

## MANITOBA SPORTS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM 2009 Inductees...

### **Sandi ANDERSON** 5 Pin Bowling/Athlete:

Sandi Anderson began her remarkable bowling career at the age of 5 in 1966 in the Youth Bowling Program. A three-time City Singles champion and 1991 Canadian 5 Pin Bowlers Association national gold medalist in Singles, Anderson has also been on seven gold medal winning C5PBA teams. A frequent qualifier on TSN's Skins Games, Anderson has represented Manitoba 12 times at such events and finished second in prize money in 2003 at the cash tournament televised by CBC. Currently resides in Winnipeg.

### **Lesley (HAMERTON) DIVERS** Basketball/Athlete:

Lesley Hamerton led her Silver Heights Huskies to consecutive provincial championships in 1967 & '68 and was the school's MVP in 1966, '67 & '68. A true pioneer of her sport, Hamerton was one of the first truly effective big women to play the game in Manitoba at well over the six foot mark. At the national level with the St. Vital Grads and St. James Lakers, she played in five Canadian Championships. Internationally Hamerton-Divers played on Canada's national team in 1969 for tournaments in Mexico and Cuba, at the World Championships in Brazil in 1970 and at the Pan American Games in Cali, Columbia in 1971. She currently resides in Unionville, Ontario.

### **David DRYBROUGH** Athletics/All Round:

David Drybrough's career in running began in the early 1950's for a decade of remarkable achievement. He set numerous city and provincial records and even a national one with the 1960 Indoor Canadian Mile record of 4:10.4 at nationals held in the Winnipeg Arena. Named the Top Athlete at the U of MB in 1957, Drybrough gave back to sport as a builder with the same drive he exhibited in competition. He coached the U of MB Cross Country team to a national title in 1964, chaired the Marathon Committee for the 1967 Pan AM Games and served as a Track & Field Official at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. Drybrough currently resides in East St. Paul, Manitoba.

### **Keith ELDER** Pistol Shooting/Athlete:

Keith Elder enjoyed a prolific career as a precision Olympic-style pistol target shooter winning numerous national titles and the gold medal at the first Canada Winter Games. Internationally, Elder placed 7<sup>th</sup> at the 1967 Pan Am Games, finished in the top third at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City and was named an alternate for the 1976 Games in Montreal. He represented Canada at Commonwealth and World championships in the late 1970's as well. Elder also gave back to his sport for many years including chair of the Pistol and Rifle sports for the 1999 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg. He currently resides in Wawanesa, Manitoba.

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**Andy HEBENTON** Hockey/Athlete:

Andy Hebenton played junior with the Winnipeg Canadians and turned pro with the Victoria Cougars of the Pacific Coast Hockey League (predecessor to the WHL) winning the 1951 title. In 1956 he was signed by New York and began an iron-man career, playing in 630 consecutive NHL games over 9 years with the Rangers and Boston Bruins. Hebenton's best NHL year came in 1958-59 when he scored 33 goals and won the Lady Byng Trophy as the league's most gentlemanly player. He played with the Portland Buckaroos in the WHL for many more years compiling an incredible 1,563 consecutive pro games and played for 26 pro seasons. The Hall of Fame is currently tracking down his whereabouts in Portland, Oregon and would appreciate the media's help in locating him to join us in November here in Winnipeg.

**Evelyne HOLENSKI** Softball/Builder:

Evelyne Olafson grew up in the Pembina Valley and softball became a major focus in her life. A teacher by trade for almost four decades Ev Holenski and her husband Roy are synonymous with the Smitty's name in elite women's fast-pitch, winning the national title three times from 1995-97 and again in 2008 and enjoying an amazing 20 appearances at the national championships. Holenski has also served as business manager for Canada's national and Olympic softball teams for the 199 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg and the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. A Master Course Conductor for Softball Canada for the Prairie Region, Holenski has been inducted into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame and now resides in Winnipeg.

**James MURPHY** Football/Athlete:

Born in Florida, James Murphy starred for Utah State and played in the NFL for the Kansas City Chiefs before coming to the CFL and the Blue Bombers in 1982. During his 8 seasons in Winnipeg, Murphy held the record as the franchise's all-time leading receiver from 1983-90 before Milt Stegall eclipsed him almost 15 years later. He won three Grey Cups (1984, '88 & '90) and was named the Grey Cup MVP in 1988 and the Most Outstanding Player Schenley Award in 1986. After retiring Murphy settled in Winnipeg with business interests and was inducted into the Winnipeg Football Club Hall of Fame in 1995 and the CFL Hall of Fame in 2000. James Murphy currently resides in Winnipeg.

**H. Sanford (Sandy) RILEY** Sailing/All Round:

Sandy Riley was an extraordinary athlete in the sport of sailing before he embarked upon an equally extraordinary career as a builder of sport. He represented Manitoba at the first Canada Summer Games in 1969 in Halifax and competed in eight straight Finn class World Championships. Riley placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Finn at the 1975 Pan AM Games in Mexico and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Olympic games in Montreal. The western world's boycott of the 1980 Games prevented him from the chance to compete in the Soling class at those Olympics. Sandy Riley then gave back to sport through the sailing community and as President of the Manitoba Sports Federation (predecessor to Sport Manitoba) from 1983-85 and Chair of the 1999 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg, where he currently resides.

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**Ray TURNBULL** Curling/Builder:

Ray Turnbull was an excellent curler and played lead for Terry Braunstein's 1965 Brier Champions who also became the youngest team to participate in the national championship in 1958. One of only four International Curling Federation Umpires during the 1970's, Turnbull was Chief Umpire at six World Junior and four World Curling Championships. Ray Turnbull took his knowledge and expertise in teaching the game of curling to the world with clinics in Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, France Japan and the USA and contributed to the development of 17 World champions. For the past quarter century, Turnbull has brought the game to life for many as a colour commentator and broadcaster for TSN. Inducted into both the Manitoba and Canadian Curling Halls of Fame, Ray Turnbull resides in Winnipeg.

**1948/49 Brandon Wheat Kings** Hockey/Team:

This team finished the MJHL season with 27 wins and only 3 losses and defeated Port Arthur (in Thunder Bay) four games to one and Calgary in the western final four games to one to advance to the Memorial Cup final. The opponents were the Montreal Royals and their eight game final stands today as the longest series in Memorial Cup history. Game three ended in a 3-3 tie and the Royals outscored the Wheaties by 24 goals to 23 over the 8 game series. Their overall season record ran at 45 wins, 11 losses and 2 ties and a Memorial Cup final for the ages.

**1972, '75 & '76 St. Andrews Super Saints** Basketball/Team:

There have been three senior men's basketball dynasties in Manitoba's deep history: the Winnipeg Toilers of the late 1920's and early 30's, the Nicollet Inn Innkeepers of the late 1970's and early 80's and the St. Andrews Super Saints on the early to mid 1970's. In 1972 the Super Saints ended a Manitoba drought that had not seen a national A men's champion since the 1954 Winnipeg Paulins by defeating the host Vancouver Villas 74-63 in the final. After a heartbreaking final loss to the Vancouver Caplanos in the 1974 final, the Saints extracted their revenge in 1975 with another title defeating the Halifax Raiders 93-71. The dynasty was capped in 1976 with an 83-77 victory over the host Victoria Scorpions for their third title in 5 years and their place in Manitoba's basketball history.