



2025
Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame
Induction Dinner

Saturday, October 18th, 2025

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Annual Manitoba Rugby
Hall of Fame
Induction Dinner!

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Introduction

CELEBRATING RUGBY

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, three of whom were subsequently ratified by Rugby Manitoba and approved by the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee for Induction in 2025.

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



2025 Inductees



Builder

Larry Cherrett

University of Manitoba
Rugby Football Club



Builder

Sonja Hill MacAulay

Sturgeon Creek Rowdies
Rugby Football Club



Builder

Christopher
Chapman

Winnipeg Assassins
Rugby Football Club



Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame

October 2025

To: **Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame 2025 Inductees**

From: **Glenys MacKenzie**
Chair, Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee

On behalf of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee, I would like to congratulate and welcome the 2025 inductees to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

2025 is the fifteenth year since the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame was established to honour those who have made a significant and valuable contribution to the game, which has been played in Manitoba since 1879.

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 or Builder; 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 rugby.

We truly thank you for your contributions and dedication to our great game!

Sincerely,

Glenys MacKenzie
Chairman, MRHOF
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**PREMIER
OF MANITOBA**

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CANADA

A MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Province of Manitoba, I want to congratulate the 2025 inductees into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

This honour recognizes the incredible achievements and contributions of Manitobans to the sport of rugby. Sports like rugby teach us about the value of hard work and collaboration, while also being a great way to get moving and get outside. The individuals being recognized this year represent incredible athletes and coaches, many of whom dedicated their lives to the sport of rugby. Congratulations to inductees Chris Chapman, Larry Cherrett, and Sonja MacAulay. We are all proud that you are Manitobans.

Thank you to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame for your continued efforts to strengthen and promote rugby in our province. To everyone attending tonight's event, I wish you a wonderful evening of celebrating excellence in Manitoba sports.



**The Honourable Wab Kinew
Premier of Manitoba**



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg, I'd like to welcome everyone attending the 15th Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Induction Dinner.

Since 2010, the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame has celebrated the history of rugby in our province and honoured those whose dedication and passion have shaped the game. Rugby has been part of Manitoba's story since 1879, and it continues to thrive because of the players, officials, volunteers, and builders who contribute to the sport year after year.

This evening we celebrate the 2025 inductees - Christopher Chapman, Larry Cherrett, and Sonja Hill MacAulay - each recognized as a Builder of the game. Their leadership and commitment have left a lasting impact on rugby in Manitoba, and I congratulate them on this well-deserved honour.

To the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame, thank you for preserving the legacy of rugby while also supporting its future.

My best wishes for a memorable evening of celebration.

Sincerely,

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Scott Gillingham
Mayor
City of Winnipeg





On behalf of Sport Manitoba, I'd like to congratulate Chris Chapman, Larry Cherrett, and Sonja MacAulay, for being honoured as this year's inductees into the 15th annual Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

This deserving group has made significant contributions to rugby – a sport that has over 2,500 participants of all ages playing, coaching, officiating, volunteering, administrating, and managing, all across the province. As we reflect on their stories and recognize their impact, we know that our sport community will remember their positive influence for generations to come.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame's Class of 2025. We're grateful for your unwavering commitment to the sport and your proud representation of Manitoba.

Sincerely,

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

Janet McMahon
President & CEO
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September 5, 2025

Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame
Attn: Mr. Ray Hoemsen
2 Point Road
Winnipeg, MAN

Dear All,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you on the occasion of the Induction of the Class of 2025 into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

This Hall of Fame induction is reserved for the most distinguished among us. This year's inductees are by no means an exception and represent the best of the Manitoba Rugby community in terms of their commitment, dedication, talent and tenacity.

On behalf of Rugby Canada, I would like to offer my most sincere congratulations to Builders: Christopher Chapman, Larry Cherrett and Sonja Hill-MacAulay. Thank you for your leadership, your example and your stewardship of the game rugby in this great province.

Like those who have come before you in receiving this honour, you are now a part of the fabric that is the proud legacy of rugby in Manitoba. Your achievements will continue to live on and will serve as inspiration to current and future players alike, both in your home province and across this country.

Thank you to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame and their selection committee. Recognizing and celebrating the rich history of rugby in Manitoba is a worthy endeavour and an important part of growing the game.

Finally, Christopher, Larry and Sonya, may your individual and collective accomplishments shine brightly tonight and always.

Have a wonderful evening.

Very best,

Kathleen McGinn

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September 12, 2025

To the 2025 Inductees of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame,

On behalf of the entire Manitoba rugby community, past and present. Christopher Chapman, Sonja Hill MacAulay, and Larry Cherrett I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you on your induction into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

This honor is a testament to your exceptional dedication, talent, and contributions to the sport of rugby in our province. As builders, your efforts have left an indelible mark on the game, and your legacy will now be permanently enshrined among the honored members who have shaped rugby in Manitoba.

Being named to the Hall of Fame is not only a personal milestone, but also a moment of pride for your clubs, teammates and families who have been part of your journey. Your achievements inspire the next generation of rugby players and leaders, and your story becomes part of the foundation upon which the future of Manitoba rugby is built.

Thank you for your passion, perseverance, and excellence. Congratulations once again on this well-deserved recognition.

Congratulations on behalf of Rugby Manitoba,

Christian Taylor
President
Rugby Manitoba

We gratefully acknowledge that Rugby Manitoba Head Office is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininewuk, Anisininewuk, Dakota Oyate and Denesuline, and in the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. We further acknowledge that our water in Winnipeg is sourced from Treaty 3 Territory of Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and are dedicated to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. We are all Treaty people.



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Maple Grove Rugby Park, I would like to provide our congratulations to the very deserving inductees Chris Champan (Builder), Larry Cherrett (Builder) and Sonja MacAulay (Builder) to the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

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

Sincerely,

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RANDALL HORTON
President
Maple Grove Rugby Park

Maple Grove Rugby Park and Sportsplex
190 Frobisher Road
Winnipeg, Manitoba R2N 3Z1



On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame & Museum, we heartily congratulate the newest inductees into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

Christopher, Larry, and Sonja, your accomplishments in rugby are truly outstanding, and your recognition is richly deserved. You are not only pillars of the rugby community but of Manitoba sport as a whole.

The true reward of this recognition is of course the opportunity it brings. You will serve to inspire the next generations of athletes and volunteers who follow in your footsteps. These individuals will hear the stories of your journey, marvel at your achievements, and be motivated by the legacy you have built. This is an impact that will continue to inspire for years to come.

Rugby's history in our province stretches back generations, teaching enduring values which go beyond the sport such as teamwork, leadership, resilience, and the pursuit of health through activity. These qualities continue to shape both athletes and communities.

The Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame & Museum is proud to be a steward of our sporting history, and from that history we help guide the future. Rules may change and equipment may evolve, but the spirit of sport and the community that drives it remain strong. Rugby stands as a vital pillar of that community, and we thank you for all you do to uphold it.

Once again, congratulations to our honourees. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of Manitoba's rugby community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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Don MacDonald
Co-chair
Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Palamar".

Jeff Palamar
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Glenys MacKenzie
Chair, Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee

Dear Glenys:

We are pleased to congratulate the newest members of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame, the latest in a very distinguished list of Manitoba Rugby Hall of Famers which now numbers 66 players, coaches, teams, officials, builders and pioneers:

- Chris Chapman – Builder
- Larry Cherrett – Builder
- Sonja MacAulay – Builder

We were struck by the extensive rugby resumes accumulated by Chris, Larry and Sonja, who, while going into the Hall as builders, were also notably active as players, coaches, administrators, and strong supporters of Rugby Manitoba.

In recognizing, the Hall of Fame's 2025 Class, you not only recognize their considerable achievements and contributions to Manitoba Rugby, you also inspire high levels of sustained commitment and aspirations from all those that follow...and we applaud that.

We also send greetings to all attendees at the 2025 HofF Induction Dinner to celebrate these inductees. The dinner, like the Canadian Rugby Foundation and its Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund, and more recently, the Maple Grove Rugby Park Capital Fund, helps raise funds to develop and grow rugby in Manitoba and across Canada. Thank you for your continued support!

As a gesture of support for Manitoba Rugby, the Canadian Rugby Foundation again offers to match any donations to the Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund (all tax receipt-eligible) received by October 31, 2025 to a maximum of \$2,500. To make a donation to the fund, go [HERE](#).

We look forward to seeing who will be inducted into future Hall of Fame classes, and who will be representing the Province on pitches in Manitoba, across Canada, and around the world.

Cheers,

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Jeff Chan, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Holmes".

Mike Holmes, Chair

Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund

As a gesture of support for **Manitoba Rugby the Canadian Rugby Foundation** will match any contributions (all tax receipt eligible) to the **Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund** received by October 31, 2025 , up to a maximum total **\$2500**.

There are many ways to donate to the Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund

- 1. ONLINE:** Canada Helps.org will automatically send out a tax receipt for donations to the Manitoba Rugby Endowment fund made via this link:
<https://canadianrugbyfoundation.ca/index.php/support-a-fund/club-funds/manitoba-rugby-endowment-fund/>
- 2. CHEQUE:** The Canadian Rugby Foundation will send a tax receipt for donations to the Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund made by cheque which are sent c/o **Canadian Rugby Foundation, 709 Yates St., PO Box 8003, Victoria, BC, V8W 3R7** with the Fund name (Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund) in the memo line of the cheque.
- 3. ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER/INTERAC:** Transfers can be sent to payments@canadianrugbyfoundation.ca with an additional email to **Breann King** at cdnrugbyfoundation.financial@gmail.com with the details of the deposit for tax and allocation purposes; i.e., Donor's Full Name and Address and the Name of Fund Allocation (Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund). The Canadian Rugby Foundation will send a tax receipt.
- 4. BANK WIRE TRANSFER:** The Canadian Rugby Foundation will provide a tax receipt for donations made using the banking information and address below and an email to cdnrugbyfoundation.financial@gmail.com to inform **Breann King** of the date to expect the transfer, with amount and name of donor as well as the name of the fund (Manitoba Rugby Endowment Fund):
**CIBC 3147 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C.
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Canadian Rugby Foundation,
Bank No. # 010, Swift # CIBCCATT.**



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If you have any questions please contact either **Ray Hoemsen** (ray@rugby.mb.ca) of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame or **Jeff Chan** (jeffchan@gmail.com) of the Canadian Rugby Foundation.



Congratulations Larry Cherrett

on your induction into the
Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame!

The Manitoba Wombats sincerely thank you
for your contributions to our club and
the rugby community.

Congratulations to all of the
2025 Manitoba Rugby Hall
of Fame inductees:

Larry Cherrett

Sonja Hill MacAulay

Christopher Chapman

We raise our whistles to you all!



Larry Cherrett

BUILDER



Larry Cherrett first played with the Winnipeg Wanderers RFC in 1970, learning the game from Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame (MRHOF) Honoured Members Albert Shepardson and Derry Newton.

In 1973, together with Tom Millar and Desmond Walton, they founded the University of Manitoba Rugby Football Club (now the Manitoba Wombats Rugby Club) where he played until 1984, finishing his playing career in 1985 with the Assassins (following an invitation by his close friend Bart Evans since the UMRFC didn't field a Third Division side that season).

Larry has served numerous rugby organizations as a volunteer, director and leader – most notably as President of the University of Manitoba RFC (1982, 1988, 1989 & 2013), Rugby Manitoba (1978, 1985 & 1986) and Maple Grove

Rugby Park (2006-2008), as well as a member of the Maple Grove Rugby Park (MGRP) Founders Committee (MGRP is now celebrating its 40th anniversary).

Larry had many roles on the UMRFC's board, aside from his service as President, including Vice-President, MGRP Representative, Manipogo Tournament and Fundraising Director; he also led the organization of two club reunions.

Similarly, while on the board of Rugby Manitoba he also served as Juniors Director, MGRP Director, Vice-President and Past President and other positions including running bingos for more than two decades, and chairing and/or serving as a member of the Discipline Committee for over 15 years.

Larry used his legal expertise to incorporate MGRP, the Saracens and Wasps Women, draft shareholder agreements for MGRP, negotiate the first lease for MGRP with the City of Winnipeg, spearhead and implement constitutional amendments for Rugby Manitoba, MGRP, and the UMRFC, and negotiate sponsorship agreements with Labatts and Molsons.





Larry also helped coach a combined Vincent Massey/Kelvin side which won the First Division High School Championship (1999), was the Honourary Rugby Chairman at the 1990 Western Canada Summer Games, was a member and/or co-chair of the Selection Committee of the MRHOF for over a decade, was the Operations Committee Chair with the Canada Rugby Cup (2000) and helped organize the first-ever Rugby Canada National Championship Festival (2003).

Larry continues to love and support the game and those who play, has made many friends in our rugby community, is still involved organizing get togethers for UMRFC teammates and is very deserving of his induction as a Builder into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.





The Sturgeon Creek Rowdies would like to congratulate Sonja MacAulay and the other inductees to the Rugby Manitoba Hall of Fame.



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.



CONGRATULATIONS

2025 MANITOBA RUGBY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

BUILDER:
Larry Cherrett

BUILDER:
Sonja Hill MacAulay

BUILDER:
Christopher Chapman



Sonja Hill MacAulay

BUILDER

From the high school pitch to the halls of leadership, **Sonja Hill MacAulay** has dedicated her life to building the sport of rugby in Manitoba. Her journey began at Kelvin High School, where she played fullback from 1988 to 1990. She quickly found her home at the Sturgeon Creek Rowdies R.F.C., where her versatility saw her transition to the forward pack as a formidable prop, flanker, and #8. As a leader on the field, she captained the Rowdies' women's team for several seasons, setting a standard for commitment and grit.

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Her talent shone at the provincial level, where she was a cornerstone of the Manitoba Senior Women's team from 1992 to 2000, ultimately earning the captaincy. Her play didn't go unnoticed; she was selected to a Manitoba Selects team to face the Venezuelan National team in 1993 and received a coveted invitation to a Canadian National Women's Team identification camp in the early 2000s. Seeking new challenges, she moved to Australia, winning a championship with the University of Queensland Rugby Football Club and earning a spot on the Queensland Regional team in 2003 and 2004.



Photo Credit: Kelly Morton Photography





But Sonja's greatest contributions may be the ones she made off the pitch. Her tireless work ethic and passion for the game led her to key administrative and leadership roles, including serving as President of the Winnipeg High School Rugby Committee for five years. She also lends her expertise to the Rugby Manitoba Disciplinary Committee and the Manitoba Association of Rugby Referees, ensuring the integrity and growth of the sport.



As a coach, she has inspired generations of athletes. After coaching the Kelvin High School girls' team in 1996, she assisted with the Selkirk Collegiate girls' team, launched the boys' 15s program in Winkler, started a girls' team at Silver Heights Collegiate, and mentored young players at Golden Gate Middle School. In 2004 she revitalized the Vincent Massey Collegiate girls' program, building it into a perennial powerhouse with multiple championships. Her legacy is not just in the championships she won, but in the countless players and programs she helped create and sustain. Sonja Hill MacAulay, a true Builder of Manitoba Rugby.



thanks



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The Winnipeg Wasps would like to thank and congratulate all members for their many contributions to rugby in Manitoba.

We also thank the Manitoba Rugby Hall of fame for their dedication and service in the preservation of rugby's story in Manitoba.



Congratulations to
the 2025 Manitoba
Rugby Hall of
Fame Inductees.

From your friends
Wanderers RFC



Cheers to Chris “Chappers” Chapman! Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame 2025 Builder!

Chapman’s love for rugby began on the pitch with 18 seasons with the Assassins and another two with the Wimbledon Old Boys. A devoted coach and mentor, Chris inspired generations at high school, club, and provincial levels, including coaching the Assassins Women’s team to the 2006 Provincial Championship.

Off the field, Chris shaped rugby in Manitoba as Assassins RFC President (1993,1998), Rugby Manitoba Schools Coordinator and Youth Director, Maple Grove Rugby Park VP Finance, and contributor to Rugby Canada.

Honouring a lifetime of dedication, leadership, and love for the game. Congratulations Chappers!



**TOUGHNESS, CHARACTER & TRADITION.
ASSASSINS RFC**

Christopher Chapman

BUILDER

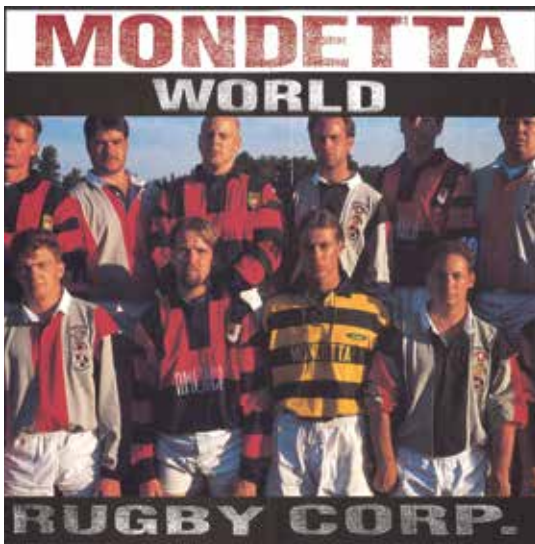


Chris Chapman's participation and varied contributions to the sport of rugby span a period of over 44 years and continues beyond this very day. Player, administrator, coach, Chris has pretty much done it all, involved in many areas in any one given year.

The son of United Kingdom parents, Chris needed no prompting taking up the sport in 1981, at the age of 12, in grade 7, at Churchill High School where he played from 1984 to 1986. In 1984 he started practicing with the Assassins Rugby Football Club (ARFC), playing for the club between 1985 and 1998, the Wimbledon Old Boys in 2001 and 2002, and again with the ARFC in 2003, 2004, 2017 and 2018. During those years he was selected to the Manitoba Provincial U-19 boys' team in 1987 and years later, in 1998, was selected to the Manitoba Buffalo where he occupied, according to him, the vaunted position of bench warmer.

On the side lines (or is that on the bench), Chris enjoyed a long and prolific coaching career on many fronts. At the high school level, he coached the boys at Churchill High School from 1988 to 1991; from 1994 to 1999 the boys and girls at Glenlawn Collegiate and the girls again in 2001; Dakota High School boys from 2003 to 2007; the Swift Current High School girls in 2008 and 2009; the College Jeanne Sauve girls in 2015 and 2016; and from 2017 to 2023 back again at Dakota Collegiate for both the girls and boys programs. At the club level, Chris served as an assistant coach for the ARFC men's team in 1995 and 1996; coach of the ARFC's Colts and Women's teams from 1995 to 1997; the women's team again in 2006, resulting in a Women's Division





Provincial Championship; from 2011 to 2015 he served as coach for the Niverville Rugby Football Club, in 2012 the ARFC men's team, in 2014 the U of M Wombats women's team, and the ARFC women's team in 2015. Beginning in 2014 and continuing on to 2023, Chris served as coach for the South End Rugby Football Club. At the provincial level, Chris coached the Manitoba U19 boys' team from 1994 to 1997; the Manitoba Sr. Women's team in 2013 and 2014; and from 2017 to 2022, coach of the Manitoba Provincial 7's girls' team.

On the administrative side of the pitch, Chris has functioned in many capacities. From 1988 to 1993 he occupied several positions on the executive of the ARFC, culminating as club President in 1993 and 1998. In 1993 he served as Rugby Manitoba's Schools Coordinator, and from 2014 to 2018, Director of Youth Rugby. In 2009 he was a Level 1 certified referee, and from 2016 to 2018 worked as Vice-president Finance for Maple Grove Rugby Park. From 2016 to 2020 Chris was a member of the

Rugby Canada National Rookie Rugby Committee; from 2016 to 2023 involved with Unified Ultimate Rugby; from 2018 to 2023 served as a member of the Friends of Rugby Committee; and from 2019 to 2022 served as an NCCP and World Rugby Educator.

All of these aforementioned labours were not to go un-noticed. In 2015, Chris was honoured with a Sport Manitoba Coaching Excellence award, a Louis Riel School Division Coaching Excellence Award and a Rugby Manitoba President's Award. In 2019 he was the recipient of the Rugby Manitoba Volunteer Award and in 2020 the Sport Manitoba Volunteer of the Year Award. And now, today, deservedly inducted as an Honoured Member of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.





Congratulations to the 2025 Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Inductees!

Builder **Larry Cherrett**

Builder **Sonja Hill MacAulay**

Builder **Christopher Chapman**

President **Randall Horton**

Vice President Internal **Keenan Horton**

Vice President External Operations **Jose Orellana**

Secretary **Justin Rak Banville**

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**The Saracens's Rugby Club
would like to salute all
the 2025 Inductees.**

**You are all champions
of Rugby in Manitoba.**

MANITOBA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1968 Saracens RFC
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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
• Clint Evans*	2020
• Bob Rialland*	2022

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
• Scott Harland	2020
• Colleen Horton	2020
• Sandy Donald	2023
• Wayne Guenther*	2024
• Troy Williams	2024

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	2017
• Lou Furlan	2018
• Shannon Ploegman Smith	2019
• Brian "Benji" Marchak	2019
• Sidney Roberts	2019
• Harry Robertson	2022
• Erik Luinenburg	2022
• Simone Hernandez- Ramdwar	2023
• 1985-89 Winnipeg Wasps Third Division Team	2023
• Amanda Thornborough	2024

* Passed



Nominations
are now open for the
**2026 Manitoba Rugby
Hall of Fame.**

Nominate a deserving Rugger today at
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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 and multiple category contributors)
- Pioneer (contributions should, but not necessarily, be prior to 1975)
- Volunteer

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 Induction Sub 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

- 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

RATIFICATION RESTRICTIONS

Should a MRHOF Recommended Inductee, put forth to Rugby Manitoba for ratification, be found to have been:

- a) convicted of a criminal or civil offence, or otherwise formally found to have committed an act or action that has caused embarrassment to the sport of rugby in the eyes of the public, the Recommended Inductees' ratification shall be denied.
- b) formally charged with a criminal or civil offence, or otherwise formally found to have committed an act or action that would result in embarrassment to the sport of rugby in the eyes of the public, the Recommended Inductees' ratification shall be held in abeyance pending the formal outcome of the charge or committed act/action.

HONOURED MEMBER REMOVAL

Should a MRHOF Honoured Member be found to have been convicted of a criminal or civil offence, or otherwise formally found to have committed an act or action that would bring about embarrassment to the sport of rugby in the eyes of the public, the Honoured Members status within the MRHOF shall be revoked by the MRHOF Committee.

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.

Thank you

2025 MANITOBA RUGBY HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:

Committee Chair:
Committee Vice-chair
Recording Secretary
Communications Coordinator

- Glenys MacKenzie
- Jim Russell
- Jim Russell
- Ray Hoemsen

Finance Sub-Committee Chair
Treasurer
Sponsorship Coordinator

- Jim Feasby
- Jim Feasby
- Vacant

Induction Dinner Event Sub-Committee Chair
Venue/Catering/Beverages Coordinator
Tickets/Invitations Coordinator
Program/Prize Coordinator
MC/Agenda Coordinator

- Linda Romsa
- Rick Romsa
- Vacant
- Steve Silcox
- Linda Romsa

Exhibit Sub-Committee Chair
Archivist
Inductee Displays and Dinner Displays Coordinator
Web Site Coordinator
Inductee Memento Coordinator
Artifact Historian

- Glenys Mackenzie
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- Steve Silcox
- Rick Romsa
- Glenys Mackenzie

Induction Sub-Committee Chairs
Nominations Coordinators

- Wilf Erichsen
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Selections Jury Members

- Val Gompf
- Gary Nicholson
- Guy McKim
- Glen McDermid
- Arleigh MacKenzie



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and still counting!**

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

