

ELMWOOD GIANTS
BASEBALL CLUB

NEWSLETTER



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CASH CALENDARS

Once again, thanks to everyone who supported the cash calendar fundraiser. With the excellent coupon deals from Domino's Pizza, we had another very successful fundraiser and the proceeds will go a long way to help start the our next field project. The next phase includes a scoreboard, washrooms and a seating upgrade. special thanks must go to alumni Reg Chopp and Ray Shuel who sold a large number of tickets for us. Board members Paul Lagimodiere, Don Krasowski and Dave Kodak each sold close to 100 tickets.

BINGOS

This past season, our bingo fundraisers brought in \$4,000 for the club. The first bingo of 2009 was held on January 6 with the profits of the evening dedicated to the fieldhouse construction fund. Thank you to bingo chairman Bryan Hodgson and all of his volunteers, especially Don Krasowski and Jackie Mitchell who have been at every bingo. If you can volunteer for an upcoming bingo, please call Bryan at 668-3317.

BUYING A CAR?

Thanks to Glen Hunter, if you buy a car through a Birchwood Auto Group dealership, present a voucher from the Giants and Birchwood will donate \$100 to the Elmwood organization. Contact Gord Menzies at 257-3553 for vouchers.



PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

For the past several years, the Giants have held a reception for our Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame inductees. Starting this year, we are opening the reception to all alumni and will make it an annual event. The reception will take place at the Elmwood Legion on Friday, May 22 at 7:30 pm. There will be a cash bar, a social-type luncheon, door prizes and hopefully a guest speaker. Admission is free. Mark the date on your calendar and we hope to see you there!

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

The Giants are putting together a PowerPoint presentation for the President's Reception in early June. We are looking for pictures of players and teams from every era. If you have pictures, please let Al Kinley (338-9603) know.

BUD SPUD & STEAK

This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 13 at 5:30 pm at MyBar (Regent CanadInns). Silent auction items are needed. If you can make a donation, please contact Dave Kodak at 668-6367. Tickets are \$15 and will be available from any executive member and any player.

COACHING

Ben McLeod has been named head coach for the Juniors for the 2009 season. Ben is a former Junior Giant and was an assistant coach for the team last year. He has also coached at Queen's University and is currently working on his Level 3 certification. Last year's head coach Ryan Anderson has been named head coach for the Manitoba Youth Selects for 2009. Good luck Ben and Ryan!





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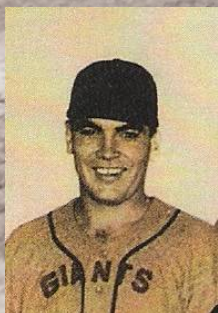
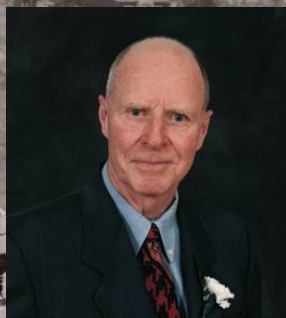
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Jack Warwick

Played Junior baseball with the Elmwood Giants in the late 40's. Played Senior baseball with Norwood, Selkirk, Transcona, and St. Boniface. Played professionally in the Washington Senators system at Fulton, Louisiana. Returned in 1949 to play for Elmwood in the Manitoba Senior Baseball League. Played with Elmwood in the Mandak League in 1950. Was an outstanding defensive firstbaseman and a strong hitter. Was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999.

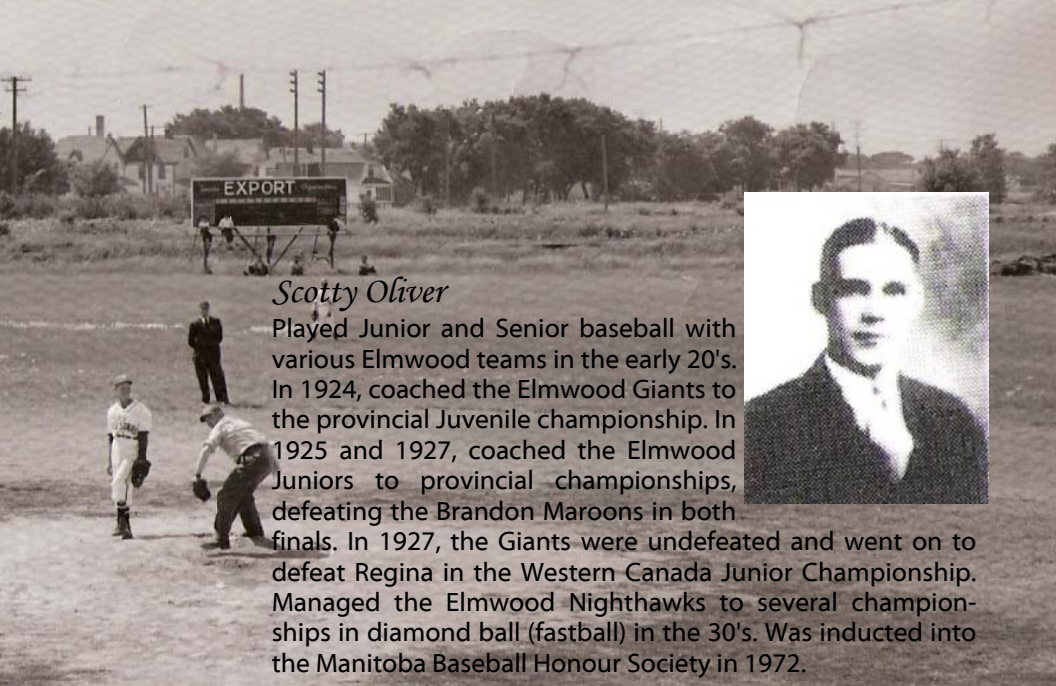


Al Tresoor

A top player with the Elmwood Giants during the 50's. Played from Bantam to Junior this time. A fierce competitor and an outstanding hitter. Coached the Elmwood Juveniles to a championship in 1956. Along with his mentor Bob Smith, coached the Elmwood Juniors in the late 50's and was part of three championship teams. In the 60's, was the top amateur hockey coach in the province, leading the Kelvin Juveniles to numerous provincial championships. Was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2008 as a part of the 1957-61 Elmwood Juniors.


Fathers

**background picture of
Giants Field in 1940's*



Scotty Oliver

Played Junior and Senior baseball with various Elmwood teams in the early 20's. In 1924, coached the Elmwood Giants to the provincial Juvenile championship. In 1925 and 1927, coached the Elmwood Juniors to provincial championships, defeating the Brandon Maroons in both finals. In 1927, the Giants were undefeated and went on to defeat Regina in the Western Canada Junior Championship. Managed the Elmwood Nighthawks to several championships in diamond ball (fastball) in the 30's. Was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Honour Society in 1972.



Ted Nowicki

Probably has the longest ties to the Giants. Worked the centerfield scoreboard at Giants Field in the 40's. Teams got water from his house on Thames Avenue. Played a key role in the return of the Giants in 1977. Served on the Giants board of directors for 25 years and was the team treasurer for 10 years. Coached at Chalmers and served on the executive of Red River Valley Minor for many years. Was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Association's Honor Society in 2002 and into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2005 as part of the 1977-80 Elmwood Juniors.



ANOTHER GIANT IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES

When the introductions were made at the first game of this year's World Series, the Elmwood Giants got a wonderful surprise. Introduced as a part of the training staff of the Philadelphia Phillies was former Giant, Dong Lien. Dong played for the Elmwood organization from PeeWee to Junior and grew up on Tweed Avenue, just across from Giants Field. He worked at the field for two summers as a groundskeeper. He studied athletic therapy at the University of Manitoba and worked for several seasons with the Winnipeg Gold-eyes. He joined the Phillies organization and worked at the training center in St. Petersburg, Florida. When he returned last summer he brought home a huge box of baseballs and a set of catchers gear for the Giants. Congratulations Dong, you have made us all very proud!



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PAGES FROM THE PAST

July 6, 1921 - In the Winnipeg Intermediate League, Scotty Oliver pitches Elmwood to a 5-3 victory over the Dominions. Oliver struck out 14 and his catcher was Simpson. In another game between St. Boniface and the Medicals, Danny McLennan was the umpire.

July 9, 1921 - Elmwood won their 13th straight game with a 12-7 win over East Kildonan in Intermediate League action.

August 1932 - Jimmy "Flabby" McLennan of the Winnipeg All-Stars stole second, third and home in a 11-9 loss to the Crookston Red Sox.

August 9, 1932 - Former Elmwood Giant Junior Hugh Sutherland smashed a towering homerun over the centerfield fence at Wesley Park to help Norwood to a victory over the Arenas.

October 15, 1932 - In the final season statistics of the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League, former Giants Hughie Sutherland hit .306 for Norwood, Jimmy McLennan hit .281 for the Arenas, and Alex Turk hit .256 for the Arenas while committing only 8 errors in 140 chances in 22 games.



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June 15, 1959 - Ab Hansford and Ernie Pitts (former Winnipeg Blue Bomber) both had two hits in a losing cause against St. Boniface in the Metro Senior League. Aggie Kukulowicz was the losing pitcher with relief help from Vic Buffey. **Note: October 1, 2008 - Aggie Kukulowicz passed away in Toronto, Ontario.

July 3, 1959 - Herb Kalenski pitched Elmwood to a 10-3 victory over St. Boniface in WSBL action. Hansford, Pitts, Doug Craib, Ray Hoskins, and Al Tresoor all had two hits for the Giants.

July 10, 1959 - Buck Tiderman and Ray Hoskins each had three hits to lead the Giants to a 7-5 victory over Selkirk. Jim Matson, with relief help from Smiley Krivak, picked up the win. The loss was charged to Jerry Curle in relief of Pat Angers. Ray Brunel had two hits for Selkirk.

July 17, 1960 - Gary White and Norm Rogoski each banged out three hits to lead the Elmwood Juniors to a 13-5 victory over Isaac Brock. Mac Gordon was the winning pitcher as the Giants remained unbeaten.

July 14, 1977 - Elmwood has two players named to the first All-Star team in the Manitoba Junior Baseball League. Bill Kinley was named at third base hitting .345 and Carey Candy with 5 wins, 4 losses, and 74 strikeouts in 55 innings was named at pitcher. River East Raiders outfielders Bob Kinley hitting .349 and Ron Knight hitting .323 were also named to the squad.



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