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You Heard it First on Don Cherry's Grapeline!

"Warriors of Winter" Book Signing at the IHHOF on Saturday July 10th From 11:AM to 2:PM

Former NHL Defenseman and bestselling author Sheldon Kannegiesser will be on hand at the International Hockey Hall of Fame signing and personalizing copies of his extraordinary book.

The Hockey News Says:

"Shelly Kannegiesser's crisp, clear and concise poetry takes your eyes off the page and your feet onto the ice."

From professional hockey player to profound poet, former National Hockey League defenseman Sheldon Kannegiesser and author of the hilarious and inspirational bestselling book, "*Warriors of Winter—Rhymes of a Blueliner Balladeer*," will be in attendance at the IHHOF on Saturday July 10th between 11: AM and 2: PM signing and personalizing copies of his highly entertaining book.

You may have heard Don Cherry and Brian Williams reciting poems from Sheldon's newly launched book on their national radio broadcast "The Grapeline." Many in the media including Don and Brian are calling Shelly's book, "an epic piece of Canadian literature." Written in the style of famed poet, "Robert W. Service," who penned "*The Cremation of Sam McGee*," Shelly's book consists of 31 ballads and over fifty photographs of the legends, characters and crazy things that happen behind the scenes in the world of professional ice hockey.

Sheldon Kannegiesser patrolled the blueline for the New York Rangers, Pittsburgh Penguins, Los Angeles Kings and Vancouver Canucks from 1967 through 1979. From firsthand experience Shelly's book takes you inside the game of hockey like no other! In his ballad "Glory Days," he takes us down memory lane to the days of a six team league as he recounts the "Rocket Richard Riots," reminding all of us why hockey is Canada's first religion. In his epic ballad, "The Series of 72," you'll relive the greatest event in hockey history. This twenty page poem, accompanied by rare photos, will keep you on the edge of your seat as Shelly walks us through the entire eight games of the Series! Further, Shelly's rhythmic take on some of the legends he played with and against such as Bobby Orr, Tim Horton, Gordie Howe, Derek Sanderson and Dave "Tiger" Williams will hold you spellbound. The rhyme and rhythm that ramble through the pages of this book are addictive and remind you of another era as it sticks in your head and keeps you coming back for more! **Visit warriorsofwinter.com for more info.**