

# Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum

*"Honour Our Past - Ensure Our Future"*

## Newsletter

December 2023

**Warmest thoughts  
and best wishes for  
a wonderful  
Holiday and Happy  
New Year.**



## *Seasons Greetings*

Season Greetings to All,

As I write this message, I feel a sense of humility and gratitude for all the blessings the year 2023 has brought the MBHOF. It has been a banner year in so many ways. I reflect with pride on our organization's many achievements that have been realized due to the vision, efforts, and support of the MBH of Fame staff, the Board of Directors, the local Morden Committee, and many patrons. Your contributions have all been invaluable in keeping the MBH of Fame doors open and the lights on while significantly improving the MBHOF. Thank you All!

At the same time, I realize how fortunate we are as Canadians to live in a country where we are free from conflict to celebrate the Holiday Season as we feel appropriate. We must never

take this freedom for granted! To those of you who have lost loved ones this past year, I send my sincerest condolences, and I trust that you can find some comfort in the many fond memories of Holidays past. Join me in remembering the many less-misfortunate and those facing particular challenges during this season of celebration. May compassion and thoughtfulness prevail in all we do.

I hope you all experience Peace, Joy, and Happiness as you celebrate with family and friends.

May you all experience a Prosperous 2024!

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Giesbrecht

Chairperson of the Board of Directors,  
Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum



## 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees

In November, the Hall of Fame announced the names of nine individuals, four teams, and one family who will be inducted that evening. In addition, they announced the names of two long-time contributors to our Hall of Fame who will be recognized with Honourary Life Memberships. They will be inducted in June, 2024. Individuals were Ryan Boguski (Brandon), Eleanor Callow (1927-1974), Ollie Schroeder (Winnipeg), Derek Shamray (Oak River), Ken Sharpe (Minnedosa), and Bryan Swaenepoel (Souris).

Under the team's category were Kinosota Cougars (Senor Club Team, 1965-1970), Manitoba 1977 Summer Games Team (Special Team), 2010 Manitoba Junior League All Stars (Special Team), and Oil Dome Bantam All-Stars. 1990 (Special Team).

Under the Family Category - In southwest Manitoba, the Ross Family (Reston) is regarded as the First Family of Baseball.

Honourary Life Members will be awarded to Glennis Scott and Joe Wiwchar.



The Manitoba Hall of Fame and Museum Committee value their donors, patrons, sponsors and benefactors! They would like to extend their appreciation. A concise and updated list can be found on their website at [mabbobof@mymts.net](mailto:mabbobof@mymts.net).

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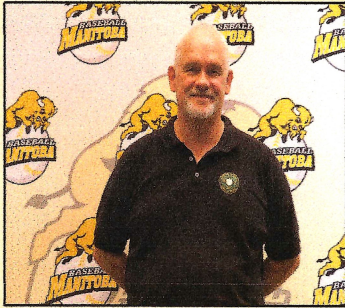
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The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame will feature members of the Manitoba Baseball team who have had and continue to have an impact on baseball in Manitoba. At the same time it will be a wonderful opportunity to realize their passion and “worth” to the game of baseball



Hank Lemoine

Hank was born on October 17th, 1954, in Winnipeg. He lived in St. Vital. And attended Glenlawn Collegiate. He worked at CN Rail for 38 years, now retired since 2012.

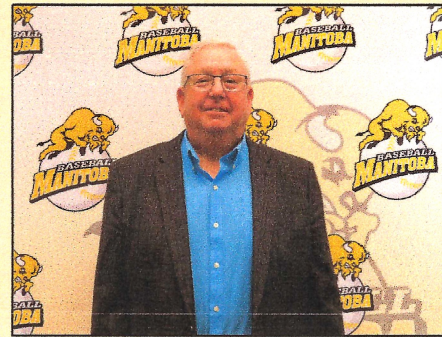
Lemoine has play and important role on the Manitoba Baseball stage.

MJBL Allstar & Provincial Champion in 1975 with the St. Boniface Legionaires. He was also a multiple time Provincial Champion with the Carmen Goldeye Senior Team. Hank is currently a local professional umpire with American Association of Professional Baseball.

Hank has continued involvement in the Manitoba baseball community. He is currently the Chair of the Dinner Committee and Game Committee of the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame. As an active umpire, he is affiliated with the Manitoba Baseball Association. Lemoine considers is most memorable achievement is being “Inducted as a player in the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2010. 10 Hall of Fame inductions in 6 Halls of Fame.”

Hanks volunteer roles brought him the most satisfaction has been coaching Bison and Junior age players in St. Boniface in the 80's and well as instructing young umpires at the Home Run Sports Centre.

Hank is currently working as a Rail Consultant which has taken him to most major cities in North America. He has also officiated High School Fall Travel Ball, Senior AAA Men's, NAIA & Division 3 College Baseball in the USA.



Ross Tycoles

Ross Tycoles was Born in Saskatchewan where he played baseball until his early twenties. He played and coached the Reston Rockets after moving to Manitoba. He has coached at every level and is still involved with the Reston Minor Ball. Diamond maintenance is still something he enjoys while working with the board on facilities.

On the Manitoba Baseball stage, Ross was first a player in the late 70s in Mb. He has always involved in the organizing end of baseball in Reston and the SW Manitoba League.

“I coached at every level of baseball in Manitoba except Junior. I also served time on Baseball Manitoba board and coaching staff. I currently am on the Baseball Hall of Fame board and am the Chair of Senior Baseball.” emphasized Tycoles.

Ross is committed to the Manitoba Baseball community because of his love for the game and the people.

Tycoles is proud to be in the Hall of Fame, and his family's nomination into the Baseball Hall of Fame was his most memorable achievement. “I am proud of all of them and their commitment to the game and their communities,” added Ross.

Ross, how has been a volunteer brought you satisfaction?

“The feeling of seeing Baseball thrive in our community and province is very satisfying. I have wanted to improve Baseball my whole life and hope others continue on with that same feeling,” concluded Tycoles.