



# Winnipeg Goldeyes Fan Club

## The Lure



### Calendar of Events

- **Feb 20**  
**Mid Winter Get together** at the St James Bowling Lanes. 1805 Portage Ave, doors open at 6:30 PM
- **February 28**  
**Paul Edmonds.** Second pre-season radio broadcast at 7:00 pm on CFRW 1290.
- **Aug 2 - 6**  
**Road Trip** to Kansas City



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## Fun Times Ahead August 2 - 6, 2007

Have you ever thought about taking an amazing short vacation with an entertaining group of people?

Having the opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy a weekend with like-minded Goldeye fans? Well here's your opportunity. The Goldeyes Fan Club is planning their annual road trip; ***Kansas City here we come!***

The group will be departing Winnipeg early on Thursday, August 2nd, overnight in Sioux City and arrive in Kansas City Friday afternoon. There will be time for sight-seeing and shopping along the way. We will board the bus after the Sunday game, spend the night in Sioux City and arrive in Winnipeg late Monday.

The package will include:

- Reserved tickets to Friday, Saturday and Sunday games.
- A Winnipeg Goldeyes Fan Club souvenir
- Four nights accommodations, two in Sioux City (Thursday/Sunday) and two in Kansas City (Friday/Saturday).
- Post game meal (Goldeyes players, coaches and staff will be invited).

More details will be available at our Mid-winter get together on Tuesday, February 20th.



## Mid-Winter Get Together

All Fan Club members and non-members are invited to the mid-winter get together. We are meeting on Tuesday, February 20th, 7:00 pm at the lounge in the St. James Lanes, 1805 Portage Avenue.

Tickets are \$12.00 per person if purchased before February 12 or \$14.00 each at the door for a buffet dinner. Andrew Collier, the Goldeyes General manager will be our after dinner guest speaker. For further information e-mail us at

[mail@goldeyesfanclub.com](mailto:mail@goldeyesfanclub.com).



## 2006 Annual General Meeting



The Annual General meeting of the Winnipeg Goldeyes Fan Club was held November 8, 2006. Our by-laws require 15 members for a quorum. There were only 14 members in attendance so all business will have to be ratified at a special meeting in February. Following are the highlights from the meeting.

There was a drop in membership in 2006. A discussion on the reason for this decline and what to do to reverse the trend. The suggestion was to drop the annual membership

fee to \$15.00 and eliminate the membership gift.

The annual road trip will be organized to Kansas City on the August long weekend. Departing early Thursday and arriving in Winnipeg late Monday.

The election of officers saw a return of President Allison Burns, vice president Brenda Arnott, vice president Pamela Sersun and Treasurer Harold Dueck. Ross Sutherland will maintain the website only. Ted Ash and Tammys Ewasko will co-chair the booth

and Estelle Boissonneault will be responsible for away Wednesday.

Barb Cavers agreed to fill the secretary position approximately 2 weeks after the meeting.

Judy Zubriski will now be doing the newsletter.

## While You are Waiting

In Manitoba winter seems to go on forever, especially if you are a baseball fan. September seemed so long ago and April seems so far away. What can a fan do when they long for the warm summer nights in a beautiful park filled with fellow fans and a great game between the lines below them with so much time left to wait?

While we are waiting for the boys of summer to return, baseball books and movies can help stave off the withdrawal symptoms.

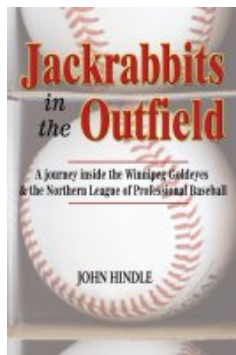
“Jackrabbits in the Out-

field A journey inside the Winnipeg Goldeyes & the Northern League of Professional Baseball” is a novel by John Hindle, the former general manager of the Goldeyes from 1994 - 2001. The book is loaded with stories about the players, staff, fans and Umpires of the Northern League.

Hindle gives us a brief history of the Goldeyes resurrection and the people that made it possible. He also includes tales of attending ball games in other Northern League cities, their staff and fans.. Goldeyes fans can easily relate to the stores and can remember being in the stands for most of them. Jackrab-

bits in the Outfield is a good read you will thoroughly enjoy.

Look for an interview with John Hindle in a future issue of the Lure.



*When I told him what type of field we played on, Simunic told me we would have to get some jackrabbits and put them in the outfield.”*

*By John Hindle, Jackrabbits in the Outfield*

## Paul Edmonds Off-Season Show



Goldeye fans rejoice, Paul Edmonds is back with his off-season radio show.

The show will be broadcast live from the Pony Corral at 1050 Nairn Avenue from 7—9 pm. The shows will be broadcast on February 28, March 28 and April 28, 2007.

The list of guests is still to be confirmed, but will include special people from baseball communities across the province.

Check Paul's column at [www.cfrw.ca](http://www.cfrw.ca) or the Goldeyes website for upcoming details.

If you miss any of the shows you can download the podcast from the CFRW web site.



## We Want You!

*"Whenever you have a tight situation and there's a close pitch, the umpire gets a squawk no matter how he calls it."*

*- Red Barber  
Sportscaster,  
Cincinnati Reds*

This year we have added a new feature to our newsletter, we are looking for input from our members.

Do you have questions regarding the Fan Club, current players/managers, past players/managers, the team or anything else Goldeyes baseball related? Is there a story or feature you would like to

you would like to see in our publication?

If so, please let us know by sending your requests to [mail@goldeyesfanclub.com](mailto:mail@goldeyesfanclub.com) or by mail to, Winnipeg Goldeyes Fan Club, P.O. Box 33053, Polo Park Post Office, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G 3N2. In each newsletter we will try to answer as many enquiries as

possible.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you will enjoy your newsletter.



## Hey! You Make the Call

Here is your chance to be the umpire and make the ruling on the play. The answers are on the bottom of page 4.

### Play 1

There is a runner on second, one out, count "2 balls and 2 strikes". The pitched ball bounces in front of the plate. While the batter swings and misses, the ball caroms off the catcher and ends up in the umpire's ball bag.

Is the ball live or dead?

Where is the batter and the runner?

### Play 2

There is a runner on 2nd, two outs. While coming into the Set Position, the pitcher inadvertently knocks his hat off with his glove. He continues with his pitch, comes to a stop, and pitches. The batter swings, but misses.

Is this a dead ball, an illegal pitch, a balk or a no call?

### Play 3

Runner on second base; one out. The pitcher tries a pick-off, but no-one covers the bag. Rather than hold the ball, the pitcher throws to the shortstop who is minding his own business at his regular position. What is the correct ruling?

Balk, Illegal Pitch or nothing.



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## Fan Club Merchandise for Sale

*The Fan Club has pins, stadium bags and binoculars for sale.*

- Pins are \$2.00 each
- Stadium bags are \$15.00
- Binoculars are \$15.00



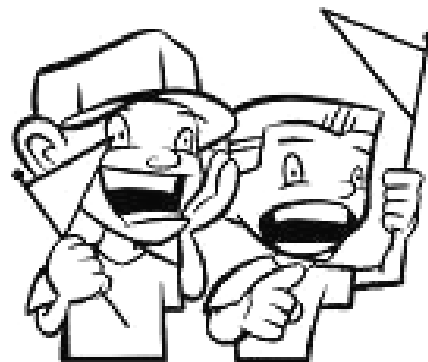
[www.goldeyesfanclub.com](http://www.goldeyesfanclub.com)

## Join the Fan Club for the 2007 Season

The membership cost is only \$15 a year.

The membership includes:

- Meet other Goldeyes fans and cheer on the team at our “Away Wednesday” get-togethers
- Discounted price on activities for members
- Receive “The Lure”, the official newsletter of the Fan Club
- Enjoy other activities throughout the season
- Participate in the road trip to Kansas City (additional cost)
- Participate in our Field of Dreams Fundraising activities



## Answers to Make the Call

### Answer for play 1

Dead ball. The batter is awarded first base and the runner is awarded third. Under normal circumstances, the batter could try for first base (third strike not caught with first base open). But since the ball got stuck in the umpire’s equipment, the ball is dead.

### Answer for play 2

No call against the pitcher since he did nothing illegal. There is no penalty in the rulebook for inadvertently throwing one pitch without your hat. However, as soon as the umpire feels that the pitcher is intentionally knocking off his hat in order to distract the batter, he may apply the penalty. Which is to eject the pitcher for refusing to wear his uniform.

### Answer for play 3

Nothing. This is perfectly legal. The pitcher is not required to throw to second base once he makes a step in that direction. Only to first base a throw to that base is mandatory after stepping to that base. If the umpire judges that this act is done to delay the game, the umpire may call a balk.