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MANITOBA SPORTS HALL OF FAME 2009 INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED



Meet Manitoba's Newest Decorated Sport Heroes

WINNIPEG, Man. – This year's recipients include NHL players, a CFL legend, Olympians, national champions, provincial champions and sport builders who have all been integral in shaping Manitoba's sport community.

On November 7, 2009, seven athletes, two builders and two teams will be inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame at the 30th Annual Induction Ceremonies. The 2009 inductees are:

Sandi (COGHILL) ANDERSON	Five-Pin Bowling	Athlete
Lesley (HAMERTON) DIVERS	Basketball	Athlete
David DRYBROUGH	Athletics	All Round
Keith ELDER	Pistol Shooting	Athlete
Andy HEBENTON	Hockey	Athlete
Evelyne (OLAFSON) HOLENSKI	Softball	Builder
James MURPHY	Football	Athlete
H. Sanford (Sandy) RILEY	Sailing	All Round
Ray TURNBULL	Curling	Builder
1948/49 Brandon Wheat Kings	Hockey	Team
1972/75/76 St. Andrews Super Saints	Basketball	Team

Bios, photographs and video for the Class of 2009 may be available. Please contact Sport Manitoba's Sport Heritage Manager, Rick Brownlee – contact information provided below.

Tickets for the Induction Dinner go on sale August 1, 2009. Ticket and event information can be found at: <http://www.sportmanitoba.ca/events/events.php>

The Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum has inducted 412 members since it was established in 1980. "These twelve recipients join an exclusive group of Manitoba's best in sport," says Jeoff Chipman, President of the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors. "We work hard to preserve, celebrate and showcase the history and heritage of sport excellence and achievement and these twelve have earned their place in Manitoba's sport history."

"Sport heroes are ordinary people doing extraordinary things," says Jeff Hnatiuk, President and CEO of Sport Manitoba, "Sport Manitoba takes pride in recognizing their achievements."

The Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum is a registered charitable organization managed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Sport Manitoba is a not for profit organization and the lead planning, programming and funding agency for the development of amateur sport in Manitoba. Sport Manitoba partners with over 100 organizations to deliver sport in our province and is responsible for programs including the Power Smart Manitoba Games, Coaching Manitoba, Team Manitoba, Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame & Museum and KidSport.

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