

## Honourary Life Members announced at SAGA Reunion



**Bryan Harvey and Bill Copeland - 1960 classmates**

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### Bryan L. Harvey – College 1960

Bryan was born in Wales and immigrated to Saskatoon. He completed a B.S.A. and M.Sc. at the U of S and earned a Ph.D. at the University of California Davis. He returned to the U of S in 1966

During his M.Sc. research, he developed the “half seed” technique to study oil quality and worked on erucic acid inheritance in rapeseed, the first step in the development of Canola. He and colleagues have developed over 60 Barley varieties, including Harrington, Stein, CDC Kendall and CDC Copeland. Harrington allowed Canada to become a world player in the malting barley market and has resulted in billions of dollars in returns.

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**Craig Blair, Marcel Dubois - 1961 classmate, Janet Blair, Scott Blair '85S**

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### Dale C. Blair – School 1961

Dale was born on July 3, 1940 on the family farm at Drake. He received his education at Bloomfield Elementary School and Lanigan Central High. In 1961, Dale received his Diploma in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan.

Dale married Janet Marshall on April 13, 1963. Their first winter was spent in Fort St. John where Dale worked on the rigs and Janet nursed.

They returned to the family farm in 1964 as the fourth generation of “full-time farmers” partnering with his father, Sandy, and brother, Ron, and family in the mixed farming operation named Blair Farms.

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## Crop Production Week -- 2016

January 9th to the 16th

TCU Place and Waldheim – SAGA Reunion Banquet and Sports Day

### Saskatoon Inn:

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CWB

Fruit Growers Association

Mustard Commission

Seed Growers Association

Winter Cereals Commission

### TCU Place (CropSphere):

Barley Commission

Flax Commission

Oat Commission

Pulse Growers Association

SaskCanola

Wheat Commission

### PrairieLand Park:

Agri-Arm Applied Research

Soil Conservation Association

## 81st Annual SAGA Reunion Banquet

@ TCU Place, Saskatoon on January 9th, 2016

Cocktails - 4:30

Supper – 5:30

**Bryan Harvey '60 C**, SAGA President

Recognition of Reunion Years

1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, 2011

Honourary Life Member Awards

Annual General Meeting to follow

The Mixer begins @ 9 pm

### Trying Something New

Over the years, one of our sort of 'problems', is having Grads outside their Reunion years attending the Banquet. We do have a bunch who plan for a visit each year, but we are trying to encourage all Ag Grads to come and enjoy the camaraderie of the evening; you'll always find someone here you know, if not at the Banquet, then at the Mixer. To this end, we have decided to include a couple of classes midway between the usual 10 year groups, For this year, that means we are inviting the 1951 and 1961 classes.

# President's Pen

Despite the fact that it was probably a desperation move by the previous executive, it is my privilege to serve as your president this year. I want to take this opportunity to thank the retiring executive members for the service that they willingly and cheerfully provided to this organization.

It goes without saying that we could not operate without such individuals. I want to particularly thank **Grant Wood '79 C** who took on the duties of the vice president in the absence of one, as well as his other duties as past president. As always with Grant, they were done mostly behind the scenes and done well.

I also want to thank **Bob McKercher '54 C** and **Allan MacDougald '65 C**, both long-serving members. Bob was our corporate memory and reminded us from time to time that we had already done that, or the constitution would have to be changed if we did this and so on always with tact and diplomacy. He was our representative on the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame Board and served that organization equally well over the years.

Al was an MAL for many years and as such took on virtually any job that we could not find anyone else to do. His quiet efficiency served many functions for us over the years. We thank all of you for your outstanding contributions. We will miss you, but we still have your email addresses.

When I took on this job, my friend **Les Henry '64 C**, in his usual diplomatic way said you had better develop an exit strategy as a first order of business. Well things are not that bad although we do have some concerns. We still struggle to involve the younger grads but understand that raising a family and advancing a career in a time when most families have two professionals working outside the home is very challenging.

We also have the issue of involving grads who are from degree programs other than the BSA that many of us took. The College has a much broader mandate than it did years ago but we are confident that the same spirit still exists so we need to make sure we are inclusive in what we do.

Most of our members are life members and that is great, however the interest rates that one can get these days means that we do not derive much revenue from our investments. And we do not wish to deplete our nest egg capital. Our other source of revenue comes from annual memberships (which by the way were up this year; nonetheless only a

small portion of our members choose this type of membership) and from the profit from the Annual Banquet. Our major expenditures are for the production and mailing of the SAGA Newsletter and the grad weekend in January. It costs us almost \$2000 for each newsletter that we put out. We still have over 750 members who, for a variety of reasons, prefer a hard copy. That of course is where all the costs are incurred since other than the volunteer time involved, electronic copies cost us nothing.

We could of course institute a charge for a hard copy but the logistics of doing this are too complicated to make it worthwhile. Thus we need the revenue we generate from the banquet. The problem with this is twofold 1) it makes the cost very high and thus is a deterrent for many to attend and 2) it means that the attendees at the banquet are subsidizing the rest.

As a result the executive has agreed to solicit paid advertising in the newsletter. If we can make it self-sufficient financially, we can then put a better price on our banquet/mixer tickets. Those of you in positions of influence please help us out by placing an ad in this prestigious publication.

Despite the costs, we had 280 people attend the banquet this year and it went really well. Thank you all for your participation.

We are going to start a trial event this coming year in the hope of attracting people who find the cost of the banquet to be prohibitive and for those of you who like to network informally. We will host an informal get together on the Friday of the Ag grad weekend in the student lounge in the Ag Building and if necessary spill over into the atrium.

There will be no cost other than parking, which will be available under the Ag Building. The Dean has agreed to spring for "coffee and cookies". So please come and hang out and reminisce. If it catches on we could look at getting a liquor license to help grease the memories a little in the future.

Finally I wish to thank **Vern Racz '68 C** and his committee for the work they have done on the website. I advise you to go and visit it if you have not already done so. They have done a great job.

Have a great year and hope to see you all next January.

**Bryan Harvey, '60 C**

## Dean Speak - 2015

Summer is upon us and things are looking good! The easy winter aided spring calving, the dry spring speeded seeding of both research plots and producers' fields, and recent rains have, at least temporarily, eased fears of too little surface moisture. Applications to the College are strong for all our programs and our researchers are having amazing success bringing in grants and providing new knowledge that impresses their global peers, and are useful to the people of the province and country.

Let me just use a couple of examples to brag about AgBio er, I mean, illustrate my point. The most nationally prestigious research grants are the federal NSERC (Natural Sciences Engineering Research Council) Discovery grants. These grants fund innovative research, are highly competitive because most of Canada's top researchers apply for them, and all applications are very thoroughly reviewed by the best scientists in Canada and abroad

Eight of the 11 AgBio profs who applied were successful, and that 73% success rate not only was our highest ever, but significantly beat the national average. Clearly our faculty's innovative science is world leading – and recognized as such! And our work continues to be immediately useful. Of all the acres of crops planted in 2014, more than 30% of durum, 50% of flax, 80% of forage barley and 90% of pulses were varieties developed by AgBio researchers. Our faculty had 5 Inventions formally reported, with 5 more in the system. Our students are receiving prestigious national and international scholarships and awards.

Several of the College's beloved faculty are retiring. **Dan Pennock**, **Tom Allen '71 C** and **Tom Scott '76 C** retire this year and Dr Graham Scoles will step out of the role of Associate Dean Research after many years of wonderful service to the College to take a well-deserved leave

Unlike many universities, we are simultaneously welcoming new faculty to our ranks. Drs Stuart Smyth and Yongfeng Ai are appointed and we currently are hiring another five! It is great to see the College continuing to renew its energy and innovation with such great teacher/scholars. Drs Bob Tyler and Fran Walley will be our new Associate Deans for Research and Academic, respectively, and of course the University will be announcing its new President sometime in the next few months. The College, University and province are truly blessed to have excellent people willing to serve and support learning, research and community involvement.

Have a great summer, everyone.  
Agros forever!  
**Mary**



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# SAGA Hockey Tournament 2015

This year's tournament was held in Waldheim, SK. There were six teams in total which included a college team, three returning grad teams, and two new grad teams.

The A-final was a hard-fought battle between the Beaver Busters (Gerrit Baan) and the defending champions, the Schmidt's Sticks (Steve Schmidt). A new winner emerged this year with the Beaver Busters taking the top honours!

Consolation Winners were the T-Baggers (Kelly Baillargeon) who defeated the College Kings (Travis Sunderland).

The C-Champs were a slug fest but the Short Shifts Long Shafts (Mitch Bond) were victorious over the Millimeter Peters (Royce Lodoen).

Once again Waldheim was a very accommodating arena to host the tournament as they had a kitchen open from start until finish along with a rec team running a bar that delivered cold beer upon request to the dressing rooms. We have tentatively booked Waldheim again for 2016.

This year we presented an award in memory of **Aaron Bouchard '02 C**. Aaron served on the SAGA board for many years, organizing the SAGA hockey tournament. He was active in bringing together his team and helped to encourage other teams to sign up. The Bouchard Heart Award was presented to the player who showed the most heart and helped organize and bring together a team to play in the SAGA tournament. The recipient was chosen after discussion with the captains.

The inaugural Bouchard Heart Award was presented to Trevor Middelkoop. The inaugural Bouchard Heart Award was presented to Trevor Middelkoop.  
**Curtis DeGooijer '12 C and Luke Ringdal '12 C**



**Trevor Middelkoop is the recipient of the inaugural Bouchard Heart Award.**



**'A' Final Winners - Beaver Busters**



**Short Shifts Long Shafts won the 'C' Final**



**'A' Side Losers - Schmidt's Sticks**



**Consolation round winners The T-Baggers.**

# Reunion of the Class of '65C



Pictured are 1965 College members are: Back L – R: Jim Puckett, Garry Keefe, Ken Warkentin, Jim McGowan, Lawrence McNabb, Marcel Dubois, 3rd row L – R: Ernie Spencer, Doug Sword, Peter Gradauer, Al Klassen, Irv Carlson, 2nd Row, L – R: Brian O’Keefe, Don Roy, Irene Ahner, Ron Dalgleish, Jerry Knipfel, Rod Weber and 1<sup>st</sup> Row, L – R: Lorence Peterson, Don Dowdeswell, Derald Ahner, Jim Ewart, Allan McDougald, Jim Harren. *Photo Credit - Imagery Photography*

The 1965 B.S.A. class held a 50 year reunion in Saskatoon on the weekend of Jan. 9 - 11, 2015, organized by Lorence Peterson and Irene Ahner. Twenty-three classmates and many spouses gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn on the Friday night for an evening of renewing old friendships, exchanging gossip and memories. As usual, the weather turned very cold for the weekend but we all survived.

Irene Ahner spent the early winter compiling a class history book to update the one created in 2005. Most of the class contributed their stories and pictures. All those present received a book and others were mailed later to those who weren’t able to join us. One copy has been given to **Bob Mc Kercher ‘54 C**, and he will give it to the SAGA archives.

The number of 50th wedding anniversaries in our class which have been celebrated in 2014 or are coming up in 2015 is phenomenal. None of us can quite fathom that 50 years have passed since graduation. We were very pleased to find that we have not lost any class member since our last reunion in 2005. Lorence organized tours for the class

on Saturday. Many went to the Canadian Light Source in the morning to tour the facility to learn about all the various forms of research being carried on there. They reported that what they learned was mind-boggling! In the afternoon there was a tour of the U of S Rayner Dairy Barn to see the very latest in dairy production and research.

We all enjoyed the annual banquet and mixer at TCU Place and had a class picture taken. Imagery Photography was the official photographer this year and we are pleased with the quality of their product. The pictures were actually received in March this year rather than nearly June. The weekend concluded with a scrumptious brunch on Sunday morning at Mano’s on 8th Street, where we visited for another two hours.

For a full summary of the Class of ’65 C for the past ten years, from those who contributed to the class memory book [in reverse order alphabetically for a change], please go to the SAGA Website <http://saskaggrads.com>

## Pooped Deck



**Cecilia (Kohlman) Mulhern '75 C**, has moved to Swift Current from Meyronne but retained ownership of the farmstead yard.

The things the **Ahnerns '65 C**, of Maple Creek get themselves into. Derald needed himself a tune-up of

### Dale C. Blair - Continued from Front Page

The brothers were the second generation to be involved in the family business after Sandy set up Blair's Fertilizer Company. Several years ago, they sold the fertilizer business to their respective sons and families and dissolved Blair Farms.

A new partnership was formed with son Scott and family, Blair's West Land and Cattle Company. The farm today crops about 5,000 acres and maintains a herd of 300 cows. Blair's West received the Commercial Angus Breeder Award of the Year in 2000 and Commercial Simmental Breeder of the Year Award in 2011.

Dale was recognized this year at the Commercial Sale at Agribition with a tribute for his contribution to the commercial cattle industry.

Dale was active in the agriculture industry and his community. He was on the founding committee of the Sask. Simmental Association. He served on its Board of Directors for many years and was President of the Association. He imported some of the first Simmental cattle from Switzerland and France. He was the "Simmental Barn Boss" at Agribition in the

the major overhaul he had done just a while ago, right when calving was in full swing and seeding was about to start. Good neighbours gave **Irene** and family a helping hand. And now everyone is back to the same old.

Having seen the light, **Eugene Seitz '57 C**, ['59 M.Sc and '62 Ph.D at Oregon State. Post Doc. '63 in Ottawa] has finally joined SAGA as a Life Member. Eugene has had a long and distinguished career in Ottawa, New Jersey and Wisconsin doing microbiology based work, mostly on flavor enhancement of dairy products with some medical applications resulting from his research. Retiring in '12 has allowed him to enjoy his farm in Wisconsin with his family. Though a States man now, he has stayed in touch with many of his '57 class.

1970's. Dale was also a Director on the Canadian Simmental Board. He served on the Pound-Maker Adventures Board of Directors for 27 years, acting as Chairman for many years.

Locally, he served on many committees acting as President of the Drake & District Recreation Board, Drake Minor Hockey, Last Mountain Minor Hockey, and Long Lake Senior Hockey League. He was awarded the Citizen of the Year Trophy in 1985 for Drake. Dale served on the Provincial Agriculture Review Board until his death in October this year. He was always interested in improving technologies with implement manufacturers.

Dale and Janet had four children, three sons and one daughter, nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Their sons have followed their father's footsteps and all attended Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. Today, they are all active in either farming or the fertilizer business. The grandchildren are following the family tradition respecting education and sports. Dale has left an exemplary history of agricultural innovation, respect for education, and community involvement. *(Dale passed away in Oct. 2014.)*



## Inductees to Sask Ag Hall of Fame Announced

**Jack Braidek '51 C**, had a distinguished career serving the farmers of Saskatchewan and beyond. As an Ag Rep with the Sask Dept. of Ag. he sought new ways for farmers to improve. He was the second agrolgist on staff for the Sask Wheat Pool. In '78, he joined *The Western Producer*, serving as the newspaper's first manager of marketing services and then as manager of agrolgy services. Jack served as the *SAGA* newsletter editor for many years. He passed away in Aug. of 2011.

**Harold Fast '67 S**, later a WCVN grad, moved back to his home at Spiritwood in '82 where he and his wife Margie started their family-owned business known as Fast Genetics. Through the use of cutting-edge technology, it became an internationally-recognized high-health swine genetics company. Their genetics are incorporated into sow herds throughout Canada, the U.S., Mexico and China. Harold Fast's legacy is a thriving world-class business.

A professor of Soil Science, **Rigas Karamanos '75 M.Sc. '79 Ph.D.**, was a director of the Saskatchewan Soil Testing Lab. A researcher and promoter of soil fertility, a champion of soil testing and nutrient management, Rigas has conducted research projects on crop nutrition and communicated his knowledge through publications and public meetings across Saskatchewan.

Also to be inducted - Murray McGillivray, a past president of the SSGA, and viewed as the "Senator" of the cattle industry, and Wally Nelson, a founding president of the PWGA, which became the WCWGA. He was instrumental in the building of Weyburn Inland Terminal, the first farmer-owned and -managed terminal in the province.

The induction ceremony for these five individuals will take place August 1, 2015 at Saskatoon's Western Development Museum which houses the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

### Bryan Harvey - Continued From Front Page

He oversaw the merger of the Crop Science and Plant Ecology Departments, and as head of Horticulture paved the way for its amalgamation into Plant Sciences. Bryan built a centre of excellence in plant breeding and graduate student enrolment tripled in Plant Sciences. He then served as University Coordinator of Agricultural Research and later as University Vice-President of Research, where he co-authored the University's strategic plan for research intensiveness, the basis for its current research success.

During his professional life, Bryan served on a multitude of national and international boards, delegations, marketing missions, conference organizations, regulatory bodies, and registration committees. On many of these he was the chair and thus spent more time on these than would other members.

In recognition of these national and international contributions, Bryan has received many medals and awards. Some of these include Officer of the Order of Canada, the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the Queen's

Jubilee Medal, Saskatchewan Centennial Medal and induction into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame, the Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame and the Bedford Road Wall of Honour. He is a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, the American Society of Agronomy and the Canadian Society of Agronomy. He holds Honorary Life Membership in the Sask. Seed Growers Association and the Canadian Seed Growers Association. He received the Canadian Seed Trade Association and the Master Brewers Association awards for service to the industry. He was awarded the U of S Alumni Achievement Award, the Sask. Institute of Agrologists award for Outstanding Agrologist and the Presidents' Award from the Crop Science Society of America (only two awarded annually).

On the local scene, he is the Charter President of the Crohn's and Colitis chapter. past president of Nutana Rotary and the University Alumni Association, vice-president of the Nutana Curling Club and president of Wildwood Men's Golf. Bryan and his wife Eileen (nee Pfeifer) have two sons and two grandchildren.

## A Job Well Done

By all accounts, Imagery Photography did an excellent job providing the Class Pictures for *SAGA* this year. All the Honourary Life Member and Grad photos in this issue have been supplied by them. I've had nary a single call, and Grads I have spoken with have told me their pictures have been beautifully presented. Thank you, Imagery. And thanks to **Chris Unsworth '12 S**, for connecting us.

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## ASA News

The Agriculture Student's Society has had a great 2015 thus far. Our year started out with the ASA putting on our Winter Mixer, where we travelled to Aberdeen. This event featured a day-long hockey tournament and dance in the rink. Then came the College of Agriculture and Bioresources Graduation Banquet at TCU Place. There was a great supper for the grads and their families, followed by a dance in the banquet room.

The AgBio Challenge was a great success as usual. This year, the banquet was held at the Western Development Museum, where we had drinks, a delicious supper, and a speech by the Tornado Hunter, Greg Johnson!

All throughout February the students were kept busy fundraising for Telemiracle; this included Calcutta Bowling, selling helping hands - which were motivated by a shaved head, a few of the guys' waxing their chests, and being able to nominate someone for a pie in the face!

Some other fundraising activities included the Executive Auction (selling ASA members for odd jobs), and a couple Kaiser Tournaments. All the fundraisers were a huge success and we donated a total of \$8,750, including the \$200

that *SAGA* graciously contributed.

The next event was Cummoniwannalaya, which was a foam party for the second year in a row. This was a success as usual, and we were able to purchase a phone charging station for the lounge with the profits!

Our last event of the year was Traveling Blue Room, where we travelled to Vanscoy to drink their small town bar dry. As usual we pranked and were pranked by the Engineering Student Society; we also competed against them in a blood donation drive.

The first week back to school in September will bring many activities to get first year students involved, including our Big Buddy-Little Buddy event. This will be followed by Ag Bag Drag \*GOOSE\* at the end of November and all the activities which lead up to it.

We will also have Fall Mixer, Agro Formal, then before we know it winter exams and 2015 will have come and gone! The ASA plans on keeping the students busy and involved in the following year.

**Bayley Blackwell**  
ASA – *SAGA* Liaison

## Updated Saga Website

Our new website is up and running and it has that WOW factor. It is a central place to find out about *SAGA* happenings and is a location you will want to bookmark.

The website allows you to access information such as past issues of the newsletter and minutes of *SAGA* executive meetings along with other information such as historical books and departmental histories. One aspect we are proud of the the feature that allows you to contact a long-lost member. You may email him/her privately and they will respond only if they wish to. So treat all your fellow Agros with respect!

The pictures on the website are photos provided by *SAGA* members provided for your enjoyment. This website may be used to obtain *SAGA* memberships and perhaps will be used to register for the reunion as the university-run registration group is in a transformation and do not know if we can use

them. We will if possible as they did a good job.

This website is the result of hard work by your executive led by a trio named **Vern Racz '68 C**, **Keith Head '67 C** and **Dennis Ewanus '70 C**. We know it is not perfect but it is a start and we are open to suggestions. We could put a heading such as "Making of Agros" which could involve stories about Agros that are interesting that happened At college or work. (What do you think?) We will use this website for our contact and future base for information.

Have a great summer.

**Your *SAGA* Executive**

**Website: [saskaggrads.com](http://saskaggrads.com)**  
**Facebook.com/saskaggrads**  
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## Agros Have a Visit

The Editor regrets being so late with this issue of the SAGA newsletter. Many (we hope lots) of you will have already enjoyed the Ag Grad get-together at the Seed Hawk Gardens, especially that first free beer.

The Seed Hawk folks, with **Pat Beaujot '81 C**, leapt at the chance to give us a place again for our Ag Grad meet, and providing you with some sudsy quaffs. Hope you wore your Ag apparel so we knew it really was you.

Pics and such on our Website, Facebook page and Twitter. (*My apologies. Ed.*)

And we will also be doing our Ag Grad meet at Agribition in November. **Marty Seymour '98 C**, Agribition CEO, and **Lloyd Streifel '83 C**, of Moody's Farm Equipment will be helping us for a 2nd year. More details for that event to be posted in our electronic places. Be sure to look us up.

## AgBio Development Office



**Tanya Napper**

I have a background in administration, human resources and, more recently, website design and support. I am pleased to be working within a newer area of the college, learning more, and appreciating more about the history and its people. While not an agro myself (just graduated in spring actually from Arts & Science with a Political Studies degree) I am a proud U of S alum with a keen interest in representing the university, and, more specifically, the college.

I am originally from Toronto (not to be considered a character flaw) and after living in a few provinces across the country, I settled myself in Saskatoon in 2005 after meeting and falling in love with a friend of the groom's at my best friend's wedding (there's got to be a movie about that somewhere). Shortly after moving here I was married and started a family; we now have two beautiful girls.

I have been asked to write a little bit about me and what I can do for you, so here it goes! I joined the college in April 2006. I have since worked in two departments, the Dean's office and now Development / Alumni Relations.

In the last 10 years, I started a new hobby which many of you could appreciate I'm sure: gardening. Upon my first year gardening in Saskatoon however, I was schooled in "temperate zones"... in other words, many annuals and vegetable seedlings perished in my first year after I optimistically planted before the May long weekend. Always the learner, now nothing goes in the ground before late May and I am proud to say that now my gardens, much like my love for the College and Saskatoon, have flourished!

In my current position, I serve as a point-of-contact for alumni and will happily assist SAGA with support in membership lists, class reunion processes and gift coordination. Reporting to the Development Officer, (**Hamish Tulloch '91 C**) I support Development activities within the college, such as assisting with events like Bean Feed.

I am always looking for ideas and content for the college alumni page (found at: [agbio.usask.ca/alumni](http://agbio.usask.ca/alumni)) and will gladly receive your calls and inquiries anytime. If you are ever in the building and would like to visit in person, please do so, my office is located right behind the ag buffeteria in 2E10 (and I always have candy and tea).

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## 2015 Saga Curling Report

Nothing, Nada, Nemaw, Nichts, Niente, Rien Ingenting, Ekkert, Ei mitaan, Wala lang and/or El Zilcho to report.

Blair, Keith, Don, Crazy Brad, Don's future Agro boy Andrew, and I waited and waited in the Granite lounge for someone, anyone, to come and play with us. New Prez **Bryan Harvey** stopped by, but only to do a survey and enjoy a beer, while co-secretary **Harv Petracek** stopped by to quaff a little more than that.

And then ... nary another Agro so much as stuck a nasal passage inside the place. We six did a few ends just to break up the mundanity; we were paying for the place after all.

Then, another beverage while we tried to answer Don's quite interesting worldly agriculture trivia questions. We proceeded to take ourselves elsewhere.

So, last gasp for the SAGA Curling. We are combining with the Hockey guys and moving to Waldheim for the 2016 Bonspiel. Maybe if both sports are under one roof we will get a better turnout for the sweepers. As Luke and Curtis mention in their report, Waldheim is a great facility to play winter sports in. With three sheets of ice and a few rule changes, we could have us a rocking Saturday in January.

**Don Mitchell '89 S and Ewald Lammerding '88 S**

## Financial Report to SAGA

### 2013-2014 Financial Statement Highlights as of January 10, 2015

Chequing Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2014 was \$4,267.51 vs \$3,535.78 on Oct. 31, 2013.

Investment Fund Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2014 was \$40,522.50 vs \$35,734.49 on Oct. 31, 2013.

Total Revenues for 2014 were \$28,820.26. Total Expenses were \$28,088.53 for a surplus of \$731.73

Total Revenues for 2013 were \$23,231.54 Total Expenses were \$24,016.71 for a loss of \$785.17.

The Reunion Weekend 2014 had a surplus of \$5,419.59 vs \$2,785.76 in 2013

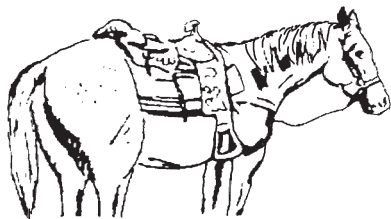
We contributed \$200 to ASA Activities (Bed Push for Telemiracle)

Expenses related to the Newsletters totalled \$3,545.10 and Website expenses were \$420.00.

We acknowledge and sincerely thank **Lorence Peterson** for past audits and auditing the 2013-2014 books at no charge.

**Dennis Ewanus '70 C**  
**SAGA Treasurer**

# Empty Saddles



**Vince O'Leary Coffey '43 C**, Aug. 15, 1919 – Apr. 20, 2014. Raised on the Carlyle, SK farm. Vince embarked on a long and successful career with the Federal Department of Agriculture in Livestock Production and Marketing in Regina. He and Simone married in '51 and together they raised the family. Vince is survived by Simone, 4 daughters, 2 sons, 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Throughout his life, Vince maintained an active interest in his extended family and activities on the farm. Vince was a genuine gentle man who enjoyed a life well lived.

**John (Jack) Douglas Haraldson '43 C**, 1921(?) - Oct. 15, 2014. A Hanley SK. boy his entire life, Jack did his schooling at Sunrise, Bohrson, and Hanley. After graduating, he spent a year and half in the RCAF before marrying Neeta in '47, and then farmed southwest of Hanley. Jack loved his sports; ball, golf, curling, hunting and fishing. Jack was a community man – Wheat Pool, Church, RM, Golf Club, Curling Club, 4-H, life member of the Legion. If there was work that needed doing – Jack was doing. Survived by his wife, Neeta; his brother George, two daughters, one son, 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**George Thor Haraldson '45 S**, Nov. 24, 1923 – Dec. 18, 2014. George was also a Hanley SK. son. He is survived by one daughter and one son, 5 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by former wife, Muriel, and older brother, Jack. George lived an interesting life on his own terms as much as possible. His final act was service to education at the College of Medicine at the U of S.

**Gordon Allan Wilson '48 C**, Dec. 5, 1917 – May 31, 2015. Limerick, SK. Gordon was an RAF fighter pilot from '41 – '45. He married Marion in '47, and upon graduation worked for John Deere. In '64 appointed

Exec. Director of what became the 4 WDMs and then was busy the rest of his life. Founder of the SAHF. Pres. of the Saskatoon Kiwanis, Pres. of the U of S Alumni Assoc. member of U of S Senate, Vice Chair of Place Riel, fundraiser for the new Ag building and Class of '48 Bursaries. Fighter Pilots and Veterans Assoc., Chair of the Veterans Committee for the "Between the Crosses" memorial in Woodlawn Military Cemetery, which also ensured all Veterans graves had proper markers. Queen's Silver, Gold and Diamond Jubilee Anniversary medals in '77, '02, and '12. Honoured by the U of S in '99 with three separate awards. SAHF honorary member, SK. Centennial Medal. One of the 100 significant citizens of the first 100 years of the City of Saskatoon, Gordon was recognized by the SK. Volunteer Medal for his life of service, and Dept. of Veteran Affairs for service on behalf of veterans. Predeceased by his wife Marion, Mar. 1, 2015. Survived by 3 children, 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**William (Bill) Alvin Chapman '48 S**, May 6, 1927 - May 22, 2015. Ethelton. SK. Raised on farms in Floral and Meskanaw, a founding member of the Laurel Co-op Farm, he changed vocations to become a United Church minister. Received his B.A. at U of S '54, St. Andrew's College '57. Bill spent 35 years serving congregations in SK. and AB. Family was important, camping trips, game nights, the kid's educational and musical pursuits. Retiring in '92 meant more time for his grandchildren, bird carving and writing. Survived by wife Mary; 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 1 brother and 1 sister. Bill's life exemplified the values that were essential to him.

**William (Bill) Hartall '54 S**, Feb. 9, 1931 – Feb. 3, 2015. A Craven SK. lad, Bill was a dedicated student, involved in the cattle industry his entire life. Herdsman at the U of S Beef Research and Bull ROP Station, Bill and Wanda moved to Calgary, spending 20 plus years as Marketing Manager at Western Feedlots. Known for his expertise, Bill judged 4-H throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta, cattle shows at the PNE in Vancouver, Agribition, Royal Winter Fair, and PEI. Retired to Strathmore, AB. where he became a champion Show Rabbit breeder. Survived by Wanda; two daughters, one son and four grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

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## Former 4-H Members Invited to Get in Touch

Are you a 4-H alumni interested in keeping up to date with 4-H news and events?  
4-H Saskatchewan will celebrate 100 years in 2017!

Do you want to attend the celebrations?

We are seeking willing volunteers to help plan our 100th anniversary celebrations!

If you are interested in staying in touch with 4-H Saskatchewan or learning more about the Centennial celebrations, contact us at **306-933-7727** or by email at **info@4-h.sk.ca**.



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**Kenneth Emerson Ewan '57 C**, Sept. 8 1931 – Oct. 21, 2014. Born in Alameda, SK. Ken enjoyed growing up on the farm. Worked for Ag Canada for 30 years, beginning in Poultry, later with Livestock, in Regina, Saskatoon, Guelph, Ottawa and Toronto. He so enjoyed the friendship and interaction with his classmates at their reunions. Ken will be remembered for his dedication to the Brampton Fall Fair, of which he was manager for six years, his passion for horticulture, love of curling, travelling and playing cards. Survived by his wife Joan; two sons, one daughter, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren and one sister.

**Lorne Stanley Crosson '62 S, '66 C**, Dec. 28, 1938 - Dec. 19, 2014. Born and raised near Limerick, SK. obtained a M.Sc. at the U of S in Soil Sc. worked on the soil survey. In '69, Lorne and new wife Marjorie left for the U of Guelph for his Ph.D. Returned to Saskatoon in '72 and worked again on the Soil Survey. Back to the family farm in '76. Proponent of direct seed and minimum till, director on the SK Soil Cons. Assoc. and Pres. in '96. Rep. on the U of S Senate. After 25 years farming, Lorne and Marge retired to Cochrane, AB to ski and golf. Moved to Baddeck, NS to be near their son, his wife and new grandson.

**Lloyd Everet Near '62 S**, June 7, 1939 – Apr. 23, 2015. Pinkham, SK. After graduation spent a few winters working at Bowman Bros. before returning to the farm. Married and had 2 sons. Remarried in '83 to Beryl, adding two more kids to the clan. Served on the United Church, the R.M. of Kindersley and District Health and Wellness Foundation. Member of the Kindersley Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, and a Shriner. Survived by wife Beryl, three sons,

one daughter, six grandchildren and one sister. Lorne actively farmed his entire life and is remembered for saying "I love this land".

**Arthur Melvin Bonstrom '63 C**, Oct. 16, 1935 - Mar. 7, 2015. Art was a Kinley, SK son of the prairie whose passions included: family, farming, education, hard work and volunteering in the community. Art spent most of his life in the Kinley district with his wife, Marilyn. They raised three daughters to whom he instilled the importance of family, work ethic, further education and generosity. Later in life, they enjoyed their children and grandchildren, and travelling to visit a large extended family and friends. Survived by his wife Marilyn; three daughters, five grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

**Elmer James Xavier Bittner '65 C**, July 18, 1941 – Apr. 19, 2015. Leipzig SK. In Edmonton. Survived by his wife, Cecilia; one daughter, one son, two grandchildren, one brother and one sister.

**Barbara Ann Podhorodeski (Jones) '90 C**. June 5, 1966 – Apr. 26, 2015. Born in London, ON, Barbara moved with her family to Sedley, SK in '78. With IAEA, Barbara traveled to AU in '85 and Ireland in '86 to work on farms. In '88, Barbara married Edwin and moved to Shipman, SK. Worked with Al Slinkard at Crop Development Center and two summers for Hoechst. Barbara loved farming, adventure, nature, gardening and seeing the world, but most of all her boys. A Director on the Saskatchewan Canola Dev't Commission, the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers, Saskatchewan Canary Board, the Prairie Oat Growers Association, the Conservation Learning Centre, and Agriculture in the Classroom. She is survived by husband Edwin; two sons, her parents, two brothers and one sister.

## Agro Accomplishments

**John Hemstad, '63 C**, will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame at this year's fall ceremony.

**Audrey (Anderson) Jones '84 C**, from Medstead, received a Masters of Educational Administration at the U of S Convocation on June 3.

**Sara Williams '87 C**, received an Honorary LL.D. (Dr. of Laws) at the U of S Convocation on June 3.

The Saskatchewan Crop Reporting Service held its annual reporter recognition event on Mar. 14th at the SK Legislature.

This included a tour of the building, a luncheon and presentation of certificates, plaques or Yvette Moore prints, and introductions in the Legislative chamber preceding question period.

Among those honoured this year were **David Thompson '54 S**, for 35 years and **Derald '65 C**, and **Irene Ahner '65 C** for 30 years.

## Plant Sciences Department – College of AgBio

The current department derives from three departments plus a research-focused unit. When the University of Saskatchewan was established in 1907, two colleges were created, Agriculture and Arts and Science. This far sighted decision to fully integrate agriculture recognized its importance to the province.

John Bracken was appointed as the Professor of Field Husbandry in 1910 and gave the first classes in 1911-1912.

The department was charged with servicing the teaching, research and extension needs of crop farming in Saskatchewan, a mandate it carries to this day. The department name was changed to Crop Science in 1962 recognizing the role that science was playing in agriculture.

The wheat glut years of the 1960's highlighted the need to broaden the base of crop agriculture. This led to the establishment of the Crop Development Centre in 1971, with G. M. Simpson as the director. The mandate of the centre was to diversify crop agriculture. Among its many notable achievements are the introduction of pulse crops and diversification of the types available and the elevation of Saskatchewan to be a major player in the production and export of malting barley, adding billions of dollars to the economy. The Crop Development Centre continues as an integral unit of the department.

Research on root competition between weeds and crops was initiated by T.K. Pavlychenko in the 1930's. His classic work led to a greater understanding of root growth and the role it plays in competition.

The Plant Ecology Laboratory was established in 1944, its mandate included the control of weeds. The department of Plant Ecology was established in 1949 with R.T. Coupland as the first head. Professor Coupland led the Matador Project which was a massive in depth study of the prairie grassland ecosystem. The resulting multi-volume monograph still acts as a milestone study in its field.

In 1966 weed research was transferred to the Crop Science Department leaving the Plant Ecology department to concentrate on ecosystem studies.

In 1983, for financial and political reasons, the university decided to eliminate several units. Plant Ecology was among them. The department voted to join their colleagues to become the Department of Crop Science and Plant Ecology. The research and teaching of the department continued under the auspices of the merged department.

Dr. C. F. Patterson was appointed the first professor of Horticulture in 1921, recognizing the growing need for work on horticultural crops. Initially they also had the responsibility of maintaining the campus grounds and were responsible for much of the beauty which the plant landscape brings to the university.

Fruit and lily varieties created by Patterson are still widely used on the prairies, as are many of the practices he and his successors developed.

In 1998, it was felt that the department did not have the critical mass needed to survive as a department and as a result they merged with Crop Science and Plant Ecology to become the Department of Plant Sciences. Again their teaching and research programs continue in the newly-created unit.

Today the department is recognized as an international center of excellence. It has the largest research land base in Canada, 28 faculty members, 60 research associates, 125 technical support personnel plus more than 40 casual staff. It also has over 80 graduate students from Canada and around the world. The mandates have not changed, but the technologies brought to bear have changed enormously. The department continues to service the needs of the agriculture industry of Saskatchewan.

For a more complete description of the department visit the SAGA website at <http://saskaggrads.com>.

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