

## Robert Gordon Moore School 1968 Honorary Life Member 2010



Jack Braidek presents Gordon Moore with his Honorary Life Membership.

## Raymond J. Wilfing College 1969 Honorary Life Member 2010



Wilf Keller presents Ray Wilfing with his Honorary Life Membership.

Robert Gordon Moore was born on May 21, 1947 to John and Roberta Moore of Speers, Saskatchewan. John and Roberta were both graduates of the School of Agriculture (1943 and 1944, respectively), which makes Robert a true 100 per cent U of S School of Agriculture grad! After graduation, he continued to farm with his father until his passing in 2002.

Gordon farms 17 quarters of land growing wheat, canola, barley and oats, and had a herd of 100 Limousin beef cows up until the spring of 2006. He worked for Kramer Auctions for 10 years and now works as a ring man for White Auctions of North Battleford. Gordon is also on his 40th consecutive year as school bus driver.

Gordon married Kathleen Gray of Maymont in 1973 and had four children. Robert, a Forest Technician with Saskatchewan Environment in Prince Albert, and wife Melanie are expecting their first child. Deanna now lives with her husband Jim Attrux and 4 children on a farm near

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Raymond J. Wilfing was raised on the family farm in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the U of S in 1969. He married Sharon in 1969 and raised three sons, Kevin, Ryan, and Derek, on the farm his father homesteaded. He currently has 6 grandchildren.

In 1987 he converted his farm practices to minimum till and continuous cropping, and in 2000 he expanded the family farm and built an on-site seed plant which produces numerous varieties of Hard Red Wheat, CPS white and red wheat, two- and six-row barleys, oats, and numerous varieties of yellow peas.

Raymond has been extensively involved in the local and provincial agricultural industry. He began participating in on-site demonstration plots during the 1970s with the U of S Extension Division and Saskatchewan Agriculture. In 1976 he was instrumental in the establishment and building of the Meadow Lake Seed Cleaning Coop, and served

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# **2011 SAGA Reunion Weekend January 8 & 9, 2011**

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

**January 8                      7 pm Annual Meeting  
   8 pm Mixer Night**

**SAGA members and guests \$15 per person at the door.  
Membership to SAGA is \$100 for life or  
\$10 for annual membership.**

**Rooms are available for Reunion Year groups.  
Contact TCU Place to reserve a separate reunion year space.**

**January 9                      76th SAGA Reunion Banquet  
   4:30 Cocktails  
   5:30 Banquet  
   Program and group pictures to follow**

**Banquet tickets will be available for advance purchase  
for \$45 each.**

**Ticket availability cannot be guaranteed at the door.**

**Curling and Hockey Tournaments**

**Reunion Rooms Available Small or Large Groups**

**Reunion Years Degree & Diploma  
1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001, 2006**

**Reunion Chairs contact: Terry Tollefson at  
terry.tollefson@usask.ca**

## President's Pen: May 2010

2010 got off to a great start with the SAGA Reunion Weekend activities. This year, of course, is special for SAGA as it is the 75th anniversary. The Mixer was held on Saturday January 9 with about 275 attendees, and the Banquet on Sunday January 10 with over 300 folks. The reunion years 50,60,70,80,90,00 and 05 were all in attendance. Curling and hockey were, as usual, much enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. At the banquet, U of S President Peter MacKinnon warmly welcomed the participants and Dean Mary Buhr gave an insightful overview of the vision and future directions of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. In the program, we were all moved and inspired by the Class of '50 Song, and the accomplishments of the two Honorary Life Member inductees. This is a great example of the dedication that ag grads have to staying connected and providing service to all. A big thank you to all the reunion chairs, volunteer students from Agriculture Students Association, the SAGA executive, and of course the attendees who helped make the weekend a real success! The returns from all the weekend's events even managed to slightly exceed breakeven. The SAGA Banquet sold out this year, so be sure to get your tickets early for the upcoming Reunion Weekend January 8 and January 9, 2011.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who have retired from the executive (Terry Iffe, Derek Wilfing), our retired president (Carl Lynn), and welcome new executive members (Neil Booth, Don Mitchell, Ken Sapsford, Terry Tollefson, Lynne Schoenau). As of March 16, we are still in need of some assistance in executive roles of banquet, membership, and mixer, so we are looking for volunteers to come forward and join the team.

SAGA continues to be active in support of student events in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources such as judging at student competitions, support of ASA fundraising like Telemiracle Bedpush, and professional development activities. It is important to build strong linkages between students and the SAGA organization and its members, as these students are the future for SAGA. We plan to continue to pursue ways of making this linkage between past and present students even stronger in the future.

In 2010, as SAGA faces challenges with increasing costs of preparation and mailing of the newsletter, the SAGA

executive is in the process of developing a plan to streamline the process of SAGA newsletter delivery, with a move to two newsletters a year (spring and fall) and electronic delivery to those who are willing to receive the newsletter in this manner. At the SAGA Annual General Meeting on January 9, 2010, an amendment to the constitution was approved to allow all faculty of the College to be associate members, and will receive the newsletter electronically.

Other activities of the executive now underway include consideration of requirements for SAGA office space provided by the College in the Ag building, and planning for the 2011 Reunion Weekend.

Terry Tollefson is the new Vice President, and in charge of reunion chairs. Please call Terry if your year does not yet have a chair. The SAGA executive looks forward to the support of all SAGA members this year and encourages your participation in the 2011 January 8 and 9th Mixer and Banquet.

**Jeff Schoenau**  
SAGA president.

## SAGA by Email

**Due to the rising costs of producing a hard copy of the SAGA Newsletter, we are asking SAGA members to switch over to our email version wherever possible.**

**We realize that for folks currently using dial-up for their computer needs, it can take a long time (if not forever) to download a 16-page document which includes many pictures.**

**If that is not a problem, please contact Lisa Horn, our Website Manager and give her your Email address.**

**Her email is: [saga.uofs@usask.ca](mailto:saga.uofs@usask.ca)**

**You may also get in touch with her through our website: [SaskAgGrads.com](http://SaskAgGrads.com)**

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Speers and is very busy with the cattle and grain farm, as well as being a teacher's assistant. Gordon Jr. lives with his wife Lisa and four children on the family farm and works off the farm as a farm laborer and mechanic. Karri and her husband Joey Beland live at St. Walburg with their four children. Gordon and Kathy are also retired from their 26 years of fostering children.

Gordon has enjoyed being an active member of his community. He was a Kinsmen for 20 years and filled the positions of president, secretary, and bulletin editor. He has been a member of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation for 46 years, spending six years as president of Thickwood Hills, eight years on the board of directors of Provincial S.W.F., and three years as Provincial Game Advisor.

## Wilfing, from Page 1

on the Board of Directors for 13 years, being Chairman for eight years. He was treasurer on the local Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Committee, and served on various REDA committees pursuing economic drivers for the Meadow Lake and area agricultural interests. Always having a keen interest in canola, he became actively involved with the provincial and national canola organizations. While serving on the Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association he helped to initiate the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission and was chairman for six years.

Raymond has also contributed to his local community. He worked with adult education in northern Saskatchewan, served on the Meadow Lake Curling Club executive,

## Saskers

A Saskatchewan farmer and his wife, on their way back home in January, are at an airport in New York awaiting their flight. They are dressed in heavy boots, parka, scarf, mittens, etc. An older couple nearby is intrigued by their manner of dress.

The wife says to the husband, "Look at that couple. I wonder where they are from."

He replies, "How would I know?"

She counters, "You could go and ask them."

Gordon has been on the Speers Credit Union Committee for 10 years, secretary of the S.W.P committee for many years, and was also a member of the Masons. Gordon has been active with the Speers Dinner Theater, enjoying preparing for and acting in the play. Gordon is now nearing retirement, and with his thirteenth grandchild on the way he will likely be slowing down from community work to enjoy his grandchildren and to take time out for curling, fishing, hunting and dancing!

Gordon is a lifetime member of SAGA, and has attended many SAGA reunions in the past 40 years. Meeting with old classmates and reminiscing about the past has been the highlight of these reunions.

owned and operated Meadow Lake Bowl, and served on the Meadow Lake Minor Hockey executive. Presently he is serving as chairperson for the North West Regional Waste Management Authority and sits on the North Central Transportation Advisory Committee. He has served eight years on the rural municipal board. Presently, he has been elected for a second term as the reeve for the Meadow Lake Rural Municipality.

Raymond's efforts have been recognized by others. He was granted an Honorary Life Membership in the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrolologists in 2001. In 2009 he received the Outstanding Service Award from the Canadian Seed Growers Association.

He says, "I don't really care. You want to know, you go ask them."

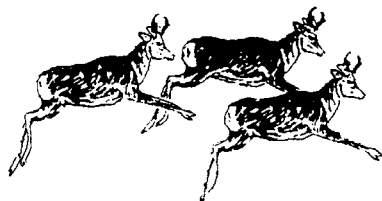
She decides to do just that and walks over to the couple and asks, "Excuse me. Looking at your dress I wondered where you're from."

The farmer replies, "Saskatoon, Saskatchewan."

The woman returns to her husband who asks, "So, where are they from?"

She replies, "I don't know. They don't speak English."

## Thundering Herd



**Adrian Johnston 81C** continues to work with the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI), formerly the Potash and Phosphate Institute, in Saskatoon. IPNI is a not-for-profit R&D organization with staff in most parts of the world. Using dues from its members, international fertilizer producers, IPNI staff work with national agricultural institutions and universities to develop, promote and advocate balanced fertilizer management practices.

Recently IPNI initiated programs in the former Soviet Union countries, as well as Africa, two regions with vast capability of supporting both local and international cereal, oilseed and grain legume production.

Adrian is currently supporting administrative and R&D program activities for IPNI programs in Asia (China, India, SE Asia) and Oceania (Australia and New Zealand). While the job involves lots of travel, it is a great opportunity to experience the impact that plant nutrition programs have on food security concerns in the major population regions of the world.

Adrian is also working with the 81C reunion committee, planning the 30 year class reunion for January, 2011. All those from the 81 College class who have not heard from Adrian should contact him at: [ajohnston@ipni.net](mailto:ajohnston@ipni.net) to register for the reunion activities.

**Allan H. Ball 71S** sold the farm and became a Primerica Financial Services Rep in 2007. He moved to Sturgis where he met the second love of his life, Dianne Zagrodny, 2000 B.Ed, and married on New Year's Eve '09. They now live on her broiler operation at Rose Valley where she also teaches. They are busy with chickens, teaching, financial services and grandchildren.

## AgBio Challenge

The Topic: The government of Saskatchewan has proposed a program that would encourage the development of starch-based bioethanol in Saskatchewan. The plan would result in up to 20% of the crop being diverted to starch-based bioethanol production.

From the perspective of your discipline, is this a good or a bad idea?



The environmental team included Chelsea Tomcala, Cassandra Speech, Janell Healey and Pam Aube.

This was our environmental team and they argued that bioethanol is just a band aid solution and we should be investing our resources into better, more environmentally friendly sources of energy before we do not have a choice anymore. They talked about electricity from wind, algae based products, and the fact that if you take every aspect of producing bio-ethanol into account, you use more fuel to produce it than you gain



## Vice President's report

Hello SAGA members. In my capacity as your vice-president, I am beginning the planning process for our class reunion weekend to be held on Jan 8th and 9th, 2011 at TCU Place, Saskatoon. This year will mark the anniversaries of agriculture graduates from the classes of 1951, 61, 71, 81, 91, 2001 and 2006. Getting the word out to our membership about the upcoming reunion is a critical first step. I am currently looking for individuals to act as a reunion chairs for each of the degree and diploma classes above. The role of the reunion chairs is to facilitate communication with their classmates about this upcoming event. I am pleased to announce that a number of persons have graciously agreed to act as reunion chairs; however, there are still 3 prestigious positions open. Anyone wishing to volunteer as a reunion chair should contact me at terry.tollefson@usask.ca.

Reunion chairs:

Yr	School	College
51	Bill Cooper	Jack Braidek
	Bob Blakley	Art Bevan
61	Marcel Dubois	Gary Carlson
		Bob Baker
71	Everett Sanderson	John Blacklock
81	??	Adrian Johnston
91	Carolyn Siemens	Tim Hammond
01	??	??
06	Chad Ferguson	Colleen Murphy, Errin Tollefson

On a different topic, I am hoping to generate some discussion amongst our membership about the general operating principles of The Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association. The current objectives of SAGA are posted on our website. I encourage you to read them. Key activities of the SAGA executive are to maintain contact with the membership by producing the twice-yearly newsletter and by organizing class reunion celebrations. Perhaps it is time for the membership to collectively ask the question, what additional roles might this organization play or how can it better serve its membership?

I personally believe that it is critical to the long-term survival of the organization to find a way to get more recent Ag grads involved. I recognize that SAGA is strictly a volunteer organization with limited resources. Any additional

services the organization might wish to provide would require some method of fund raising. I would be glad to hear from you if you have some thoughts on the subject. Perhaps we could have a brief discussion on this issue during our annual general meeting.

**Have a great summer!**  
Terry Tollefson VP

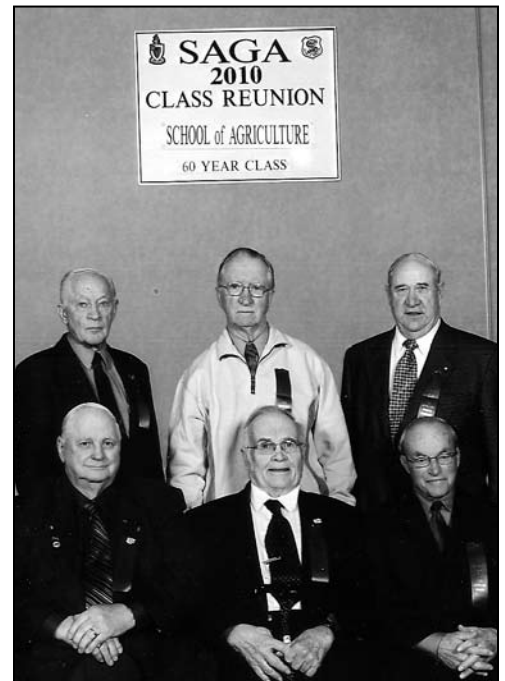
## Class of 50S Celebrates 60th

Fifteen grads of the 1950 School class met at the Hilton Garden Inn on Jan. 9, 2010. They spent an afternoon visiting and renewing past friendships. A majority of the graduates' spouses also took part.

The day was capped off by an excellent dinner at the hotel. All present enjoyed sharing memories of the school days. Among other things, they discussed their families, their trips and holidays and activities within their communities.

They were thankful for the efforts of SAGA to make it possible for

them to meet once more. Six classmates attended the main SAGA banquet and enjoyed the meal and the program. The following grads met on Jan. 9th - Eldon Anderson, Ivar Harlstad, Joseph Bellefleur, Ted Koester, Harold Benjamin, Maurice Lefebvre, Herb Ford, Robert Mann, Bill Farley, Don McLaren, Alex Frith, Dick Oakes, Allen Green, Philip Stilborn and Ken Wilkinson. Thirty-four of the graduates in this class are still living; many wished to attend, but were holidaying in warmer climates!



**Back- Don McLaren, Harold Benjamin, Bill Farley. Front - Ted Koester, Ivar Harlstad, Phillip Stilborn**

## Pooped Deck



**Bill Hurd 63C**, retired extension agrologist, and his wife, Mary, visited Marilyn and **Art Bonstrom 63C** and Marilyn and **Tom Bolingbroke 63C** in Saskatoon in September. Mary has retired from making jam, jelly, syrup and fruitcake after 13 very successful years. Bill sent in a cheque to "update my lifetime membership to a more reasonable price".

**Joseph B. Martin 47S** sold his house in Silton and moved to Strasbourg where his wife is in a long term care home. He still goes to the farm (**Ron 75C**) to do the easy jobs. He's still curling and golfing. They have 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

**G.C. and Margaret Fitzgerald 49C** have moved to Regina from Grenfell. He says he's doing nothing!!

**Lorne Fisher 59C** is in his second term as Mayor, District of Kent, BC - a very educational experience for a retiree. He informs us that he and Mary are reasonably well and enjoying their garden and woodlot. He sent SAGA some money so that he can continue to receive the SAGA newsletter. Lorne still curls regularly in winter and plays golf in the summer. Agros beware - Lorne and Mary are planning a tour of Alberta and Saskatchewan this summer to visit family and the university.

**W.D. (Bill) Heenan 49S** sent in a contribution to keep the newsletter alive into the future. He is still actively farming with son **Dale 74S** and grandson **Caleb 07C**. Bill and Eleanor spend the winters in Arizona where they take in hockey games and spring training baseball games of various teams. Collecting autographs from players is getting more difficult than in times past.

**W.C.Fred Langley 50C** enjoyed the reunion festivities of his 1950 College class, but was quite disappointed at the number of his classmates who have passed away. In the last year Fred took trips to B.C. (daughter Carol) and Vancouver Island last summer and winter. He visited **Art Strautman 49C**, caught some big Coho salmon and hopes to repeat the latter this spring and catch a big halibut. The Strautmans took a trip to Mexico San Juan Cahos last winter and landed a 10 lb. striped marlin and a 20 lb. Dorado fish. He hopes to catch more big ones while ice fishing this spring. He still curls 3x per week and plays golf in the summer.

**Bob McKercher 54C** and Norma visited Elfros and Foam Lake last November to visit with **Helgi Hornford 54C** and Shirley, It turns out that Shirley and **Bob Ivey 71C** of Ituna are cousins. Bob's wife Karen was the secretary in Soil Science in her single days.

**Rodney Weber 65C** and Gill moved to an acreage east of Saskatoon where they built a new home. Their 'hobby' is an alpaca operation called "Sun Dog Alpaca". Rodney also has farm interests near Wilkie.

Strong sales and overall growth has led the President of Novozymes Biologicals BioAg Group to hire for three positions in the bio-ag division. **Sanford Gleddie, MSc Soil Sci '92**, has been appointed as global marketing and sales director.

**John Hickie 56S & 59C** reports he and wife Bernadette are gradually easing out of the farming business. A retired Agrologist, John still works the land near Waldron, but with 4 grandchildren, he and Bernadette are finding their spare time filled with a lot more fun.

**Art Delahey 52C** claims that there is still an unsolved mystery on campus concerning some chickens missing from Prof. Ray's flock wherein it is alleged that he, **Stew Law 54C** and a few other Agros of similar vintage may have been involved.



## 1980 Voc Ags Celebrate 30 Years

January 2010 saw the 30 year reunion of the 1980 Voc Ag class. Attending this weekend were: Robin McCrae, Baldwinton; David Gallaway, Estevan, Wes Olynyk, Goodeve; Jim Rolston, Delisle; Gilbert Stremick, Goodsoil, Jim Mann, Piapot, Lyndon Olson, Archerwill; Terry Oleksyn, Prince Albert; Gerry Stuber and Doug Bradley, Saskatoon. A good time was had by all, starting with the mixer on Saturday evening, the banquet on Sunday; and for those who were able to make it, brunch on Sunday.

There was plenty of reminiscing and updates on grads who were not able to make it to the reunion. Seven of the 10 grads attending are full-time farmers, 2 still had some interest in the family farm, and 1 is retired. Many of the grads keep active aside from farming in a variety of organi-

### Dean Speak

Welcome to Spring! We are revelling in the emerging greenery, and appreciating the rain - while hoping now for more warmth and sunshine. Hopefully we've achieved a perfect balance by the time you read this!

It's been a busy few months since I've last written. There's been the SAGA reunion with President MacKinnon attending the banquet, a highly successful Beef Symposium, and the AgBio Grad Banquet. This Banquet was the first to formally include all of our College's grads, from all programs (BSA, AgBusiness, and Renewable Resource Management) We welcomed Advanced Education and Labour Minister Rob Norris as the honoured guest. Actually he was only one of the honoured guests - most unexpectedly and under highly mysterious circumstances "The Tank" also showed up! We kind Agros thoughtfully returned the Engineers' beloved mechanical mascot to them - - after the banquet and a few pictures were taken of course! Oh, and talking about the Engineers - AgBio and Engineering students have a new agreement on - ahem - "Morale Boosting Activities", that will keep this spirited interchange as an integral part of campus life. The BedPush was also a huge success, with the ASA-organised event raising \$4000.00 for Telemiracle.

Like all institutions, the College thrives in many areas, and faces challenges in others. We welcomed Dr Ryan Brooke as our newest faculty member, joining the Indigenous Land Management Institute with his faculty appointment in the Department of Animal & Poultry Science, to undertake teaching and research in northern wildlife management. Numerous faculty have received teaching, research and outreach awards, from the College,

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Other Grads sending in their reunion regrets were Gary Flaten, BC Production Insurance, Kelowna, BC; Kern Clayton, Cargill, Winnipeg, Man; Dennis Wagner, Wakaw; Jim Vercammen, Professor of Ag Economics, University of British Columbia, Doug Smith, Property Assessor, Onoway Alberta; Jim Hornford, Elfros.

Many of the grads keep active aside from farming in a variety of organizations. Our 40 year reunion will occur in 2020 -- it will be interesting to see how life has changed for us then. I am sure we won't have as many grads unable to attend because of Minor Hockey tournaments.

**Gerry Stuber, Reunion Chair**

the University, and external agencies, recognising excellence in teaching, research, and community outreach conducted by both new and established faculty. These awards are wonderful affirmations of AgBio's continued leadership and excellence, so if you see Professors Bedard-Haughn, Low, Pozniak, Rossnagel, Schoenau, Thacker, Tollefson, Van Rees, Vujanovic, Walley - please say Congratulations! This long list consists of those whose excellence has been recognised just in the last few months - truly the College is blessed with an amazing faculty. Our fabulous students are pulling in more scholarships, awards and job offers than can be mentioned here. Please be sure to tell everyone you see that agriculture, in all its many aspects, is THE place to be in the future!

On the 'challenges' side, while the quality of our animal management, health, handling and research is second to none, our aging dairy and beef facilities clearly are in need of replacement. We are vigorously pursuing ways to ensure that our future students have state-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities. The Phytotron also needs serious upgrading and its renewal is another major focus of our energy and attention. We are completing major improvements to grains, soils, feed, food and bioproducts research facilities, and now are focussing on cattle and Phytotron. The College recognises that we must act now to establish firm foundations for our future - - the future of our young people, our profession, our province and our world.

I wish you a wonderful spring and summer! Please drop by for a visit if you can.

**Yours in Agro Spirit,  
Mary Buhr, Dean and Professor**



## Class of '54C Celebrates 55th Anniversary

Late September, 14 classmates and eight spouses from five provinces gathered in Saskatoon to mark this special occasion. We happily welcomed Bill Armstrong whom many of us last saw on graduation day - he hadn't changed a bit!

Our "Eating Fest" included Sunday brunch at Bob and Norma McKercher's and an Italian dinner at The Ivy restaurant with Ross Oddson as emcee. Monday morning we gathered at the Faculty Club (originally the Dean of Agriculture's residence) for lunch and Associate Dean (Academic) Dan Pennock gave an informative and humorous presentation on Department Changes and Course Updates. Then it was off to showcase some of Saskatoon's newest additions (Innovation Place, campus, River Landing, King George condos, etc.) on a charter bus tour.



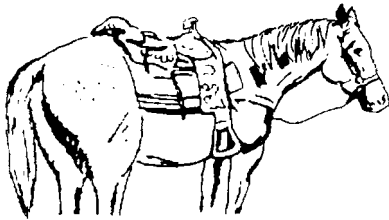
Queen Myrt and King Peter at the medieval feast.

The grand finale was a Medieval Feast (eating a la fingers), again at The Ivy, with "King Peter" McLaren and "Queen Myrt" Thorson hilariously reigning over the evening's program. Peter, complete with knight's costume, did an impressive job of seeing we had plenty of home grown entertainment. What a spirited group and some great reminiscing. The stories get better and better every reunion. Do you remember when a trolley car was taken over on College Drive and driven down the University Bridge????? We're planning to meet again in 2-3 years in Saskatoon



In the group picture left to right -  
 Front row: Ross Oddson, Bob McKercher, Stew Law, Ed Haid  
 Middle row: Laurie Evans, Peter McLaren, Roger Laurin, Hank Nickel, Kim Thorson,  
 Glenn Boughton  
 Back row: Wilf Cody, Bob Olson, Bill Armstrong, Helgi Hornford.

## Empty Saddles



**Ellwood (Woody) Wilson 50C** passed away October 9, 2009 at the age of 81. He had an enjoyable work life and also many happy years of retirement.

**MacKay, Murdoch 49C** March 28, 1922-December 10, 2009. He grew up on a farm near Briarlea. Murdoch served three years in the RCAF and was discharged in October 1945 with the rank of flying officer. After obtaining his BSA degree he took graduate classes in extension at several universities. Murdoch had a long distinguished career as an agrologist and was named a "fellow" of the Agricultural Institute of Canada in 1999. He is a member of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame. He received many other honors and awards for his contribution to many agricultural and horticultural organizations including SIA distinguished agrologist award and a distinguished graduate award from the U of S. He worked as an ag rep at Melfort and Prince Albert for 20 years. He is noted for his work in advising northern Saskatchewan Indian farmers in better farming practices and helped them adapt to modern agricultural practices. He provided leadership in developing the Saskatchewan Indian Agricultural Program. He also worked extensively in development of many 4-H clubs and provided extension support for many agricultural organizations. As a sideline he operated a grain, oilseeds

and forage farm in his home area. He will be remembered by his family and friends for his quiet dedication and personality. His funeral service was held December 19, 2009 at St. David's Anglican Church, Prince Albert. Memorial donations can be made to St. David's Church and the Herb Bassett Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.grays.ca](http://www.grays.ca).

**Tom Townley-Smith 32C and MSc35** passed away in Regina, SK on December 13th, 2009 at the age of 98. He is survived by his second wife Mary, his brother Chas, sisters Freda and Louise and his children, Jim, Norma, **Fred 64C and MSc'65**, Lynne and **Lawrence 75C, MSc'77 and PhD'88**, 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Tom was born in Lashburn, SK July 5th, 1911, and raised on the family farm. He worked for the Federal Government at Scott, SK and the Alberta Department of Agriculture at Hughenden, AB before returning to operate the family farm near Lashburn from 1946 to 1958. In 1958 he moved to Regina where he worked as a Land Use Specialist with the Lands Branch, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture until his retirement in 1976. After his retirement he worked as a private consultant doing environmental impact studies in Saskatchewan. Tom was a founding member of SAGA, seconding the motion to adopt the association's constitution at the inaugural meeting in May 1935. He was active in community and agricultural organizations serving as a school trustee, chairman of the Wilton (Lashburn) Co-operative Society, and a member of Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association, Canadian Seed Growers Association, Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists, Agricultural Institute of Canada and the American Society

of Range Management. He has directed that a portion of his estate be used to establish an undergraduate scholarship in the College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan.

Tom and his first wife Ella were avid square dancers, serving as club presidents and as newsletter editors, and frequently combined love of camping and square dance by travelling to square dance events until Ella's untimely death in 1982. After moving to Regina Tom enjoyed sailing his Mirror Dingy and Laser sailboats for many summers. Always keenly interested in Agriculture, Tom was able to continue his active lifestyle well into his 90s.

**Robert (Bob)Edward Brack 52C** January 25, 1930 January 16, 2010. Bob passed away at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon. His family was with him for his final days and hours. He will be forever remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Bob is survived by his wife, Joyce; sons, Lindsay and Brian (Nona) and his five grandchildren, Lee, Shea, Alese, Cody, and Jennilee. Bob was born in Strasbourg. He grew up on farms near Bulyea and Clark's Crossing. In his early school years, Bob attended a one-room schoolhouse at Clark's Crossing. He attended Saskatoon Technical Institute for high school. He received a scholarship to attend the University of Saskatchewan. He graduated from the College of Agriculture with great distinction and obtained a Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1961. Bob married Joyce Haight, a primary school teacher. Bob assumed leadership of the provincial 4-H program and influenced thousands of young 4-H members over the years. He led 4-H expeditions to Toronto, California

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and New York. He actively participated in many 4-H camps at Camp Wakonda. Later, he was instrumental in creating the 4-H Foundation leading to the permanent establishment of Camp Rayner at Lake Diefenbaker. Bob had a 40-year career at the University of Saskatchewan. In 1982, Bob became Director of the Extension Division and Community Relations for the U of S. This work included extension services, adult learning, alumni relations and providing distance education to communities across Saskatchewan. During his years at the university, Bob was a trusted mentor and a distinguished educator and administrator. He retired from the U of S in 1992 as Professor Emeritus. Among his many professional accomplishments, Bob was president of Canada's 4-H Council during Canada's centennial year and was awarded the Centennial Medal. He was a past president of the Canadian Agricultural Extension Council. Bob will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2010.

**Everett King 58C** passed away January 15/10 in Ottawa following a couple of weeks in the hospital after a battle of nearly two years with cancer. He was born in Rocanville in 1931. During his student days he had summer jobs with PFRA, Economics Division of Canada Agriculture and the Farm Management department at the U of S. He is survived by his wife Mary Anne, 3 daughters and 5 grandsons. He began his career with the Economics Division, Canada Agriculture in Edmonton. His tenure there was eventful and in addition to marrying Mary Anne he completed an MA in Economics and went on to complete the coursework for a doctorate. However, in 1964 Ottawa beckoned and he simply hung up the thesis to dry. They enjoyed living

in Ottawa where the action was. He went to Ottawa with the Department of Agriculture but proceeded to go through a number of other departments, ending in the now the defunct Department of Communications. During this period he was fortunate in having assignments in Geneva dealing with the role of communications in developing nations. He retired in 1991.

**Edward Duncan Spratt 58C** passed away January 31, 2010 in Saskatoon. Born (Nov. 21, 1936) and raised in Davidson, Ed graduated with a major in Soils & went on to earn a Phd in soil science at the University of London in 1968. He worked with Agriculture Canada (Experimental Farms) at Indian Head & Brandon and the Saskatchewan Potash Corp, followed by 15 years with a number of international agencies. Long-term projects were undertaken in England, India, Egypt and Jamaica; and 4-6 week projects in Ghana, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Columbia, China and more. Throughout, he returned each year for a spell to the family farm in Davidson (now the Spratt Heritage Farm), and in 1995 took up full-time farming. Ed is survived by his wife Donna, three daughters and five grandchildren.

**Sadler, Lloyd Dowley McFadden 54C** died peacefully on February 6, 2010, aged 80. He was raised in Kandahar, SK, where his father farmed and his mother taught at Product School. He completed high school in Wynyard. A lifelong learner, he earned a BSA and met Jane, an MSc in Agricultural Engineering with a PEng designation. This anchored a career culminating as Director of the Earth Sciences Branch, Alberta Environment (Edmonton). He was a kind, sincere, honest man who was a rock of support for his cherished family. He enjoyed

history, sports and music, and was a master storyteller with a vivid imagination and a rollicking sense of humor. He was a talented inventor and problem-solver, and as an avid outdoorsman and conservationist, he loved retreats at the log cabin he hand-built with Jane and family near Rochester, AB

**Ellis Edmund Cline 58C** Ellis died peacefully in palliative care at St. Paul's Hospital on February 22, 2010. He was born on January 18, 1934. Ellis was born on the family farm and raised in the Zelma district. While his older brothers served overseas, Ellis spent his youth working the farm where he developed a love for the land and an ability to build and fix anything he set his mind to. Ellis graduated from Zelma School then obtained his BSA from the University of Saskatchewan in 1958. After graduation, he worked for the Dairy Pool in Saskatoon. In 1959, Ellis married his high school sweetheart, Maureen Peevers. Ellis began working as a dairy specialist for the Saskatchewan Government in 1962. After early retirement in 1987, Ellis became self-employed providing maintenance and custodial services to two churches, St. Paul's United and Grace Westminster United Church retiring in 2002. Ellis was a man with a tremendous sense of curiosity and a love of learning. He was never without a book to read, he enjoyed music and dancing, he loved to curl and watch sports (especially the Habs). Ellis' farm upbringing was reflected in the pride he took in his garden, in his construction projects, and in the grain farming he did in later years with his son-in-law, Tom. He loved to explore new places and he and Maureen traveled throughout Canada and countries overseas. Faith was the cornerstone of

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his life and Ellis, Maureen and their family were active in the life of the United Church.

**Albert Leslie (Les) Crow 58S** (May 14, 1921 March 4, 2010) went peacefully to be with his Lord at Yorkton Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness, at the age of 88. He was the eldest of four sons born to Ruth (Fieldsend) and Albert Crow in the Waldron district, and attended school in the Happy Home School District. He was a Veteran who served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Flight 55 from April, 1941 until October, 1945, part of which was served overseas, earning the rank of LAC First Class. Les earned his Diploma in Agriculture in 1948. He worked for Blommaert International and then International Harvester for over 25 years. In 1953 he married Marlyn Sorensen of Theodore, SK and they raised a son and four daughters. They called Saskatoon home, but in retirement they divided their time between Good Spirit Lake and McAllen, Texas. Highlights of his life were making memories with his family and friends gathered at Good Spirit Lake, Saskatoon, and Paradise Park in McAllen, Texas. Les could often be found fishing, building a wood project, completing a jig saw or cross word puzzle, biking or immersed in a book.

**Sosulski, Frank Walter 54C** passed away on March 5th, 2010 at the age of 80. He was born in Weyburn, SK on December 2nd, 1929, where he attended public and high school. He obtained a BSA from the University of Saskatchewan and Masters and Doctorate degrees from the Washington State College. Frank was a professor in the Department of Crop Science, University of Saskatchewan from 1958 to 1995 and remained active in

the field of cereal chemistry for years after his retirement. Dr. Sosulski was a Fellow of the American Association of Cereal Chemists and Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. He was a recipient of a Bronze Medal from the Polish Academy of Sciences, which is awarded to recognize outstanding international scientists of Polish descent. He was a visiting professor in agricultural universities in Warsaw, Poland; Beijing, China; Mogadishu, Somalia, and Mexico City and Hermosillo, Mexico. He licensed 4 crop varieties, the best known was Gazelle Spring Rye, received 4 international patents, published 4 books and more than 300 papers and book chapters. He is survived by his wife of 29 years Krystyna, three children from a previous marriage. Frank didn't want a ritual to mark his passage. Instead, in celebration of his life dedicated to science, he wanted to establish a conference travel fund for graduate students at the University of Saskatchewan.

**Garry Vogt 60S** passed away suddenly on Feb.15, 2010 at the age of 69 while vacationing in Arizona. Garry was born in Lockwood where his parents were farmers. He lived in the area until he graduated from high school. Garry attended the U of S where he obtained a diploma in agriculture and a B.Com. He lived in Calgary for most of his adult life where he worked as a chartered accountant and financial planner. In retirement he moved to Lacombe and spent summers at the cabin at Atton's Lake, SK. He spent winters in Arizona. He was an avid golfer, loved to read and enjoyed the fellowship of those close to him. He is survived by his son Michael (Lyn) and their two children, daughter Holly and her son, his brother Alfred (Muriel) and his good friend and companion Judy.

**George Cameron "Cam" Wright 49C**, died on March 15, 2010 at the Melfort hospital at age 90. Raised in the Richard SK district, Cam served in the RCAF before university days. After graduation he spent several years in the SK Ag Rep Service before pursuing an entrepreneurial career, growing seedling evergreens for reforestation, then nursery stock. Cam was predeceased by his wife Isabel (nee Cowie) and is survived by sons Jack and Tom and their families.

**Donald Don Elwin Neely 53S** of Prince Albert, died on April 7, 2010 at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon, with his family at his side. Don was born on September 10, 1932 at Maple Creek, SK, the only son of Donald and Margaret Neely. He attended school at Carnagh and Maple Creek and the School of Agriculture. Don had careers with the Dept of Natural Resources, the Indian and Metis Department and Saskatchewan Forest Products, ending his working life with the Auctioneers Association in 1996. During his life, Don served the United Church of Canada in every community where he lived. Over the years, he volunteered in a wide variety of community groups from Boy Scouts to the Evergreen Good Sam Chapter. He was an avid reader and a master wood craftsman. Don will be sadly missed by Anne, his wife of 54 years; his son, Craig (Sandie) of Saskatoon; his daughter, Margot Neely of Whitehorse, YK, Marie Soleil; his daughter, Elaine (Marcel) Halle of Victoria, BC; his sisters, Kathleen Goertzen of Regina, Evelyn (Alfred) Stork of Maple Creek, Linda Neely and Jo Anne Neely of Regina. Many grandchildren, in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends in many communities also mourn his passing.

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**Stew Law 54C** passed away on April 28/10 in North Vancouver of cardiac arrest. He and Ina were in Mexico when he experienced difficulty in breathing. He was taken to an excellent hospital and was diagnosed with pneumonia and heart problems. He stayed an extra week to stabilize his condition and flew back to Vancouver with Ina, his son Greg and a paramedic. He and a friend were planning to have coffee the next day, but Stew didn't make it. Stu played hockey in Flin Flon in his youth, worked in the mine after high school and played Huskie hockey for 4 years. He had macular problems for the past several years but still curled thanks to a flashlight on the skipper's brush.

**William (Vlas) Darcovich 41C** passed away on Feb. 28/10. He was born in NW Ukraine in 1921. He emigrated to Canada with his parents in 1928, settling in Kuroki. He completed his BSA (with distinction) in 1941 and his

MSc in farm management and statistics at the U of S. He continued graduate studies in Michigan and Iowa State University and obtained his PhD in economics and statistics in 1952. Then began a 34.5 year career in Ottawa at Agriculture Canada and Statistics Canada. In the 1970's he joined a CIDA team in Uganda aimed at modernizing agricultural practices there. He was part of a World Bank team sent to East Pakistan to rehabilitate agriculture there after a cyclone. He participated in many conferences in his field and published numerous professional papers. He co-edited the Statistical Compendium on Ukrainians in Canada 1891-1976. He applied his love of writing to preserve his own family's legacy and became known as the Darcovich family historian. He was an active sports enthusiast and cross country skier until Parkinson's disease struck. He spent 10 years in a nursing home and exercised regularly to maintain his strength. He watched the 2010 Olympics to the second last day.

## Graduates Supporting Future Graduates

I got a call from Ron Morningstar, representative for the 1960 School of Agriculture graduating class the other day to say that he and his graduating class have come up with \$2200 to fund a bursary for a student registered full time in the Diploma program.

In January this year, I had a meeting with Ron and a few of his classmates who were at the Reunion. They were wondering how they might be able to provide some support for students in the Diploma program. We talked about what some of the other classes had done in past years. I gave them examples of the College class of '69 which set up a onetime award last year. It was their 40th Anniversary and they raised \$4000, which provided for two bursaries of \$2000 each.

I also talked about the College Class of '63 Bursary that was based on a testamentary gift of \$50,000 from Mr. Duncan MacRae, BSA '63, funded from the proceeds of a life insurance policy and further supported by donations from other graduates of the Class of '63.

Indeed there are some tremendous stories of how our Alumni have supported our students and the College over the years. This support is greatly appreciated and vitally important for the well being of our College.

As you think about the reunion in January 2011, I would encourage those of you who will be participating to talk

with your classmates and your Grad year representative about how your class might provide support for your College and our students. If you are interested in considering a class donation of some kind and would like further information, please feel free to get in touch with me at the College. I hope you have a great summer and a prosperous fall.

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Name of Corporation SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.Operating Statement for the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2009With Comparative Figures for 2007-2008

		<u>2008-2009</u> (Current Year)	<u>2007-2008</u> (Prior Year)
<b>Revenue</b>			
Membership Fees	\$	<u>2900.00</u>	\$ <u>2490.00</u>
Donations		<u>250.00</u>	<u>1510.00</u>
Social Functions - Hockey, Curling, Banquet, Mixer		<u>27151.94</u>	<u>28230.10</u>
Interest - Bank, investments		<u>3050.63</u>	<u>(10986.96)</u>
Total Revenue for the Year	\$	<u>33352.57</u>	\$ <u>21243.14</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Lease or Rental Costs		<u>42.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Office Supplies & Postage		<u>12.23</u>	<u>77.36</u>
Bank charges		<u>104.99</u>	<u>0</u>
Communication to members - Newsletter		<u>4803.17</u>	<u>9423.03</u>
Social Functions - Hockey, Curling, banquet, mixer		<u>28716.82</u>	<u>22752.10</u>
Misc. - ASA, Hon. Life, CP week, Gift card		<u>1294.18</u>	<u>1599.58</u>
Total Expenses for the Year	\$	<u>34973.39</u>	\$ <u>33852.07</u>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year</b>	\$	<u>(1620.82)</u>	\$ <u>(12608.93)</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	\$	<u>1306.28</u>	\$ <u>5975.10</u>
Other Current Assets			
<u>Investments (Mutual Fund)</u>		<u>32560.00</u>	<u>29512.00</u>
Total Assets <u>Cash &amp; Investments</u>	\$	<u>33866.28</u>	\$ <u>35487.10</u>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>			
Balance forward	\$	35487.10	
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$	(1620.82)	
Balance end of Year	\$	33866.28	
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	\$	<u>33866.28</u>	\$ <u>35487.10</u>

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## Hockey Tournament

Six teams hit the ice in Aberdeen over the 2010 Reunion weekend. Many of the teams were evenly matched so it was a tough row to hoe to come out on top. The players had a great time, and lots of fun, like only Ag Grads can devise fun, was had.

The Busters, comprised of Gerrit Baan, Mark Kucheran and Neil Booth's '03 hockey team managed to eke out a victory in the "A" Final, their second straight. The Grad 2000 team won the "B" Final.

Unfortunately, once again, the hockey and curling orga-

nizers were in tough to get teams signed up. Several teams contact us early, but others leave it till the last moment. It's very difficult to know how much ice time to reserve at the hockey and curling rinks. Renting the ice is our biggest cost, and we have been fortunate that the managers of the rinks work with us to keep those costs down.

**We can't stress enough how important it is for teams to contact the organizers at the earliest possible time. Please get your teams together before Christmas this year and then, let us know. Thanks.**

## Curling Bonspiel



Names in order from the left: OPEN EVENT - A Final: - L to R Chris Baan, Stacy Wilson, Kim Busch, Bryan Nybo (Skip), E. Lammerding,



B Final: - L to R Andrew Mitchell, Jessica Mitchell, Bradley Hovland, Don Mitchell (Skip), E. Lammerding,



HUTCHEON EVENT - A Final: L to R - Doug England, Peter Kirychuk, John Hemstad, Phil England (Skip), E. Lammerding.



B Final: Doug Campbell Team L to R - Ed Kells, Martin Ferguson, Doug Campbell (Skip), E. Lammerding (Absent: Stu Brandt & Ron Watson)

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