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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**DONALD A. PARK**  
**PRESIDENT**  
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Welcome to the Eighteenth Annual Sportsmen's Dinner. We of the Booster Club join with you in honoring Calgary's Sportsman-of-the-Year, John Mayell, whose many years of dedication to sport, inspiration and encouragement to the youth of Calgary have made him a most deserving recipient. We are also very proud to recognize the accomplishments of the six Honored Athletes and the Special Award Winners. To our Head Table Guests, a very warm welcome. We know you will make this a memorable evening.

On behalf of the Calgary Booster Club I wish to extend sincere thanks and appreciation for your contribution to the success of this Dinner. Your support enables us to give continued assistance to amateur athletics in the Calgary area and to meet our objective "Dedicated to the development and encouragement of athletic endeavour".

## "SPORTSMEN OF THE YEAR"

1954	-----	Eugene 'Musty' McGill
1955	-----	Mrs. Rose Kohn
1956	-----	Father Jim Whelihan
1957	-----	Lloyd Turner
1958	-----	Art Davis
1959	-----	Pete Egan
1960	-----	Frank Woodman
1961	-----	Harold Brandreth
1963	-----	Jerry Trudel
1962	-----	Jimmy Condon
1964	-----	Jack Bannerman
1965	-----	Stu Peppard
1966	-----	Bob Freeze
1967	-----	Ed Corbett
1968	-----	Les Ferguson
1969	-----	Doug Kyle
1970	-----	Ward Steckle
1971	-----	Charlie Scott
1972	-----	Jack Setters

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**SPORTSMAN  
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**JOHN MAYELL**

Calgary has been blessed in that many individuals have chosen to make their talents for the organization, direction and administration of a strong pattern of school and community physical education and recreational services available freely and generously. No individual has contributed more in this regard than JOHN MAYELL.

The Booster Club has previously honoured two other members of the school system who have given inspirational leadership to thousands of Calgary youngsters in naming Father Jim Whelihan and Ward Steckle as Sportsmen of the Year. MAYELL is undoubtedly of the same calibre as Steckle and Whelihan.

Mr. Mayell has served this community in many capacities. He joined the staff of the Calgary School Board in the year 1940. His major contribution to the welfare of Calgarians young and old has been as an educator. He has served as teacher, counsellor and administrator for the schools of the City. In each of these roles he has earned the highest praise for the enlightened and dedicated leadership which

## **CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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## BOOSTER CLUB TROPHY RECIPIENTS



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### HARRY HOOD MEMORIAL AWARD

A trophy donated in memory of Harry Hood, a former Calgary Stampeder football player and awarded to the outstanding Senior High School Football player exhibiting scholastic achievement, football ability, citizenship and sportsmanship.

Winners — Rick Stinton  
Ernest Manning  
High School  
— John McCorquindale  
James Fowler  
High School

### LAURIE ROBERTSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented in memory of Laurie Robertson former Calgary High School Physical Education Instructor and presented to the outstanding Senior High School Basketball Player.

Winner — Guy Nelson  
Dr. E. P. Scarlett  
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## ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP

### DALE PARSONS



Dale is being recognized this year for his excellence in the area of athletic leadership. Through his hard work, dedication and thorough knowledge of football coaching Dale led the Calgary Carma Colts to the Alberta Junior Football Championship. This feat had not been accomplished by a Calgary Club since 1960.

The Colts' last two years under Parsons have been extremely successful; in 1971 they finished with a 7-1 record and in 1972 they climaxed their season with an Alberta Championship.

Few people are aware that the hard-working Parsons not only teaches school, coaches the Colts, but he is also coach of the Bowness High School Team.

The year before Dale came to Bowness the team was the winner of only one game. In the four short years since he has been at Bowness the team has made it to the City Finals and moved up to Division 1.

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## AWARD WINNERS



### RUSS PARKER

Russ Parker is the recipient of an athletic leadership award this year for his contribution to baseball in the City of Calgary.

Russ was born in Moosomin, Saskatchewan in 1940. He came to Calgary in 1955. He played minor baseball until 1961. At that time he turned to managing junior baseball. The year 1965 saw Russ manage the Calgary Junior Dodgers to the Canadian championship. From 1966 to 1970 Parker served in various capacities with the Calgary Amateur Baseball Association. In 1970 he served as president.

Russ served as vice president of the Alberta Major Baseball League in 1971 and in 1972 he was made League commissioner.

Parker was responsible for organizing the Calgary Major Baseball Tournament and serves as Tournament Director. This series is recognized as the outstanding competition of its type in Western Canada and draws some of the top teams from Western Canada and United States.

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## **MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

**SAMMY KOFFMAN**

Probably only two people have ever been recognized in Canadian Football by being presented with Gold Lifetime Passes to their home football park. One was the late Brian Timmis, the Hamilton grid great. The other is Sammy Koffman of Ottawa, a follower of the Rough Riders for 50 of his 62 years.

Sammy Koffman is one of the most sought-after Master of Ceremonies in Canada and his sparkling wit will be heard from the Head Table of the Calgary Booster Club's Annual Dinner. Sammy was given his Lifetime Pass at a dinner in his honor last month in Ottawa — a \$25.00 a plate affair attended by 200 friends who warmly acknowledged the little man's great contributions to the Ottawa sports scene.

Sammy Koffman has been the friend and confidant of Ottawa football players, writers and broadcasters and highly placed politicians for more than three decades. At his testimonial dinner among the paid guests were two close friends, Finance Minister John Turner and Tory Leader, Robert Stanfield.

A former sports writer( Detroit Free Press and Ottawa Journal) Sammy climaxed his journalistic career during the Second War when he enlisted in the Canadian Army and immediately siphoned off for duty with a typewriter with The Maple Leaf — official newspaper of the Canadian Forces. He even got to interview Marlene Dietrich.

Sammy Koffman's ability to laugh at himself and poke fun at people in high places has won him the admiration and friendship of thousands of people in Eastern Canada. This will be his first trip to Calgary. Welcome, Sammy!

## AGENDA

- 5:30 P.M. Cocktails (Foyer)
- 7:30 P.M. Dinner
- 8:30 P.M. Draw for Door Prizes
- 8:45 P.M. President of Calgary Booster Club  
Donald A. Park
- 8:50 P.M. Introduction of Master of Ceremonies  
Sammy Koffman
- 9:00 P.M. Introduction of:  
Past Sportsmen-of-the-Year  
Award Winners  
Honored Athletes  
Athletic Leaders
- 9:10 P.M. Sportsman-of-the-Year  
John Mayell
- 9:20 P.M. Guest Speaker  
Paul Henderson
- 9:30 P.M. Guest Speaker  
Leo Cahill
- 9:50 P.M. Guest Speaker  
Johnny Esaw
- 10:20 P.M. Draw for Door Prizes
- 10:30 P.M. Closing Message

## HONOURED

### LARRY ROBINSON



Larry Robinson and football in Calgary are almost synonymous. Larry started making a name for himself in 1956 with Western Canada High School where he was perhaps the all-time, outstanding high school football player ever to play in Calgary. In 1960 he enrolled in Mount Royal College where he was the MVP in the Alberta Junior Football League and lead the Cougars into the Western Canadian final. In 1961 at the age of 19 Larry made the jump to the Stampeders. In that year he was the WFC rookie of the year.

With the Stampeders, Larry has made the All Star team in 1965, 71 and 72. He was runner up for the Schenly in 1965. He is the all time Stampeder scoring leader, as well as the second all-time scorer in CFL history.

Last year Larry's outstanding play and leadership were recognized by his own teammates as he was awarded the President's Ring as the most valuable player on the Stampeder Football Team.

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## ATHLETES



### CATHY PRIESTNER

Cathy Priestner at the young age of 16 has already established herself as one of the world's premier speed-skaters.

Cathy has recently returned from an exhausting trip in which she competed for five weeks in Europe, the Canadian Championships in Winnipeg and a two day meet in Milwaukee as a member of Canada's team which competed against the United States.

On this tour Cathy won gold and silver medals at the 500 metre events at Davos, Switzerland. Her European tour was climaxed by winning the silver medal for the 500 metres at the World Sprint Championships in Oslo, Norway.

In the Canadian Championships at Winnipeg she won the intermediate 500 and 1000 metres and placed second in the 1500 and 2000 metres. At Milwaukee she won the 500 metres and placed second in the 1000 metres against the top U.S. competitors.

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**ED JANS**

Ed Jans is being honoured this year for his athletic achievements in Free Pistol Shooting competition. Ed started shooting in 1967 and in 1970 he competed in the World Championships. In 1971 he won the

Canadian Free Pistol Championship. That year he also placed fourth in the Pan American Games at Cali, Colombia. In 1972 Jans won the Canadian Air Pistol Championship. This year he was a member of Canada's Olympic Team.

Ed is only 26 years of age and aspires to win a gold medal in international competition. Next month he will be competing in Mexico City for the Championship of the Western Hemisphere.



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## ATHLETES



### JOHN DAVIDSON

John was born in Ottawa, February 27, 1953. He has resided in Calgary for the past 12 years. He is a graduate of Henry Wise Wood High School.

In 1970-71 he played with the Lethbridge Sugar Kings where he achieved Rookie of the Year honors. The 1971-72 season saw John move to the Centennials.

For his outstanding play that year he was named the leagues Most Valuable Player and Calgary's Athlete of the Year.

This year John is again having another All Star season with the Centennials. At Christmas he played with Medicine Hat in the World Cup series in Minneapolis and Colorado Springs.

John is without a doubt the best junior goal tender in Canada. He is virtually certain of being a top draft choice this year in the professional draft. He is 6'3", 200 lbs. and has been called the best net prospect since Bernie Parent.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### PRESS, RADIO AND T.V.

Throughout the years since this Dinner's inception, the mass media representatives in Calgary have been substantial contributors to the success of this event. To those reporters who have helped tell the story of the Annual Sportsmen's Dinner the Calgary Booster Club offers its sincere appreciation.

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### DOOR PRIZES

The door prize contributions of the donors are most sincerely appreciated by the Booster Club. This generosity has played an important role in tonight's Dinner.

## GUEST SPEAKER



**JOHNNY ESAW**

**JOHNNY ESAW** is the Sports Director of CFTO Television and the Canadian Television Network.

He is considered not only one of Canada's outstanding sports broadcasters, but also an outstanding administrator and business manager in the field of television sports broadcasting.

Mr. Esaw started his broadcasting career after the war in North Battleford, Saskatchewan and in 1949 moved to Regina where he gained prominence as one of the Country's finest broadcasters with his success in broadcasting the games of the Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club and also with his excellent actuality in broadcasting baseball, curling and hockey. He was also actively involved in the community and was one of the persons responsible for the Saskatchewan Roughrider name change from Regina Roughriders to include an all-provincial involvement.

In 1956 Mr. Esaw moved to Winnipeg as Sports Director of CKRC Radio where he met with continued success and broadened his excellence and reputation as a sports broadcaster.

In 1960 he was hired by Canada's largest television station — CFTO Television in Toronto — to initiate and organize a sports department. Later he was placed in charge of the Canadian Television Network's sports programming. Mr. Esaw has initiated such outstanding events as the Nationally syndicated television shows — "Sports Hot Seat" — "Sports Beat '73" — "World International Hockey" — "World International Figure Skating" — "Canadian Wide World of Sports" — "Wednesday Night NHL Hockey" — National and International coverage of the Calgary Stampede and the sophisticated coverage of the Canadian Classic — The Grey Cup.

Mr. Esaw firmly believes in a Canadian identity and outmost support for Canadian teams, athletes and talent at all levels.

Mr. Esaw is married and has two children — he is an avid golfer.

## GUEST SPEAKER



**LEO CAHILL**

LEO CAHILL, former coach of the Toronto Argonauts will make a most interesting and controversial guest at this year's Booster Club Sportsmen's Dinner. Cahill, 1971's CFL Coach of the Year, is an outstanding speaker. He was the highlight of that year's Grey Cup Dinner as those attending the Vancouver affair will attest.

Leo is known as the man who finally took the Argonauts to the Grey Cup game after a 19 year absence. He is also known as the CFL's most successful recruiter of high priced American talent having brought Joe Theismann, Jim Stillwagon, Leon McQuay and Tim Anderson to Canada. He is perhaps even better known as the colorful coach who molded a group of rebellious castoffs into a football team.

Leo Cahill was born in Utica, Illinois, July 30, 1928. He attended the University of Illinois as a 6 foot, 185 lb. center and guard. He was the only freshman on the 1946 Rosebowl Team that beat UCLA 45-14. In his senior year, he was an All-Midwest guard, Honorable Mention All-American and played in the Blue Grey Game. Three days after graduating, he joined the U.S. Army and was immediately sent to Korea for seven months of combat duty. Upon leaving the army, he became freshman coach at Illinois. His college coaching career includes: 1954-55 Lewis College; 1956-57 Toledo; 1958-59 University of South Carolina.

In 1967 he was selected as head coach of the Toronto Argonauts. In his first year he took Toronto to the playoffs, a position that had escaped them since 1961. Prior to his disastrous injury-plagued year of 1972, he compiled an impressive 47-32-2 record.

Mr. Cahill is presently collaborating on a book. He stated that he hoped to have something interesting to say about this subject at the Sportsmen's Dinner. With the tremendous talent and interesting characters he has surrounded himself with in Toronto, he should have a wealth of material for both his book and his speech.

## GUEST SPEAKER



**PAUL HENDERSON**

For a number of years Paul Henderson toiled very honestly and effectively for the Detroit Red Wings and then the Toronto Maple Leafs. He was regarded as a hockey player's hockey player; good scorer, good defensively, excellent skater.

In the fall of 1972 Paul joined Team Canada and helped form the team's most effective forward line with Bobby Clarke and Ron Ellis. It was during the celebrated Team Canada-U.S.S.R. series that Paul Henderson achieved the stardom that neither he nor Canada will soon forget.

The big Russian Bear had assumed the commanding series lead of three wins, one loss and one tie after five games.

Then in the sixth game Team Canada won to keep their series hopes alive. In the seventh game Paul scored the game winning goal to even the series and the stage was set.

In the history-making eighth game it was Paul Henderson who with only seconds remaining scored the game and series winning goal, a feat that will be long remembered in Canadian and international hockey circles.

Paul Henderson, welcome to Calgary!

## SPECIAL HEAD TABLE GUEST



### JOE KRYCZKA

The Calgary Booster Club will present Joe Kryczka a special award for his contribution to hockey in Canada; especially for his instrumental role in organizing the Canada Russia series and his dedicated work as president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

Kryczka, a past president of the Calgary Booster Club, was named Canada's Outstanding Amateur Sports Executive in 1972 and as a result he was given the Air Canada Award.

## CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

### ROSE KOHN SCHOLARSHIP

Perpetuating the memory of Rose Kohn, a dedicated minor hockey executive, the scholarship is awarded to a player in the Calgary Juvenile B Hockey League who has displayed scholastic achievement, hockey ability, sportsmanship and citizenship and is selected from players nominated by coaches, managers and school principals.

Winner — Dave Pilkington  
Ernest Manning High School  
University of Calgary

### WALLY ROWAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

For the past eighteen years this scholarship has been awarded to one of Calgary's finest sports boosters. A combined effort of The City of Calgary Jaycees and the Booster Club the award is presented to a high school student demonstrating athletic ability and scholastic and community achievement.

Winner — Beverley Joan MacDougall  
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