



**2022 Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame
Induction Dinner**

Saturday, October 15, 2022

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the Annual Manitoba Rugby
Hall of Fame
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Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame

October 2022

To: **Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame 2020 Honoured Members & 2022 Inductees**

From: **Ray Hoensen**
Chairman, Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee

On behalf of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee, I would like to congratulate and welcome both the 2020 Honoured Members and the 2022 inductees to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame at the first Induction Dinner since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2022 is the thirteenth year since the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame was established to honour those individuals and groups that have made a significant and valuable contribution to the game, which has been played in Manitoba for over 140 years.

It is not an easy path to induction as an Honoured Member. Nominations received from the rugby community are screened, reviewed, and researched by a Sub-Committee of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame, selected recommendations for induction are ratified by the Board of Directors of Rugby Manitoba, and then approved by the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee for induction.

Whether you are a Player, Builder or Pioneer; you have all made outstanding and significant contributions to rugby locally, nationally and/or internationally. As Honoured Members you have been recognized by your peers for your notable achievements on and/or off the pitch, inspiring all involved in the game.

We truly thank you for your contributions and dedication to Rugby!

Sincerely,

Ray Hoensen, P. Eng.
Chairman, MRHOF
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Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Honourable Members

PIONEER

• Ian Williams	2010
• Albert Shepherdson*	2010
• Jim Platt*	2011
• Robert Pringle*	2014
• John Whyte*	2015
• John Walton	2016
• Derry Newton*	2018

BUILDER

• Dwight Evans	2010
• MGRP Founders Committee	2010
• John Reilly*	2010
• Gilles Roy	2010
• Bob Elder	2011
• Art Logan*	2011
• Gary MacDonald*	2011
• Ken Pearn*	2011
• Glenys MacKenzie	2012
• Don Pincock	2012
• Peter Press	2013
• Jim Feasby	2014
• Rick Romsa	2015
• Rob St. Germain	2016
• WASP Women's Athletic Association	2016
• St. Paul's High School Rugby Program	2016
• Don Innes	2017
• Jim (Pops) Russell	2017
• Karen Rhoda	2018
• Peter Nolan	2018
• Arleigh Mackenzie	2019
• Randy Dilk	2019

OFFICIAL

• Ken Adams	2010
• Dave Barnes*	2011
• Mike Brown*	2012
• Gary Nicholson	2012
• Ray Skett	2012
• Wilf Erichsen	2013
• T. Colin Gibbs*	2013
• Guy McKim	2014
• Paul Harland	2015
• Bill Zubrack	2018

PLAYER / TEAM

• Larry DeBooy*	2010
• Corinne Enns	2010
• Winnipeg Rugby Football Club (Winnipeg Blue Bombers)	2010
• Val Gompf	2011
• Neville Rhoda	2011
• SNAFU Rugby Tournament	2011
• 1994 Manitoba U17 Boys Provincial Team	2012
• Riley Barkman	2013
• Saracens RFC Men's Premiership Championship Team 1979-86	2013
• Brian Erichsen	2014
• Brent Tomchuk	2014
• 1996 Manitoba U19 Jr Women's Provincial Team, National Champions	2014
• Brenda Treleaven	2015
• 1997 Manitoba Sr. Men's Tier II National Championship Team	2015
• Jeff Harrison	2016
• Angela Ploegman	2016
• 1972-1975 Saracens RFC 1 st Division Men's Team	2016
• Andrew Jackson	2017
• Mandy Marchak	2017
• St. John's High School Rugby Team 1977	2017
• Lou Furlan	2018
• Shannon Ploegman Smith	2019
• Brian "Benji" Marchak	2019
• Sidney Roberts	2019

* Passed



Introduction

CELEBRATING RUGBY



Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame: 2020 and 2022 Inductees

The Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame celebrates the history of the sport of Rugby in Manitoba, first played in 1879, and aims to recognize those whom have significantly contributed to the game and its development.

The Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Induction Sub Committee recommended a number of potential Inductees, six of whom were subsequently ratified by Rugby Manitoba and approved by the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee for Induction in 2020 and 2022.

We truly appreciate the accomplishments and contributions to the game of Rugby of these six individuals and welcome them as Honoured Members of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

2020 Honoured Members



Clint Evans – Pioneer
(posthumous)



Scott Harland – Builder



Colleen Horton – Builder

2022 Inductees



Erik Luinenburg – Player



Bob Rialland – Pioneer



Harry Robertson – Player



August 30, 2022

To: Rugby Manitoba Hall of Fame Inductees

It is an honour and a pleasure to provide this letter and we were delighted to be asked. To read the credentials of those being honoured at this event is a truly humbling experience, and a reminder of the significant contribution that Manitobans have made to the history of rugby in Canada.

On behalf of Rugby Canada, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to each of the 2020 and 2022 inductees and our thanks for your immense commitment and enduring contributions. You are now part of the extraordinary and proud legacy of rugby in Manitoba that serves as inspiration to current and future players not only in your home province but across the country.

We hope that the evening is full of camaraderie and celebration. Congratulations one and all and thank you to you and all those who supported you along the way, and to the hard-working hall of fame selection committee and other volunteers who make these occasions possible.

Sincerely,

SALLY DENNIS, Chair

NATHAN BOMBRY, CEO

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August 20, 2022

Dear Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame inductees,

Rugby Manitoba would like to congratulate each of you on your induction into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

It is a great honor to be recognised by your peers and community for your contribution to the sport of Rugby in Manitoba. The board and staff of Rugby Manitoba sincerely thanks you for all that you have done in service of the game.

May your legacy light the way for others to follow in your footsteps in growing our great game.

Congratulations to both the 2020 and 2022 inductees;

2020

Clint Evans - Pioneer (Posthumous)
Scott Harland - Builder
Colleen Horton - Builder

2022

Erik Luinenburg - Pioneer
Bob Rialland - Player
Harry Robertson - Player

We hope you enjoy the celebrations!

Yours in Rugby,

Dave Simpson
President, Rugby Manitoba

Patrick Ryan
Executive Director, Rugby Manitoba



**PREMIER
OF MANITOBA**

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CANADA

A MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of all Manitobans, it is my pleasure to congratulate the athletes, coaches, volunteers, and organizers who will be honoured at this year's Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Induction Event.

As we gather to celebrate this year's inductees, as well as those from 2020, we recognize the important contribution of coaches, trainers and volunteers, without whom many Manitobans would not be able to participate in rugby, which has a long and storied history in our province.

Like many sports, rugby teaches players valuable life skills. Experienced athletes and coaches know that good sportsmanship and teamwork can produce wins on and off the field. The many hours Rugby Manitoba athletes, coaches, and volunteers put in each year is a testament to your dedication and love of the game.

Congratulations to all of tonight's inductees for your outstanding achievements and contributions to the sport of rugby in Manitoba. I would also like to thank Rugby Manitoba for their hard work in promoting the sport in communities across Manitoba, so that even more people can experience the thrill of a match.

I wish you all a wonderful evening and every success in the future.



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The Honourable Heather Stefanson



Mayor's Message

A warm welcome of greetings to everyone attending the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame 2022 Induction Dinner celebrating the sport and builders of Manitoba rugby. Following the cancellations of the 2020 and 2021 celebrations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's dinner holds special meaning as the first in-person Induction Dinner since 2019, and as the belated celebration of those inducted as Honoured Members in 2020.

This prestigious gathering will recognize some of Manitoba Rugby's finest in 2020 and 2022:

New 2020 Honoured Members:

- Clint Evans (Pioneer, posthumous)
- Scott Harland (Builder)
- Colleen Horton (Builder)

2022 Inductees:

- Erik Luinenburg (Player)
- Bob Rialland (Pioneer)
- Harry Robertson (Player)

Congratulations to the new 2020 Honoured Members and 2022 inductees to the Hall of Fame. Everyone recognized this evening has made significant contributions advancing the sport of rugby in Manitoba, through remarkable leadership and dedication as pioneers, builders and players. The recognition, honours and celebrations this evening are well-deserved.

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg, I want to recognize the organizers who support the activities of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame and make events like this possible. And of course, I am delighted to extend my best wishes to all the inductees, their families and friends for your dedication and support advancing the sport of rugby here at home.

Warmly,

Mayor Brian Bowman
The City of Winnipeg





**MINISTER
OF SPORT, CULTURE AND HERITAGE**

A Message from the Minister

I would like to wish a warm welcome to all members, organizers and guests of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame, as you gather for your first hall of fame induction since 2019.

This is truly an evening of celebration in our province's rugby community. Tonight, we celebrate the inductees of 2022, as well as those of 2020 to recognize those who have made significant and valuable contributions to rugby in Manitoba. I also congratulate Rugby Manitoba for its continued efforts in honouring the best and brightest in your sport, and for hosting such a wonderful event.

Astonishingly, it has been more than 140 years since the Winnipeg Rugby Football Club was established. Rugby has brought Manitobans together through thrilling competition on the rugby pitch. Tonight we celebrate the players, coaches, officials and fans who have contributed to this sport's great success over many generations. We also honour a new group of inductees, who, through their skill and determination, have earned their place in this prestigious hall of fame. Their success is an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations to tonight's inductees for setting the highest standards of athletic and organizational achievement. Your hard work and dedication enriches our province's amateur sports community and encourages all of us to pursue our passions.

I wish you all continued success and a wonderful evening.

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**Honourable Andrew Smith
Minister
Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage**





On behalf of Sport Manitoba, I'd like to warmly congratulate the 2020 Honoured Members and the 2022 Inductees who will be honoured at this year's Annual Induction Dinner for the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

These six individuals have made significant contributions to the sport, which has been played in Manitoba for over 140 years. Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is an accomplishment to be very proud of. As we reflect on your positive impact in rugby, we know that players, teams, builders, coaches, and volunteers will remember your influence for generations to come.

It is my pleasure to recognize and acknowledge the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame's class of 2020 and 2022. Thank you for your passion and dedication to sport, and for being a special part of Manitoba's rich sport heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet McMahon".

Janet McMahon
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To:

Clint Evans
Scott Harland
Colleen Horton
Erik Luinenburg
Bob Rialland
Harry Robertson

Esteemed inductees to the Rugby Manitoba Hall of Fame

Congratulations,

As an inductee into The Rugby Manitoba Hall of Fame you are a representation and reflection of the talent and commitment Manitoba has to offer in our sport. Although it is unfortunate those appointed in 2020 were unable to receive recognition at the time, inducting the group above together seems appropriate and reminds us all of the broader spectrum of those who have made our sport better.

Maple Grove Rugby Park has had the opportunity to support each of you while you contributed to Rugby and our community as a whole. The park has, and continues to benefit from your contributions.

Clint, Scott, Colleen, Erik, Bob and Harry, the part you have, and continue to play in the growth, development, and betterment of our sport on and off the field is inspiring. As you read through the background information provided for the inductees, I'm reminded of how much work went into the growth of our sport in the last seven decades. The path to success is not often a straight line, and the inductees above are an example of the commitment it takes to continue forward through challenges and change.

The Executive and the entire Board of Directors Maple Grove Rugby Park extends their warmest congratulations on your appointment to The Rugby Manitoba Hall of Fame.

Yours in Rugby

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Wilson'.

Dave Wilson
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colin Fraser'.

Colin Fraser
Vice President, External

Marko Klimenko
Vice President, Internal

Daniel Kevany
Secretary



October, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame & Museum extends its most sincere congratulations to the inductees into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame who are being honoured tonight.

Manitoba has a rich variety of sport and accomplishments. As you know, rugby has been played here almost as long as Manitoba has been a province. Your sport's contribution to our collective sport history and tradition has been profound. The athletes, builders and teams that make up that history deserve to be celebrated and your organization is to be commended for all of your efforts in this regard.

Our mandate is to help to preserve Manitoba's sport heritage. We are very pleased to see the wonderful volunteers of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame being able to celebrate their sport history with the first induction ceremony to be held since 2019.

Once again, congratulations to everyone involved with this special evening.

Sincerely,

Don MacDonald, Board Chair



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06 September 2022

Dear Ray,

I am very pleased to write this letter of support for the Hall of Fame dinner for the Manitoba Rugby Union. I know rugby has a long history in Manitoba and it is wonderful to see the people who have contributed so much to the sport recognized for their efforts. We know it has been difficult over the last two years for all amateur sports and rugby is no exception. We are so pleased to see your Union organize this event and celebrate all the accomplishments of the fine individuals selected for membership in the Hall of Fame.

As a gesture of our support, we will be contributing \$1,000 to your endowment fund within the Canadian Rugby Foundation.

Kind regards,

Michael P. A. Holmes B.A.L.L.B.

Chair

Canadian Rugby Foundation

The Assassins would like to congratulate

Clint Evans

(Assassins RFC's First Club President)

&

Bob Rialland

(Assassins RFC's First Team Captain)

on their well deserved induction into
the **Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.**



TOUGHNESS, CHARACTER & TRADITION.
ASSASSINS RFC



Photo of the Assassins Div. I team vs. Winnipeg Wanderers, Spring 1969 taken by Jack Caine.

Clint Evans (1949 – 2007)

PIONEER

Clint Evans was an outstanding track, football and basketball athlete at Churchill High School (CHS) where in 1966 he set a provincial track record in the 400-meter event and received the CHS Athlete of the Year award in his 1966/67 senior year. In 2009, Clint was inducted into the CHS Bulldogs Football Hall of Fame as defensive back/wide receiver.

Clint's passion for rugby was awakened in the spring of 1967 when he and friend Bob Riolland were recruited by Ian Williams (2010 MRHOF Pioneer) to play for the Winnipeg Wasps Rugby Club that regularly practiced on Churchill Drive, not far from their homes. Clint and Bob soon encouraged many of their friends from the CHS community and Riverview area to join.

In the fall of 1967, fellow Wasp teammate Jim Platt (2011 MRHOF Pioneer) pitched to the CHS lads the idea of forming a new rugby team consisting of home-grown Canadian

boys. Enthusiastic, Clint and Bob soon organized several meetings with CHS students and alumni and the Assassins Rugby Football Club (ARFC) was born. The first club executive was formed in late fall 1967 with Clint serving as first club president in 1968 and during 1969-71 as team captain.

Clint was instrumental in those early years, recruiting club players, including younger brothers Bart and Dwight (2010 MRHOF Builder), as well as from the Churchill Bulldog and later Manitoba Bison Manitoba Football programs.



By the spring of 1969 the ARFC had registered teams in both divisions of the Manitoba Rugby Football Union and in 1971 Clint led the Assassins to its first Division 1 championship.



Winning team: Assassins Sevens Tournament, Winnipeg, summer 1969.
 Front Row: Ian McLeod, prop; John Silver, hooker; Bart Evans, prop
 Back Row: Don Steele, wing; **Clint Evans, fly-half**; Dennis Caine, scrum half; Bob Boughey, centre





Assassins Div. I team following a game with the Wanderers during Spring 1969. Picture taken at the Weston Community Club on Logan Avenue in Winnipeg.
 1st Row: Dennis Caine, Rod Kachulak, Mike Murray, John Silver, Bob Boughey, Don Steele, and Don Wiles
 2nd Row: Jim Platt, Ron Odgers, Ian McLeod, Bob Keating, John Samm, Bart Evans, **Clint Evans**, and Dwight Evans (Photo taken by Jack Caine)

Clint was a stellar rugby player, both offensively and defensively, and leading scorer for the Assassins. Beginning in June 1968, he was selected to play with the Provincial rugby team during inter-provincial competitions. At the University of Manitoba, Clint continued to excel in both track and field and football (1967-71). In football, he was voted Western Intercollegiate Association Conference All-Star in 1969. Notably, the Bison football team won the Vanier Cup in both 1969 and 1970, and were subsequently inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and the Manitoba Football Hall of Fame.

Clint and his wife, Linda, moved to Prince Edward Island (PEI) in 1974. Clint enjoyed life on the Island and was a dedicated, well respected physical education professional, winning two national awards for the intramural program he developed for his school. He also garnered recognition for his efforts to re-establish and coach Junior football in PEI and for his leadership, both as player and mentor of the PEI Provincial Rugby team.

Clint was also an avid outdoorsman, spending much of his spare time planning and enjoying hiking, cross country skiing, orienteering, cycling and canoe/camping adventures with his friends and, above all, with his family. In addition to rugby, he also enjoyed playing touch football and, with his brother Dwight, planning and partaking in whitewater canoe excursions.

Gone, but not forgotten, Clint was a wonderful, unassuming man, who is lauded for his pioneering efforts in originating and developing the ARFC, as well as for his athleticism and accomplishments as a team leader and player. His impact on the club has been far-reaching. Since its founding in 1967, the ARFC has achieved great success in provincial rugby, fielding several men's and women's teams over the years and winning numerous 1st and 2nd division men's and women's championships. These successes and indeed the club's founding owe much to the early pioneering efforts of one **Clinton Bruce Evans**.



Colleen Horton

BUILDER



Colleen played for many years and held positions of Vice President and President with the Wasps Women's Athletic Association (WWAA) 1981 to 2001 and was honored with a number of team Most Valuable Player awards. She earned a reputation as both an accomplished and tenacious player that was to garner her as a member of the Canadian National Women's Team in 1988 training in Montreal and a match versus the United States Women's Team in Saranac Lake, New York. She was a mainstay of the Manitoba Sr. Women's Provincial Team for many years and was honored with the Sr. Women's Team

Most Valuable Player award in 2000. Colleen was also instrumental in helping to establish the Brumbies ladies team in 2010. Here she served as President from 2010 to 2016, coached for many years and remains involved to varying degrees to this day.

Recognition of Colleen's 25 plus years of Coaching resulted in an award from Sport Manitoba in 2019. She has coached both boys and girls at Dakota Collegiate, girls programs at Springfield Collegiate and Shaftsbury High School, Rugby Manitoba Colts (Junior Rugby) as well as the WWAA and the Brumbies.

As one who has made significant contributions to the sport of rugby in Manitoba, Colleen has pretty much done it all; player, coach, manager, administrator and volunteer. There are very few in the Manitoba rugby community that do not know of her or have not been touched in some way by her involvement and influence.



Above: 1988 Team Canada, Colleen Horton (first row, far right)





Manitoba Provincial programs were to see Colleen manage the Senior Women's team in 2000 and 2001, the Senior Men's Buffalo team in 2003 and 2004 and the Under 18 boy's team in 2013. From Winnipeg Women's Rugby Division Secretary and WWAA Representative in 1988, to Rugby Manitoba Board of Directors Junior Coordinator in 2001, Rugby Manitoba Board of Directors Women's Division President and a Director of the Manitoba High School Rugby Board in 2001, 2002 and 2003 as well as serving for three years as Clubhouse Manager at Maple Grove Rugby Park, it is safe to say Colleen has certainly been there and done it all.

The **Brumbies Rugby Club** would like to congratulate



Colleen Horton

on her induction into the
Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame



Thank you for all of your contributions to the sport and dedication to our team throughout the years.

We are so proud of your accomplishments and happy to have such an amazing mentor both on and off the rugby field!



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***Congratulations to Colleen
Horton on her induction to
the Rugby Manitoba Hall of
Fame!***



***Manitoba Wombats 50th Anniversary
August 18-20, 2023***



WASPS RUGBY



The Winnipeg Wasps would like to congratulate **Scott Harland** on his induction into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame. A true gentleman, Scott is who every rugby player wants to be, on and off the pitch. His contributions to our club, and to the sport of rugby at the local, national, and international levels, make this honour well deserved.

Black and Gold Forever.



The Winnipeg Wasps would like to congratulate **Colleen Horton** on her induction into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame. Colleen has had an enormous impact on women's rugby as both a player and a coach, and we are thrilled to see her contributions recognized.

Once a Wasp, always a Wasp!

BLACK AND GOLD FOREVER

Scott Harland

BUILDER



Rare are individuals who have made significant contributions to the sport of rugby in a number of areas at the local, national and international levels, and **Scott Harland** is one of them.

Scott's love of Rugby started as a player in 1982. He played junior and senior provincial for Manitoba, was named to the Canada U21 team in 1988, and played semi-pro in Nevers, France. Scott started coaching in 1987 and coached at least one team every year until 2008. During that period he was head or assistant coach for 14 Manitoba provincial junior or senior women's teams, including the 1995 Western Canadian Jr. Women's Champions; served as assistant coach for the Canada Sr. Women's team from 1998 to 2001, helping with Canada's

first win ever over the USA women's team; served as head coach for the Canada U-23 Women's team from 1999 to 2002 and the Canada U-19 Women's team from 2005 to 2008, including Canada's first ever - men or women's - rugby victory over England; and served as head coach for a combined team from 7 countries at the North America and Caribbean Women's International 15s Championships. In addition to these coaching contributions and successes, Scott was instrumental in helping to establish the high school women's leagues in both Winnipeg in 1987 and Saskatoon in 1992.

Scott's enthusiasm for the game was further demonstrated when he undertook to begin a career as a referee in the very same year that he started to coach. Continuing as a referee to this day, Scott has accomplished a breadth of officiating experiences and attained an enviable record of achievement rivaled by few. Of note, Scott has refereed

in over fifteen interprovincial junior and senior championship matches, refereed at two regional International Sevens championships as well as one women's and four men's International 15's matches and served as Citing Commissioner for four Regional International Sevens championships and two Regional International U-19 tournaments.

In addition, Scott has served as a Match Commissioner for 30 plus International matches and Sevens tournaments including Canada vs USA World Cup qualifiers, NZ vs Ireland, NZ vs USA and the 2018 Junior World Championship in France and was appointed Head Official for the Pan Am Games Rugby Sevens in Toronto and the 2016 Regional Olympic Qualifiers in North Carolina, and was named Tournament Director for the 2013 Tbilisi Cup (Georgia, Uruguay, South Africa and Ireland), the 2017 Youth Commonwealth



Games (Bahamas) and the 2018 Youth Olympic Qualifiers in Las Vegas.

Scott is accredited as a World Rugby Master Trainer, and has trained Citing Commissioners, Judicial Officers, Referees, Coaches, Match Commissioners and World Rugby Educators and Trainers. He currently works as the Regional Training Manager for Rugby Americas North, overseeing a range of rugby programs and all accreditation courses in Canada, the USA, Mexico and the Caribbean. He has also been involved in revising the Laws book and many of the current World Rugby courses.

All in all, an impressive array of accomplishments that are worthy of Hall of Fame induction.



Congratulations to all of the 2020 and 2022 Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Inductees

The **Manitoba Association of Rugby Referees** would like to give special congratulations to our distinguished member, **Scott Harland** on his induction into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

As a World Rugby Master Trainer, Scott has trained and mentored match officials of all levels locally and around the world. Scott never fails to bring his great wealth of knowledge, integrity, and love of the game to every match, training course and development session.

We raise our whistles to you, Sir!



Erik Luinenburg

PLAYER



Punishing, physical, tenacious, fearless and ferocious, intense and ruthless are but a few of the adjectives ascribed to Erik Luinenburg's on field play by teammates and foes alike. Humble, gracious, respectful, and quick with a handshake and a smile were his trademarks off the field. If one were to ascribe to the notion that rugby is a hooligan's game played by gentlemen, Erik was the consummate example and sportsman.

Possessing height, strength, fitness and speed Erik played in the back row and was equally adept at all three positions. Those who coached Erik described his defensive work as outstanding and one of the first to any breakdown in play. Offensively his athletic ability allowed him to excel as a support player with ball-handling skills the envy of many a midfield player. In addition, he proved to be an

invaluable and accurate lineout jumper; this during a time when lineout jumpers could not be lifted by other team members.

Erik played his Rugby during the halcyon days of Manitoba Rugby. With the formation of the School's Rugby Union in 1974 Winnipeg saw an almost immediate flourishing of Rugby talent amongst participating schools. Between 1975 and 1977 Erik attended St. James Collegiate which fielded extraordinarily strong teams where he distinguished himself early on as a stand-out player.

Following graduation from high school, Erik enjoyed a rather nomadic rugby journey starting in 1978 with a local St. James area club called the Zots. There he stayed until 1985 when the St. James team folded and he joined the Saracens RFC helping it win both League and Provincial Premier Division Championships that year. In 1986 Erik moved on to the Griffons RFC, (an amalgamation of former St. James Zots and St. Vital Buccaneers players), to reunite with Zot compatriots Bill Zubrack (2018 MRHOF Official), Tim Kist, Rob Geregthy, Blaine Abram, Dave Finnbogason and others. Then in 1987, when the Griffons were unable to field a 1st Division/Premiership squad, Erik and many of his Zot compatriots were to join the

Wanderers RFC. Here they were to find success winning the Provincial Premier Division Championship in 1987 and both the League and the Provincial Premier Division Championships in 1989. Erik remained with the Wanderers RFC until 1992 playing his last rugby game against the Saracens in the Provincial Premier Division Championship. Unfortunately due to time constraints and a legendary recurring dislocating shoulder, this was to be Erik's last foray in Premiership rugby. In 1993 Erik and many other older players with provincial team credentials were to join a team of Manitoba Old Boys formulated by the University of Manitoba Wombats.

Here Erik was to continue to enjoy time spent with old friends and team mates. Between 1979 and 1992 Erik contribute significantly to many of Manitoba's provincial





a Prairie 15s team, consisting of the best players from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, to play host in Winnipeg, on Oct. 27th to a New Zealand All Blacks Development squad that was touring across Canada that year. Coinciding with his last year of Premiership club rugby in 1992, Erik played his last Sr. Men's provincial representative game in St. John's Newfoundland.

Throughout it all, Erik Luinenburg demonstrated a unique toughness and an intense love of and for the game and clearly enjoyed both the camaraderie and the contest regardless of the level of play.

team programs. In 1979 Erik was introduced late to Provincial team rugby joining the Manitoba Under 20 Men's program where he was to garner notice by selectors in Fredericton, New Brunswick

at the Canadian Nationals. From then on he represented the province playing on virtually every Sr. Men's team, again garnering notice from national selectors. In 1990 Erik was selected to



The Winnipeg Wanderers would like to salute all the 2020 and 2022 inductees.

Congratulations on your induction to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.



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Congratulations

to the **STAND OUT** 2020 & 2022 Inductees
to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame



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A proud history of champions!

The Saracens Rugby Club would like to salute

Harry Robertson

along with a special congratulations to
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1968 Saracens RFC
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1972 Saracens RFC
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Harry Robertson

PLAYER

It is hard to believe that the scrumhalf that drove the Saracens pack in seven of eight of the 1979-86 Saracens RFC Championship Hall of Fame teams started his Rugby career at River Heights Junior High. He played his first year in grade 8 with lifelong friends Tim Kelly, Jon Siddall, Jamie Casey and Brian Twomey.



The next fall, Harry transferred to St. John's High School and the rest is history. St. John's won the first Junior High Championship and he helped lead St. John's to championships in his 3 years in Senior High. Harry was part of the group of St. John's Senior Teams that never lost a game on North American soil and was instrumental in inspiring the St. John's 1977 touring team to a winning record in England and undefeated in Chicago.

If ever there was a "high school draft" of graduating players from the 1977 school year, many in the day would certainly have had Harry a top contender for first overall pick.

After high school, Harry committed to the Saracens RFC. Harry played Provincial Rugby at the U-20 level from 1976 to 1979. It was in Fredericton, New Brunswick in 1979 that Harry's play was finally noticed as he was selected as part of the Canadian



to family and work commitments, Harry left the playing field in the late 80's but came back in 1997 to lead the Saracens young lads to a second division provincial championship.

Harry continued to remain active as a club and colts coach and served on the club executive as well. In 2008 Harry restarted the dormant high school Rugby program at Tuxedo Shaftsbury and led that program for next ten years. To this day, he is still involved in youth rugby at the grassroots level.

National U-20 program and was to attend camp in Regina along with fellow Saracens, Jim Babiuk and Rick Romsa.

Although his representation at the Senior Provincial level was limited to a few years, Harry was instrumental in the Manitoba win over Alberta in 1980. He drove the forwards and his confidence and encouragement helped the pack mercilessly defend as well as score two push over tries. Due

Harry was an exceptional player with great quickness, not only with his feet and hands but on reading the field. During his tenure with the 1979-86 Saracens, he had the inevitable task of appeasing both the forwards and the backs. There was only one ball but Harry made sure everyone was content. His teammates would go through a brick wall for him and he was highly regarded by everyone he played with and against.



Bob Rialland

PIONEER



Bob grew up in the Riverview neighborhood of Fort Rouge during the 1950s-60s, a time when many enthusiastic and sports-minded lads were participating in the many outstanding community and school sports programs. Not surprising many participants of these programs went on to distinguish themselves in amateur and professional sport.

Bob was no exception. From a young age, he excelled in a variety of sports including football, track and skiing, but rugby was Bob's true calling.

It was during the spring of 1967 when Bob first developed his passion for rugby. He and his friend, Clint Evans (2020 MRHOF Pioneer), were recruited by Ian Williams (2010 MRHOF Pioneer) to play for the Winnipeg Wasps Rugby Club, a club which regularly practiced on Churchill Drive not far from their homes in Riverview. Bob immediately embraced the game with its fierce competition and requirements for stamina and skill. In May 1967 he experienced his first taste of inter-provincial rugby play when he traveled with the Wasps to Edmonton, Alberta to play against the Edmonton Pirates.

Bob quickly became respected in rugby circles owing to his passion for the game and his spirited and aggressive style of play. He deeply valued the sense of brotherhood shared between players within a club as well as the camaraderie with players from opposing clubs. Bob enjoyed the social aspect of the game and could always be counted on to help organize fundraising socials and off-season events to keep the connections with teammates strong. His enthusiasm for rugby was infectious and in no time other lads from Fort Rouge were joining the ranks of the Wasps.

During the fall of 1967, Jim Platt (2011 MRHOF Pioneer) a Wasp teammate and outstanding player, pitched the idea to Churchill High School (CHS) players of developing

a new rugby team, a team of "home-grown" Canadian boys. The proposal was well-received and soon thereafter Bob and Clint organized meetings of interested players in his parent's 'rec room.' There was no shortage of players, especially from the CHS cohorts who regularly participated in "pick-up" snow football games on Churchill Drive during the winter months. Bob had a way of recruiting players that one could not ignore. His sheer enthusiasm made it almost impossible to decline the offer to try this new sport.

The first Assassins' executive was formed during late fall 1967 with Bob serving as first team captain (1968) and Clint serving as first club president and Jim Platt as coach. By the spring of 1968, the Assassins were fielding a new team in the Manitoba Rugby Football Union (MRFU) first division. Bob was instrumental in founding and developing this new club, including choice of team name and for providing leadership both on and off the field. Notably, Bob's brother-in-law designed the club's crest, the letter 'A' surrounded by a laurel wreath, a symbol which remains to this very day.

By 1969 the Assassins had entered teams in both the first and second divisions of the MRFU and in 1971 the Assassins won their first Division 1 men's championship. It was Bob, along with Clint Evans and Jim Platt,

who were the initial driving force that gave wind to the Assassins' wings which was to see them grow to include a first division men's team, a first division woman's team and two second division men's sides that over the next 50 plus years would go on to win numerous first and second division Provincial and League championships.

Bob continued to play with the Assassins through the 1970's but was eventually sidelined with significant injury to his knees and hips. Now living in the Okanagan, Bob still loves the team he helped build into a powerhouse and

demonstrated his connection to the team by travelling to Winnipeg for both the Assassins' 40th and 50th anniversary celebrations. Bob can often be seen proudly sporting his Assassins shirts.

Bob is well-respected in rugby circles for his pioneering efforts in conceiving, planning and building the Assassins RFC, as well as for his athleticism and accomplishments as a team leader and player. His impact on the Assassins RFC and rugby in Manitoba are far reaching and undeniable and their significance worthy of distinction. Commissioners

and World Rugby Educators and Trainers. He currently works as the Regional Training Manager for Rugby Americas North, overseeing a range of rugby programs and all accreditation courses in Canada, the USA, Mexico and the Caribbean. He has also been involved in revising the Laws book and many of the current World Rugby courses.

All in all, an impressive array of accomplishments that are worthy of Hall of Fame induction.



This picture was taken during May, 1967 and shows several CHS members of the Wasps team including Greg Hull (1st row, second from right) and Mike Forbes (1st row, far right), and **Bob Rialland** (2nd row, second from left), Rod Kachulak (2nd row, fourth from left) and Clint Evans (second row, third from right). This picture was taken in Edmonton, Alberta where a combined group of Wasps and some Wanderers had taken the train to Edmonton to play against the Edmonton Pirates.

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.



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To the Rugby Community,

On behalf of the Manitoban Rugby community, we would like to thank the esteemed inductees and the numerous others that volunteer to keep our game strong.

It has been a tough few years for all, however with everybody's contributions we have seen a triumphant return of rugby and real growth in participation numbers in the sport.

We look forward to continuing to work with you all to ensure that our game thrives in Manitoba into the future.

Sincerely,

Patrick Ryan

Executive Director
Rugby Manitoba

Guidelines

PURPOSE: TO CELEBRATE THE HISTORY OF THE SPORT OF RUGBY IN MANITOBA BY RECOGNIZING THOSE WHOM HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE GAME.

CATEGORIES

- Player/Team
- Official (Referees, Coaches, Managers and Non-coaching Staff)
- Builder (Administrators, Media, Patrons, Volunteers and multiple category contributors)
- Pioneer (contributions should, but not necessarily, be prior to 1975)

GENERAL CRITERIA

- Nominees should have been involved in Rugby at least 20 years and have contributed significantly to the sport of rugby in Manitoba.
- Player nominees should have been retired from playing for at least three years from a national or provincial team program.
- Nominees may be recognized posthumously.
- Nominees may be considered while holding elected office at the provincial, national or international rugby board level.
- Nominees will not be considered for induction while serving on the Manitoba Rugby Hall Of Fame Committee in the following positions: Committee Chair, Sub-Committee Chairs and Induction Sub-Committee - Nominations Coordinator and Selections Jury members.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- Nominations are to be submitted using the MRHOF Nomination Form. The form can be found at and submitted directly from the MRHOF website.
- Nominations will be acknowledged as submitted upon their receipt.
- The Nominator may be asked by the Induction Sub Committee Nomination Coordinator to provide additional information and/or documentation concerning the Nominee in support of the nomination.
- Nominations for induction are valid for a period of three years (once a nominee is deemed eligible).
- Nominations not recommended for induction within the three year period of nomination validity may be re-nominated; otherwise Nominations recommended for induction stand in perpetuity.
- Nominations will be considered by the InductionSub Committee and any subsequent recommendations for induction are subject to final approval by the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee and ratification by the Rugby Manitoba Executive.
- Criteria for evaluation should include:
 - Accomplishments
 - Honours received
 - Involvement with the game
 - Overall career
 - Recognition of their contribution(s) by club, union and community (local, national and/or international).
- Inductees recommended for induction by the Induction Sub Committee, approved by the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee and ratified by the Rugby Manitoba Executive will be announced in late spring/early summer, prior to their induction in the fall.

NUMBER OF INDUCTEES

- Maximum of five (5) inductees annually.

TIMELINES

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| • Nomination Receipt | Ongoing all year |
| • Nomination Research | Ongoing all year |
| • Nomination Evaluation | End April |
| • Nomination Recommendation | Mid May |
| • Nomination Ratification | End May |
| • Nomination Approval | Mid June |
| • Nomination Announcement | End June |
| • Nomination Induction | Mid October |

REMOVAL

If an inductee brings the Game in disrepute, including by a criminal action, the Selections Jury will review the situation and make a recommendation for retention or removal, conditional upon the approval of the Rugby Manitoba Board (not only the Executive).

INDUCTION SUB-COMMITTEE

- Chairman – appointed by the Chairman of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee.
- Nomination Coordinator - appointed by the Induction Sub-committee Chairman
- Selections Jury Members (4 minimum) - appointed by the Induction Sub-committee Chairman and approved by the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee, shall consist of at least:
 - One past president of a Manitoba Rugby Club currently in good standing.
 - One past president of either Rugby Manitoba, Maple Grove Rugby Park, or the Manitoba Association of Rugby Referees.
 - Two Alumni Representatives - former players or officials (one male, one female) – retired from on field game activities for a period of five years.

REVISION

These Guidelines are subject to revision by the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee, who will provide a copy of the revised Guidelines to Rugby Manitoba.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MANITOBA RUGBY HALL OF FAME & RUGBY MANITOBA

The Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame is an independent organization, and is at arms-length from Rugby Manitoba, with no reporting relationship (other than for informational and liaison purposes) to Rugby Manitoba.

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The Friends of Rugby
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in today's ceremonies.

