



Volunteer Champion Awards - 2013

Honorary Life Memberships

Roger Mayert

Nominated by the Prince Albert Exhibition



Roger has been volunteering for the Prince Albert Exhibition for many years. He has acted as a director since 1996 and has worked tirelessly on numerous projects and events since then. He regularly volunteers for the school ag education program, Focus on Woman Tradeshaw, Small Business Christmas party, Farm Fair, Winter Festival and the annual Exhibition. Exhibition week you can find Roger on the grounds from early in the morning until late at night. He is always there to help out when needed. When Roger was President of the Prince Albert Exhibition he even looked after the Exhibition office for 2 1/2 months while the Exhibition found a new manager.

Roger shows that same commitment to many other community groups in the Prince Albert area. He has been heavily involved with the WHL Prince Albert Raiders for many years and has been a season ticket holder for 40 years. He was on the Board of Directors for the Raiders when they won the Memorial Cup in 1985 and was elected into the Saskatchewan and Prince Albert Sports Hall of Fames for that team. He has acted in various capacities with the Raiders includ-

ing looking after the Box Office, helping out with the bar, looking after the Scout/Media Room. Like with the Prince Albert Exhibition he can be relied upon to help out wherever needed. He volunteers for Habitat for Humanity doing pickups. If Prince Albert hosts a national event he can be relied upon to help out there as well. He has been a volunteer driver for the Canadian Mixed Curling Championships, Canadian Seniors Curling Championships and the National Softball Championships. Roger and his wife, Anne also volunteer with the Messiah Lutheran Church in Prince Albert. Each year they organize and volunteer at the annual Fall Supper. He has also helped out by volunteering at garage sales for the Co-operative Health Centre Community Clinic. Roger worked for and retired from the Prince Albert Co-op after 41 years, and when he retired in 2001 became a Board of Director. Roger is married to Anne and they have a daughter, Darcy Anne..

Cecil Douglas Smith

Nominated by the Swift Current Ag & Ex.



Doug has been part of the Swift Current Ag & Ex as a volunteer for many years. He was part of the Board of Directors from 1972 - 1990 as the Lighthouse Chairman. During that time the shows featured 4-H, AQHA and Palomino classes and regional shows. They also featured AQHA races (this being the largest show ever, with over 400 horses and 700 entries), and Palomino races. Doug also acted as Swift Current Ag & Ex President, Vice President and Past President. He has also acted as a judge for Livestock Pen shows, has been a volunteer with "Doc's Town" since 1991, and has attended every Frontiers Days since 1947. He has been an Honourary Life Member of the Swift Current Ag & Ex since 1986.

As well as being very involved with the Swift Current Exhibition Doug has been very involved in the community. Over the years he has coached 2 Jr. Championship Provincial Softball teams, as well as coaching a Jr. softball team to a Summer Games gold. He has coached minor baseball, and also hockey for 18 years. He was also involved with the Swift Current Minor Hockey Association as a di-

rector. He coached senior hockey, as well as playing senior hockey for the Swift Current Indians. He curled for many years, and was also a Councillor for the R.M. of Coulee #136. He has been a longtime rancher in the area. Doug is married to Maxcine and father of Mike, Lyle, Laurie and Carl.

Volunteer of the Year



The Swift Current Ag & Ex nominate Bryce Burnett for Volunteer of the Year.

Some individuals stand out for their great qualities and Bryce Burnett is one of those people Bryce Burnett represents Cowboy Culture of Southwest Saskatchewan. He is an active director since 2003 with the Swift Current Agriculture and Exhibition Association, responsible for promoting and supporting our mission: to provide service to, and enhance the life of residents of the community and the region in the areas of agriculture, entertainment, sport and culture.

Bryce is busy: as a cowboy poet and entertainer, photographer, community volunteer, operator of Burnett Tarentaise, active 4H leader and supporter, Western Agribition judge / organizer, announcer, and community event volunteer. He encourages young and old in all areas of agriculture / ranching and continues to support the Saskatchewan awareness programs.

He is well known for his work ethic, positive attitude, teamwork mentality, leadership/organizational skills and ability to connect with everyone - young and old. He is well respected throughout the organization for being the “go-to” person, for getting things done, for meeting short deadlines, for accomplishing many tasks as he is a positive, motivated leader.

He has roles in many projects: organizing fundraisers, volunteering on the board, connecting the public with judges and industry leaders, resulting in gaining accolades for the organization. In fact, he is so affective in this organization that events in the livestock and other areas of the Ag & Ex are expanding into the youth areas. Bryce’s good nature and genuine interest in Western lifestyle and culture bring about inspirations for his poetry, photos, and human nature stories. He has an easy-going manner that puts him in demand at various functions and speaking engagements – Bryce is known for his entertaining, and laughter comes easily.

As cattleman and patron of the Swift Current / Webb Community Pasture, he is now serving on the newly formed board. He has been invited to speak on behalf of cattlemen and pasture patrons. A variety of groups have requested his presence at PFRA pasture groups throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta. Any event Bryce is in charge of, or assisting with, or participating in will no doubt stand-out among the herd and be a successful round-up! The Swift Current Ag & Ex proudly nominate Bryce Burnett for Volunteer of the Year