

2021 INDUCTEES



Graham Newman – Builder

Graham Newman had a vision and passion to grow the sport of minor baseball in our community and is the driving force behind Sinclair Yards. Sinclair Yards is located on Black Road in Sault Ste. Marie, just north of Second Line. It is home to the Soo Minor Baseball Association, which independently operates and maintains the 7 fields that offer recreational and competitive baseball games. It has a 75' x 75' complex with facilities including indoor washrooms, concession stand, pop machines, covered picnic table area, a conference room, locker room; umpires change room, and an office.

Since 1990 when Graham son was playing baseball, he wanted to get involved. He jumped in with both feet, heart and soul. In 1991, Graham volunteered to strike up a Soo Baseball Building Committee that developed

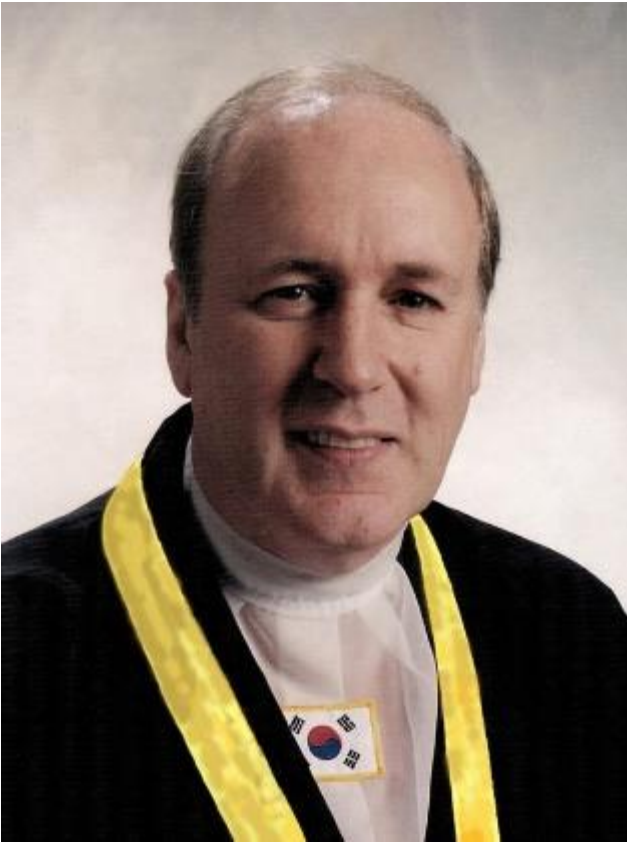
a plan and proposal to build and develop 7 baseball diamonds on 24 acres of land on Black Road. This land was donated by Dr. Alex Sinclair to the City of Sault Ste. Marie. It was a dream of Soo Minor Baseball Association to have its own independently operated youth sized baseball fields and complex for youth of all ages all in one place. With Graham's background in construction as a local construction business owner, he was an integral part of this committee. The construction of the fields and building complex was completed in 1993 and soon after, he became Vice-President of Administration on the executive. He still holds that position today, 28 years later.

Graham has been recognized over the years with several awards. One of these was in 2002, Graham Newman was honoured with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, presented by Sault Ste. Marie MP Carmen Provenzano. Newman was recognized for contributions to the community as an entrepreneur and for involvement in various community initiatives, particularly his efforts in developing and promoting minor baseball in Sault Ste. Marie. The medal also recognizes Graham's singular leadership.

Accomplishments:

- 1990 to 2021 Soo Minor Baseball Outstanding Volunteer and Passionate Leader
- Developed Sinclair Yards Baseball Complex
- 2002 Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal Recipient
- 1990 to 2021- VP Administration – Soo Minor Baseball Association
- Mr. Newman's legacy is the Sinclair Yards Seven Diamond Baseball Complex and Service Buildings construction, development, maintenance, upgrades and yearly operations.

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Rudy Timmerman – Builder

In 1950, at age ten, Rudy Timmerman began martial arts training in the Netherlands, and in 1958 he immigrated to Canada. He immediately joined two local martial art schools to continue his training; and, in the sixties and seventies, he traveled extensively around North America, Europe, and Asia, to train with some of the highest ranking martial artists in the world. During this time, he competed in many tournaments, and his success in competition gave him the motivation to open his own school in 1973. He has received commendations from two Prime Ministers, RCMP, OPP, and local Police agencies, many MPs, MPPs, Mayors, and the keys to several cities.

In 1983 he closed his school due to injury but reopened two years later on Gore St. and remained there until 2012, when he retired. Over the past five decades, Timmerman has taught thousands of local students. They often competed in World Class tournaments, and six of them won World Championships. During the mid-1980s, he traveled to

Edmonton to complete his studies with Grandmaster Pak, his primary teacher and founder of the art of Kong Shin Bup. Before he left Edmonton, Grandmaster Pak appointed him as Grandmaster and Inheritor of Kong Shin Bup Hapkido, and he immediately registered the name and trademarked it in the US. In 2017, he passed the art on to his highest-ranking student, Master Kevin Janisse.

GM Timmerman's decades of experience make him a sought after seminar presenter, and he has taught many thousands of students, school owners, Masters, and Grandmasters in North and South America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. He oversees many affiliated schools around the Globe; and, through his National Korean Martial Arts Association, he has certified hundreds of Black Belts to Master level. GM Timmerman came out of retirement and approached branch 25 of the Royal Canadian Legion with a proposal he thought might help some of our fellow citizens make better choices. Branch 25 accepted that proposal, and the Legion Hapkido Club became a reality in 2018. Besides teaching self-defence, the nonprofit Legion Hapkido club prides itself on teaching students the benefits of mental and physical fitness, good citizenship, and education.

Accomplishments:

- Founded Ancient Fighting Arts (1973), and the Legion Hapkido school (2018)
- Founded National Korean Martial Arts Association (1973), and KMA Masters Hall Of Fame (2014),
- Creator of Bon Soo and Can-Am Classics Martial Arts Tournaments
- Inducted in Pioneers and Legend Hall of Fame and Canadian Black Belt Hall Of Fame
- Published two books on Korean martial arts, and is working on his third one