

## Honorary Life Member - Diploma

**Alex Kennedy 82S** was born in 1939 on the Little Pine Reserve north of Cut Knife. He attended school on the Reserve, and at Paynton and Cut Knife. His post-secondary training included SIIT, the Sask. Indian Institute of Technologies in Prince Albert, the School of Agriculture and the University of Arizona. Alex graduated with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1982. Alex still plays a leading role in the development and advancement of agriculture on the reserve lands. He was the first chairman of the Saskatchewan Indian Agricultural Committee board and served with SIAP for many years. His work with SIAP was critical to that program, resulting in \$29M of support for program proposals. In 1981, Alex was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the SIA in recognition of his strong leadership skills and the success of the program.



**Alex Kennedy.**

Alex continues to work for the advancement of his people. He instructs a course at the First Nations University in Saskatoon and has for 15 years been with the Battleford Tribal Council in various positions and since 2006 as Tribal Chief. Alex has worked with the Saskatchewan government in Economic Development with the Indian and Metis Secretariat. Alex was a director of the Provincial Indian Agricultural Program, and was second vice president of FSIN. He was part of a team that developed the Sask. Indian Cultural Centre, SIIT, and the First Nations University of Canada. Alex and his wife, Josephine, who has a B.Ed. and is a lifelong teacher, continue to live on the Little Pine Reserve. They have three sons and a daughter.

## Honorary Life Member - College



**Les Henry**

**J.L. (Les) Henry 64C** was born and raised at Milden, Saskatchewan. He received his BSA in 1964 and MSc (Soil Science) from the University of Saskatchewan in 1968.

After 5 years with Soil Survey, Les joined the staff at the U of S. He spent 30 plus years working as a researcher and professor in soil fertility and extension. Les conducted soil salinity investigations throughout Saskatchewan; published scientific papers and numerous technical reports on soil salinity; gave hundreds of extension talks and provided private consultancy in soils and environment. Les was involved internationally in a wheat project in Tanzania from 1972 to 1974. Other international work took Les to Swaziland in 1975 and to China in 1980.

Les served as president of the Saskatoon Branch of SIA, president of SAGA, chairman of the Saskatchewan Advisory Council of Soils and Agronomy, and president of SIA. He was named a Fellow of the AIC in 1989 and in 1994 received an Honorary Life Membership in the Canadian Society of Extension. In 2004 Les was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame and in 2007 he received the Award of Merit from the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Society. He was named Professor of the

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## Hello Agros,

Another term is coming to an end as students are busy finishing term papers and preparing for finals. Hopefully you're all enjoying the nice weather as you make plans for the upcoming crop or are deep into calving.

This has been a busy term with a lot of different events. Beginning in January we had fun working with SAGA at the first annual Casino Night Mixer. On the 17th we auctioned off members of the student executive as slaves for a day for Telemiracle. The ASA grad was held at the Travelodge on January 19th. We had an Agro Knowledge Week, January 21st-25th with an etiquette supper and Sask Challenge. Congratulations to the winning teams of the various events. Congratulations also to the members of the Range Management Team who participated in a competition in Kentucky with the Society for Range Management and came back with a fourth place finish.

The Stockman's Club held a judging competition on the first weekend in February and invited students from across the prairies. It was a success and concluded with a banquet and dance. On February 7th we held our annual casino night fundraiser for Telemiracle. This was also the year for the Telemiracle bed-push. We pushed the bed some distance out of the city and then brought it back.

On March 9th we held CUMMONIWANNALAYA, our annual Hawaiian mixer where members of the SAGA executive and College ran the tables for the students. It was a successful event with Trooper as the main attraction. We wish you the best of luck with the upcoming summer season.

**Stephanie Dreger P.R.O. 2007-08**  
**Leah Berscheid P.R.O. 2008-09**  
**Agricultural Student's Association**

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Year in 1990 and an Honorary Life Member in the Agricultural Student's Association in 1996.

Since October 1976, Les has written a monthly soils column in Grainews. He shared his vast knowledge of Saskatchewan soils in "Henry's Handbook of Soil and Water" and a book on "Catalogue Houses: Eatons' and Others".

Les and wife Inga Cariou reside in Saskatoon. Les has one son, Jeff (Rachel) and one daughter, Nola (Mark Haidl) and five grandchildren. Les lost his first wife Fran in 1988 and his daughter Patricia (Gerald Dauk) in 2002.

Les continues to contribute to his community. Les is currently working with the City of Saskatoon and private developers on soil and groundwater problems in new developments when he isn't taking time out to farm.

### 1988 DIPLOMA GRADS

Though the turnout wasn't what was hoped for, the nine who attended the SAGA weekend had a very enjoyable time. Some had not seen or spoken to fellow grads for nigh 20 years. Some have continued working the land since the day they left campus, while others



From left to right: Dave Christiansen, Ewald Lammerding, Jim Bessel and Curtis Kerslake

are involved within the agricultural industry in other ways. **Jim Bagshaw, Maurice Berry, Edwin Podhorodeski, Jim & Evelyn Bessel, Dave & Lori Christiansen, Ted and Kim Gerwing, Curtis & Barbara Kerslake, Ewald and Traci Lammerding and Tim & Lavonne Wiens** made it out for the reunion.

The 88S class entered a team in the SAGA Bonspiel, where they defended Voc Ag honour by winning the 'C' event. They had a great time and showed most of the curling world that they might have been a force to reckon with, given more time.

**Jim Bessel** was the overall coordinator for the 2008 SAGA Reunion, and is the '09 SAGA President. Those in attendance had hoped for better participation from their classmates; they missed an excellent weekend.

## President's Pen - March 2008

It is an honor to be your President for this new and exciting year!

SAGA started the New Year with a change to our reunion weekend - time, date, venue and added some new activities. The feedback indicates that it was a resounding success. The reunion weekend began with the mixer on Saturday Jan. 5. We had about 500 people in attendance. There were munchies, "beef on the bun", and lots of good cheer. We conducted a casino night using casino money and ended the evening with an auction, where casino players used their casino winnings to bid on a number of magnificent prizes. Thanks to all of the wonderful sponsors for the prizes that were provided.

The highlight for many SAGA members was the dealers at the casino tables; students from the College of Agriculture. I feel this was a great building block between young ASA and SAGA members and demonstrated the value of carrying on the tradition by joining SAGA after graduation. Again, my heart felt THANK YOU to all those who volunteered and participated in this exciting event.

The banquet was truly a gala event! TCU Place served a wonderful meal and the ambience made the evening a night to remember. We honored reunion groups back to 1948. One special highlight was a presentation from the 1948 Degree class (60 years) which is sponsoring a \$10,000 bursary within the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

The tradition of fellowship among classmates continues to be an exclusive event for our college and one we hope to sustain into the future. We welcome feedback on how we can continue to improve service to our membership.

I want to thank all of the Executive for their hard work during this past year of dramatic change. A special thank you to those who have retired from the Executive (**Sandy/Jim Russell, Kathy Vancha, Steve Cuddington, Stephanie Huber, Frank Dunlop, Fred Fulton, Judy MacMillan, and Melissa Stuart**). Welcome to those who have stepped forward and volunteered to be part of the new Executive, (**Carl Lynn, Vern Racz, Shelagh Steckle, Derek Wilfing, Louie Bossaer, Bryan Harvey, Ewald Lammerding, and Eric & Patricia Johnson**).

This year we plan to continue the transition toward an

electronic database for distribution of the newsletter to those who wish to receive it in this format. The newsletter will be available in hard copy for members who wish to receive it that way. Our goal is to reduce production costs and maintain financial viability for our organization.

We are continuing to be involved with the Agricultural Students' Association (ASA) and their activities and encourage them to become involved as SAGA members after graduation. I have been privileged to represent SAGA at two ASA events already this year. Firstly, I was proud to present the "Tommy Fraser Memorial Award" at the ASA Graduation Banquet. Secondly, I was thrilled to attend the "Sask Challenge Awards Banquet".

We look forward to your support and involvement in 2008 and hope to see you at next year's reunion weekend, Jan. 10th & 11th, 2009

**Jim Bessel,  
SAGA President**

## REUNION 2009

**January 10 & 11, 2009**

All Events at TCU Place, Saskatoon  
(formerly Centennial Auditorium)

**January 10**

Annual Meeting  
Mixer/Casino Night

**January 11**

74th SAGA Reunion Banquet  
Curling and Hockey tournaments

Reunion Rooms Available - Small or Large Groups

**Reunion Years Degree & Diploma:**

1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999, 2004

Reunion Chairs contact:

Carl Lynn 956-7656 or

lynnc@agr.gc.ca

If your year does not have a chair, please call Carl to volunteer!

## 2008 Curling Report

The 2008 SAGA bonspiel was held at the Granite curling rink. There were 8 teams in the Hutcheon event and 6 teams in the regular event. We had 2 students and 2 non students curling this year.

It was great to see the Singbeil family curling this year - **Carl 78C, Kathy 81C, Bobby 08C and Corey 11C**. The declining number of entries is problematic for this aspect of the SAGA reunion.

Prizes were donated by Biggar & District Credit Union, Rack Petroleum (Dennis Bulani, Biggar), Biggar Transport, Royal Bank (Biggar), Feudal Co-op (Perdue), Cam-Don Motors (Scott Weir, Perdue), Moody's Farm Equipment, Monsanto and Broncos. Thank you to our sponsors.



**B Event winner Tiffany Peters 08S, Leo Perlinger 09C, Virginia Peters 79S and Andrew Zimmer.**



**Hutcheon winners Phil England 67C, John Hemstad 63C, Doug England 63C and Peter Kirychuk 62C**



**C Event winners Tim Wiens 88S, Ewald Lammerding 88S, Ed Podhorodeski 88S and Jordan Wiens 2025 (upcoming Ag student).**



**A event winners Bryan Nybo 86C, Tyler Friesen 96C, Kim Busch 83C and Chris Baan 00C.**



**The Singbeil family - Carl 78C, Bobby 08C, Corey 11C and Kathy 81C - were the runners-up in the team event and the only family team which took part in the 2008 SAGA bonspiel.**

## Call for Nominations

Do you know any  
Ag Grads who  
deserve to be  
recognized as an Honorary  
Life Member  
in SAGA?

Please send  
nominations to:

Ken Sapsford  
243 Kucey Terrace  
Saskatoon SK S7N 4T1

k.sapsford@usask.ca

## Nominees Sought

The University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2008 Alumni Awards. If you know a successful U of S graduate who deserves recognition, we encourage you to submit a nomination.

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Alumni Award of Achievement

Alumni Service Award

Alumni Humanitarian Award

Alumni Mentorship Award

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Alumni Excellence in Aboriginal Initiatives Award

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: APRIL 15, 2008

For more alumni award information go to:

<http://www.usask.ca/alumni/alumnisite/association/awards.shtml>

or contact:

Dawn Warren

University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association

Alumni Successes Committee

Tel: 1-800-699-1907 or 306-966-4070

E-mail: dawn.warren@usask.ca

## Message from the Dean's Office - Change at the College

Enrolment in the College's undergraduate program is 555, up from 514 in 2007. Declared majors include Animal Science (131), the B.Sc. Agribusiness (100), the Agronomy stream of Plant Science (58), Environmental Science (32) and Food Science (19).

The College recently approved the re-establishment of an Agronomy program within the BSA degree rather than it being a stream within the Plant Science degree. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the College proposed having Diplomas consisting of undergraduate-level courses that would ladder (transfer fully) into degree programs.

This proposal received approval from the University Council's Academic Programs Committee and thus, if they wish to, students completing the Agronomy Diploma will be able to transfer into B.S.A. Agronomy while those completing the Diploma in Agribusiness will be able to transfer into B.Sc. Agribusiness.

Beginning this fall, students will be able to enter the College with the intention of taking the two new Diplomas. Communication and promotion relating to the new Diplomas will commence immediately.

This fall will also see the first cohort of students entering the new B.Sc. in Renewable Resource Management (RRM), and promotion of that program has been underway since its approval last fall.

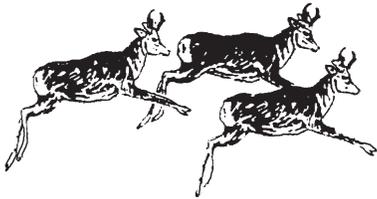
The College is also working on making it easier for students from other institutions to transfer into College programs. The B. Sc. RRM includes a provision where students from the Integrated Resource Management Program at SIAST's Woodland campus can transfer into third year of the RRM degree following completion of their SIAST diploma.

The Department of Soil Science has concluded a similar agreement with Lakeland College in Alberta whereby graduates of diplomas in Lakeland's environmental stream can enter into third year of the Soil Science and Environmental Science majors in the BSA.

Next year the College will be working with the new Center for Continuing and Distance Education and the Regional College system in Saskatchewan to enable students to complete their first year in the College's programs at the Regional Colleges.

In these initiatives the College is broadening its programs and reaching out to groups of students that have traditionally found it difficult to transfer to the College. Through these measures we are confident that we can meet the enrolment challenges that face us over the next five years and ensure healthy enrolments into the future.

## Thundering Herd



**Breeanna Kelln 05C** recently accepted a term position with Saskatchewan Agriculture & Food as an Agri-Business Development Specialist, where she will focus on developing growth within the agri-business sector. Breeanna is in the final stages of her M.Sc. under the supervision of Dr. Bart Lardner at the Western Beef Development Center. Her research focused on Cow-calf Management, Soil Nutrient Management, and Production Economics. Breeanna and her husband Greg Hill, operate a cow-calf operation near their hometown of Duval, SK.

**Virginia (Brown) Labbie 00C** changed careers in May 2007 by accepting a position with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. She is now a Policy Analyst, Saskatchewan & Agri-Business, based in Regina.

**Daniel O'Reilly 80S** took over the family farm's grain and cattle operation south of Assiniboia. He has no children but has taken on the responsibility of raising Darren, 14 years old. Dan is presently serving his second term on the Sask Soil Conservation Associations' Board of Directors; is a director on the Rolling Hills Feedlot Board; and a Director of the Board of the South Central Community Futures Development Corporation.

**Scott Park 89C** is current-

ly employed with Saskatchewan Assessment and lives near Yorkton with his wife (Jackie) and two children (Carter - 9 and Brooklyn - 8).

**Lonnie Chupa 80C** began his career working in Melfort as a Rural Appraiser for the Assessment Branch from '80 - '83. He took a transfer to Yorkton in March of 1983. In 1985 he married Jody Swejda and they have 2 children, Kurtis who is 17 years old and Kylie who is 14 years old. He is still working at the Sask Assessment Management Agency and in February of 2007 was promoted to Regional Manager. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, golfing, curling and camping. Right now his passion is watching his kids play various sports like baseball, volleyball, basketball and badminton.

**Norman 92S** and **Laura Shoemaker** of Mossbank, SK were named Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers for 2007, along with a couple from Ontario. The award was given at the national event in Quebec on December 7. Congratulations to them! You can find more details on the OYF website at: <http://www.oyfcanada.com/national-event-winners.aspx>

On Wednesday, December 12, **Doug Campbell 70C** delivered a presentation on the Prairie Gateway project at a Frontier Centre for Public Policy breakfast in Regina. There were also a series of meetings with the new government. The Prairie Gateway site has been updated and features the list of those that have invested in the project. Check out the site at [www.prairiegateway.ca](http://www.prairiegateway.ca)

**Brian 81C** and **Terri Wintonyk 81C** are still calling Calgary home. Brian is with Dow Agrosiences as Product Technology Specialist Western Crops-Agronomy. Terri is working for

Sears Canada and just received a promotion to Associate Store Manager. Their daughter Krista is living and working in Lethbridge, Son Zach is studying nutrition at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax and son Ben has just completed his first year as an apprentice auto technician. The house is getting a bit empty.

**Bob Laing 81C** moved up to Fort Nelson BC on the Alaska Highway with his wife Joan Rennie-Laing in July of 2006. She is the pastor of the United Church there. Bob is the Business Administrator for the Fort Nelson Heritage Museum. The cross country skiing is good, but it isn't easy to get out of town in the winter.

**Allan H. Ball 71S** is a Financial Services Rep for Primerica and now lives in Sturgis.

**Jim Caughlin 74C** is operating a family farm at Tisdale. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Sask Canola Development Commission. He's "Mr. Canola" to his kids!

**Terry Grajczyk 83C** is managing the national beef on-farm food safety program for the Canadian Cattlemen Association. Info on the program can be found at [www.verifiedbeef.org](http://www.verifiedbeef.org) Terry joined CCA in 2006 and works from home near Zehner.

**Harvey Heavin 64C** is still growing and processing seed as Heavin Seed Farms at Melfort with brothers **Larry 68C**, **Milton 69S**, Larry's son **Warren 96C**, Harvey's son **Ryan 00C**, and their wives as farming partners. Harvey is also a contributor to the "Moldy Money" fund and recently purchased a life membership for son Ryan.

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**Faye Osioy 79C** has worked for the Calgary Health Region for the past 18 months training folks in the use of medical software. She has discovered that only about 10% of the specialists she works with have a God-complex so it has been quite pleasant working with them.

**Dave Gilliland 84C, MSc 85**, is still in Hawaii managing a research station for Mycogen - primarily working with hybrid corn. He also spends time in Chile and Argentina.

**Elton Ash 77S** let SAGA know that he is alive and kicking in Kelowna, BC, as Regional Executive Vice President for RE/MAX Western Canada. So far the sub-prime crisis in the US has had very little effect on the Canadian real estate market. Elton recently received an award from RE/MAX International at a recent International Convention in Las Vegas for the Top CMN Contributing region where they raised over \$1.4 million for Children's Hospitals in Western Canada. Anyone who is looking for a getaway at a waterfront villa in Antigua next winter can contact Elton.

**Jo-Anne Relf-Eckstein 86C** was impressed by the SAGA reunion. Her uncle **Cliff Acton 58C** was there for his 50th and invited her to the mixer. Another uncle, **Don Kirk 48C**, is a 60-year grad, but was unable to attend. Jo-Anne's suggestion: "What would be the chance to resurrect an old Agro Band for the 2009 Smoker? - or a Kaiser tournament?"

**Gerry Hertz 84C** reports that his wife, Alanna Koch, is now the Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Saskatchewan, first woman in Saskatchewan's history to have this position. He asks that if anyone sees her, please say "hi" for him. Gerry Hertz has left Top Crop Manager and is now spending more time on their 800 acre spread near Edenwold. Their two girls are now 12 and 14 and Gerry has taken over the additional role of sport chauffeur & domestic engineer.

**Trevor Maerz 78S** and Shirley continue to farm at Holdfast, Sask, with Shirley making the trek to Imperial every day to keep Canada Post in line and on time. Together with son **Wes 02S** and Diana (Demerse) they have focused the farm on becoming a cattle-only operation. They were unable to make his 30-year this past January, but think 40 years is definitely achievable!

**Mayson Maerz 83C** and **Linda ('88 BSW UofR)** live in

Saskatoon. He is approaching 25 years with Monsanto, and currently covering the Humboldt territory - the same area he started with after graduation! **Sheldon Maerz 86C** and Deena live in Langham, Sask, along with their two young children. Sheldon chose to follow his dream of working for Queen and country, and is on his second tour of duty as a Captain with the PPCLI, Canadian Army, in Afghanistan. He insists his work is agriculturally-driven, attempting to rid the country of a very noxious and invasive weedy species.

**Shannon Poppy 06C** continues to work at the Saskatchewan Forest Centre in Prince Albert. She is also cultivating her acting talents by performing in a recent Prince Albert Community Players production of Dry Streak. Seems she played a punk rock city girl. She has promised to use her time at the podium to thank all of her Agro friends when she wins an Oscar.

**Jill Turner 80C** has taken over the position of Ag, Food and Hort coordinator at the University Centre for Continuing and Distance Education in the R.J.D. Williams Building. Jill has been an instructor in the Prairie Horticulture Certificate Program for 15 years and has also farmed with her husband, **Murray Walker 80C**, near Langham.

**Henry Janzen 80C, PhD 84**, was made a Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America at the 2007 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meetings in New Orleans. SSSA awards the position of Fellow based on the individual's professional achievements and meritorious service. Henry Janzen is a research scientist with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Lethbridge, Alberta. His research focuses on carbon and nitrogen cycling in agricultural ecosystems, seeking ways to build soil carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## The Hitching Post

**Shereice (Avis) Harker 99C** married Chris Harker of Garrick, SK, on May 26/07. They live in Stettler, AB, where Shereice is an account manager for RBC. Chris is a welder for a company called Stettler Oil and Gas.

## The Pooped Deck



**George Pearson 66C** and wife, Lynne, moved to Parksville, BC in 2007 to be closer to their daughter and her family (one granddaughter, 5 years old, and twins scheduled for March '08). They are enjoying the moderate weather on the Island. They're continuing their interest in the family farm southwest of Regina and George is still involved with several consulting projects.

Former Alberta Pork general manager **Ed Schultz 64C** of Edmonton received the Lifetime Achievement Spectra Award. Over his 35-year history with Alberta Pork, 33 served as general manager of the organization, Schultz played a lead role in the promotion and marketing of Alberta pork both at home and around the world, serving on many committees and organizations in the Alberta and Canadian agricultural industry.

Schultz's dedication to the pork industry has led to many awards, including the Growing Alberta Innovation Award in 1998 for his role in developing Alberta Quality Pork, a program committed to the safety standards of pork produced in Alberta. He received the Alberta Pork Industry

Leadership Award in 2003 and was recently recognized as one Alberta's 50 most influential people by Alberta Venture magazine.

**Tom Rackham 37C**, retired consultant, lives in a retirement home in Ottawa since the death of his wife, Amber, in 2005. His own health is good at age 93 and he is continuing to write family history. He is surrounded by family - his second daughter is a retired teacher, his third daughter is a business woman and owner of Extras Extraordinary Quality Outerwear with her daughter, a dress designer and teacher at Algonquin College. Two other granddaughters have earned Masters' degrees, one in mass communication from Carleton is now a policy analyst in Env. Canada, the other with an MA from Queens in land use planning works at the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. His only grandson is a graphic designer for the National Post in Toronto.

**Don Geddes 72C** joined Farm Credit Canada immediately after graduation, working in various locations across Saskatchewan. He ended his career in Yorkton retiring on June 30, 2007 after a little over 35 years with FCC. He and Susan have raised 2 children with their youngest taking her grade 12 this year at Yorkton Regional High School. Immediate plans for the Geddes are to stay in Yorkton.

**Joe Linnell 51S** has sold his farm and retired to Wolseley. His new address: PO Box 38, Wolseley, SOG 5H0.

**Stewart Adam 68C** retired from Sask Ag 5 years ago and still lives in PA. He tried a few part time jobs, but has settled down to gardening, traveling and home repair with time for a

few coffee breaks. He goes to a fitness class three times a week and curls once a week. He and **Brian Harris 67S** and **71C** are trying to get back into cross country skiing on a regular basis.

**Allan Robin 58C** became a new life member. He was a farmer before he retired to Saskatoon in 1993.

**Barry Rugg 48S** and wife, Betty, celebrated with the 60-year reunion group at the Ag Grad weekend along with classmates Bill and Mary Chapman, Delbert and Evelyn Enns, and Keith and Norma Colburn. Their class of 129 had a high number of war veterans. Barry suggested that the 'snowbirds' like Ted Turner and Gerald Malin are not dedicated 'prairie types' anymore. Barry still lives on the Rugg Seed Centennial Farm and claims he can't find a paid up residence with the kind of landscaping, peace and quiet that they now enjoy. Barry made a contribution to the "Moldy Money" fund and noted that life memberships were free 60 years ago if you joined on graduation and had an 'outrageous' price of \$10 if you joined later.

**Ray and Sandy Christensen 59S** retired to Watrous after 49 years of farming. They enjoyed a combined reunion with the 1959 and 1960 classes at Manitou Beach this past summer and attended the 50-year reunion in January and also contributed to the "Moldy Money" fund.

**Ed Hudek 40C** celebrated his 90th birthday in 2006 with seven kids and their spouses, 19 grandchildren and two great grandsons. Ed still drives and thus is able to go to a workshop at one son's residence where he continues to work at his woodworking hobby. His recent projects include two oak

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grandmother clocks and replacement of the wood frame of a 1930 Model A Ford. Ed and Christine have moved into an assisted living residence where they often play bridge and take part in other activities.

**Jack Gilliland 59C** has been retired from John Deere for 16 years now, but still does some contract work for the company from his home base in Burlington, ON. He is looking forward to returning to Saskatoon in January for the 50th anniversary of his class.

**Glenn Gutheil 54C** was back in Saskatchewan in October from his haunt in Temecula, CA, to attend his brother Ralph's funeral at Lang. Ralph attended the school for one year. Glenn also visited with brother **Clarence 56C** and **Jack Peck 51C**. Glenn continues to be amazed at the rapid changes occurring in agriculture and is still wondering whether he should become a life member of SAGA.

**Ron Morningstar 60S** reported on a joint reunion of the 1959 and 1960 diploma classes at Manitou Springs Mineral Spa and Hotel at Manitou Beach, July 27-29. Sixty classmates and spouses/partners spent a weekend of relaxation and reminiscing. They enjoyed informal gatherings and were able to enjoy the various attractions - the beach, annual Fun Run in Watrous, swimming in the mineral water and dancing at Danceland. The two classes are hoping for good attendance at their 50 year reunions in January 2009 and 2010 in Saskatoon.

**Gary Storey 63C** met up with classmate **Allen Laughland 63C** at the Canadian Snowbirds Extravaganza in Mesa, Arizona. They and wives, Joelle and Elaine, are wintering in Mesa, playing a little bridge and enjoying other events. They expect to do more of the same in Arizona next year.

A group of Agros had dinner together at Broadway Terrace in Regina on New Year's Day when **Jack 51C** and **Joan Braidek** dropped in. Among those present were: **Allan 49C** and Jeanne-Marie McLeod, **Lorne 49C** and Veryl Glendinning, **Howard 50C** and Dorothy Rice, Marj Wesson (widow of **Gib 49C**), and **Ross 50C** and Elizabeth Evans. All are residents of Broadway Terrace. **Fred Snell 43C** was unable to join the group. Also present were June (nurse at Broadway Terrace) and **Dave Blau 56S**

**Allen Hingston 69C** wrote: Greetings from Ukraine. Winter was rather mild and spring is well on its way. We have had good rains in February and early March and winter wheat survival looks good in the fields. Farmers are getting ready for spring work so gasoline is hard to come by in the service stations as they stock up on the farms. Anyone with operating cash should come over and rent land; there is still too much idle for lack of cash. There is a New Zealand financed outfit here with about 100,000 ha.; it has been doing quite well over the past few years. Don't expect to escape the "Canadian Wheat Board" by coming here, though. Canadians have absolutely no clue about over regulation and red tape until they come to Ukraine. But it can be navigated. Some might be interested in the cost of living here. It is a great place to retire. We have a big house in a city of about 80,000. Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Water) \$90/month; Telephone (2 mobile phones, no land line) \$150/month; Internet (first week \$60), anticipated \$200/month; Property Taxes - Nil (services nil, roads nil, streetlights nil; hospitals and staff salaries nil; schools and teacher salaries nil. The place is a Texas Republican's dream. Come and visit.

**Alan Blair 64C** spent a few days renewing acquaintances in the PA, Melfort area. He is still living in Fort St. John, BC, retired from the BC government and now serving as a consultant on oil-related Boards.

**Brian Harris 67S and 71C** and **Stew Adam 68C** are enjoying retirement in Prince Albert. Stop at Smittys for coffee; you might just catch a visit with them.

**Ken Brice 64C** continues to live and farm at Yorkton. He is reputed to be a good source of email cartoons.

## Life Membership Fee Increases

At the SAGA annual meeting in January, a motion was passed to raise the life membership fee to \$100. The reason for the increase is to cover the escalating costs of producing and distributing the newsletter, increased interaction with the students and more effort to enhance the reunion weekend. SAGA will also maintain a strong liaison with the College.

The Executive of SAGA has reviewed the total management of the organization and has implemented a strong business plan to ensure that SAGA will continue to be an active and viable organization.

## School of Agriculture Class of '68 Celebrates 40 Years

The '68 School of Agriculture class began their long awaited reunion Friday Jan. 4, with approximately 44 grads returning out of 87; most of their spouses attended as well.

The first event was a lively party in the Hilton Hotel, followed on Saturday by a lengthy but very interesting tour of the Ag. building. Saturday afternoon began with a '68 hospitality room at T.C.U. Place where everyone got to view pictures and a 40 year history compiled by Gordon Moore, reunion chairperson.

The afternoon's socializing was not long enough to review 40 years of history; it was put on hold until Sunday morning.

The whole group attended the mixer on Saturday night and gave the AGRO class of '52 a run for the bid on the "KEG", however they resolved to save their hard earned bucks to buy the George Strait concert tickets.



**Men:** Back 1 to r - Murray Eichorst, Grant Moncrief, Stu Scott, Gerald Kohlert, Bob Medforth, Dennis Hluchaniuk, Blair Knudson, Norman Denis, Bill Thomas  
3rd row - Gord Parkinson, Dave Mitchel, Gordon Shantz, Dan Quark, Ron Wolfater, Donal Wolff, John Rutley, Leonard Cameron, Bill Weigill, Fred Kirby  
2nd row - Norm Hess, Dennis van der Hagen, Wally Meili, Bill Johnstone, Gerry Payant, Gordon Moore, Barry Bender, Winston Bierwirth, Glen Wasmuth  
Front - Alan Hardy, Rod Brown, Lloyd Shapka, Gerry Wolff, Cliff Johnson, Lewis Reeve

Throughout the day, the class thought that they had shown the same zip that they had in 1968, however the parties shut down earlier than expected.

On Sunday reminiscing continued at the Hilton restaurant with many stories told and many photos taken. Sunday night brought the weekend to a close with the S.A.G.A. banquet and the presentations of life memberships to **Les Henry** and **Alex Kennedy**. They did miss not having the dance on Saturday night!

On behalf of his classmates, **Gordon Moore** thanked the SAGA executive, past and present, for their continuing efforts to maintain the tradition.

He also thanked his own class members and spouses for making the reunion a success. Additional discs of the 40 year history are available from Gordon at Box 965, Speers, SK, SOM 2VO, 306-246-4964.



**Ladies:** Back 1 to r - Ione Thomas, Edna Wasmuth, Thelma van der Hagen, Sharon Moncrief, Cindy Wolff, Maryann Reeve, Verna Eichorst, Evelyn Zehr, Bonnie Knudson, Lana Quark  
Middle - Elaine Shantz, Carol Mitchel, Kathleen Moore, Robin Wolfater, Betty Shapka, Muriel Cameron, Lorraine Medforth, Dorothy Rutley, Janice Johnson  
Front - Glenda Parkinson, Shirley Bierswirth, Marcy Kohlert, Gloria Wolff, Marilyn Hess, Cheri Parsons, Lynn Johnstone, Bev Hluchaniuk

## Voc Ags 98



Gerry Mckechnie (standing, left) James Rogers, Jeff Doud, Corey Turpie, Ryan Massie, Dale Gee, Greg Donahue, Stuart Kurtz, Shawn Colburn, Jim Wickett, Jim Ludwig.

Sitting Gerrid Gust, Roman Domashovitz, Nevon Faucher, Brent Vermulen, Don Mcleod. On Floor (literally) Scott Curle.

At the mixer but not in the picture: Garan Rewertz and Russel Fersch.

## Home Grown

**Wade Annand 02C** informs us that in May of 2007 his wife **Kara (Templeton) Annand 01C** gave birth to their first son **Ty Douglas Annand 29C**.

**Ian Mardell 97S** and **Lou-Ellen (Bartel) Mardell 98C**, of Snowden welcomed the arrival of a little girl, **Bailey Luca Quinn**, on January 12, 2008. Another two little feet to “pitter-patter” around the farm along with big sister **Chloe**.

**IT’S TWINS!!! Scott Ife 95C** and **Teri (Bartel) Ife 97S**, of Saskatoon are thrilled to announce the arrival of their children on December 11, 2007, a daughter; **Ashley Karys**, 6 pounds, 3 ounces and a son, **Jaxen Bernard**, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

**Julie MacKenzie (Korol) 03C** and **Neil MacKenzie 02S** welcomed their first child on February 14th. Their son, **Matthew Robert MacKenzie**, weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

**Roman 98S** and **Karla (B Com) Domashovitz**. recently welcomed their baby boy, **Davin**, into the family. They are living on an acreage west of Saskatoon on Highway 14, one hour from the farm near Biggar.

**Barb (Wilson) 02C** and husband **Charles Nakashima** had their first child, **Tate**, February 16, 2008. Barb is taking mat leave from her agronomist position in Taber and plans to continue agronomy work for the family commercial potato farm, east of Grassy Lake, Alberta.

**Karen Wasyluk 07C** is currently living at Chistopher Lake with her husband and enjoying a five month old daughter. Karen has most recently worked at Elk Ridge and with the Ministry of Agriculture in Prince Albert.

## 1988 Degree Grads

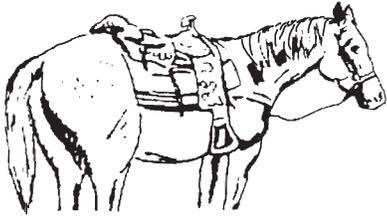


Back row - Left to right: Gary Rault, Tim Charabin, Greg Sundquist, Darryl Ulledal, Galen Loy

Middle row: Lindsay Folk, Kendra Mueller, Kathy Hanson, Lorraine Carlson, Rodney Krip, Darren Blair

Front Row: Mark Folk, Joel Gingrich, Dan Lindgren, Kelvin Feist, Mark Niemegeers, Tracy Preete . Deanna Klusa attended the banquet on Sunday, but was not there on Saturday.

## Empty Saddles



**Glenn E. Flaten 56C** died suddenly at home in Ottawa on Friday, December 7th, 2007 at the age of 78. Glenn was born in Weyburn, Sask. and grew up on the family farm. He won the first T. Eaton agricultural scholarship in 1951 and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with degrees in agriculture and commerce. In addition to running a grain, pig and broiler chicken farm near Regina, his involvement with agricultural associations was extensive, including presidencies of the Saskatchewan Chicken Marketing Board, Saskatchewan Hog Marketing Commission, Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture, Agricultural Institute of Canada, Canadian Federation of Agriculture and International Federation of Agricultural Producers. He was inducted into the Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1998. Following his retirement from the Canadian Farm Products Marketing Council in Ottawa, he devoted incredible time and energy to Rotary International, including grassroots agricultural development projects in Africa, Central and South America. His life was dedicated to helping others in his community, country and the world. Glenn had a wide circle of friends who will dearly miss him. Agros in attendance at his memorial service included **Ted Gray 58C**, **Bill Miner 52C**, **Bill Hamilton 50C** and **Dick Lane 56C**

**Donald Andrews Rennie 49C** passed away on December 23, 2007 after an extended battle with cancer of the liver. He was 85 years old and in his own words "had lived a good life." He leaves behind a legacy of agricultural research whose impact transformed the way farmers conserve their soil in western Canada. In many ways he was the founder of soil fertility in western Canada and his many graduate students now occupy senior posts at all prairie universities and in government. After completing his BSA and PhD (WI 1952) Don accepted a faculty position in the Department of Soil Science, University of Saskatchewan. He served as Head of the Department and Director, Sask. Institute of Pedology, from 1964-1980 and as Dean of the College of Agriculture from 1984 to 1989. He was active in international agriculture serving a two-year term in Vienna, Austria as the Head of the Soils, Irrigation and Crop Production Section of the Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Energy in Agriculture. Don was a distinguished agricultural scientist and researcher publishing 92 research papers and supervising over twenty graduate students. He was recognized nationally as a Fellow of the Canadian Soil Science Society, the Agricultural Institute of Canada and received many Canadian awards including the Saskatchewan Institute of Agronomy Distinguished Agrologist Award, the L.B. Thompson Conservation Award, the Western Canadian Fertilizer Association Award of Merit, the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Award of Merit and the Rotary Golden Wheel for Excellence in Science and Technology.. He was inducted into the SIA's Wall of Honour and the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame. Internationally he was made a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, the Soil Science Society and Crop Science Society of America

and received the American Chemical Society Award. His contributions went well beyond agriculture and science and he served on the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of Science and Technology and was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 1992 and received the Canada 125 Medal in the same year.

**John Riou 63C** passed away on December 18th, 2007, in Ottawa. He was born and raised on the family farm at Arborfield. Upon graduation, John spent his career with the food and drug protection services of the federal government in Edmonton and Ottawa. John is survived by his wife, Delores, daughter Monique and family.

**Frank Stanley McLeod 48S** , June 5th, 1927 - January 10th, 2008. He will be missed by son Ian (Dori), daughter Brenda Anderson (Erick), and grandsons Eldon (Serena), Ryan, Nathan and Evan. He was predeceased by his wife Beryl. Frank was born and raised on the family farm near Dilke, Sask. He raised his family and farmed successfully for many years, before retiring to the city. He was an astute business financier on the side. Frank was an active member of the local Co-op, Dilke United Church, and was recognized for 50 years of service as a weather monitoring station for Environment Canada. He enjoyed a lifetime of hunting, teaching hunter safety for many years, fishing with his children and grandchildren, and curling with friends. Upon retirement to the city, Frank kept busy with his garden and never-ending projects and hobbies. He was an active and faithful member of Wesley United Church, enjoying the camaraderie of worship and the men's club. Frank was a keen genealogist, devoting years of volun-

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teer work for the Sask. Genealogical Society. He even became a pretty good pool player after moving to the city. He will be sorely missed by many communities.

**Philip Chasse 37S** was born on September 30, 1917 on a farm near Delmas. When he was nine years old the family moved to Highgate. The farm there has remained in the family ever since. Bill attended the Battleford Collegiate Institute and later the School of Agriculture. He had aspired to becoming a veterinarian, but the 1937 crop radically altered his plans. He worked in a bush camp in Alberta and was thankful to have a job, food, shelter and 19 cents per hour. The lessons learned through hardship in the 30's were among the qualities he passed on to his children. He married Lucienne Demers on Dec. 27, 1949 and returned to the same church 58 years later for his funeral mass.

**Alex Keay, father of Irene Ahner 65C**, passed away at the Unity Long Term Care Centre, Dec.5, 2007, at the age of 94. Alex, raised on a homestead in the Unity area, became a farm hand at the age of 13. He attended the School of Agriculture in 1937-38, but it was not possible for him to return for the second year. He began farming on his own in 1939, retiring to town in 1991. Alex was active in community organizations, was an RM councillor and served as a SWP delegate.

**Paul Gustav Scholz**, father of **Al Scholz 75C**, **Jamie Scholz 77C** and **Murray Scholz 83C** passed away on February 20, 2008 at age 82. Paul farmed near Churchbridge, Saskatchewan from 1952 to 2002 in grain and livestock production. Paul had a passion for agriculture, which was passed on to his three sons.

**William (Bill) Kenneth Maxwell 51C** passed away peacefully in Saskatoon on November 6, 2007. He was 82 years old. Bill grew up on a large farm in the Swift Current district and farmed for 10 years following graduation, but health concerns led to a change in lifestyle. He took education and taught agriculture and drama at schools in Oxbow and Prince Albert until 1987. Following retirement he and his wife lived in Salmon Arm, BC, for 14 years before moving to Saskatoon in 2001. Bill married Mildred Smith in 1953 and they had four children and eleven grandchildren. Bill enjoyed life, his family and many friends.

**Arthur Karl Sumner 47C** was born in Montreal in 1925 and died in Saskatoon on November 14, 2007. Art grew up on the family farm at Beatty, SK and following graduation returned to Quebec to manage an explosive plant for CIL. He returned to Saskatoon in 1965 where he managed an investment firm, then was a staff member at the university where he taught food science. Art was predeceased by his wife Anne Carey), with whom he had one daughter and three sons. He is survived by Edith, his second wife.

**John Henry Strain 49C** of Brandon, beloved husband of Peggie, passed away at the Brandon Regional Health Centre on Friday, March 7, 2008 at the age of 85 years. John was born on October 28, 1922 at Worcester, England. He emigrated with his parents to Belleville, Ontario in 1926 and moved to the Lawson, Saskatchewan area in 1929. John was a WWII Veteran serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a radar mechanic from 1941 to 1945. He graduated from the College of

Agriculture (1949), and then obtained his Ph.D. from Iowa State University in 1961. From 1950 -1982, he was employed by Agriculture Canada, serving at the Scott, Morden, and Brandon research stations. From 1960 to 1982, he was at the Brandon Research Station and served as Head of the Animal Science Section from 1972 to 1982. He retired in Brandon in 1982. John belonged to various community and professional organizations, including Scout leader and a vestry member/rector warden of St. Matthews Cathedral. He is survived by his wife Elsie (Peggie), children Donna (Len and family), Laurel, Greg (Nicole and family), brother Franklyn Strain, sister Frances King and family, sister-in-law Dorothy Morris and family.

**John Shadick 28S** was born September 25, 1908, in Regina and passed away peacefully in Victoria on Jan. 1, 2008. After graduating from the School of Agriculture he farmed near Battleford and later served as a fruit and vegetable inspector with Agriculture Canada in Saskatoon. He was an active member of Grace-Westminster United Church and a past president of the Saskatoon Nature Society. He had many hobbies. He retired to Victoria in 1980. He is survived by his wife, Mary, his son Stan (Jan) in Saskatoon, his daughter Sylvia (Robin) Taylor in Edmonton and his grandchildren.

### **Moldy Money Update April 2008**

Number of contributors - 56  
Total contributions - \$7300  
Keep SAGA Alive and Well  
Mail contributions  
to SAGA address

## Fall convocation grads:

Degree:

**Katherine Marie Cheal**

**Jacqueline Leigh Cubbon**

**Kiley James Podhordeski**

**Christina Ann Uhryn**

Diploma:

**Ryan Carter**

## Endorsement of SAGA from an Engineer

“My years of spending the winter months over in Ag Engineering (1967 to 2000), working with some great Agros, trying to provide a bit of guidance to School of Ag students, makes a good deal of the news in *The SAGA* of considerable interest to me. My rather infamous participation in the January bonspiels in the 1970s resulted in a life membership in the association.

The *SAGA* has provided fellowship, peer leadership and a proud sense of professionalism to many graduates over the years. Along with this donation I wish you continued success in the future.”

**Jim Berg, Ag Eng 63**

## Moose Hunters Re-unite

The NE Sask. Ag Moose Hunting crew from seasons past reunited for an elk hunt in the Cypress Hills in October. The picture shows the assembled group. From the left **John ‘Long In The Tooth’ Hemstad 63C**, **Doug ‘Steady Eye’ England 63C**, **Al ‘Over the Hill’ Blair 64C**, **Eugene ‘Elk Tracker’ Bendig 70C** and **Lyle ‘Bush Pusher’ Darwent 67C**. Al and his brother Bill from PA, having no elk tags, were enlisted as camp cooks for the expedition. Many stories were told, many starting with the phrase ‘Remember When’. The post mortem of the trip was that it was a successful hunt. Weather perfect, beautiful scenery, great stories, good food, no bloody clothes to wash at the end of the trip, no ammunition wasted, elk still roam free in the Cypress Hills and once again no one was led to insolvency by the games of chance.

Allan & Arlene Blair invite any Ag Grads making a trip up the Alaska Highway to stop in for a day or so and they’ll show you around this beautiful part of the world. They live at Charlie Lake, 10 kms up the highway from Fort St. John. Ph # 250-785-9617 or cell # 787-2921.



Moose hunters John Hemstad, Doug England, Al Blair, Eugene Bendig and Lyle Darwent.

Name of Corporation SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.  
 Operating Statement for the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2007  
 With Comparative Figures for 2005-2006

	2006-2007	2005-2006
<b>Revenue</b>		
1. Membership Fees	\$1395.00	\$1040.00
Donations	4225.00	380.00
4. Fundraising		
Social Functions	19052.22	14244.29
(Hockey 2600.00, Curling 1852.22, Banquet 10860.00, Mixer 3740.00)		
5. Other receipts	2559.75	7173.00
Investment cashed-in 2535.17, Misc. 24.58		
6. Interest	5396.02	1083.56
Bank 6.28, Investment 5389.74		
7. <b>Total Revenue for the Year</b>	<u>\$32627.99</u>	<u>\$23920.85</u>

<b>Expenses</b>		
15. Bank charges	64.74	0
16. <u>Newsletter (publication &amp; mailing)</u>	8479.89	8067.79
17. Social Functions	14733.05	13782.99
(Hockey 1200.00, Curling 1154.79, Banquet 8999.19, Mixer 3379.07)		
18. Misc.	1011.70	1571.19
19. Total Expenses for the Year	<u>\$24289.38</u>	<u>\$23421.97</u>

**Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year** 8338.61 \$498.88

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at** October 31, 2007

	2006-2007	2005-2006
<b>Assets</b>		
Total Cash	<u>\$7591.37</u>	<u>\$5147.16</u>
Investments (Mutual Fund)	<u>40504.66</u>	<u>34610.26</u>
<b>Total Assets</b> <u>Cash &amp; Investments</u>	<u>\$48096.03</u>	<u>\$39757.42</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<u>None</u>		
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>		
Balance forward	\$ 39757.42	
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 8338.61	
Balance end of Year	\$48096.03	
13. <b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<u>\$48096.03</u>	<u>\$39757.42</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors  
 Hugh J. Beckie PAg, Director

Ken Sapsford PAg, Director

Audited by: Lorence I. Peterson PAg

