Winnipeg - **Wilf McCluskey, 89** - Goalie who played junior with the West End Falcons and Wolseley Flyers in the early 1940s and spent the 1948-49 season with the Wembley Lions in England. Later played goal for a number of Manitoba teams.

Sept. 9 in Winnipeg - **Bob Chipman, 87** - Upon his death, The *Winnipeg Free Press* said that "Winnipeg's first family of hockey had lost its patriarch." The Chipman family was responsible for bringing NHL hockey back to Winnipeg.

Sept. 12 in Kelowna, B. C. - **Ken Little, 84** - Played junior with the Winnipeg Canadians, senior with the Maroons and spent the 1951-52 season with Streatham in England. An all-around athlete, he was one of five finalists for Manitoba amateur male athlete of the 20th Century.

Oct. 30 in Panama - **Ray Martyniuk, 63** - A goalie who played junior for the Flin Flon Bombers of the WCJHL from 1967 to 1970 and was the Montreal Canadiens first round draft pick, fifth overall, in 1970. Spent eight seasons in the pro ranks and finished his career in 1979-80 with the Cranbrook Royals of the WIHL.

Nov. 16 in Winnipeg - **Alan Court, 51** - A defenceman who played for the Assiniboine Park Rangers, the Charleswood Hawks of the MMJHL and in Yorkton and Thompson.

Nov. 23 in Stonewall - **Cal Hubbard, 83** - Played for the 1947 Teulon junior B provincial champions, the Stonewall Flyers intermediates and then 23 seasons with the Pine Fall Paper Kings and was a member of the 1956-57 Western Canada champion intermediate team that was added to the HOF Wall of Champions Honour List in 2009. Continued to play oldtimers in Stonewall until 2009.

Nov. 24 in Winnipeg - **Gordon MacKenzie, 85** - Played for the St. James/Winnipeg Canadians juniors in 1946-47 and 1947-48.

Dec. 13 in Winnipeg - **Jack Lott, 78** - Was heavily involved in minor hockey as a manager of the Winnipeg Monarchs and the Assiniboine Park Rangers.



Ed Palamar

Dec. 13 in Portage la Prairie - **Orille Hogue, 91**, - Played for the Portage Plainsmen and the Poplar Point Memorials including the 1956-57 team that won the Manitoba intermediate AB championship and was added to the HOF Wall of Champions Honour List in 2009.

Dec. 22 in Winnipeg - **Darren Synkiw, 45** - Longtime official who reached Level 4 status and worked as a referee in the MMJHL.

Jan. 1, 2014 in Edmonton - **Cal Swenson, 65** - An original WHA Winnipeg Jet, who played in 1972-73 and 1973-74. Previously played junior for the Brandon Wheat Kings and Flin Flon Bombers.

Jan. 6 in Seattle - **Don Ward, 78** - Sarnia native whose pro career included playing defence for the Winnipeg Warriors of the WHL in 1960-61.

Jan. 14 in Kelowna, B.C. - **Betty Gould, 89** - A skater who played hockey for the Pimm Hill Bullets before switching to figure skating at the Winnipeg Winter Club.

Jan. 19 in Winnipeg - **Ed Palamar, 81** - Played junior for the Winnipeg Monarchs and captained the Windsor Spitfires. Played pro in the QHL and AHL, senior in Ontario and with the Warroad Lakers after he returned to Manitoba.

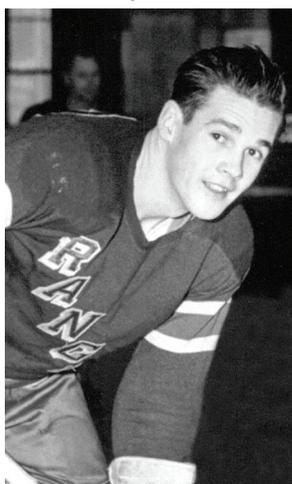
Feb. 3 in Winnipeg - **Perry Lawrence, 44** - Played in the Esso Cup midget championship in 1985 and junior in Salmon Arm, B.C. and with the Portage Terriers.

Feb. 4 in Gimli - **Rainie McKinnon, 90** - Played for the intermediate The Pas Huskies in the late 1940s and 1950s.

Feb. 9 in Edmonton - **Hugh Moncrieff, 77** - Played at the U of M and the intermediate Flin Flon Bombers.

Feb. 11 in Toronto - **Oscar Grubert, 84** - Well-known Winnipeg restaurateur who served on the board of the WHA Winnipeg Jets.

Feb. 11 in Winnipeg - **Glen Thompson, 48** - actor and hockey player whose role in the 2013 hockey movie, *Goon*, was Assassin #7. Played for several teams and was a shinny regular at Wildwood and Fort Garry community clubs.



Joe Bell

Feb. 14 in Winnipeg - **Don Wilkinson, 86** - Played junior for the Esquire Red Wings, St. James Orioles, Winnipeg Canadians, senior with the Plowmen, and for many years with the Manitoba Oldtimers.

Feb. 17 in Seattle - ***Joe Bell, 90** - Portage la Prairie native who played in the NHL with the New York Rangers and had seasons when he led the AHL and the Pacific Coast League in goal scoring. Thought to be the last surviving member of the 1942 Memorial Cup champion Portage Terriers. Inducted into the HOF in 2001, his goaltending brother Gordon was honoured in 1985 and his father Addie as a builder in 1992.

Feb. 17 in Winnipeg - **Henri (Hank) Lemoine, 86** - Played in Pine Falls and in 1952-53 with the Edinburgh Royals of the Scottish National League.

March 3 - **Jeff MacDonald, 43** - Coached minor hockey including the AAA midget Yellowhead Chiefs and coached adult women, scouted and was a host billet for the Neepawa Natives juniors.

March 7 in Monroe Township, N.J. - **Gordie Jamieson, 83** - Winnipeg-born defenceman who played junior in Eastern Canada and six seasons with the Clinton Comets in the 1950s.

March 8 in Killarney - **Jim Coughlan, 75** - Longtime volunteer for the Killarney Shamrocks and Hockey Manitoba.

March 9 in London, Ont. - **Brian Smith, 64** - Born in Brandon and raised in Portage la Prairie, he coached for 25 years including AAA bantam and midget in Winnipeg, junior A in Sudbury and junior B in St. Thomas, Ont.

March 16 in Pawtucket, R.I. - ***Charles (Chuck) Scherza, 91** - Brandon native who played junior for Regina Abbots and the Oshawa Generals. His 13-year pro career included time with the Boston Bruins and New York



Chuck Scherza

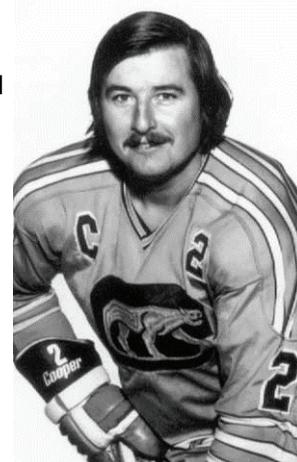
Rangers and 10 seasons with the Providence Reds of the AHL. Was a member of the Rhode Island Hockey Officials Association. Inducted into the HOF in 1993.

March 23 in Beausejour - **Donnie McDonald, 77** - All-around athlete and volunteer in the Eastman region, who played hockey for the Selkirk Steelers, the U of Alberta Golden Bears and the Pine Falls Paper Kings.

April 1 in Vancouver - **Jim Pritchard, 64** - Weston product who played defence for the Winnipeg Monarchs of the MJHL in 1966-67 and captained the Jets of the WCJHL in 1967-68.

The first round, third overall draft pick of the Montreal Canadiens in 1968 played nine pro seasons primarily in the EHL and NAHL, but never reached the NHL. Suffered a stroke in the Fall of 2013 that led to the amputation of his right leg below the knee.

April 3 near the Bahamas - **Ozzie Richard, 69** - played intermediate for the Transcona Turbos.



Jim Pritchard

Skating Down Memory Lane With Ted Holland

There has always been a solid connection between Winnipeg and the New York Rangers. The Blueshirts as they were once known, won the Stanley Cup in 1939-40 with five players from Winnipeg and area. Babe Pratt, Bryan Hextall, Alex Shibicky, Alf Pike and Art Coulter were in the lineup when they downed the Toronto Maple Leafs in six games. The Winnipeg Rangers juniors, sponsored by the NHL team, took home the Memorial Cup in 1940-41 and again in 1942-43.

Then things changed. All the NHL teams lost players to World War II, but the Rangers appeared to be decimated. They finished dead last in 1943, '44 and '46. Desperate for players in 1943-44, they elevated Don (Bones) Raleigh from Winnipeg Monarch juniors, who played 15 games before suffering a broken jaw. And coach Frank Boucher, 43, also suited up for 15 contests, chalking up 14 points. On January 23, 1944 the hapless Rangers were thumped 15-0 by the Detroit Red Wings.

When the war ended, players were returning to the NHL. Some of them had been playing hockey, but with teams such as the Victoria Navy, Red Deer Army, Camp Shilo, Ottawa Commandos, with a number of RCAF teams or the US Coast Guard. Now that they were back in the Bigs, the teams were getting stronger including the Rangers.

The New York Rangers were on the ice for training camp at the Winnipeg Amphitheatre in 1946 as they had for many years. Also, 70 hopefuls were working hard at an amateur school that Frank Boucher had been running in Winnipeg for 13 years. A few of the best were invited to the main camp of 42 players where several Manitobans were hoping to catch the eye of the Ranger brass.



1947-48 New York Rangers: Front Row (l-to-r): *Bryan Hextall, Edgar Laprade, *René Trudell, Tony Leswick, *Charlie Rayner, Grant Warwick, Frank Eddolls, *Bill Juzda, Buddy O'Connor Back Row (l-to-r): Tommy McKenna, Neil Colville, *Ed Slowinski, *Fred Shero, Bill Moe, *Church Russell, *Cal Gardner, Phil Watson, Frank Boucher. * Players with a Manitoba connection.

In 1947, the Rangers trained closer to home in Lake Placid, N.Y. If a player received a train ticket to New York he had a chance of playing either with the Rangers or their farm clubs, New Haven Ramblers or the New York Rovers. On Sept. 19, 27 players boarded a train from Winnipeg. Manitobans mentioned in the *Winnipeg Free Press* who are not in the above photo included Sugar Jim Henry, Ed Kullman, Lin Bend, Alex Shibicky, Bing Juckes, Odie Lowe and Nick Mickoski. St. Paul Saints coach Muzz Patrick ran a separate western school at the Amphitheatre and six from the school also received the coveted rail tickets. Although he's not in the photo, Raleigh played 52 games with the Rangers in 1947-48.

Two years later, the Rangers were back in the Stanley Cup final. They had eliminated the Montreal Canadiens and took the Detroit Red Wings to double overtime in the seventh game before Pete Babando scored to give Detroit the Cup. Raleigh, who had scored two overtime winning goals in the series hit a goal post in the final contest. In fact Don always claimed he hit two posts. Detroit went on to win three more Stanley Cups in the next five years, led by Terry Sawchuk who played goal for the Winnipeg Rangers for one season but they weren't able to sign him.