



It's About Time...



NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

CURLING: HISTORY THAT "ROCKS"

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Around the holidays, when the weather starts to sparkle with white, our thoughts often turn to things we have loved about winter's passed; in many cases, that means a yearning to go curling!

In the Port Hope area there are several great Curling clubs, each with their own unique history. The Colborne Curling Club has been serving members as a non-profit since 1984; the Brighton & District Curling Club has been 'rocking' since the early

1960s; and the Dalewood Golf & Curling Club came into being with the unification of the Port Hope Golf Club and the Cobourg Golf & Curl-

ing Club in Summer 1974.

Despite the fact that the currently running clubs all opened toward the end of the last century; curling has been popular in this area since the 1860s, when two outdoor curling clubs reigned supreme in Cobourg (also serving other nearby areas). During the two world wars curling tended to fall by the wayside, but came back with a renewed interest in the 1950s and 1960s.

There is not a lot of documentation as to the nature of curling as a pastime in Port Hope through the turn of the twentieth century, but based on a "curler's ticket" found in the PHA's collection, a joint Skating & Curling Club

proved to be quite a draw in the very early years of last century.

So, where did curling come from anyway?

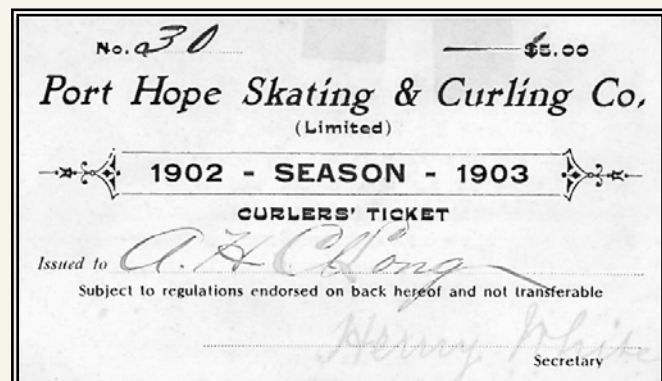
It is said that "Scotland's cruel winter climate was softened somewhat by curling matches played all over the country" (*Curling: For Dummies*). Since these early times (pinpointed around the 1500s), curling has made a home in Canada as well. For several centuries, Canadians have embraced the icy sport, which originally served as a golfing replacement when the ice and snow began to settle in for the winter months.

In the 21st century, Canada continues to be a powerhouse on the world curling stage; assisted by the overwhelming support of burgeoning talent in local clubs like those in the Port Hope area. So grab your sliders and brooms and hit the ice; because when it comes to curling, it's always best to "Hurry Hard!"

*Sources:

www.dalewood.ca
www.brightoncurlingclub.ca

Weeks, Bob. *Curling for Dummies*. CDG Books Canada, Inc., 2001.



**"WINTER MEANS
... A YEARNING
TO GO CURLING!"**



RECENT DONATIONS & ACQUISITIONS

The Port Hope Legion (via Peter Bolton) has been generous enough to donate a medal and other documentation belonging to former Hope Township resident Adam Buraczewski.

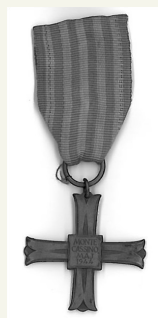
Little has been discovered about Adam Buraczewski. According to the St. Mary's burial records, he was born in Adamic, Poland on 4 Jan 1910. He served during WWII as a member of the Polish 2nd Corps (5th Kresowa Infantry Division), he was awarded the Monte Cassino Cross for his involvement in that battle in May 1944. Following the war he worked on Stan Sochaj's (Sockay) tobacco

farm near Osaca, Ontario. He remained there when Casimer Zuber took over the farm until his death on 25 Aug 1982. Diane Haynes (nee Zuber), who grew up on the farm, claimed that Adam only spoke broken English, was unmarried and had no family in Canada. He is buried in the Veterans' plot of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery.

The Monte Cassino Cross was officially instituted on 26 Jul 1944 by the Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Armed Forces. It served as a commemorative badge awarded to soldiers of the 2nd Polish Army Corps who took part in

the Battle of Monte Cassino during the campaign in Italy in May 1944. In 1992, the cross was promoted to the rank of state decoration.

If you know more about Adam Buraczewski, or for more information on recent donations, please contact us or drop in!



Other donations we have received in recent months include:

- A.K. Sculthorpe's ACO Ontario Records (Donated by Larry Pfaff, AGO).
- Jim Cutting's Personal Records, Royal Scrapbooks, and Port Hope Evening Guide records.
- Howard Jordan Public School Records; photographs, newsletters, award records, etc. (Donated by Peter Bolton).

Happy Holidays Everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity in the midst of this magical time of year, to thank everybody who has made my first few months as Archivist wonderful! Many members of the community have come in to introduce themselves, making me feel the welcoming 'vibe' that Port Hope is famous for!

During my first few months I have made some changes to the Archives, all are meant to serve our community to the very best of our abilities.

ARCHIVISTS' MESSAGE

Erin Walsh, B.A.H., MIST

I refurbished the website, created some virtual exhibits which will showcase our collection on the internet for the whole world to see! I have delved into the world of social networking, with our previously existing Facebook page, and our newly created Twitter account (<http://twitter.com/PHArchives>).

The reading room has been rearranged, and the Archivist's office has been moved into the front room to serve as a refer-

ence/reception area. I hope this will make for a welcoming environment for researchers.

Amongst these changes, some things have not changed: our commitment to presenting top-notch services to the community; our appreciation of our members and thoughtful volunteers; and our work preserving the history of Port Hope.

Volunteers will continue to be the backbone of this organization, and there are no short-

ages of tasks to be completed. If you're interested in volunteering with us, please contact me at archives@porthope.ca OR 905-885-1673. If you have teenage children, or know any, we accept co-op students and those for community service hours as well.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Erin



Visit us online in two new ways!

Join us on facebook @ www.facebook.com

Follow us on Twitter @ twitter.com/PHArchives



PHA IN THE NEWS!

In the fall of 2009, the Port Hope Archives (and our new Archivist) found ourselves in local papers several times.

In early October, Erin was interviewed for *Northumberland Today* (formerly the Port Hope Evening Guide). She discussed her plans for the future of the archives, and her enthusiasm for the work of the PHA simply shone through. The article, written by Ted Amsden, appeared in the October 20th edition of the daily paper and can be found in their online archives @ www.northumberlandtoday.com.

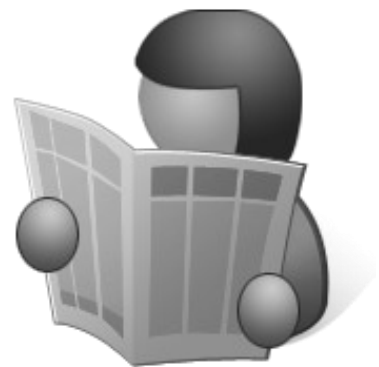
To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Great Farini's (William Leonard Hunt) historic tightrope walk across the Ganaraska River, a group of historically-minded community mem-

bers gathered at Union Cemetery, including: Dianne Heard (Tourism), Peter Bolton (Cemetery Board), Barbara Bolton (Archives Board), Ted Hunt (relative of Farini), and our new Archivist, Erin Walsh. The photograph, taken by *Northumberland News*' Peg McCarthy, showed the individuals around the newly built plaque marking Farini's grave.

With all of this media attention, and hopefully more to come, the Archives hopes to build stronger ties to the community, while sharing our mission (and new projects) with all Port Hoppers.

For all media interactions and events at the PHA, see our newly refurbished website:

www.porthopearchives.com



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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR ...

Holiday greetings to all our members. 2009 was a year of changes at the Port Hope Archives. The Ontario Trillium Foundation grant allowed us to up-date our office equipment; and launch the Let's Make History Archives Awareness Initiative. Long-time archivist Krista Taylor left and a new archivist, Erin Walsh, was hired. I'd like to thank the entire board for stepping up to ensure the disruption to our services was kept to a minimum during the hiring process. I'd also like to acknowledge Erin's efforts. In the short time she has been here she has made many positive changes and new initiatives. If you haven't already, please pop in to visit her.

Many of our board members will be retiring in 2010 so we are looking for new board members to replace them. If you'd like to join our team or know of someone who would be interested please contact me through the archives office.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Charles D. Taws
Chair

Port Hope Archives' Annual General Meeting

Date: January 18, 2010

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Port Hope Public Library Program Room

Come learn about our year in 2009 and share your thoughts!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!
WWW.PORTHOPEARCHIVES.COM

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Our Mandate:

The Port Hope Archives exists to collect and preserve archival materials which illustrate the growth and development of the Municipality of Port Hope or which pertain in whole or in part to activities within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality of Port Hope.

Donations:

All donations of \$25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt.
The Port Hope Archives is a registered charity.
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HOURS:

Wednesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
*We are closed EVERYDAY from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS:

FOR OUR HOLIDAY HOURS PLEASE
CALL OR CHECK OUR WEBSITE!

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Dave Doherty

I was born and raised in Port Hope to parents Marion (Darling) and Nelson Doherty. The family settled on Arthur Street in the west end. I can remember the sign not far from the house Welcome to Port Hope. Most recently I spoke with an old neighbor, and we could still remember all the old neighbors who lived on Arthur Street.

My Dad arrived in Port Hope after the war to visit his sister; Dad was born and raised in Quebec. My mom was born and raised in Port Hope. She was the daughter of Gillard and Vera Darling. I married Angela Watts, and we raised three children here. I joined the Archives due to my interest in the town's history.

In the early '80s, I assembled a collage of pictures and a little history of hockey

in Port Hope, mainly for the Beaver Athletic Association. That hooked me on collecting history of the town.

We have many longtime friends here who have like us, lived here all their lives or have returned to Port Hope after being away.

My main goal as an archives board member is to preserve the history of the town and those who had a hand in building it.

Pam Robinson

Pam Robinson's interest in Port Hope was first sparked in the late seventies when attending nearby Trent University. It took almost 30 years for her to make her way back.

Along the way, she has worked as a

freelance journalist, cheesecake baker, and bookseller. In the mid-eighties she crossed the floor from bookseller to publisher, and has since worked as a sales representative/manager for McClelland & Stewart Inc., Coach House Press, and Routledge, Inc. At present she runs the Canadian sales operations for the Cambridge University Press from her home in Port Hope. She has served on the board of the Book Publishers Professional Association, and worked as a volunteer/coordinator for The Writers' Trust of Canada, the Canadian Freedom to Read Campaign, Canada Book Day, and Word on the Street (Toronto). She has been an occasional guest lecturer in the Centennial College Publishing Program, and holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Canadian and Medieval English Literature from Trent University, Peterborough.



It's About Time... Holiday History Insert

Ever wonder about the origins of Christmas cards?

Well, they are tied to the beginning of modern-day Christmas itself. Right around the time when Charles Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol* and Clement Moore penned the poem *The Night Before Christmas*, Christmas cards made their first appearance.

The first recorded instance of a modern-type Christmas card occurred in 1843, when Sir Henry Cole sought out an artist by the name of John Calcott Horsley to design and create holiday cards which were compact enough to deliver to all of his friends and acquaintances.

According to www.victoriana.com: "The Christmas card was lithographed on stiff cardboard, 5 1/8 by 3 1/4 inches, in dark sepia, with a design of a trellis of rustic-work, in the Germanesque style, divided into a centre and two side panels. In the panels were figures representing two of the acts of charity, "feeding the hungry" and "clothing the naked." In the centre is a picture of a merry family party, including three generations, grandparents to grandchildren, quaffing draughts of wine. Below is the greeting, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You." The card is marked: "Published at Summerly's Home Treasury Office, 12 Old Bond Street, London." The price was set at 1 Shilling each."

This personal creation for Sir Henry Cole was the beginning of a much beloved tradition of the holiday season.

One copy of the original Christmas card can be found at the Hallmark Cards, Inc. company Archives.

For samples of the Christmas and Holiday cards in our collection see the back of this insert.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

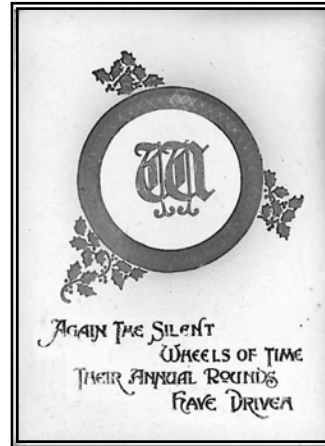
Holiday Cards in the PHA Collection



Canadian Northern Station
Christmas Card, ca. 1921
← PHA 997-16-2-1289

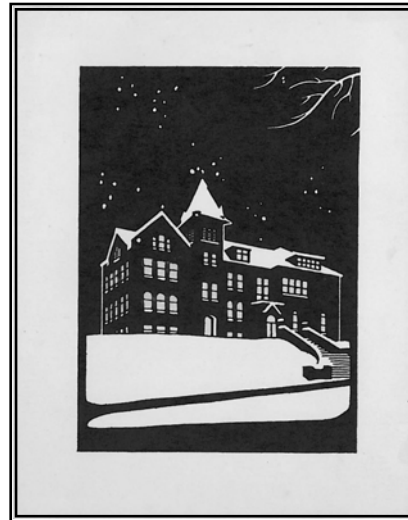
Elmo Watt

Port Hope Christmas Card, 1914 →
PHA 2003-56-1-1



← Christmas Card, ca. 1935
PHA 2008-11-1-1

Christmas Card
Port Hope High School →
PHA 2008-11-1-2



***For more Holiday cards in our
collection, watch our website for
our newest virtual exhibit:**

“Paper Holidays: The History of Christmas and Holiday Cards”