

# SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

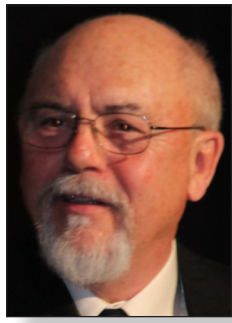
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## Sports Hall of Fame president's message by Ed Bryant



On behalf of the board of directors of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame I want to thank all those who attended our 26th annual induction ceremony and dinner on October 29.

To our 76 past inductees who attended, a very special thank you for your continued support.

There were 520 people in attendance to support the inductees of 2011 for their special evening of recognition by honouring them for their contributions to the sporting community of Saskatoon.

A thank you also to Kevin Waugh, Simon Hiatt,

Ned Powers and Bob Florence for the great work they do for the Hall of Fame. To our sponsors and supporters thank you for assistance in making this a successful event.

On behalf of all the board members of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame I want to extend to you and your families, a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2012.

A reminder that our annual general meeting is scheduled for February 7 at 7 p.m. at the Saskatoon Field House. You are invited to attend.

## 2011 induction banquet



Being inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a builder is an emotional moment for Kelly Bowers.

Bowers has been prominent on the Saskatoon sports scene for decades as a football and wrestling coach, a basketball official and running the Saskatoon Kinsmen Minor Football League



Vic Ferrer, a builder inductee for his impact in martial arts, with his family



**RICHARD VAN IMPE**  
athlete, hockey



**RICK REELIE**  
athlete, wheelchair rugby,  
Paralympic track and field



**CEDRIC GILLOTT**  
builder, soccer



**TRACY KELLY**  
athlete, cross-country running,  
track and field



**LEN BELL**  
builder, baseball



**LEN THOMAS**  
Representing Minor Hockey Association  
Named Saskatoon sports  
organization of the year



Tyler Dueck, Matt Chartier and Hubert Buydens join the Hall with the 2001 and 2002 Saskatoon Hilltops football team



Kevin Waugh

Master of ceremonies Kevin Waugh  
Citation reader Simon Hiatt  
Video presentation Simon Hiatt and Ned Powers  
TV production Shaw TV Producer Eric Steiner

### Honorary guests

Lt.-Gov. Gordon Barnhart  
Mayor Don Atchison  
SaskSport president Eric Honetschlager  
Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame Shirley Kowalski  
Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame Ed Bryant

2012 induction dinner  
Saturday, Nov. 3

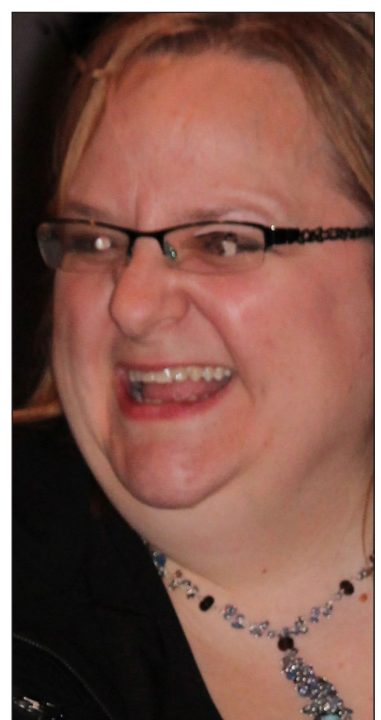
## "We are lucky"

to be from a place like Saskatchewan where the big sky is not just the place where the sun shines on us more than any other part of this country, but that same big sky serves as a symbol for the vast opportunities sport has given us — to be truly involved and engaged in our communities, opportunities to try something new, opportunities to succeed, to shine, to influence, to make a difference, and opportunities to be part of something that is bigger than ourselves.

"On behalf of the inductees, our wish for all of you here tonight is to learn more about those successes, make new friends, renew old acquaintances, and share stories of great triumph and devastating defeat, and that we realize it is from those defeats where we likely learned the most.

"Because sport is full of these gifts. Sport, regardless of our discipline, taught us so much. Thank you to sport that teaches us how to set goals, be confident, adapt to challenges, see potential, to try even when terrified. Thank you to sport, for teaching us how to live with, and push through, fear; how to be fully present and centred on the moment, how to dig deep, and arguably most importantly, we must thank sport for teaching us — to borrow a line from the indie band, Stars — that when you've got nothing left to burn, you should set yourself on fire."

—Heather Kuttai



Heather Kuttai has gone into the Hall as an athlete for her accomplishments as a Paralympic shooter.

Kuttai made the acceptance speech at the 2011 induction banquet on behalf of the new members of the Hall of Fame.

## Touch of gold

Do you know a special athlete? A great coach?

The Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame wants to hear from you.

The Hall of Fame honours athletes, builders and teams who have made their mark. Plaques of the inductees are displayed at the Field House.

Nomination forms are available at the Field House and on the website at [saskatoonsportshalloffame.com](http://saskatoonsportshalloffame.com).

Enter a candidate. Let us know who you think is Hall of Fame calibre.

Here are three people in Saskatoon's sports history who can be nominated to the Hall.

We welcome your nomination of these or other candidates.



### Elsie (Wingrove) Earl

Elsie grew up on a farm in Zelma, southeast of Saskatoon. She played softball for the Saskatoon Pats in the 1940s, and after drawing the attention of a scout, she signed in the All American Girls Baseball League in the United States. Salaries were around \$40 to \$85 a week for players in the women's league, which ran from 1943-54 and is now honoured in the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. Elsie played three seasons for the Fort Wayne Daisies and Grand Rapid Chicks. Known for her speed, she stole 27 bases in 1947 when Grand Rapids won the league title.



### Lee Reimer

Lee was twice a bronze medallist in shot put for the University of Saskatchewan in the Canadian university track and field championships. She was a trainer on the Hilltops team that was national champions in 1985, then became the first woman to be the athletic consultant with the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate. Lee's presence on high school sports include being a coach and commissioner.



### Mel Kerr

Mel was the first ballplayer from Saskatchewan who hit the major leagues, playing one game and scoring a run for the Chicago Cubs in 1925. Mel was also into boxing and curling, basketball and swimming, golf and track and field. He played football for the Saskwanis, which later became the Saskatoon Hilltops. Vern DeGeer, who played on the Saskwanis and was a reporter for the Montreal Gazette, called Kerr one of the best athletes in Canada.

# Touching base: With Hall of Famers

**Kirby Frey**, who is in the Hall with the 1991 Hilltops when he played running back, led the Bishop Mahoney Saints to the provincial 3A high school football championship this season... Also coaching her high school team to a championship this season is **Gisele Kreuger**. Kreuger led the William Aberhart Orange in Calgary to the city junior girls Division I volleyball title. Kreuger is a guidance counsellor at the school. She is in the Hall as a player with the 1980 and 1981 U of S Huskies volleyball team... **Helen Maupin** is in the Hall as a player with the Harmony Centres, who won the Canadian senior women's softball championship in 1978. Maupin lives in Winnipeg and works with Legacy Bowes Group, which helps companies recruit and do human resources. She was a consultant with Win-



Helen Maupin



Janet Gamble

**Rob Guenter**, inducted into the Hall of Fame as a softball player, runs pitching clinics for youth in Western Canada. Guenter, who is based in B.C., has programs for players from age 8 to over 16. He was a pitcher in Saskatoon in the 1970s for K & K Olsons and the All-O-Matics, three times being named the top pitcher at the national senior championship. Guenter twice won gold with Canada at the Pan-American Games, in 1979 and 1983...

**Jim Climenhaga**, in the Hall with the 1994 Rempel Brothers senior softball team, has a busy plate. Climenhaga, a catcher, helped the Saskatoon Diamondbacks qualify for the 2012 International Softball Congress championship in Midland, Mich.

The Diamondbacks earned the spot by winning the Vancouver Challenge last summer. They finished third in the 2011 ISC championship in Quad Cities, Ill. The ISC event is the biggest club championship in softball, drawing teams from around Canada and the United States... **Dave Paetkau**, who is in the Hall with the 1987 Rempel Brothers softball team, was an assistant coach of the Canadian women's softball team which won a silver medal at the Pan-American Games in October in Gaudalajara, Mexico. Paetkau lives in Abbotsford, B.C.... **Ray Tilley**, who was a teammate of Paetkau's on the Rempels Brothers, is being inducted into the International Softball Federation Hall of Fame. Besides playing for the Rempels, Tilley was on the Canadian national team for 12 years. Tilley is from Woodstock, Ont.

**Pat Lawson**, who has been the Saskatchewan senior women's golf champion five times, was named to the Saskatchewan Golf Hall of Fame in October. Lawson was on the Saskatchewan team that won the Canadian senior championship in 1985. Besides golf, Lawson has won provincial titles in basketball, speed skating, swimming, tennis and track and field. She was among the first inductees into the Saskatoon Hall in 1986... **Jim Scissons**, 70, who is in the Saskatoon Hall for his accomplishments in golfing, has special connections with Manitoba. Scissons has won the annual Grey Owl tournament at Clear Lake in Riding Mountain national park 12 times. Scissons first won the tournament in 1965 and added six more titles in the open division through 2004. He has gone on to win the event for



**Darrell Burko** is in the Hall with both the 1996 University of Saskatchewan Huskies football team and the 1984-85 U of S women's track and field team. He was an assistant coach on both clubs and is still a coach with the football Huskies. In October this year, Burko and **Roy Anderson** released their second disc of folk and blues music, called Mitch's Garage. They drew a good crowd to their weekend performance at the Broadway Theatre. Their website is [andersonburko.com/](http://andersonburko.com/)

senior players, called the Greyer Owl, five times and was runner-up last season. Clear Lake was named the best public course in Canada in 2009... **Ray Remmen** added another chapter to his Hall of Fame accomplishments in harness racing last summer. Remmen, 61, was second in the Legend Trot at Clinton Raceway in Clinton, Ont. The one-mile race featured some of the top drivers in the sport. Remmen's home track is the Meadowlands in New Jersey.

Annual general meeting  
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m.  
Meeting room #3 at Field House

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## Passings

### Jules Rawlyk, 1934-2011

#### Team inductee, football

Jules Rawlyk was an all-star offensive tackle with the Hilltops, playing for the team for three seasons, from 1953 to 1955. Jules was also a fullback and guard. He played line on the 1953 team that won the Canadian championship and was named the Hilltops' top graduating player in '55. He tried out at fullback for the CFL's Saskatchewan Roughriders. Jules was with the Edmonton Police Service for 32 years.



### David Livingstone, 1922-2011

#### Team inductee, hockey

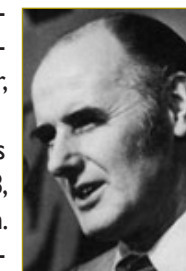
David Livingstone was a pitcher on the Saskatoon Merchants softball team that won the Canadian championship in 1948. He also played hockey for the Saskatoon Quakers, New York Rovers in the Eastern Hockey League and Kimberley Dynamiters. David worked for Cominco Potash in both Kimberley and Vanscoy.



### Henk Ruys, 1934-2011

#### Builder inductee, soccer

Henk Ruys is synonymous with soccer in Saskatchewan, first as a player, then as an administrator. He came to Birch Hills from Holland in 1958, then moved to Saskatoon. Ruys had his best season as a player with Saskatoon Hollandia in 1962, scoring 24 of the team's 35 goals. He was president of the Saskatoon Minor Soccer Association and secretary-treasurer of the provincial association. Ruys was named Saskatoon Kinsmen sportsman of the year for 1980. An indoor recreation centre in Saskatoon is named after him.



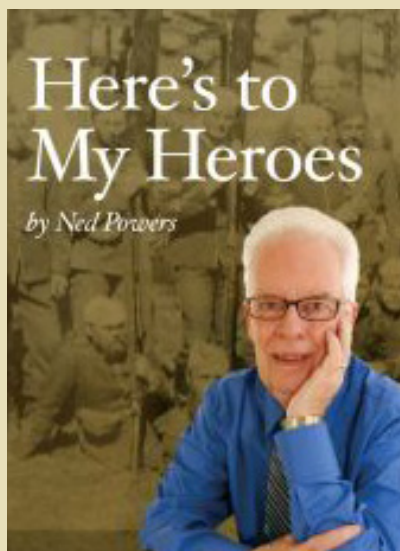
## Going far

**Jacquie Lavallee** (athlete inductee, Huskies basketball and soccer) and **Don Listwin** (team inductee, 1978-79 Huskies volleyball) are two athletes the University of Saskatchewan is featuring as a part of a national blitz by Canadian Interuniversity Sports to celebrate its 50th year. Throughout the 2011-12 school year, every university is telling the story on the CIS website — [www.cis-sic.ca](http://www.cis-sic.ca) — of two of its student-athletes, not only for what they accomplished in sport, but their continuing achievements.

Lavallee is a teacher at Oskayak High School in Saskatoon where her impact on students goes beyond the classroom. She continues her link with the Huskies as well, serving as an assistant coach with the women's basketball team. In the summer of 2010, Lavallee was head coach of the Canadian girls team at the first world under-17 basketball championship.

Listwin, who is in Riverside, Calif., runs the Canary Foundation, which is dedicated to paying for and promoting cancer research.

"Imagine if we can solve this problem," Listwin said. "Wouldn't that be wonderful."



## A way with words

**Ned Powers** delivers the inside story in his newest book, *Here's to My Heroes*.

Powers has worked in newspapers, television and radio since 1948. In his book he talks about his career and the people and events he has covered, including sprinter Harry Jerome, who set a world record in Saskatoon in 1960 at Griffiths Stadium.

The book is available at McNally Robinson.

Powers earlier wrote four sports books: *Behind the Sports Headlines*; *Strikes 'n' Spares*, the History of Saskatchewan Bowling; *Personal Best*, the history of Saskatchewan track and field and *The Hilltops: A Canadian Junior Football Legacy*.

Powers is inducted into the Hall of Fame in recognition of his coverage of amateur sports.

## CFL hit in Edmonton

Former Hilltops linebacker **Larry Wruck** has been added to the team's Wall of Honour by the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos.

Wruck, who is in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, played for the Eskimos for 12 years, winning the Grey Cup in 1987 and 1993.

**Kelly Bates**, in the Hall with the 1998 Huskies who won the Vanier Cup, won the Grey Cup this season as a first-year offensive line coach with the B.C. Lions.

Bates also won the Grey Cup once during his 11-year playing career in the CFL.