

# SASKATOON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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Newsletter

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## Basketball

**Bill Gordon**, a 2008 inductee in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame as a builder, was named Saskatoon Kinsmen Sportsman of the Year at the 49th annual Kinsmen Sports Celebrity dinner in February.

Gordon has played a prominent role in the growth of basketball in Saskatoon as a coach, official and administrator. He introduced the Wildwood summer basketball camps for Grades 5 to 12, has served a president of the Saskatoon Senior Men's League and has coached community and high school teams.

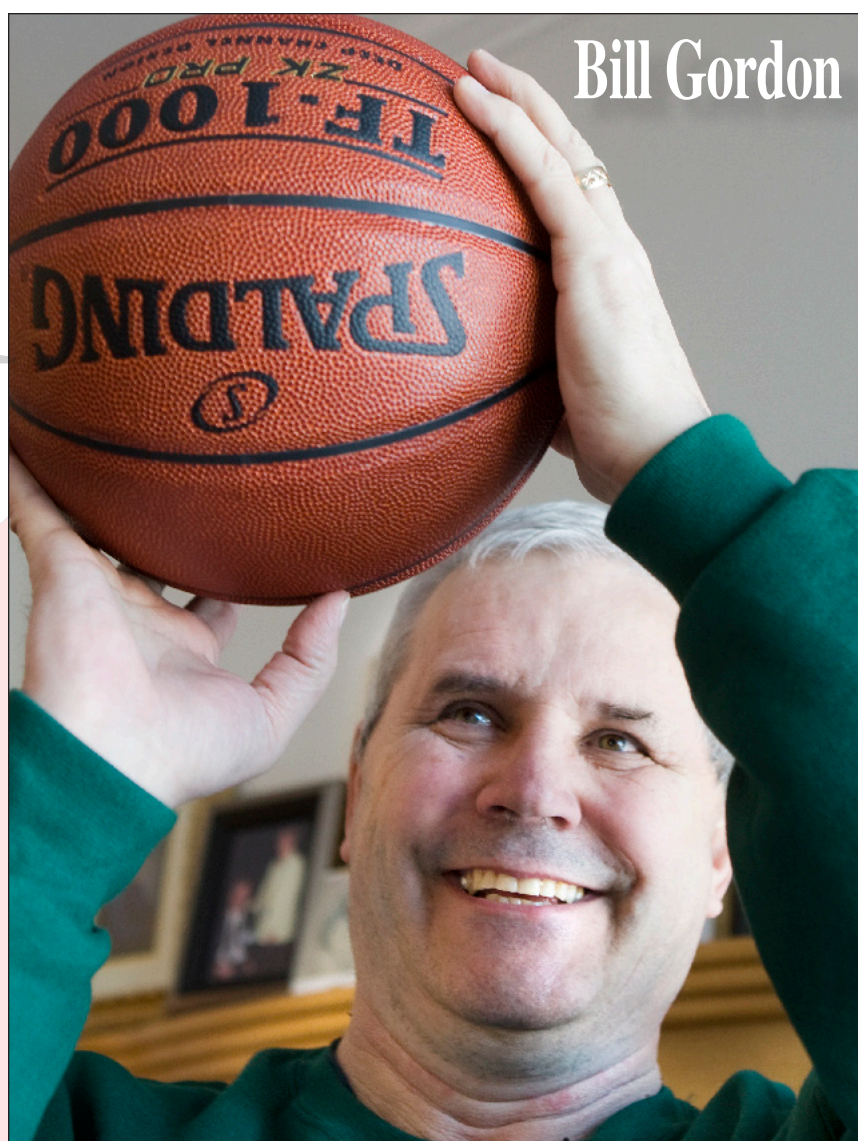
Gordon becomes the 40th builder in the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame to receive the Kinsmen Sportsman Award.

Also of note, seven of the current directors with the Hall of Fame have received Kinsmen Awards:

- Joe Bloski, Kinsmen Sportsman, 2000
- Kelly Bowers, Kinsmen Sportsman, 2001
- Don Cousins, Kinsmen Sportsman, 1996
- Ken Gunn, Kinsmen Sportsman, 2006
- Jacki Nichol, Kinsmen Athlete of Year, 2000
- Bob Reindl, Kinsmen Athlete of Year, 1977
- Mark Tennant, Kinsmen Sportsman, 2003



Jacki Nichol



Bill Gordon

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## President's message

Don Cousins



In three years as president I have not encountered an unsuccessful dinner and induction ceremony. This is due mainly to the time and effort by our volunteer board of directors and committees. As well at the dinner and ceremony we have a good contingent of past inductee volunteers to assist in various tasks.

We also have a small but dedicated number of sponsors who contribute to our financial needs.

However, the main source of income to operate the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame is the sale of banquet tickets. Although the cost of the dinner and ceremony goes up every year, we attempt to keep the price of the tickets to a minimum so as many people as possible are able to attend.

The media has been fantastic in promoting our annual dinner and induction ceremony and we extend thanks to them.

For the 23rd induction ceremony in November, we had a better than average turnout of past inductees, but the percentage of inductees returning annually remains small compared to the total number in the Hall of Fame. If past inductees look upon this event as an annual opportunity to get together with other inductees it would make it a truly social evening for all.

We are slowly running out of space to display the plaques of our inductees at the Field House. It is our vision that we will one day have a facility where we can not only display the plaques, but showcase artifacts as well. In other words we would like it to become the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. Hopefully, this vision becomes a reality.

If you have any thoughts pertaining to improving the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, please e-mail [athletics@sasktel.net](mailto:athletics@sasktel.net)

As this is my last year as president of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, I thank all those who have given so willingly of their time and effort during my three years as president. Their pride in this endeavour makes certain the inductees have a positive and enjoyable experience on the occasion of their induction.

Surrounding myself with good directors and committee people made my work much easier. Thanks for your support.

Good times through sports.

● **Nomination forms**  
at [saskatoonsportshalloffame.com](http://saskatoonsportshalloffame.com)

● **Nomination deadline April 1**

● **24th annual Hall of Fame induction dinner**  
Nov. 7 at TCU Place

## Bryant new president of Hall

Ed Bryant, prominent in the baseball community as a coach, umpire and administrator, was elected president of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame at the annual general meeting in February. Bryant was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a builder in 2005. His term as president runs for three years.



Ed Bryant

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>President</b> Ed Bryant	<b>Bob Florence</b>
<b>Past president</b> Don Cousins	<b>Gerry Heskett</b>
<b>Secretary</b> Jacki Nichol	<b>Walter Mudge</b>
<b>Treasurer</b> Ken Gunn	<b>Bob Reindl</b>
<b>Joe Bloski</b>	<b>Ralph Schoenfeld</b>
<b>Kelly Bowers</b>	<b>Mark Tennant</b>
	<b>Phyllis Wilson</b>

## Touching base

The 1958 and 1959 Saskatoon Hilltops (team inductees, 1986) held a silent auction in conjunction with their reunion last fall and raised \$3,500 to sponsor a Hilltop scholarship in memory of coach **John Babineau**, manager **George Adolph**

and four deceased players: **Butch Johnson**, **Bill Johnson**, **Brian Caselman** and **Dan Marisi**. A number of Hilltop alumni live in the Greater Toronto Area, so the reunion was held in Niagara Falls. Coach Babineau's sons — Don and Lindsay — attended the event and shared some thoughts about their late father. They also got to meet some of the football players their father often told them stories about.

**Ron Tinkler**, an assistant coach in 1958 and head coach in '59, was accompanied at the reunion by his daughter Rhonda and son-in-law **Merle Hoegy** . . . **Andy Sharpe** (builder inductee 2006, soccer) was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in November. Sharpe was an assistant coach with the Winnipeg Fury, who won the Canadian Soccer League championship in 1992.



Anne Cote

**Anne Cote** (builder inductee 2007, volleyball) completed her third season as an assistant coach with the University of Memphis Tigers women's volleyball team in November. The Tigers, with Anne's daughter Laura at setter, went 17-14 this season . . . Edmonton's **Lorne Sawula** is head coach of England's national women's volleyball team and in preparation for a recent tour of Japan with the English team he wanted his players to get a primer on

native customs. Enter **Lori Zenuk-Nishide** (team inductee 1992, U of S Huskiette volleyball.) Zenuk-Nishide, a native of Porcupine Plain, lives in Kyoto and put together an introduction to Japan for Sawula and the English team . . . **Jim McClements**

(builder inductee, 2002) and **Yves Belanger** (builder inductee, 2007) have had a busy season on the speed skating circuit, working as national officials at three meets in Richmond, B.C. and two in Quebec City . . . **Colette Bourgonje** (athlete inductee, 1998) won a bronze medal in the sit-ski sprint race at the International Paralympic Committee world nordic championships in Vuokatti, Finland in February.

**Lyle Sanderson** (builder inductee, 1992; team inductee, University of Saskatchewan Huskies 1969-70 and 1970-71 men's track and field teams; builder inductee 1984-85 and 1985-86 U of S women's track and field teams) will be honoured by Sask Sport at its annual awards banquet March 18 at TCU Place in Saskatoon. Sanderson is receiving a coaching dedication award, a new honour introduced this year by Sask Sport in recognition of long time contribution to sport.



### Passings

**Ron Mills**, 1943-2008  
Team inductee, 1986  
Rick Folk's  
1980 curling rink

Former Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame president and 1993 builder inductee **Don McDonald** will be added to the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in Regina on June 13 in recognition of his contributions to football. The 2009 Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame hon-

our roll also includes gymnast **James Rozon** (athlete inductee 1989) and the 1996 University of Saskatchewan Huskies football team (team inductee 2004) . . . **Dr. Hilary Clayton** (builder inductee 1998, equestrian) is on faculty in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University in East Lansing and since 1997 has held the Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair for research in equine sports medicine. Clayton competes in dressage at the Grand Prix level and is a frequent contributor to Dressage Today magazine . . .

**Corrina Kennedy** (athlete inductee 1999, kayaking) finished 10th in the women's 30-39 age-class at the annual Canadian Birkebeiner Ski Festival in Edmonton in February. The Birkebeiner is the largest cross-country ski event in North America. Kennedy, now based in Calgary, was a world champion in sprint kayaking and represented Canada at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.



Dr. Hilary Clayton

## GREAT DISTINCTION



—Canwest News Photo  
Jeff Chynoweth

**Ed Chynoweth**, inducted posthumously as a builder into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 2008, has also been added to the honour roll at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

Ed's son, Jeff, accepted on his father's behalf at the hockey ceremony in November.

Ed, a native of Dodsland, was the first full-time president of the Western Canada Hockey League, now known as the WHL, in 1972. He was also one of the founders of the Canadian Major Junior Hockey League.

Ed and Jeff were on the team executive with the Kootenay Ice, Memorial Cup champions in 2002.

Dean, Ed's other son, was captain of the Medicine Hat Tigers when they won the Memorial Cup in 1988.

Ed will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame on June 13 in Regina.



Sylvia Fedoruk

**Sylvia Fedoruk**, inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 1987 with Joyce McKee's 1960 curling rink, has been named to the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

Fedoruk, a native of Canora, was one of the members of the Canadian team which in 1951 introduced the Cobalt Bomb therapy, a radiation machine designed for the treatment of cancer.

At the time, she was the only woman in Canada doing medical physics research.

In addition to curling, Fedoruk was a five-sport athlete — basketball, golf, hockey, track and field and volleyball — in her days as a student at the University of Saskatchewan.

The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame induction ceremony is scheduled for April 29 in Montreal.