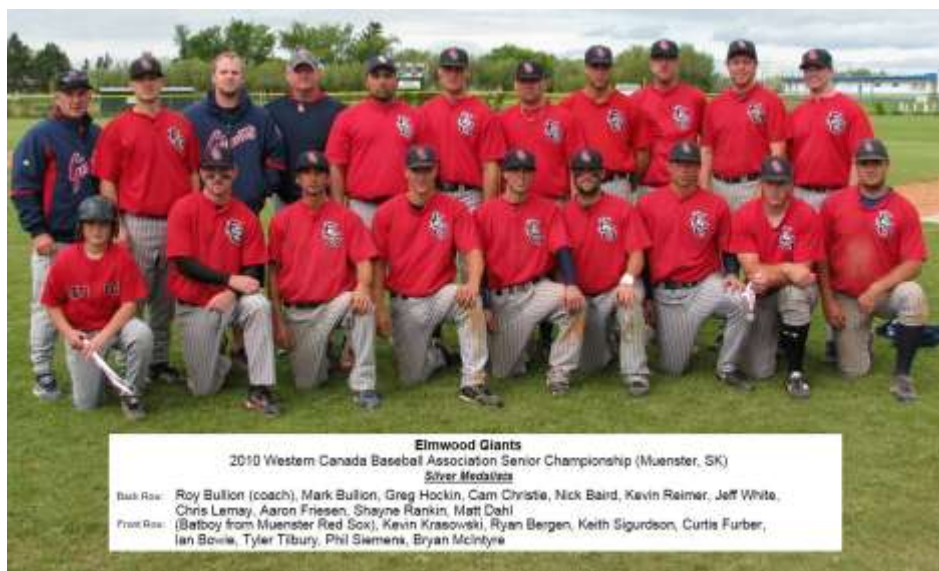


Elmwood Giants Baseball Club



Elmwood Giants
2010 Western Canada Baseball Association Senior Championship (Muenster, SK)
Silver Medalists
Back Row: Roy Bullion (coach), Mark Bullion, Greg Hockin, Cam Christie, Nick Baird, Kevin Reimer, Jeff White,
Chris Lemay, Aaron Friesen, Shayne Rankin, Matt Dahl
Front Row: (Batboy from Muenster Red Sox), Kevin Krasowski, Ryan Bergen, Keith Sigurdson, Curtis Furber,
Ian Bowie, Tyler Tibbury, Phil Siemens, Bryan McIntyre

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Our Cover Photo

Our cover depicts the 2010 Elmwood Giants Senior team on the day in August on which they won the Silver Medals at the 2010 WCBA Senior AA Championship in Muenster, SK. There were some heroics over the weekend and more details are available on the team's web site at:

www.ballcharts.com/elmwoodgiants

Giants Wear For Sale

The Club has for sale a collection of outerwear, T-shirts, caps and other items bearing the Elmwood Giants and Kildonan Mudcats logos. All inquiries should be directed to **Al Kinley** at 338-9603.

A Banner Year for the Giants Baseball Club

All three of our teams had remarkable success on the field in 2010. We invite you to read more about it in this edition of our newsletter.

Congratulations to our players, coaches, organizers, families and fans! The Board of Directors is looking forward to another great year in 2011!

2010 Cash Calendar Results

The Club sold 2121 tickets for gross receipts of \$21,210. After expenses, we expect to see a profit of about \$15,000.

The Board to Directors offer their thanks to all tickets sellers with special recognition to the following people for their extraordinary contributions:

- **Reg Chopp (100 tickets)**
- **Ray Schuel (125 tickets)**
- **Don Krasowski (125 tickets)**

These results will help us continue to execute on our **“Dream It, Wish It, Do It”** agenda in 2011 and, hopefully, beyond!

A full list of all winners is available on the Junior team web site.

2010 Season Summary

Elmwood Giants Baseball Club

The Club had one of its best seasons ever!

The **Junior team** won the MJBL pennant, the WCBA Junior Championship and contributed eight players to the provincial representatives that won the National Championship. Some of our players also earned All-Star honours and MJBL Awards. More details can be found in Coach Babaluk's summary later in this newsletter.

In the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League, the Club's two teams were both dominant in the regular season. They finished 1-2 in the standings (**Senior Giants – Mudcats**). The Mudcats bowed 2 – 1 to a resurgent Teulon Cardinals side in the semi-finals. Teulon went on to defeat the Senior Giants 3 – 2 in the final. Several games, including the fifth of the series, went to extra innings.

Both the Mudcats and the Giants earned the right to participate in the 2010 Senior AA Provincial All-Star Championships. The tournament was hosted by the Elmwood Giants Baseball Club. The Senior Giants went through the tournament undefeated, beating the Baldur Regals in the final. This result earned them the right to travel next year to BC for the Western Canada Senior Championships.

Based on their success in the 2009 edition of the All-Stars Championship, the Senior Giants also represented Manitoba in this year's edition of the WCBA Senior Championships held in Munster, SK. They lost in the final to a very tough BC team, earning the title of Silver Medalists.

Next year looks just as promising! We will undoubtedly lose some players, but others will appear to fill the holes.

There has even been some discussion about fielding a third senior team and / or a second junior team! Is anyone interested?

The Senior Giants will need to come up with a substantial amount of money to go to BC next season. Does anyone know of a potential sponsor or a sure-fire fund-raiser?



*** Baseball Manitoba Honours ***

On November 20, 2010, some members of the Elmwood Giants family were inducted into the Baseball Manitoba Honour Society, specifically **Ken St-Germain** and **Bryan Hodgson**. Both have been long-time contributors to the Club and we believe the honours are well deserved. Congratulations to you both!

Other notable achievements among the members of the Giants family:

- **Bev Fisher** was nominated for Volunteer of the Year honours (none were awarded)
- **Marc Babaluk**, coach of the Junior team was named Coach of the Year
- Both the Juniors and the Senior Giants were nominated for the Team of the Year award

On another note, **Winston Smith**, father of current Giant **Colin**, was also inducted into the Honour Society.

Thank you to the Elmwood Legion!

“The Friendly Club” continues to live up to its promise for the Giants Executive and Board of Directors. Now used regularly as a venue for Giants events, the staff and leaders of the Legion have made the Club very welcome and are always supportive of our cause and our intentions.

We thank the membership for their support to the Giants!

*** Annual General Meeting ***

On March 15, 2011 at 7:30 PM, the Elmwood Giants Baseball Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the **Elmwood Legion** at 920 Nairn Avenue.

This Meeting is open for Board Members, team representatives and players and any other interested Giants supporters. We will review Club results for last year and make plans for the one ahead. All are welcome to attend and participate in the work of making the Giants successful!



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MJBL All-Stars and Awards

The following Junior Giants were recognized for their 2010 seasons:

Cody Hunter (2nd Base and the Outstanding Defensive Player—Len Gzebb Trophy)

Brendan Johnson (1st Base)

Wes Pomarensky (Sportsmanship & Ability—Jacobucci Domes Trophy)

Marc Babaluk (Coach of the Year)

WSBL All-Stars

The following were recognized for their 2010 WSBL seasons:

Giants: **Kevin Krasowski** and **Curtis Furber**

Mudcats: **Chris Leclerc** and **Aaron Hidebrand**



In the above photo, you will note the presence of the following Junior Giants, all of whom contributed to the **Team Manitoba** win in Trois-Rivières, QC:

Darryl Ellis
Cody Hunter
Brendan Johnson
Justin Pasichnyk

Wes Pomarensky
Brett Schreyer
Shane Seddon

2011 Elmwood Giants

Important Dates at Giants Field (and elsewhere)

Mar 15	Annual General Meeting (Elmwood Legion)
Apr 4-5	RRV Pee-Wee and Bantam AAA Tryouts (Gateway RC)
TBD	Junior Season Opener
TBD	Senior Season Opener
TBD	Mudcats Season Opener
Jun 4	Manitoba Baseball hall of fame Dinner (Morden)
Jun 11	Bud, Spud and Steak (CanadInns, Regent and Plessis)
TBD	President's Reception (Elmwood Legion)
Jul 15-17	Manitoba Senior AA All-Stars Championship (Brandon)
Aug 5-7	Manitoba Midget AAA Championships (TBA)
Aug 12-15	WCBA Junior AAA Championship
Aug 12-15	WCBA Senior AA Championship (TBA, BC)
Aug 12-15	WCBA Midget AA Championship (Morden)
Aug 18-22	Baseball Canada Junior Championship (Windsor, ON)
Aug 19-22	WCBA Midget AAA Championship (TBA, BC)
After Aug 15	University of Winnipeg Fall Baseball Program
Saturdays	All Giants teams practice (Juniors, Seniors, Mudcats)
Various	Youth Selects (Canada Games), practices and games
Nov 30	Cash Calendar Grand Prize Draw (Elmwood Legion)

Our Web Sites

Watch our web sites for developments. We plan to update them over the coming weeks and months and hope to keep them current with all the latest events. We also plan to launch a Club site that will highlight the work done on behalf of all three teams, the field and the wider baseball community.

Juniors: www.ballcharts.com/elmwoodgiantsjr

Seniors: www.ballcharts.com/elmwoodgiants

Mudcats: www.ballcharts.com/kildonanmudcats

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Wanted: A Few Good Men and Women

After 1962 the Elmwood Giants ceased to exist as a baseball organization. The reasons for its demise are somewhat unclear. There was an abundance of players available, a thriving feeder system & a suitable playing field (Giants Field). What seemed to be missing were the necessary volunteers & organizers to maintain the teams.

Several attempts were made by various groups in the late sixties & early seventies to reform the Giants but nothing lasted. Not until 1977 did a viable group come together to reestablish & operate the Giants organization. Few people from the original group are still active but enough people have come on board over the years to allow the Giants to continue to operate.

Each year new people have been invited to join the Board of Directors. One of the goals of the organization is to not let the Giants disappear again. We welcome anyone who is interested to come to our next meeting.

Anyone interested in helping with this successful organization are welcome to contact **Al Kinley** at 338- 9603, **Gord Menzies** at 257-3553 or **Rick Dondo** at 951-3272.

Help us solve a mystery from our archives

On our web sites, you can catch up on the results we obtained in archive mystery quests published in earlier editions of our newsletter.

Sponsorships Available

The Club is offering businesses the opportunity to connect with the Giants family and supporters through sponsorships in many forms. Examples are as follows:

- **Yearly Program:** \$60 to \$200
- **Giants Patron:** \$100 per year or one payment of \$250 for 3 years
- **Newsletter and Web Site:** \$300 in quarterly newsletters for 3 years and on the three team web sites
- **Fence:** \$800 (Minimum of 3 years)
- **Red, Blue and Gold Levels** (with various other placements for relevant time periods): \$1500 through \$10,000

Contact **Dave Kodak**, Club Vice-President of Marketing at 668-6367 for all inquiries.



Elmwood Giants Rolls of Honour

Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame

Year of Induction	Members	Year of Induction	Members
1998	Hugh Gustafson Dave McConachy	2005	Cam Walker Ron Hewitt
1999	Jack Warwick	2006	Bill "Snake" Siddle
2000	Ed Leier Joe Baron Carl Mattson Alex Kurceba	2007	Carey Candy Len Gzebb
2001	Bob Audette Curly Haas Reg Chopp Mark Flynn Bob Picken	2008	Lawson Davie Bob Kinley Randy Ladobruk
2003	Dave Olsen Gord Ledochowski	2009	Bill Kinley Bob Smith
2004	Paul Chartrand Hal Wertberg Jack Thompson	2010	Morgan de Peña Al Kinley Brock McConachy
		2011	Alex Turk Scott Kwasnitza Corey Koskie

Elmwood Giants Rolls of Honour

Baseball Manitoba Honours Society

Year of Induction	Members	Year of Induction	Members
1970	Alex Turk	1995	Tom Thompson Daryl Steen F. Ross Kinley
1971	Curly Haas	1996	Ollie Schroeder
1972	Scotty Oliver	1999	Dave Olsen Gord Ledochowski
1973	Ernie O'Dowda	2002	Bev Fisher Ted Nowicki
1974	Al Seymour Len Gzebb	2003	Al Kinley
1984	Jake Epps Jack Thompson	2010	Ken St-Germain Bryan Hodgson
1991	Joe Sandryk		

Help us honour our greats from the past!

Are you aware of anyone we might have missed in our two lists?
Who do you think we should nominate?



Elmwood Giants Baseball Club Champions

Manitoba Senior Baseball Champions

1912, 1913, 1994

Manitoba Senior AA Baseball Champions

2001, 2003

Manitoba Senior AA All-stars Baseball Champions

2009, 2010

WABA Senior Champions

1922

Western Canada Senior AA Champions

2002, 2004

Manitoba Intermediate Baseball Champions

1909

Greater Winnipeg or Manitoba Junior Baseball Champions

1925, 1927, 1928(???), 1948, 1951, 1958, 1959, 1961,
1978, 1979, 1980, 1984, 1987, 1990, 1992, 1995,
2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009

Western Canada Junior Baseball Champions

1948, 1987, 2010

Prairie Region Junior Baseball Champions

1978

Manitoba Juvenile Baseball Champions

1924, 1951, 1955, 1975, 1976, 1978

Manitoba Midget Baseball Champions

1953, 1954, 1974, 1989, 1992

Manitoba Bantam Baseball Champions

1952, 1959

A stylized logo for "Birchwood" in a cursive, script font. The letters are dark brown with a lighter, textured interior, giving it a wood-grain appearance. The logo is set against a light beige background.

Area Teams with Success at the City and Provincial Levels

Morse Place

1952 Midget
1937 Junior (Monarchs)
1944 Junior (Bombers)
1947 Junior (Monarchs)
???? Intermediate and Senior

Saint Alphonsus

1934 Junior

Elmwood Cubs

1935 Junior
(in 1934, operated as the Saint Alphonsus team)

North Kildonan Cobras

1977, 1978(?) Bantam

Transcona

1929 Junior (Colts)
1920 Senior (Munitions Workers team; organizers included Dan McLennan,
founder of the Giants in 1905!)

River East Raiders

1976 Junior

East Kildonan

1941 Junior (Bisons)
1942 Junior (Rangers)
1943 Junior (Rangers)

Help us honour our greats from the past!

We will have further updates on Transcona teams in a future edition of the
newsletter.

Are you aware of any other teams we might have missed in our two lists?

Please let us know!

We would appreciate having copies of any clippings or photos you may
have that record these triumphs or other significant area baseball history!



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