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HALTON HILLS SPORTS MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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Curator's Comments

I am pleased to present our first newsletter of 2010. Since our official opening on November 15, 2009 we have been open to the general public on most Sunday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Your Museum, located in the Heritage Hall of the Mold-Masters Sports Plex is occasionally rented out to other user groups for one or two Sundays during the winter months. During those times the Museum has been closed.

The reaction of visitors to the Museum has been one of surprise to learn that Halton Hills has a Sports Museum and that it is housed in



such an attractive and comfortable facility. The exhibits have been thoughtfully prepared and attractively displayed.

It has been my privilege during the course of the past year to visit many of the Sports Museums and Sports Halls of Fame located in communities similar in size to Halton Hills. I can assure you that your Museum is one of which you can be justly proud.

The executive and the members of the Board of Directors of the Halton Hills Sports Museum & Resource Centre want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of the Museum. We hope that you will once again come to visit with us and that you will bring along a friend.

Museum Schedule

As the hockey season has come to a close, we have changed our hours of operation to coincide with the home games of the Georgetown Jr. B Bulldog Lacrosse Team. We will be open from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Saturday May 15, 2010

Saturday May 22, 2010

Saturday May 29, 2010

Saturday June 5, 2010

Saturday June 12, 2010

Thursday June 19, 2010

Sports History

Gordon William Alcott

Portions of this article are from an interview with Florie Alcott by Tom Ramautarsingh for the 1887-1987 Centennial Edition of the Georgetown District High School Yearbook.

Gordon Alcott was born in February 1911, at Earls court Avenue in Toronto. He went to Mount Dennis Public School (near Weston).

The Alcott family moved to Georgetown in 1918. Gordon attended Georgetown Public School and Georgetown High School. He left high school at 16 to work with the CNR Audit Department, but he soon returned at age 21 to get his Junior Matriculation. He took Grade 9 Botany and Art and then went on to take his Senior Matriculation.

His teachers were principal Ralph Ross, Miss Penson, Miss Davison, Miss Murtha, Miss Delmage and H. Heldman.

He worked closely with fellow students Garfield McGilivray, Arthur Dayfoot, Jim Evans, Arthur Tyndall and June Franks.

His chief activities were rugby, baseball, hockey and the Trail Ranger Movement (Boys Group). He was the first editor of the Georgetown High School Challenge magazine.

In his first year the students called him "grandpa". He gained a scholarship to McMaster University after graduating from high school in 1933 and he majored in English and History.

He founded the Little N.H.L. in 1936, and 72 boys from Georgetown and Glen Williams participated on the six teams. The key rule was that each boy be given a turn on the ice no matter how well or how poorly he played. A bell was rung every three minutes and a complete change of players took place.

The Little N.H.L. now boasts over 50,000 boys in Ontario. Gordon's request was first denied by the Georgetown Arena Board. He wanted to stage a triple-header on a Saturday afternoon. The ice was reserved for general skating at a cost of \$12.00. Gordon offered \$15.00, got King



Captains of Original Little N.H.L.

Clancy to referee the games and packed the Georgetown arena, grossing \$150.00. The Board stepped in, kept \$100.00 and Gordon covered his expenses with the remaining \$50.00.



Gordon Alcott talks with King

Gordon drew up a constitution, a players contract and got local clubs and industries to sponsor teams of the Little N.H.L. The boys were dressed in the same type of uniforms as the real N.H.L. teams. The contract was unique. Some of the clauses were: good behaviour at all times, the importance of education, respect for property, no drinking, smoking or swearing. Each

contract was signed by the boy, his parents and his teacher. If a boy was caught smoking he was penalized for a game, reported to the referee, had to sit in the penalty box for the entire game and finally, had a chat with Gordon. Gordon said, "Enjoy the game whether you are tops or not. And above all keep up with your school work because it is through your education you will earn your living.

It is reported that more than 50 Little N.H.L. players have made it to the N.H.L.. Georgetown's Bob Goldham leads the pack. Others are Bobby Orr, Tim Horton, Bob Pulford, Todd Sloan, Gerry Topazini and George Armstrong. He got all time Maple Leafs great Charlie Conacher to referee at the Little N.H.L. at the John Street Arena.

Gordon Alcott died in Erin at the age of 65. In 1976 a new arena was named in his honour.

2010 Hall of Fame Induction Gala

The annual Hall of Fame Induction Gala will be held at the John Elliott Theatre on Thursday June 17, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

This year we welcome into the Hall, Walt Dixon, Dave Armstrong, Frank van de Valk, Paul Robinson, Haddy Smedema and Harold Townsley.

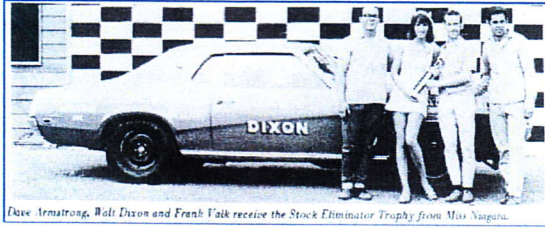
All members of the Halton Hills Sports Museum are cordially invited to attend this prestigious event. Come and celebrate the accomplishments of this year's inductees and renew acquaintances with old friends.

Tickets for this event are \$40.00 each and may be purchased by calling Glenda Nixdorf at 905-873-1360, or by emailing hhmuseum.secretary@bell.net.



2010 Hall of Fame Induction Gala

Date: Thursday, June 17, 2010
Location: John Elliott Theatre



Dave Armstrong, Walt Dixon and Frank Valk receive the Stock Eliminator Trophy from Miss Naqwa.
Walter Dixon, David Armstrong, Frank van de Valk
Team/Athlete Category - Automobile Drag Racing



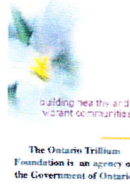
Paul Robinson
Athlete Category - Hockey



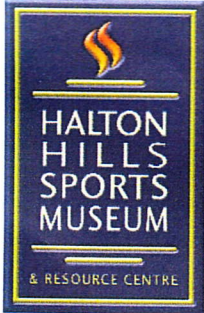
Haddy Smedema
Builder Category - Soccer



Harold Townsley
Builder Category - Hockey/Baseball



Special Guest Speaker:
JIM KARDASH - Toronto Argo Grey Cup Champion



Join us at the Induction Gala.

6:00 pm - Reception

7:00pm - Induction Ceremony • 9:00pm Congratulatory Reception

Tickets for the Gala ceremony can be reserved
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