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2015

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To: **Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame 2015 Inductees**

From: **Jim Russell**
Chairman; Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee

On behalf of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee, congratulations to all 2015 inductees and your entry, following tonight's ceremony, as Honoured Members of the hall.

2015 marks the 6th year since the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame was initiated to honour those individuals and groups that have made a significant and valuable contribution to our sport. That contribution continues to add to the long and proud history of Rugby in Manitoba that dates back to the late 1870's.

Induction as an Honoured Member is no easy matter. Nominations received from the rugby community are reviewed and screened by an Induction Sub-Committee, their selected recommendations for induction ratified by the Board of Directors of Rugby Manitoba, and then approved by the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee.

As inducted Honoured Members you have been distinguished by your peers for outstanding achievement that serves to inspire us all. To you go our sincerest thanks and appreciation for your selfless dedication and historic contribution to the game and sport of Rugby in Manitoba.

Yours truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Jim Russell, the Chairman of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jim Russell,
Chairman
Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee

2015

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Honourable Members

Honourable Member	Category	Inducted
• Ken Adams	Official	2010
• Riley Barkman	Player	2013
• Dave Barnes	Official	2011
• Mike Brown	Official	2012
• Larry DeBooy	Player/Team	2010
• Bob Elder	Builder	2011
• Corinne Enns	Player/Team	2010
• Brian Erichsen	Player	2014
• Wilf Erichsen	Official	2013
• Dwight Evans	Builder	2010
• Jim Feasby	Builder	2014
• T. Colin Gibbs	Official	2013
• Val Gompf	Player/Team	2011
• Art Logan	Builder	2011
• Gary MacDonald	Builder	2011
• Glenys Mackenzie	Builder	2012
• Guy McKim	Official	2014
• MGRP Founders Committee	Builder	2010
• Garry Nicholson	Official	2012
• Ken Pearn	Builder	2011
• Don Pincock	Builder	2012
• Jim Platt	Pioneer	2011
• Peter Press	Builder	2013
• Robert Pringle	Pioneer	2014
• John Reilly	Builder	2010
• Neville Rhoda	Player/Team	2011
• Gillis Roy	Builder	2010
• Saracens RFC Men's Premiership Championship Team 1979-1986	Team	2013
• Albert Shepherdson	Pioneer	2010
• Ray Skett	Official	2012
• SNAFU Rugby Tournament	Player/Team	2011
• Brent Tomchuk	Player	2014
• Ian Williams	Pioneer	2010
• Winnipeg Rugby Football Club (Winnipeg Blue Bombers)	Player/Team	2010
• 1994 Manitoba U-17 Boys Provincial Team	Player/Team	2012
• 1996 Manitoba U-19 Junior Women's Provincial Team	Player/Team	2014

Introduction

2015 Inductees

Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Friday, October 16, 2015

The Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame celebrates the history of the sport of Rugby in Manitoba, recognizing those who have significantly contributed to the game and its development.

The Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Induction Sub Committee – Rugby Community representatives Ray Hoemsen (Chair), Val Gompf, Wilf Erichsen, Gary Nicholson, Larry Cherrett, and Community/Media Representative Ashley Prest of the Winnipeg Free Press, recommended 5 inductees who were ratified by Rugby Manitoba and approved by the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee.

The Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame 2015 Inductees are truly worthy, and we are honoured to be recognizing both their accomplishments and contributions to the game of Rugby in Manitoba.

PIONEER

- **John Whyte**
- Manitoba Association of Rugby Referees

PLAYER/TEAM

- **Brenda Treleaven**
- Wasp Women's Athletic Association
- **1997 Manitoba Sr. Men's Tier II National Championship Team**

OFFICIAL

- **Paul Harland**
- Winnipeg Wasps Rugby Football Club

BUILDER

- **Rick Romsa**
- Saracens Rugby Football Club

From the Desk of Pat Aldous
Chairman
Rugby Canada



September 1st, 2015

2015 Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

A Message from the Chairman of Rugby Canada,

I am delighted to welcome you to the 2015 Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Induction Dinner.

It is my honour to congratulate this year's inductees, as I have done in the past and take great pride in doing. On behalf of Rugby Canada, I would like to acknowledge your commitment to the great sport of Rugby in Canada. On the heels of our National Senior Women's Sevens Team qualifying for the 2016 Summer Olympics, the recent successes at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto and as we approach the 2015 Rugby World Cup, it truly is an exciting time for Canadian Rugby. With players from Manitoba involved at the National Team level and competing on the world stage, rugby will surely continue to flourish in your province.

Rugby has a rich history in the Province of Manitoba, dating back over 130 years. The establishment of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame was centered on recognizing significant contribution to the sport and its development in Manitoba. The achievement of being inducted into the Hall of Fame is something you should be especially proud of.

Congratulations to all, and enjoy the evening.

Sincerely,
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Pat Aldous
Chairman

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Mayor's Message

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone attending the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner.

Rugby teaches teamwork and leadership, and is a sport that requires speed, agility, and endurance. I would like to offer congratulations to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame inductees this year – it takes dedication to reach the level of success you have accomplished, and I hope you will continue to strive to achieve and mentor others in the sport.

If you are visiting, I encourage you to enjoy our lively city in the centre of Canada and experience our warm hospitality. Our city is brimming with culture, arts, sports, and entertainment. Explore our vivacious communities, including Osborne Village (voted one of the best neighbourhoods in Canada), and make sure to visit our first-rate restaurants, retailers, and attractions, including the Journey to Churchill exhibit at the Assiniboine Park Zoo and the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg and my City Council colleagues, I hope you enjoy a memorable event and best wishes for success in the future.

Warmly,

Mayor Brian Bowman,
City of Winnipeg



A Message from the Minister of Sport

A warm welcome to Rugby Manitoba's members, organizers, guests and Hall of Fame inductees as you gather for the sixth annual Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame induction dinner.

It is a tremendous accomplishment to be elected to a Hall of Fame in any sport, whether as a player, an official or a builder. It is a special honour to recognize individuals from each of those categories at this year's induction ceremony.

Congratulations to all of tonight's inductees for your outstanding achievements and contributions to the sport of rugby in our province. You are all to be commended for your skill, excellence, sportsmanship and commitment to the game.

As we celebrate 2015 as the Year of Sport in Manitoba, I would also like to thank Rugby Manitoba for their hard work promoting this exciting sport in communities across Manitoba, so that even more people may experience the thrill of the game! I wish you all continued success and a wonderful evening.

Ron Lemieux, Minister
Manitoba Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport and Consumer Protection





On behalf of Sport Manitoba, congratulations to all the inductees at the 6th Annual Induction Dinner for the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

2015 is the Year of Sport in Manitoba and this event is an example of the great sport programming and opportunities we have in our country.

Manitoba's sport community is proud of its rugby history and those who have distinguished themselves as players, coaches, umpires, and volunteers. Being inducted into the Hall of Fame represents excellence in the sport of rugby along with hard work, dedication, and motivation.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge all the athletes, teams, and builders worthy of induction into the Rugby Hall of Fame. Their accomplishments will be persevered as part of Manitoba's great sport heritage and will inspire those to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurel Read".

Laurel Read
Interim CEO



Maple Grove Rugby Park



Sep 16, 2015

On behalf of Maple Grove Rugby Park I would like to extend my congratulations to the 2015 inductees to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

Rugby within Manitoba has a long and storied history and the Rugby Hall of Fame has been a welcome addition. Often in our great sport we encounter players who are too humble about their contributions to our game. Their selflessness is a sign of personal character and what ultimately defines much of the identity our sport. Almost without fail from the best player to least experienced player we all give credit to our teammates and do not seek personal accolades. That is why the Rugby Hall of Fame is so important.

This night is when we can honor those individuals who have personally affected our game for the better. This is a night when we confront their modesty and do not allow them to be humble and we thank them for their individual contribution. This is a night when teammates can say you elevated my game with your skill and dedication and I thank you for it. This is a night where our gift to you is to make you remember and take pride in your individual achievements. Rugby will always be a team sport but it is always good to remind ourselves that there are people whose contribution to our game is exceptional and needs to be celebrated.

Enjoy your one night of boasting, because the next day I will remind you of that penalty you took with no time left, or that penalty you didn't call, or the hoop socks your team wore in the 80's.

Cheers

Dan Parkes

President Maple Grove Rugby Park

MGRP



To the 2015 Rugby Hall of Fame Inductees

Congratulations on being recognized as being an integral part of rugby in our province.

Whether it is as a pioneer or a participant, rugby in Manitoba is richer and has developed due to your sacrifices and involvement. You are an example to the people currently involved, including myself.

Once again congratulations to you all.

With respect

**Sandy Donald
President, Rugby Manitoba**

Congratulations Hall of Famers



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On behalf of Rugby Manitoba we would like to congratulate all of the 2015 Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame inductees.

Your hard work and commitment to the sport of rugby in this province is exemplary.

It is because of your efforts and many like you that the sport we all love can continue to thrive in Manitoba.

Cheers!

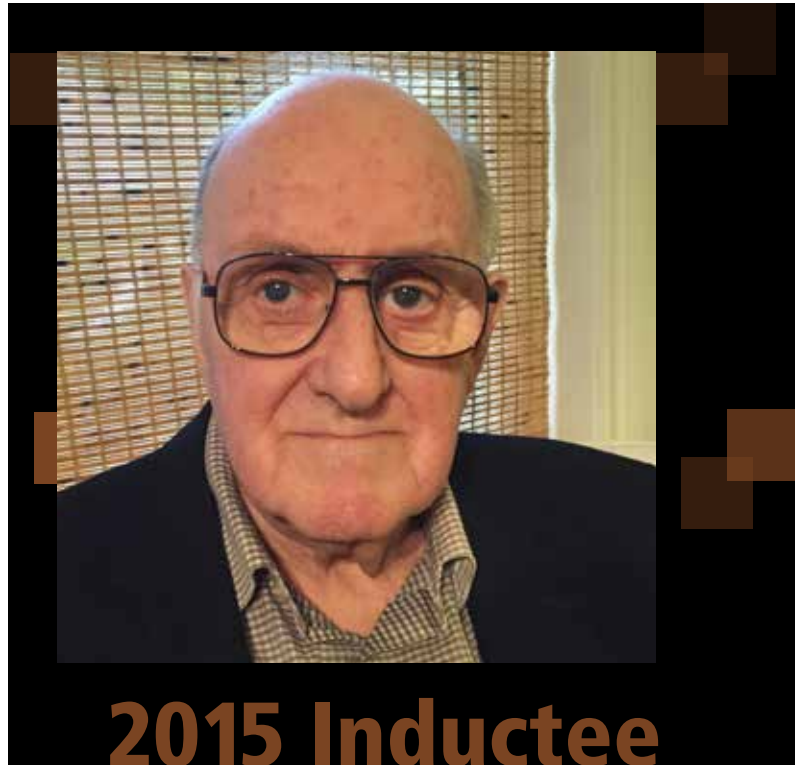
Cheers!

Manitoba Rugby

John Whyte - Pioneer

John Whyte was born in 1933 in Glasgow, Scotland. He started playing rugby in school at age 10 and continued after school with the Paisley Rugby Football Club until he immigrated to Canada in 1957. In 1967 John moved to Winnipeg and commenced his involvement with rugby in the Province of Manitoba.

For well over 25 years, John Whyte was an ever present and notable fixture on the local rugby scene who organized the referees and referred at all levels of the sport in Manitoba. Dedicated to his craft and the sport, John attended many referee training courses outside of Manitoba and then undertook to both organize and run similar courses for the benefit of other rugby referees in the province. The phrase "John Whyte will organize the referees" became the commonplace phrase used in rugby in Manitoba for league games, tournaments such as the Wasp 7's, Manipogo and of course SNAFU; in addition to many visiting team tours to the province. John took great relish and time in the early days to explain, and we dare say expand upon, the laws of the game to many new comers to the sport who had never seen, known or cared there was an International Rugby Board (IRB) law book in existence to govern play.



John was instrumental in organizing the Manitoba Association of Rugby Referees (MARR) in the early 1980's, served as its President and a representative on the Manitoba Rugby Union Board from 1986 to 1988. As he withdrew from active refereeing, John took to coaching at Balmoral High School from 1994 to 1996, and as Secretary of Rugby Manitoba in 1998 and 1999.

John, through years of endeavour, was instrumental in building the foundation for rugby referees and the sport of rugby we know today in the province of Manitoba, his contributions worthy as an Honoured Member to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame as a Pioneer.

Hall of Fame

The Brumbies Rugby Football Club would like to congratulate all of the 2015 inductees on the well-deserved induction into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

Thank you for your outstanding contribution to the sport of Rugby in Manitoba.



Congratulations to the 2015 Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Inductees

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Brenda Treleaven - Player

Brenda Treleaven began her rugby playing career in Manitoba in 1981 as a member of the Wasp Women's Athletic Association (WWAA), retiring from the game in 1993. Known as a phenomenally skilled and talented player at the position of prop, Brenda was a pioneer for women's rugby in the province of Manitoba during the 80s and 90s, and she led by way of her example. During and following her playing career, her dedication and talents extended beyond the field of play to include the ranks of coach, as well as administrator, where she occupied various positions within the WWAA and on several rugby related boards.

During her 12 year playing career, Brenda toured with the WWAA both within Canada and abroad, and in 1987 took part in a tour that included England, Wales and France. In addition, Brenda was to become a perennial member on various Manitoba Women's Provincial Teams. Recipient of the Most Improved Player award in 1987 and Most Valuable Player award in 1988, she retired from provincial representative rugby in 1992 at the Senior Women's level. Her representative rugby was to garner her notice at the National team level where she represented Canada and played loose head prop in the 1988 Can Am game in Saranac Lake, New York and again in 1989 at the Can Am game in Edmonton, Alberta. Brenda's participation and accomplishments at the club, provincial and national team levels served as both example and inspiration to many women playing the game in the province of Manitoba, including current Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Honourable Members, Corinne Enns and Val Gompf.

Brenda lent her considerable knowledge and experience gained as a player to the coaching ranks where she ran the High School girl's rugby program at Fort Richmond High School between 1992 and 1997, and served as coach of the 1994 Under 19 Girl's Provincial Team, and assistant coach of the 1995 Senior Women's Provincial Team.

As an administrator and volunteer, Brenda served as the WWAA's representative to the Maple Grove Rugby Park (MGRP) Board of Directors several times



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during the early years and was present in this role during the 1982 meetings that set the foundation for construction of the park in 1985. She would go on to serve the MGRP board in various positions including Secretary in 1992 and Vice-president in 1993. Brenda also came to be involved in various capacities with the Manitoba Rugby Union, the Women's Rugby Division, the 1999 Pan Am Games, and the Women's Canada Rugby Cup in 2000; and was one of the founding members of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame, serving on both the Exhibit and Induction Sub-committees from 2010 to 2014. Her volunteer efforts were acknowledged in 1993 with the Manitoba Rugby Union award and again in 2000 as recipient of the Rugby Manitoba President's award.

For her notable accomplishments and pioneering inspiration toward the growth and development of Women's rugby in Manitoba, we welcome Brenda as an Honourable Member to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame in the category of Player.

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Maple Grove Rugby Park



Maple Grove Rugby Park is one of North America's finest Rugby facilities boasting five regulation size rugby pitches , a licensed Clubhouse and is home to rugby for many clubs in Manitoba.



Congratulations from the MGRP to the Hall of Fame Inductees and to the organizers and supporters of the Hall of Fame Dinner.



Maple Grove Rugby Park Executive and Board Members

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Morgan Solak	Facility Manager
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1997 Tier 2 Manitoba Senior Men's Champs - Team



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In 1997 a long sought after goal of the Manitoba Senior Men's Provincial Team program was finally realized. Year after year the program sought to bring home the Tier 2 Championship, something that it had not yet accomplished. Beginning in 1994, the Senior Men's team had three successful development seasons which brought them closer to realizing their goal. With a strong level of commitment from players made up of all Manitoba rugby clubs across the province, the team gained confidence and ability through the next three years of competition which included development tours and hosting visiting teams. The Senior Men were pitted against sides such as Guy's Hospital, Alberta North and Alberta South, as well as a side from Krasnoyarsk, Soviet Union, all of which helped to cement the team together.

The progression and hard work of the team culminated in 1997 when the Manitoba Senior Men's Team won the Tier 2 Championship. It was the first, and only, time that a Manitoba side achieved this goal as the tiered competition format changed the following year with its elimination. Manitoba had been competing at the national level for years, and these victories substantiated the belief of the players, coaches, and many supporters and fans that Manitoba could play competitively with many of the other provinces and earn the privilege to compete against the top ranked Tier 1 teams. Winning the Tier 2 Championship was the next step up for Manitoba Senior Men's Provincial program and had earned them the right to showcase their talents against the Tier 1 teams, Canada's highest level of rugby.

Although the competition format change shook things up the next year, the majority of the team's members continued in the Sr. Men's program as the Manitoba Buffalo in Rugby Canada's Super League.

The Buffalo went on to enjoy strong seasons, including tying for 1st place overall in 2000 with Fraser Valley in the 7-team Western Division. This continued success was built upon the foundation set by the 1997 Manitoba Senior Men's Provincial Team and the culmination of their discipline, commitment, and belief they could accomplish their goal. The team came from many different clubs, but really believed in one another, worked hard with each other, and cared about each other and helped expand the rugby horizon in the province of Manitoba.

For this contribution to Manitoba Rugby, we recognize and welcome this team to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame in the Player/Team category.

1997 Tier 2 Manitoba Senior Men's Provincial Championship Team

Todd Andrews	Dave Bowen	Kris Buddick
Darren Carter	Garther Cheung	Curtis Coulsen
Stu Cox	Brian Erichsen	Rob Flieschaker
Gord Foulkes	Mark Hampton	Ward King
Roddy MacLeod	Sean Manby	Mike Menard
Troy Messam	Derek Paulsen	Marc Rampaul
Darren Raeside	Sid Roberts	Jaco Roux
Troy Williams	Darcy Wright	

Coaches: Jack Brogan, Garry Nicholson
Manager: Gary Pacoluk
Athletic Trainer: Rich Willis

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Paul Harland - Official

Paul Harland is one of those special individuals who could have easily been inducted into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame as either a Player or an Official. Paul started his rugby journey in Grade 7 at River Heights Junior High before moving on to Kelvin High School and the Winnipeg Wasps Rugby Football Club. In 1980, Paul started playing provincial level junior rugby at centre and was on the Manitoba provincial team that would play in the Bronze medal game at the 1981 Canada Games in Thunder Bay, Ontario; losing by one point. 1984 would be the first year Paul played on the Manitoba Sr. Men's Provincial team; now playing flanker it would also be the first time he would be recognized as the team's Most Valuable Player and the first time named to the short list of players for the Canadian Men's National team. Until the 1995 Rugby World Cup, Paul would remain on a short list or long list of players for Canada and be named to several Rugby Canada sides. A highlight during this time was the opportunity in 1991 to play against a touring New Zealand All Blacks side in Winnipeg, with one of his mentors, Garry Nicholson on the coaching staff. Paul would become one of the first four Manitobans to wear Canada's national team jersey.

In 1998, Paul was named the Manitoba Rugby Union's first Youth coordinator. In this capacity he set the High School League up with Manitoba Rugby Union Referees, helped organize the first ever High Schools rugby festival (which featured over 200 players from 14 schools located in Winnipeg, Steinbach and Red Lake, Manitoba), negotiated an agreed upon date for High School finals competition, and helped bring the league under the umbrella of the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association. This experience led Paul to the other side of the whistle as a referee, easily his most terrifying experience on the rugby pitch.

Paul has been involved in coaching rugby at all levels of competition; youth, high school, club and provincial involving boys, girls, men and women for over 39 years. First certified in 1988 at Level 1, Paul obtained certification as a Level 3 Rugby Coach in 1994. Paul's first provincial coaching foray occurred in 1987 taking a junior Men's team to Newfoundland. He would later go back to the Canada Summer Games in 1993, this time as a co-coach with Garry Nicholson, and would continue his coaching endeavours guiding several provincial junior women's teams with his brother Scott. His coaching involvement and successes at the junior levels were to reinforce the view that junior Manitoba rugby teams could be competitive at the



national level when given strong preparation. Paul would go on to win city championships with several high schools, most recently at John Taylor Collegiate; and teamed with his mentor Guy McKim, was to help coach a Wasp Rugby Football Club 1st Division Men's Championship and Prairie Championship team in 1991. Paul would continue his success coaching Sturgeon Creek and Saracen Rugby Football Clubs women's teams to 1st Division provincial titles.

Identified by Coaching Manitoba as Coach of the Month in September of 2007 and recognized by them in 2015 for his Years of Service, perhaps Coaching Manitoba said it best: "Paul is a great advocate for the sport of rugby. Through his dedication to rugby, Paul has helped to develop the sport in Manitoba. As an inspirational and motivated coach he has stressed to his players that if they want something bad enough and they work hard, they will get it." Paul's rugby journey enters its fortieth year with his induction as an Honoured Member to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame as an Official.

Hall of Fame

A proud history of champions!

The Saracens Rugby Club would like to salute

Rick Romsa

along with a special congratulations to all the
2015 Hall of Fame Inductees.

You are all champions of Rugby in Manitoba.

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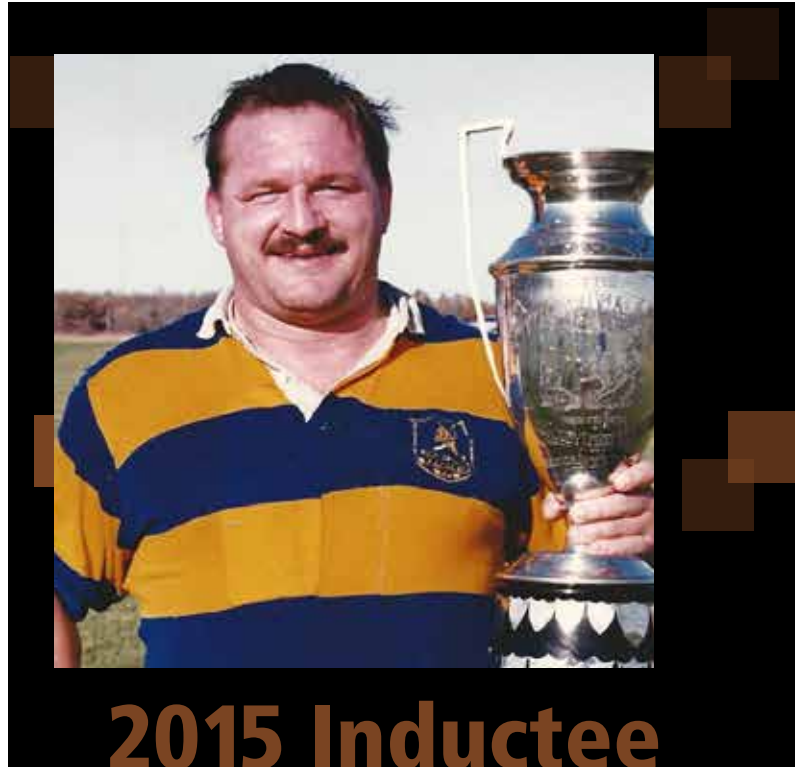


Rick Romsa - Builder

There are very few people within the Manitoba Rugby community over the last 40 plus years that do not personally know, or know of, **Rick Romsa**. Rick's involvement, contributions and accomplishments include many under the Induction Categories of Player, Official and Builder. From his early playing days in the mid-1970s at St. John's High School, Rick was to continue his playing career as one of the primary leaders involved in the Saracen RFC dynasties of the Seventies and Eighties and was a perennial selection for various Manitoba Provincial representative teams during that period as a Prop Forward. Rick was the youngest player ever named to the U20 Canadian Team in 1976, and later captained the Manitoba U20 teams for the next three years. He was the Captain of the first Manitoba High School Rugby team to travel and compete in England when he toured there in 1977 with St. John's High School. That St. John's team left England with a winning record. On North American soil, the St. John's team's that Rick played for never lost a match during his three years there. As a Saracen, the team's he played on, played in 13 Men's Premier Division championship games between 1979 and 1994, with 11 victories.

In addition to his playing career accomplishments, Rick served to coach at many levels over the years from 1980 and forward, including high school, colts, and club rugby. Rick also coached at several levels for the provincial team programs from 1992 and on, including the Senior Buffalo and Manitoba entries in the Rugby Canada Super League. His coaching involvement continues to this day guiding the Manitoba Sr. Men's (Wolf Pack) provincial team program.

Throughout it all, Rick has been, and continues to be, a stalwart supporter of the sport as an administrator in several capacities, a volunteer on several initiatives and a patron for numerous causes that serve to foster the growth and development of rugby in the Province of Manitoba. He has served for years on the Board of the Saracens Rugby Football Club including stints as President, Vice President, and Treasurer, and is a Life Member of the Saracens RFC. Rick also served the boards of the Manitoba Rugby Union, and Maple Grove Rugby Park.



Rick is a selfless advocate for the sport of rugby in Manitoba and few in the history of Manitoba Rugby could match the breadth of his involvement and significant contributions to every aspect of the sport. Rick is a founding member of the Friends of Manitoba Rugby non-profit organization, the purpose of which is to support and sustain the infrastructure and development of rugby in the province, and to provide funding for youth who are unable to afford to play sports. He is also a founding member of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame which seeks to preserve the accomplishments of Manitoba Rugby's best and brightest, the ranks of whom Rick now officially joins.

Rick was nominated to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame nearly at its inception, and has finally been inducted under the category of Builder now that he has stepped down from his official duties with the Hall of Fame committee.

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**Our congratulations to all of the
2015 Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Inductees!**

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**Rick Romsa, you are an
illustrious mentor, and friend!**

**Congratulations to you,
and all the other,
2015 Rugby Hall of Fame
Inductees!**

~Derek, Elisa and the Staff at Boogies

See you in church!!

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Manitoba Rugby



*Sincere congratulations
to All of the Rugby Manitoba Inductees tonight.*

*A special thanks to **Rick Romsa** for his years of
outstanding contributons to the Saracen Rugby Club
as a player, a coach, and a leader.*

MacDon

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RESTAURANT

Reaching the Top!

On behalf of the Red Top, and Wombat's provincial players, both past and present, congratulations and thank you Rick and Brent for your years of dedication.

Congratulations to all of the Inductees tonight. We are proud to support Manitoba Rugby.



Manitoba Rugby

Thank You

2014 MANITOBA RUGBY HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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Note: Feel free to drop us a line should you have comments or suggestions. At rugbyhalloffame@gmail.com

Our Vision.

To support the growth and development of all aspects of the sport of Rugby in Manitoba.

Our Objectives.

1. Work to help establish, restore and sustain connections among Rugby Alumni.
2. Financially and morally support and improve the game of Rugby at all levels of play.
3. Identify males and females with standout athletic ability and provide financial support that will widen their opportunity to play at an elite level.
4. To provide a financial vehicle for patrons and friends of Rugby to assist in the growth and development of Rugby in Manitoba.
5. To support programs that will increase the number of players and build community awareness for the sport of Rugby.
6. Support events that restore and strengthen the relationship between Rugby Alumni and the current community based clubs involved with Rugby in Manitoba.
7. To provide additional financial support for programs not currently funded at a provincial level that improve the quality of play and skill levels for players, coaches and referees.
8. To continue to support and enhance Maple Grove Rugby Park as one of Canada's premier facilities.



That adds up to **42**
great new friends!

The Friends of Rugby
would like to congratulate all five inductees
in today's ceremonies.

