

# LITTLE LEAGUE ALBERTA HALL OF EXCELLENCE

## League Long Service Umpire Awards

### 2007 Inductees

**Inductee:** Lou Greco  
District 8  
**League Affiliation:** Rocky Mountain

Parent, Umpire and Umpire in Chief, Lou has contributed to Southland and now Rocky by being available day in and day out, season after season. He helps with his son's teams and umps 2-5 games.

**Inductee:** Rob Wilkinson  
District 8  
**League Affiliation:** Calgary West Little League

Rob is an Umpire in Chief and is very committed to umpiring games at all levels of play for our league and District 8 during tournament play. Rob has also umpired during Prairie tournaments and other levels of play. He is an excellent example of a person committed to the sport and provides the children an excellent role model on and off the diamond.

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**Inductee:** Stan Huff  
District 8  
**League Affiliation:** Calgary West Little League

Stan has umpired for CWLL since 1996 (12 years) and has been a stalwart who, work considerations taken into account, has tirelessly volunteered his time and has done whatever has been asked of him. He is the one that can be counted upon to take whatever assignments are offered and more, to the point that he has been known to work every available time slot in a three day tournament. Actually, he does this every time we host a three day tournament! He has traditionally worked 50-100 games per year including numerous District, Prairie Division and Canadian Championships. He is the best that I've ever seen at having an ability to diffuse potentially volatile situations through the use of (occasionally confrontational ☺) humor. To quote Stan, "I do it for the kids, cause whether they are 9 or 16, they are all babies and deserving of the best officiating I can provide." Stan has brought to us a wonderful combination of discipline and authority liberally mixed with common sense and we have all learned a lot from him and been extremely blessed by his example.

**Inductee:** Brian Whitnack  
District 8  
**League Affiliation:** Fish Creek Little League

Extensive umpiring at all levels of Little League, including Prairie Division and Canadian Championships. He has done much work with training, recruiting and the development of umpires for the FCLL. Has also volunteered as a coach, executive and UIC over the years.

**Inductee:** Stewart Sehn  
District 2  
**League Affiliation:** Community Park Little League

Stewart has spent 17 umpiring for Community Park Little League. Was a founding member of Community Park Little League and was the Umpire in Chief for many years. He was umpired in numerous District Playoffs and Prairie Playoffs and mentored many young men in the fine art of umpiring.

**Inductee:** Mark Leeks  
District 4  
**League Affiliation:** Medicine Hat Little League

Started umpiring Little League in 1980 and has been umpiring ever since. Was the Umpire in Chief for Medicine Hat Little League in the 1990's, and has been a charter member and organizing member of Medicine Hat Little League Umpire Association since 1987. He has been the umpire instructor for Medicine Hat and Brooks since 1988. Umpired many Prairie and Canadian Championships, and umpired in the Senior League World Series in Kissimmee, Florida in 1991. He has also served as a coach.

**Inductee:** John Jordaan  
District 2  
**League Affiliation:** Confederation Park

John began umpiring for Confederation Park in 1979. He left to serve as UIC for East Park and District 2. For a number of years, following an accident where he was only able to muster umpiring a few games a year, he returned as UIC with Confederation Park and ADA of District 2 in 2007.

**Inductee:** Dennis Scheuneman  
District 8  
**League Affiliation:** Fish Creek Little League

Extensive umpiring at all levels of Little League, including Prairie and Canadian Championships. Training, recruitment and development of umpires for FCLL. Full Level III NUCP certification. Has also volunteered as coach and board member over the years.

**Inductee:** Val Wickenheiser  
District 4  
**League Affiliation:** Medicine Hat Little League

Started umpiring Little League in 1982 after a number of years as Little League Director and coaching. Was a charter member of Medicine Hat Little League Umpires Association in 1987. Is the umpire instructor for Medicine Hat and Brooks Little Leagues. Umpire in Chief for Medicine Hat Little League in the 1990's. Umpired in numerous Prairie Championships and 5 Canadian Championships. Has attended numerous Little League Umpiring Clinics and is still active in the Umpires Association.

**Inductee:** Al Basso  
District 8  
**League Affiliation:** Calgary West Little League

Al has been umpiring for CWLL on a continuous basis since 1984 and has made himself available to work with every division from Minor to Senior, actually preferring at times to work with the younger set. He can be counted on to accept 20, 20, 70 games preseason and has worked numerous District Prairie Division and Canadian Championships over the past 23 years. Always ready with a joke or two, he has proven to be a conscientious disciplinarian (due, no doubt, to a full career with Canada's Armed Forces as a Military Police Sergeant!), while maintaining an air of sincere humility. Al has been a stellar example of authority, impartiality and integrity and is well loved by all players, coaches and parents. Having turned 70! Years old during the past season, Al has promised us another 5 years (setting the bar pretty high for the rest of us) and is proud of his ability to still be able to beat a 12 year old from home plate to second base.