

2011 INDUCTION DINNER

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OCTOBER 15, 2011

Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame



To: Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame 2011 Inductees

From: Jim Russell
Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee Chair

The Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee is proud to host our second Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Induction Dinner honouring those who have been a meaningful and substantial contributor to our game.

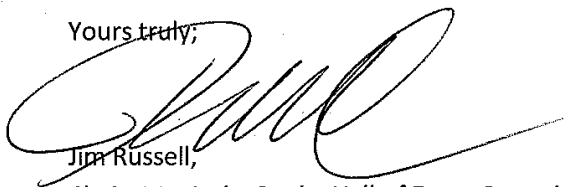
The sport of Rugby in Manitoba continues a long and proud history that dates back to the late 1870's and it is fitting we in Manitoba continue to celebrate that history and recognize those who have made a significant contribution to the game. Tonight's nine inductees are from the various categories of player/team, officials, builders and pioneers.

The Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee is an independent organization at arm's length from Rugby Manitoba. The criteria for nomination require having been involved in the sport of Rugby for at least 20 years and having made a significant contribution to the game. Selection criteria include accomplishments, honours received, involvement with the game, overall achievement, and recognition of the contribution to club, union and community rugby at the local, national and/or international levels.

Several nominations were received and reviewed by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and their selected recommendations for induction to the Hall of Fame ratified by the executive of Rugby Manitoba.

Our congratulations to all of the 2011 inducted honourable members of the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame and our sincere thanks to you, and your families, for your significant contribution to the game and sport of Rugby.

Yours truly;



Jim Russell,
Chair, Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Committee

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Introduction

2011 Inductees

Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame Saturday, October 15, 2011

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 Selection Committee – rugby community representatives Ray Hoemsen (Chair), Larry Cherrett, and Brenda Treleaven, and community/media representative Ashley Prest of the Winnipeg Free Press – recommended 9 inductees who were ratified by both the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame and Rugby Manitoba.

The Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame 2011 Inductees are truly worthy, and we are honoured to be recognizing both their accomplishments and contributions to the game of rugby in Manitoba.

PLAYER/TOURNAMENT

- **VAL GOMPF**
– Wasp Women's Athletic Association
- **NEVILLE RHODA**
– Wanderers Rugby Football Club
- **SNAFU TOURNAMENT** (1970-Present)

OFFICIAL

- **DAVE BARNES**
– Manitoba Association of Rugby Referees

BUILDER

- **BOB ELDER**
– Wanderers Rugby Football Club
- **ART LOGAN**
– Saracens Rugby Football Club
- **GARY MACDONALD**
– Saracens Rugby Football Club
- **KEN PEARN**
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- **JIM PLATT**
– Assassins Rugby Football Club



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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.



Manitoba Rugby

Val Gompf - Player

Val Gompf's rugby career had a very humble beginning in 1979. She began playing team handball after moving to Winnipeg from southwest Manitoba and some team-mates (mostly wives/girlfriends of rugby players) formed a side to give rugby a try. At the time the Wanderers was the only other senior women's team in Winnipeg so the girls had to travel if they wanted any other competition. Who would have thought Val would end up representing not only Manitoba but Canada.

Val played rugby for the Wasp Women's Athletic Association. Her small stature, strength and toughness were tailor made for the hooker position. She was a real leader and a key member of any forward pack she was part of. Val was also never at a loss to provide encouraging words and suggestions to her fellow players throughout games. Val was a member of the Manitoba provincial squad for many years up to 2001.

Val represented Canada internationally on Canada's Senior Women's Team as a hooker from 1988-1991. Her first international match was against the American Eagles in Saranac Lake in 1988. This was followed by a match in 1989 when Canada hosted the USA in Edmonton. Val was a member of the Canadian team for the inaugural Women's Rugby World Cup in 1991 in Wales. The team played against New Zealand and Wales in their pool, losing to NZ and tying Wales. They went on to win the Plate competition after prevailing over the Soviet Union, Italy and Spain.

As a Level 2 certified coach Val devoted 9 years to coaching a high school team. She coached at Springfield High in Oakbank, choosing that school as it reminded her of her own rural roots.



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Throughout her playing years Val also contributed to the organizational side of the sport - she was a member of the Executive of her club for many years. She was also the president of the Women's Rugby Division in the mid 90s and sat on the Manitoba Rugby Union board as the women's representative in that capacity.

Val's 23 year rugby career came to an end when work commitments became such that she could no longer devote her time to the sport she loves. She still occasionally pops out to the pitch to watch a match and keeps in touch with friends made over the years.

Hall of Fame - Player



Manitoba Hydro is proud to support Manitoba Rugby.
Congratulations to this year's Hall of Fame inductees.



The Wanderers RFC

Congratulates legendary player and coach

Neville Rhoda

on his induction into the Manitoba Rugby Hall of
Fame

Thank-you for your countless hours and
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rugby in Manitoba over the many years

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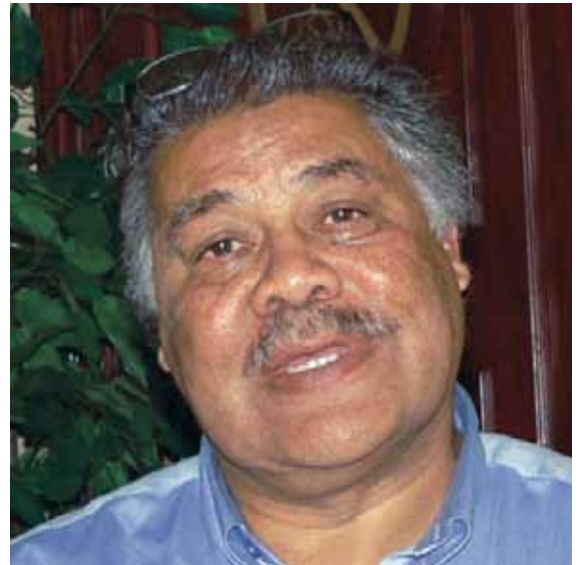
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Neville Rhoda - Player

Neville was the first of his family to immigrate to Manitoba from South Africa where he had learned to play rugby in school. His five brothers and parents soon followed, much to the benefit of rugby in Manitoba. His father had played rugby in school in South Africa, teamed with the father of Desmond Walton, another member of our rugby community. Starting in 1969, Neville started playing rugby with the Wanderers, the longest established club in Manitoba rugby, and he continued to do so for about 30 years. He started his playing career as a fleet footed stand-off and he ended it as a powerful prop. No matter what position he played, he was a force to be reckoned with and a wily and productive player.

Neville played rugby for the Manitoba Provincial team for many years, where he was one of the mainstays of the team, often playing with one or more of his brothers, all of whom played rugby. He also started coaching before hanging up his boots. He has coached the Wanderers womens' team for many years as well as coaching or helping to coach the Wanderers mens' teams. He has coached at the school level as well. He continues coaching and contributing to the game of rugby to this day.



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Neville has been instrumental in recruiting people into playing rugby by the example he set, by the attitude of fair competition and camaraderie he displayed and by his level of commitment. He has been both an elite and a social member of our community and a driving force in the continued success and spirit of the Wanderers Rugby Football Club. Neville has contributed to the growth of the game in Manitoba in enumerable ways.

Hall of Fame - Player

A proud history of champions, and one SNAFU every year for 41 years!

The Saracens Rugby Club congratulate two legendary Players/Builders
Art Logan and **Gary MacDonald**,
and the 2011 Hall of Fame Inductees, all champions of Rugby in Manitoba.

MANITOBA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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SNAFU - Tournament

In 1970 a group of young Saracens' thought it would be a good idea to get together and convince a few of the other local clubs to join them for some rugby and a party. The likes of Gerry Neuffer, Ed Wieler and Art Logan put together a few back room deals, misled a few of the rookies, and somehow convinced the upstanding members of the Rugby Union that fun could be had playing rugby during the August long weekend. Snafu was born, and has become the largest independently run single team tournament in North America, a mainstay of rugby in Manitoba and an August long weekend tradition for more than 40 years.

The term Snafu dates back to 1941, then used by both the British and American soldiers to describe circumstances which had run into a rather large and unexpected series of problems. This term still applies, with late starts, tents blowing in the wind, unruly weather and a host of other challenges.

Over the past 41 years the tournament has taken on many faces, from running as a 7's tournament, as a Cash Tournament, as a Social Tournament, all the while supporting youth rugby and both Women's and Men's divisions. Snafu has offered both 15-a-side and 10-a-side variations of the game, and offered the 2016 Olympic Games bound 7-a-side variation in 2011, with the intention of growing to a national 7's tournament. The youth have not been overlooked with the introduction of a boys and girls 15-a-side U-18 division – to encourage the growth of the game, showcase our youth, and give them an opportunity to play in front of their peers.

Snafu has hosted international teams and players from dozens of countries, numerous states from the USA, and many Canadian provinces. A great number of local and international friendships have continued for decades based on the bonds forged at Snafu, and will continue to strengthen the friendships between Manitoba Rugby and our national and international visitors for years to come.



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An estimated 10,000 men and women from around the world had the opportunity to not only play a game they love, but to enjoy the camaraderie of rugby off the field.

Many people have poured their hearts and souls into Snafu since its inception in 1970. Its continued success rests on many, many shoulders. For many years Willy Marchak and Art Logan were a driving force in keeping the tournament alive and prospering. Willy has continued to commit his expertise into the 42nd year.

The Sarcens Rugby Football Club considers it a privilege to host this long-standing tradition in Manitoba and look forward to many years of supporting the local Rugby Community through Snafu.

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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.



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Dave Barnes - Official

Dave grew up in Wareham, Dorset, England where he played rugby in school and thereafter with the local rugby club, the Swanage & Wareham RFC, the Swans. In his mid-20's he immigrated to Manitoba in 1975, settling in Portage la Prairie. There in 1978, he restarted his involvement in rugby, as a result of contact with Bob Mulvey and Randy Hochstein. He helped with the establishment of high school rugby at Arthur Meighen High School where he coached.

Dave was one of the original Portage Wolves, a club established by Randy Hochstein and Guy McKim with the support of Ken Pearn, the President of Manitoba Rugby at the time. Dave played for about 6 years with the Portage Wolves, where he was a great "club guy", not too much "flash" but dependable, reliable and passionate about rugby. He put the game and his teammates before himself. He would also videotape their games to help coach.

Dave stopped playing in about 1985 and, having hung up his boots, he moved into refereeing, where he was a stalwart until he passed away in 2007. He refereed everywhere and anywhere, all ages, both genders, in Manitoba and the northern States. He was the Secretary-Treasurer of MARR for nearly 15 years. He was steady, reliable and dependable, attended every MARR meeting, regardless of the weather. He even planned family holidays and trips around rugby. He would cover the games in Portage, Brandon and Dauphin, often taking his wife and children on camping week-ends where he would take a few hours away from the family to go referee, of course previously arranged with his understanding family.



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He contributed greatly to the growth and development of the game of rugby in Manitoba and to the referees society in particular.

Hall of Fame - Official

That adds up to 19 great new friends!

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



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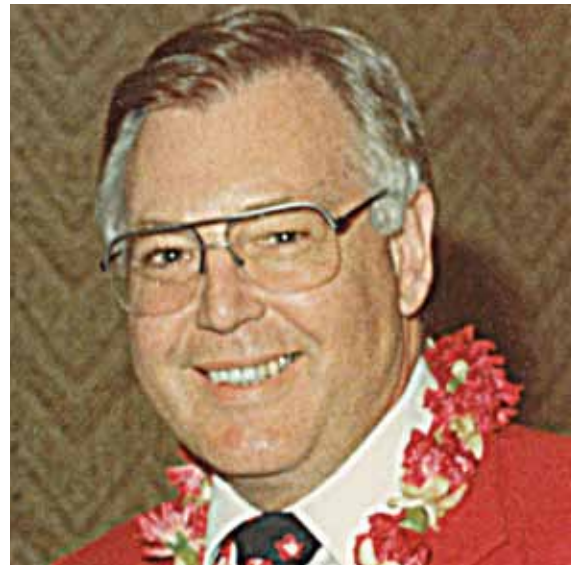
Bob Elder - Builder

Bob Elder was a former President of the Manitoba Rugby Union (1974-76), the Ontario Rugby Union (1984) and the Canadian Rugby Union (1974, 1976-80) who always left a mark, wherever he lived in Canada, on the local rugby community since he immigrated from Northern Ireland in 1957.

While an eye injury in 1958 prevented Bob from playing serious rugby on the field, he became involved off the field. Bob and his wife Jeane passionately supported rugby at the club, provincial, national and international levels – especially Canadian sides in nearly 25 venues domestically and internationally.

He was always involved with the local “Irish” side wherever he lived and played a number of key roles such as the establishment of Fletcher’s Fields (Greater Toronto Area); organizing international tours; managing the Canadian Senior Men’s Team; and, as President of the Manitoba Rugby Union hosted the first Canadian Junior Rugby Championship in the mid-1970s.

While President of the Canadian Rugby Union, he laid the groundwork for the Can-Am Series (annual matches between the United States of America and Canada). He later organized and chaired the 1983 4th Congress of Asian and Pacific Rugby – which was catalytic in extended activities of the International Rugby Board, as well as the creation of the Rugby World Cup, first staged in 1987. In 2009, he became Chairman of Rugby Canada’s Past Presidents Committee.



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Bob’s contributions received significant recognition over the decades, including the Province of Ontario Achievement Award (1971), the Queen’s Silver Jubilee Medal (1977), the Ontario Rugby Union Recognition Award (1978), First Honorary Member of the Ottawa Irish Rugby Club (1985), the 125th Anniversary of Confederation of Canada Medal (1992), induction in the Ontario Rugby Union Hall of Fame (2004), the First Ottawa Irish Rugby Club Hall of Fame Inductee (2006), and induction as a Builder by the Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame (2011).

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Sincere congratulations to all the outstanding inductees
to the 2011 Manitoba Rugby Hall of Fame.

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Art Logan - Builder

Art Logan, also known as Ticker and as of late, the gnome has been a member of the Saracens since the inception of the club in 1967. He joined first as a social member and then was enticed to strap on the boots in 1968/69, according to Art. He was selected Rookie of the Year and he played well into the 90's as hooker and prop.

You could always spot Art on the field in his knee length jersey and full backwoods beard. He is one of the very few privileged to have the opportunity to play rugby with his son Brock.

Art participated pretty much in every road trip that the Saracens went on but his career highlight was playing in the Golden Oldies in Toronto in 1990. We discovered he was a magician at this point. He was the only Saracen to go on a roadtrip with a small plastic bag as his luggage and somehow manage to have a change of clothes every day.

Arthur was always ready to lead the masses in song and was quite a choirmaster. He earned an honorary lifetime membership to the Saracens and as a special honor, for his dedication and hard work; "The Art Logan Heart of Saracens Award" was created and is bestowed on a deserving Saracen member for excellence. It is awarded annually at the Awards banquet.

It was as an executive member and treasurer that his greatest contributions to rugby were made. Art was always the quiet leader, working in the background for the betterment of the club and the sport. No matter what, Art was the calm sensible voice of reason, always level headed. He looked after the Saracen finances from the early 70's to 2009.

Arthur sat on the MRU board, was President and Vice President of Maple Grove Rugby Park and sat on its board for numerous years. His contributions were essential to the stability of the Saracens and the continuation of the MGRP as a first rate facility for the game of rugby.



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He was one of the original group to get Snafu off the ground and worked tirelessly from the start to 2010.

Art was fortunate to have an injury free career, but true to form in his first week of retirement he broke his leg. This was while standing on the sidelines watching the game. His quiet leadership, skills, cool voice of reason has earned Art the respect of his teammates and peers. He is a friend to all, and has forged friendships that have grown throughout his rugby career, especially with the Georgia boys and the Minneapolis Pigs.

Always willing to help anyone, lend an ear in times of trouble, mentor to the young and always willing to do the jobs that no one wanted to do, Art epitomizes the heart and soul of the Saracen Club.

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Gary MacDonald - Builder/Player

Gary (Woody) MacDonald wears many hats in the name of the love of rugby. As a player, his top priority was to the team. His commitment in terms of time and financial support to the game, the league and the Rugby community as a whole is unprecedented. Woody continues to be relentless working behind the scenes for promoting the game of rugby to Manitoba youth.

Gary MacDonald was introduced to rugby by the Harlequin Rugby Club in high school in Brantford Ontario, followed by university rugby at Western Ontario and then a year of rugby in Scotland. In the summer of 1971, Gary was in Winnipeg working in the family business. A chance meeting at a fraternity Christmas party earlier that year led to an invitation to rugby practice along the banks of the Red River. Gary showed up and joined a group of lads training there. About an hour later he saw his friend Lou Furlan, who was jogging with another group. He learned later he had mistakenly joined the Assassins practice. Of course this was quickly remedied and a 40-year relationship with the Saracens RFC was born. Gary returned to London Ontario to finish his degree and then spent a year in Scotland before returning to Winnipeg in 1976.

Woody represented Manitoba on the Provincial Team on 7 occasions and was team captain for the Saracens for numerous years. He was also selected to try out for the Canadian National Rugby side. The highlight of his career was playing on a Prairie Select side in a match against the Welsh club side Llanelli in 1973 at the Bomber stadium. He was also a member of the Saracen tour side to New Zealand in 1980. Woody was a very strong player as a center, fullback (His secret actually was to be a forward). The Saracens became a strong, solid club as a result of his tireless efforts both in terms of his exceptional playing abilities and organizational skills. Gary put as much effort into rugby's social activities as he did when on the field. Of course there isn't a player in the rugby community that hasn't been exposed to his exceptional bagpipe renditions for any and all occasions.

Gary was one of the driving forces behind the development of the Maple Grove Rugby Park from the original concept to completion. The founding group took a proposal for the development of a rugby facility and worked from 1981-1985 to make that proposal a reality in 1985 with the opening of Maple Grove. He is a tireless worker and on-going financial supporter of this project.



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The highlight of each spring for Gary is helping introduce another group of enthusiastic young lads to the great game of rugby. Woody was actively involved in the establishment of the children's rugby program. He has been coaching high school rugby for 15 years at Silver Heights, then Sturgeon Heights and now is looking forward to his second season at John Taylor. He has also been involved as a coach of the Saracen Colt team since the mid 90's.

Gary has been and continues to be a staunch supporter and advocate for his club and for Manitoba Rugby. The many hats he has worn and continues to wear make him the role model of a player, builder and advocate for rugby. Gary wishes that more of us would take the opportunity to enjoy the privilege and rewards of introducing our fine youth to the great sport of rugby. The rugby community is truly fortunate that Gary MacDonald hooked up with the Saracens that day back in 1971 and decided to make Winnipeg his home.

Hall of Fame - Builder/Player

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Ken Pearn - Builder

Ken started playing rugby just after he graduated from Silver Heights Collegiate in the mid-1960s. He joined the Wasps as they were being formed and he played with them, primarily in the front row, until the late 1970's when he was instrumental in founding the Sturgeon Creek Rowdies with whom he played for a number of years. After he had stopped playing he coached the Sturgeon Creek womens' team, helping them develop from their early beginnings until they became a competitive team in the women's league.

Ken was involved in the origin of high school rugby in Manitoba as he started coaching in 1973 at Silver Heights Collegiate. It was from this background and the players developed through school rugby that the Sturgeon Creek club was created and grew. He was an integral part of the club for a number of years, as its President and in other capacities. He was a key voice in the club in retaining their regional base.

Ken also was part of the growth and development of Manitoba rugby in general. He served as Secretary of the Manitoba Rugby Union from 1974-1976 while Bob Elder was President and thereafter as President in 1976, 1977 and 1979-1980. During his tenure and involvement rugby grew and womens rugby started in Manitoba. He was part of the group that extended high school rugby to Portage la Prairie and developed the Portage Wolves. He was instrumental in the organization and running of the first Canadian Junior Rugby Championship in Manitoba and in our hosting of touring sides such as The New University of Ulster.



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Ken contributed mightily to the growth and development of rugby in Manitoba generally and the creation and growth of the Sturgeon Creek Rugby Club in particular.

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Jim Platt - Pioneer

Jim Platt started his athletic career as a hockey player and cross country runner. Coached in High School by the legendary Hec Creighton, Jim was a phenomenal cross country runner who continued his success in track and field with the East York Track Team travelling all over North America and the world holding with his teammates many Canadian records from 1960 to 1962.

During his track and field pursuits, Jim was introduced to the sport of Rugby in 1962 where he played for the Toronto Balmy Beach Club touring to England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland in 1963. Asked to play in England while on tour, Jim went on to play for both the Harlequin and POME Rugby Clubs from 1964 to 1966 playing throughout the British Isles before returning to his Balmy Beach club in 1967.

Following a transfer to Winnipeg later on in 1967, Jim found himself with the Wasps Rugby Football Club before suggesting to a number of players attending Churchill High School to start their own Canadian boys' rugby club, the Assassins; named after the Anti-Assassins British touring side to Canada that had played against Jim and his Balmy Beach Club in 1967. A co-founder and the first coach of the Assassins Rugby Football Club, Jim put forth the suggestion for the club's name, helped to organize numerous club fundraisers, and lent the club the funds to acquire its team jerseys which were designed by Jim's wife Jan.

An outstanding scrum half, Jim was instrumental in the development and evolution of the Assassins RFC from those early days in the late 1960s to one of Manitoba's premier rugby clubs today, winning their first club championship in 1971 as Jim continued to both play and coach the club until 1975.



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In addition to his pioneering achievements with the Assassins Rugby Football Club, Jim played on the 1968 Manitoba representative team against Alberta in Edmonton and was the first Vice President of the Manitoba Rugby Football Union serving under its first President Peter Press. Since his retirement from the sport of rugby, Jim has gone on to achieve success as a hockey coach attaining Coach of the Year honours for Community Club Recreational Hockey in 1988, the Manitoba Major Jr. Hockey League in 1988/89 and the Ontario Provincial Junior Hockey League in 1991/92 with the Markham Waxers.

Hall of Fame - Pioneer

