

Deep River Brag Book

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An update of Deep River Brag Book 2012

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A compilation of facts about a small Canadian town that prides itself on its accomplishments in a surprising number of areas, particularly in science, the arts, and sports.

For readers not familiar with Deep River, it's 200 km northwest of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. It has been in existence only since 1945 and has a population of fewer than 4,200.

Why would you even have heard of Deep River?

and find out!

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Introduction

As I wrote in the introduction to the 2012 version of this book, I have always loved Deep River. Since arriving here one beautiful autumn morning in 1972 I have been interested in, and proud of, the achievements that have come out of this small community.

So when the 75th anniversary of Deep River came up in 2020, I eagerly took on the challenge of updating the achievements and successes of the town and its people since 2012, the date of the previous Brag Book. I also took the opportunity to add some items I missed in the 2012 book.

I think it's important to repeat that the brag-worthy items recorded here are only achievements recognized beyond our county of Renfrew, as reported in the North Renfrew Times. There were too many achievements within the Deep River area, Upper Ottawa Valley, Ottawa Valley or even within our large county of Renfrew to list in the 2012 Brag Book or in this 2020 update.

So the *minimum* achievements being recorded here are for those recognized beyond Renfrew County, for example in the Eastern Ontario or Ottawa District geographical areas or beyond.

Unfortunately this limitation omits many impressive achievements at local levels. However, since almost all the items collected here are extracted from articles in the North Renfrew Times newspaper, any omitted achievements have most likely been acknowledged in NRT pages.

Apart from the brag-worthy achievements of individuals, I have also added several lists that, in themselves, are not unique, but do indicate the breadth of activities and involvement by community members. For example, there are lists of the 100s of players in the local symphony orchestra over the years, a list of the professional entertainers who have visited to perform as part of the THEOP concert series, a long list of local authors that indicates the creativity of area residents, etc.

Section headings in this brag book are the same as in the original 2012 Brag Book so that readers can refer to that book when considering new entries here.

The items noted in some sections in this 2020 version remain unchanged since the 2012 version because nothing brag-worthy has been reported in the North Renfrew Times since then for those categories.

However, some sections are notably enlarged since 2012; for example in the increased number of local authors and the considerable success of young teams competing elsewhere in hockey, soccer and other team sports.

And of course we have a fourth Nobel Laureate, Art McDonald, plus more recipients of Orders of Canada: Bill Buyers, John Hilborn, and Derek Lister.

I started gathering more information for this book about the numerous local scientists who achieved success over the years. However, since the recently formed Society for the Preservation of Canada's Nuclear Heritage has started gathering this information, and is adding more on an ongoing basis, I refer readers to their website for such information. They'd also be happy to receive any information or stories you may have about these people. <https://nuclearheritage.com>

Acknowledgements

Data and information for updating the contents of this book since 2012 up to 2020 were gathered mainly from the *North Renfrew Times* newspaper.

The records of the NRT are kept both at the newspaper's offices and in the Deep River Public Library. I am indebted to NRT staff for their assistance and patience in making the archives of this newspaper available to me. These archives make fascinating reading in their own right.

I was also given some facts directly from residents of Deep River, who are always eager to praise the accomplishments of others.

The lists gathered in the appendices of this book are as complete as I can make them, although there is no guarantee they include everyone or everything.

Unless otherwise credited, all photos are provided by the NRT.

I have extracted photos starting in 2010 from digital issues of the NRT newspaper and have used MyHeritage.com to enhance and colourize any black and white originals from before 2010. Some of the resulting colours may not be faithful to the originals.

Since the 2012 version of this Brag Book was published, it has become easier to access online information from a variety of sources. If you wish to learn more about any person or record mentioned in these pages, start by Googling them, or try searching in Wikipedia.

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The Town – a brief history



Photo by Aubrey Fletcher

An archaeological report published by the National Museum of Canada describes a sample of charcoal from a refuse pit in the Deep River area as being dated by the radiocarbon technique to around 25 A.D.

The ideal location of the town, on the forested and sandy shores of the beautiful Ottawa River, was obviously convenient to early humans.

In 1987 Deep River youngster **Steven Earle** discovered a dinosaur egg beside the river, believed to be one of only three such petrified eggs in existence in Canada at that time.

The presence of the town of Deep River was created as a result of Winston Churchill's decisions at the Quebec Conference that Canada should become the site for the Commonwealth's contribution to the U.S. Manhattan Project, which produced the atomic bomb.

C.D. Howe, the Minister of Munitions and Supplies, was responsible for the choice of the actual Deep River townsite.

Nearby Chalk River was picked as a laboratory site because of its isolation, yet relative proximity to the National Research Council Laboratories in

Ottawa. As well, a Canadian Forces Military Base was located adjacent, in Petawawa.

A suitable location for the workers, just upstream from the Chalk River "plant" was chosen by **Sir John Cockcroft**.

The townsite was originally called Indian Point, but when the townspeople went to register the name with Canada Post, they were told there was already another town in Canada with that name, so another name had to be chosen.

BOTTOMLESS RIVER?

Deep River's name perpetuates an Indian legend that this section of the Ottawa River is bottomless. In April 4, 1923 the *Boston Transcript* claimed the river was "the deepest in the world, with a chasm 6,000 to 7,000 feet deep."

Other articles from the same era promised a government survey that would prove this 'fact.' Proper measurements have shown that the river is a maximum of 90 metres deep.

The present layout of Deep River was designed by McGill University professor of architecture **John Bland** in 1944 as a planned town, one of only seven in Ontario. It was originally designed to accommodate 20,000 residents. Bland also planned the Town of Mont Royal and Hampstead.

Bland intended as many trees as possible to be saved, and he designed curved roads and keyhole-shaped crescents to slow traffic.

He designed a system of streets that generally followed the contours of the area's topography.

Children's playgrounds were inserted in several locations, some with and some without play equipment for unstructured play.

Residential neighbourhoods stretched out from a commercial and service-sector core. Straight and broad avenues ran along natural contour lines, while narrower and winding streets lay at right angles, discouraging non-local traffic from entering neighbourhoods.

Numerous parks and five schools were scattered strategically throughout the town.

Automobiles were supposed to be parked behind houses, with no driveways in front to spoil the open view of houses; side fences were not allowed to extend in front of houses, also to maintain the open look of streets and to make them safer for playing children.

On 26 August, 1953, only eight years after the establishment of the town, the Deep River Hospital delivered its 1,000th baby (**Ian Tishington**, son of Mr. and Mrs. WR Tishington).

In 1956 the average age in town was 25.1 years, with 40 per cent of the residents under 14 and only 2.3 per cent over the age of 55. By 1958 there were 68 clubs in town.

In 1968 a CBC film crew visited Deep River to tape a program about the town for the Leon Mangoff Show. It was the first town chosen in a project to show northern Ontario towns to southern Ontario city viewers.

The town is unusual in having groups of streets named in themes, for example scientists and explorers, trees, seasons, and famous people.

Streets named after scientists, reflecting the role science played in the formation of the town, include Cockcroft, Newton, Rutherford, Chadwick, Thomson, Dalton, Darwin, Faraday, Kelvin, Banting, Fermi, Laurence, Cipriani, and Brockhouse.

Streets are also named after prominent Canadian explorers and politicians: Champlain, Frontenac, Wolfe, Troyes, Lecaron, Iberville, Montcalm, Cabot, Cartier, Frontenac, MacDonald, Lasalle, Laurier, and Beaverbrook.

The nearby Petawawa Research Forestry was the spark for naming streets after trees, such as Spruce, Birch, Pine, Maple, Poplar, Sumac, Alder, Tamarack, Wintergreen, Pinewood, and Forest.

First Nations are represented by Algonquin and Huron streets.

In March 1973, Ottawa CBC television filmed a program for their "4 for the Road" program, interviewing scientist **George Laurence**, recreation director **Jim Evraire**, AECL public affairs manager **Hal Tracey**, and Deep River councillor **Janine Poley**.

Over the years the town has been described in various media reports as: "Atomic Town," "Utopia," "Shangri La," "Brigadoon," "The Last Resort," and "almost the perfect place to live."

Town Records and Accomplishments



Photo from Town website

MORE PHDs, BIRTHS & INCOME

In the early days, Deep River had the highest proportion per capita of PhDs in Canada.

It also had the highest birth-rate in Canada, more than twice the national average. (By the late 1940s, children out-numbered adults three to one.)

It also had the highest per capita income in Canada and in 2010 still had the highest per capita income in Renfrew County.

In the early 1950s, the Deep River golf course was designed by Canadian golf-course architect **Stanley Thompson**. He was later to become internationally renowned for his work, designing 178 courses which he laid out, had constructed, or remodeled through one of the companies he worked for or managed in the years 1912-1953.

In 1948, Thompson co-founded the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

He died in 1953 but was inducted into the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame in 1980.

In September 15, 1958, a full-length article about Deep River written by Peter C Newman appeared in *Maclean's Magazine*. Among other things, the article described the community's full-time staff of 12 recreation experts.

The town's recreation director, **Jac Cropley**, claimed a 95% participation rate in the town's recreation programs and activities. (In most Canadian communities, 15% participation was regarded as the maximum.)

To assist his paid staff, Cropley also directed 400 daily volunteers.

In 1964 it was reported that the Deep River Recreational Centre had an average of 50,000 users each month, even in the year it first opened.

The centre contained a bowling alley, coffee shop, library, auditorium/gymnasium, nursery school, library, photographic darkroom, and meeting rooms.

BEST FIRE PROTECTION

In January 1962 the Ontario Fire Marshall announced the results of the fire prevention contest sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association, Boston, USA.

Deep River was first in fire protection awareness and prevention in Ontario and in Canada in all towns with a population of 5,000 to 9,000.

The town continued to win similar awards in this competition for 12 consecutive years.

In 1969 the town was first in Ontario in towns in its class and third out of all Ontario towns, regardless of population.

In 1972 the town was first in both Ontario and Canada out of 203 other competing departments.

In 1973 it received an Honourable Mention for the whole of Canada and second in Ontario in towns with a population between 5000-10,000.

In June 1976 it was awarded another Honourable Mention.

In both 1962 and 1963, the Deep River branch of T. Eaton Co. Ltd. won the prized TACA Award for largest increase in sales in those year's chain-wide Trans-Canada Sale. (This was when the town had the highest per capita income in Canada.)

LOWEST FIRE LOSS

In June 1965, statistics released by the Dominion Fire Commissioners showed the average cost of fire loss in Deep River was 95c per capita, compared to other towns of the same size whose averages ranged from \$2 to \$3 per capita.

In May 1965 the town hosted the Ontario Recreation Directors Association annual conference, which attracted 300 delegates and guest speaker **Laurier Lapierre**, then host of CBCs "7 Days" program.

FIRST ADVENTURERS GROUP?

In 1966, **John McKay** and **Barry Boyle** started an experimental Scouts "Venturers" group for high-school age boys. It was among the first Venturers groups in Ontario, and in 2020 was still active.

In August 1974, the Lamure Beach Lifeguard Team won the Paddleboard Race in Sudbury at the Ontario Lifeguard Competitions.

In 1974, 820 people enrolled for public swimming lessons taking place in the Ottawa River. That was approximately one-sixth of the entire population of about 5,000.

SMALLEST GYMNASTICS TOWN

In June 1976, it was reported that Deep River was the smallest town in Ontario with a competitive gymnastics Club. (See the considerable achievements of club members under Sports- Gymnastics.)

In March 1976 NBC Television came to Deep River to film a hockey game between the Deep River Replays hockey team and The Flying Fathers, a team of hockey-playing priests, as part of NBC's top-rated program "Prime Time."

The Flying Fathers travelled to Europe, the USA, and across Canada playing at a wide variety of fundraising events.

Their manager, **Grant Neville**, later moved to Deep River as an assistant priest.

In October 1976, it was reported that in the first 25 weeks of operation of the town's new swimming pool 47,350 admissions were counted.

In April 1977, Zone II of the Association of Police Chiefs, representing Eastern Ontario, held their conference in Deep River.

In March 1978, 200 Ontario teachers attended the Third Annual Science teachers Seminar at AECL Chalk River and Deep River.

In May 1979 the Deep River Lifeguard team placed fifth in the province for the number of Royal Life Saving Society awards gained in 1978, judged against towns with populations up to 50,000.

In August 1978 members of the Deep River Lifeguard Team placed fourth out of 15 communities in the Ontario Lifeguard Championships, held in Port Elgin.

Members were **Rhonda Klock, Elaine Stewart, Cathy Gaskin, Shelagh Johnson, Gary Brisebois, Alan Jarvis, Michael Hulbert, and Derry Vale**, under coach **Glen Campbell**.

The team placed first in first-aid, second in relay, second in paddle-board, and fifth in emergency situation.

In February 1980, CBC's "Ontario Morning" crew broadcast their three-hour show live from downtown Forest Hall. Host Al Bonner interviewed Mayor **Bill Seddon** and other local residents. The crew returned to Deep River to broadcast another live show in May 1981.

In August 1980 members of the Deep River Lifeguard Team placed fourth in Ontario out of 15 communities in the Ontario Lifeguard Championships, held in Deep River.

Members were **Mark Smith, Linda Audet, Valerie Selander, Sandra Coleman, Sharon Smith, Andrew Johnson, Saulius Fidleris and Ian Beauprie**.

In March 1981, Deep River's Lifeguard Team placed second in the Scarborough Cup competition for points gained throughout the year by lifeguard teams in communities up to 50,000 people. Points are awarded for every life-saving candidate who successfully passed the different lifesaving tests.

The pool manager was **Robert Paul**.

In June the same year the same team placed third in the Ottawa Regional Aquatic Games.

FIRST WOMEN ALIVE CONFERENCE

In October 1982, Deep River hosted the first regional conference of the Women Alive group. Approximately 160 women attended, from Deep River, Mattawa, Ottawa and Toronto. The theme was "Women for All Seasons."

The founder of the group, Nell Maxwell, visited Deep River again in March 1985 to speak at the Regional Conference held here.

In December 1983 Deep River and selected residents were chosen for a segment of a film by Elections Canada explaining the Canadian electoral process.

In May 1984 just under 50 per cent of the population of Deep River turned out to take part in Canada's first Participation Challenge, sponsored by the National Participation Agency in aid of National Physical Activity Week.

The town ranked 7th in Ontario and 18th across Canada amongst the 62 communities under 50,000 people who took part by registering 15 minutes of continuous physical activity. Altogether 2,471 local residents participated.

In the May 1985 challenge, 3,091 residents (60%) participated in the challenge, placing the town 15th in Canada.

In May 1986 the town again registered 60 % of its population in at least 15 minutes of continued activity.

On 1st April 1986, Deep River area set a temperature record that turned out to be the highest in Canada, as well as being a record high for the date. The mercury hit 26.7 Celsius, beating Montreal's 26.2C and Windsor's 26C on the same date.

ONTARIO SENIOR GAMES HELD

The 1985 Ontario Senior and Junior Provincial Cross-Country Ski Championships were held on Deep River's Silver Spoon trails.

In 1985, K/O Lodge, just west of Deep River, received a five-star rating, the highest rating for hunting and fishing lodges, from Tourism Ontario. Only a handful of lodges in Ontario have this rating.

In December 1985, a concerted effort was made by the community to display Christmas lights on most houses, public buildings and along the highway. The lights were sold at cost by local merchants and resulted in major television networks including clips of the "city of lights" in their news broadcasts.

In the 1986 version of *Where to Eat in Canada*, Madolyn's Tea Room was listed for a second time, being described as "a real find: an island of charm and civility with few equals anywhere in this part of the world." It was run by **Lynn Sawford**.

In 1988, Deep River was twelfth in Ontario towns for the most donations collected in that year's Community Chest fundraising campaign.

In June 1988 Boy Scouts Canada announced that the Deep River 'A' Company Venturers group had undertaken the "most challenging activity" during the previous year.

Five members had canoed to Moosonee via the Missinaibi River. The members were **Kevin Brown, Rod Frketich, Kevin McDonald** and **Marc Pettigrew**, with advisor **Bill Craig**.

SAFEST TOWN

In 1996 data from Statistics Canada showed that Deep River was one of the safest towns in Canada for its size. Criteria included criminal code offences and crimes of violence.

HIGHEST BLOOM RATING

In July 1997 Deep River received the highest rating possible in the provincial "Communities in Bloom" competition. It was one of only two towns in its category to receive five out of five blooms. Judges declared it "an outstanding community effort."

They were particularly impressed that horticultural society members grew extra produce to donate to the local food bank, saying they had never seen that done before.

HOME TO CANADIAN CLOCK MUSEUM

Deep River is home to The Canadian Clock Museum, opened in May 2000.

In November 2010 the museum's owner/curator, **Allan Symons**, was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award of Excellence from the Ontario Museum Association for his contributions to the museum field because of his efforts with his museum.

As of March 2021, over 14,000 visitors from around the world had toured the museum's 450 items on display.



Google photo of the Canadian Clock Museum

In July 2019 the Ontario Historical Society presented its 2018 President's Award to the Canadian Clock Museum in recognition of its "outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's history."

The OHS said that as president and curator of the museum, **Allan Symons** has done "outstanding work collecting, researching, curating, and displaying clocks manufactured in Canada, most of them made here in Ontario. As Canada's only clock museum, it has brought national and international recognition to the history of Canadian clock-making."



Ian Radworth, chair of the OHS (left,) and Caroline Di Cocco, OHS president, present the OHS 2018 President's Award to Allan Symons.

UNIQUE EXERCISE PROGRAM

In 2007 a unique exercise program called "Get WITH It" (Walk in the Halls) was developed in Deep River by **Leanne Kennedy** and **Leslie Levinskie**. The program allows members of the public to walk in the halls of Mackenzie School after school hours in the winter months for exercise.

Pedometers were loaned so walkers could measure their progress, and free tee-shirts were provided by local businesses.

By 2012 Get WITH It! had proven so successful it had spread to more than 20 other Canadian communities.

In 2003, Statistics Canada figures showed that more than 36 per cent of the working age population (20-64) of Deep River had a university degree, compared to the provincial average of 24 per cent.

Twenty-three per cent had graduated from college, (compared to 19 per cent provincially) and less than 12 per cent had never finished high school, compared to 20 per cent provincially.

Full-year, full-time workers averaged \$52,572 in salary, compared to \$47,247 provincially.

ONTARIO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD

In July 2011 the Deep River Horticultural Society received the year's Community Improvement Award by the Ontario Horticultural Association for its work in helping to beautify Riverbank Park along Deep River's waterfront.



Marion Thompson and Bill Bishop accepted the 2011 Community Improvement Award from the Ontario Horticultural Association for the horticultural society's role in a new Riverbank project.

In 2006, a Tamarack tree in the Four Seasons Sanctuary was estimated to be the largest Tamarack tree growing in Ontario.

TOP RECYCLERS

In May 2012 Deep River and nearby Laurentian Hill residents were named by the Ontario Electronic Stewardship Council as one of three top-performing municipalities for kilograms of electronics collected per household.

Between April 2009, when the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) program started, and December 2011, local residents diverted 32.2 kg per household from landfill to recycling.

In June 2012, former Deep River clerk-administrator **Larry Simons** was recognized as the recipient of the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario *Prestige Award*.

AMCTO presents this award annually in recognition of a career of outstanding commitment to the association and to endeavours which raise the profile of the municipal profession.

Simons served as the association's president in 1996-97.

He was Deep River's clerk administrator from 1987 to 2006, before moving to Parry Sound.



In June 2012, Master Warrant Officer **Trent Doucette** M.M.M., C.D., of nearby Mackey, was inducted into the *Order of Military Merit* for exceptional service by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.



In June 2013, the Rolph Buchanan, Wylie & McKay Historical Society was awarded the 2012 Dorothy Duncan Award by the Ontario Historical Society. The award recognizes a non-profit organization for outstanding service to its region that contributes significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's history.

The society runs the School House Museum in nearby Rolphton.

OLDEST CO-OP GALLERY IN ONTARIO

In July 2017 the local Valley Artisans Co-op celebrated their 30th year of operation. The group is the oldest operating artisans' co-operative in Ontario. In 2020 it had 30 varied artists and various associate artists. www.valleyartisans.com



Valley Artisans Co-op members celebrated their 30th anniversary in 2017.

COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARDS

In September 2019, **Lynne Kelly** and **Rolland Kelly** were presented with the inaugural 2019 *Community Builder Awards* by United Way East Ontario.

Lynne and Rolland were highlighted as “outstanding representatives and a shining example of a selfless and dedicated commitment to community over 50 years.”



The Kellys were awarded the Community Builder Award by regional director Jade Nauman and Renfrew County advisory council chair Doug Tennant.

In May 2021, CTV News reported that the most affordable small city in Ontario to buy a house was Deep River.

The average household income was \$100,343 and the average home price was \$217,000, making the home price to income ratio 2.16.

Deep River is reputed to be the most ethnically diverse town in Renfrew County, with over 60 different languages being spoken.

Scientists and Inventors



Deep River was created as a town to house the scientists, engineers and technicians employed by Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) in neighbouring Chalk River. Deep River was known by the media at that time as “atomic town.” Here are a few of the many scientists who carved out reputations and, in some cases, continue to do so.

In April 1970 **John A. Davies** was elected a foreign member of the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters for his work in the new technique called “channeling” in crystals.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL AWARD

Howard Newcombe was President of the Genetics Society of Canada, Secretary of the Genetics Society of America, President of the American Society of Human Genetics, and a member of the Expert Advisory Panel on Human Genetics with the World Health Organization (WHO).

He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1963, was awarded a Centennial Medal in 1967, and won the International Scientific Achievement Award in the Area of Medical Information Processing in 1974.

In 1975 he was awarded the Genetics Society of Canada Annual Award of Excellence.

John Hilborn invented the Slow Poke reactor. SLOWPOKE - *Safe Low-Power Kritical Experiment* is a low-power, compact-core reactor technology developed in the late 1960's.

It was promoted as “the reactor with one moving part.” A prototype version was built at Chalk River Labs and first went critical in May 1970.

There are five SLOWPOKE-2 reactors operating in Canadian universities, rated at 5kw to 20 kW and supporting nuclear education and/or neutron research.

Hilborn also invented and patented the self-powered flux detector, a simple solid-state device for monitoring thermal neutron flux inside a nuclear power reactor. At Ontario Power Generation's CANDU generating stations they are still known as “Hilborn Detectors.”

In May 1976, Hilborn was awarded the Thomas Eadie Medal of the Royal Society of Canada for “his contribution to the technology of harnessed nuclear power.”

In October 1963 **Walter Woytowich** invented a simple radiation detector that did not need batteries or maintenance and could be used by civilians in the event of nuclear warfare. Although neither the Canadian nor US governments were interested, a Japanese manufacturer offered to mass produce the devices.

He also invented the Probe-lite, a battery-operated industrial-strength mini flashlight for looking into small, dark places.

In June 1970 Woytowich received a patent for a new type of engine-block heater that could be installed easily on almost any automobile. It was called the Chinook and its estimated price was \$19.95 installed by a garage. About 100,000 of the devices were sold each year.

In 1995 Woytowich invented an improved version of the car-engine heater that used the engine's coolant.

In June 1969 **Arthur G. Ward**, director of the Applied Physics Division at Chalk River Laboratories, was given a special award from the American Nuclear Society for 'notable contributions to fuel burnup predictions and measurements.'

He was also elected a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society, one of only three Canadians to receive that award; the other two were W.B. Lewis and Don Hurst.

ENGINEER'S HIGHEST AWARD

In 1973 **Lorne Gray** was awarded a Gold Medal by the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, their highest award.

He became general manager of Chalk River Laboratories in 1952 and succeeded W.J. Bennett in 1958 as president of AECL, a position he held for 16 years.

When he retired in December 1974, the Society of Professional Employees established an annual scholarship in his name for students displaying scholastic and athletic excellence. He died in March 1987.

AECL's engineering building, in Deep River, is named after him.

In 1979 **Richard V. Osborne** founded and was first president of the Canadian Radiation Protection Association. He was awarded a life membership in 2008.

From 1992-96 he was vice-president of the International Radiation Protection Association.

He is a Fellow of the US Health Physics Society, for which he served as a director from 1976-79. He retired from AECL in 1998.

In September 1998 **Derek Angus** and **John Watts** of Deep River Westinghouse were co-recipients of the George Westinghouse Signature Award for Excellence for significant contributions to engineering and production furthering the reputation and business of Westinghouse.

They had produced a special probe developed at Chalk River Laboratories to inspect steam generators.

In May 2001 **Robert Ploc** was a member of the 12-member board of international scientists that ranked experiments to be sent to the International Space Station by NASA.

FIRST FISSION IN AN ATOMIC PILE

George Laurence, who lived in Deep River most of his life, is recognized as the first person to induce fission in an atomic pile. He was a key figure in the development of Canada's nuclear industry and was instrumental in the early days of AECL. His doctoral adviser while studying at Cambridge College, London, was Ernest Rutherford.

Among his many honours, Laurence was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) and received the Medal of Achievement from the Canadian Association of Physicists, the Canadian Nuclear Society's W.B. Lewis Medal, and the American Nuclear Society's Certificate of Recognition, awarded posthumously in 1988.

Laurence received numerous honorary degrees and was inducted into the Canadian Science and Technology Hall of Fame posthumously on October 1, 2010.

In 2012 the Canadian Nuclear Society established the *George C. Laurence Award for Nuclear Safety*.

AECL's Laurence Hall offices located in Deep River are named for him, as is the street Laurence Court.



GREATEST CANADIAN INVENTION?

In 1989 **Wendy Murphy** was awarded a patent for a stretcher she designed to evacuate babies during emergencies like building fires. The device, called WEEVAC 6, can evacuate up to six babies at a time and has been purchased by hospitals and emergency services around the world.

In 2006 the WEEVAC was nominated as one of the 50 Greatest Canadian Inventions by the CBC. (It was voted number 35 out of 50.)

Wendy and her device are described in *Incredible Women Inventors*, 2006, by Sandra Braun.

For her invention, Wendy won the Manning Innovation Award, the Sir Joseph Flavelle Award for Technical Innovation, and was the first recipient of the National Research Council 75th Anniversary Award for Outstanding Innovation in medical devices technology.

Wendy went on to invent and patent the WEEVAC TC, a special stretcher for rescuing bed-ridden adult patients, and the WEEVAC Transport Incubator Cover, tested to be “the most heat- and energy-efficient cover in the world today.” www.weevac.com

In March 2017 the Weevac6 medical stretcher was included in the Canada 150 Discovery Way exhibition at the Ontario Science Centre, Toronto.



Wendy Murphy's WEEVAC was nominated as one of the 50 Greatest Canadian Inventions in 2006

In December 2001 local amateur astronomer **Lou Cox** was named as co-discoverer of a new supernova, SN2001fc, as a member of the Puckett Observatory team, Georgia, USA.

Since then Lou co-discovered 32 others until the amateur search for supernova ended in 2017.

In April 2007 **Art McDonald**, a former resident, received the prestigious Benjamin Franklin Medal in Physics, in Philadelphia, shared with Yogi Totsuka. The award was based on work performed in the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory on the ‘Standard model.’ (See also *Orders of Canada* and *Nobel Prizes*)

In May 2008 **Carl Svensson**, a former Mackenzie student, was the recipient of the Canadian Association of Physicists Herzberg Medal for “strong leadership and major accomplishments in experimental nuclear physics” in a new field of rare-isotope research.

He was the principal investigator of the TIGRES Collaboration, a group of 84 researchers from 16 international institutions.



Carl Svensson, winner of the Herzberg Medal of the Canadian Association of Physicists, 2008

Numerous scientists and engineers from AECL's Chalk River Laboratories have been recognized nationally and internationally. Appendix D lists some prestigious awards and the scientists and engineers who received them.

CANADIAN HEALTH MEDAL OF HONOUR

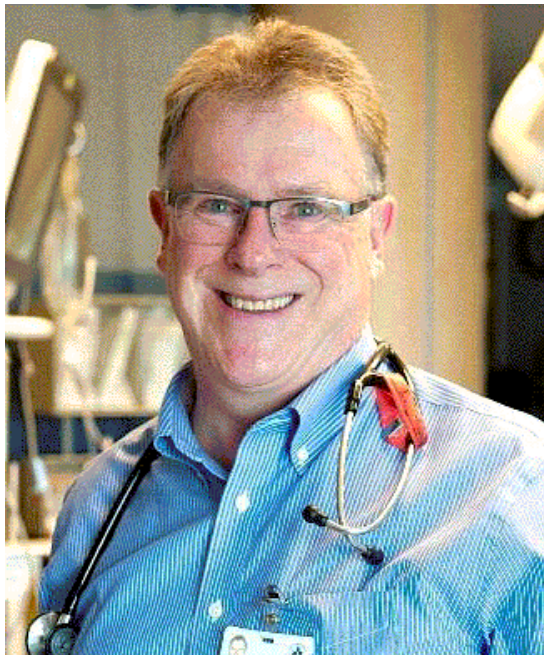
In February 2018, **Dr. Ian Stiell**, a graduate of Mackenzie High School, was awarded the 2017 Canadian Health Research Foundation's Medal of Honour.

He leads the Ottawa Hospital Emergency Medicine Research Group and is known around the world for his clinical decision rules for

diagnosing ankle, knee, spine and head injuries, including the Ottawa Ankle Rules, which are available in a popular app.

The Medal of Honour came with an opportunity to donate \$20,000 to the academic institution of his choice, which Ian donated to the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute.

Past recipients of the honour include Sir Alexander Fleming for the discovery of penicillin and Charles Best, the co-discoverer of insulin.



Ian Stiell, awarded the Canadian Health Research Foundation's Medal of Honour

DIRECTOR OF WORLD'S LEADING PHYSICS RESEARCH CENTRE

In March 2019, **Robert Myers**, born in Deep River and a graduate of Mackenzie High School, was appointed director of the Perimeter Institute. The institute, in Waterloo, Ontario is, in the words of the late Stephen Hawking, "one of the world's leading centres for theoretical physics, if not the leading centre."

Myers has been recognized as one of the world's most influential scientists: in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017, he appeared on the Thomson Reuters/Clarivate Analytics list of "Highly Cited Researchers," highlighting researchers whose citations rank in the top one percent of their fields.

Myers' research focuses on foundational questions in quantum theory and gravity. Rob Myers is the son of the late David and Paula Myers, and brother of NRT editor-owner and Deep River councillor Terry Myers.

While at Mackenzie High School he was Canada's top physics student at the undergraduate level, as announced by Waterloo University in August 1982.



Robert Myers, director of the Perimeter Institute in Waterloo.

In July 2020, **Harry Ing** of Deep River was recognized with the *Ontario Meritorious Service Cross* for founding Bubble Technology Industries, a corporation at the forefront of development in the field of nuclear radiation detection.

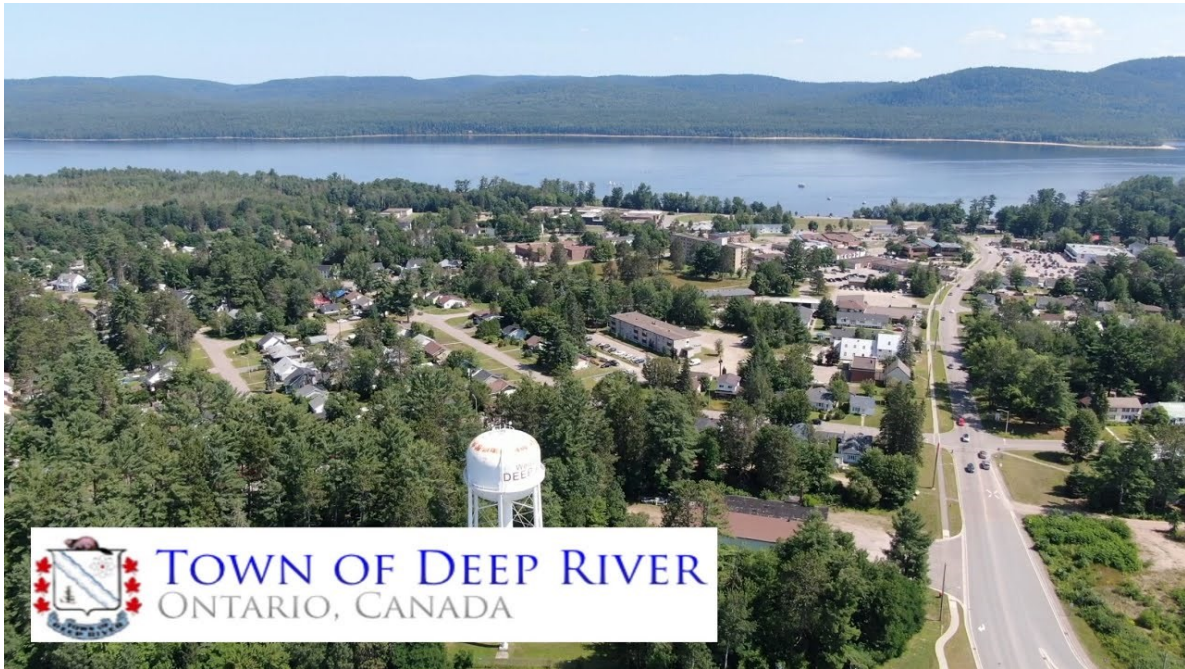
BTI is headquartered in neighbouring Chalk River.

The announcement was made on Canada Day 2020 by Canada's Governor-General, Julie Payette, in unveiling her list of 'Remarkable Canadians.'



Harry Ing describes some of his equipment during the company's official launch in 1988.

The Townspeople



Before Deep River had a council, **Leo Yaffe** was a “pseudo-mayor.” He later became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the American Physical Society, the Chemical Institute of Canada, and Chair of the CIC Board of Directors in 1961.

He was also Associate Editor of the Journal of Inorganic and Nuclear Chemistry, Radiochemistry and RadioAnalytical Letters, and the Canadian Journal of Chemistry.

In January 1960, **Jeremiah McCarthy**, 76, was presented with a Gold Pass and Gold Pass Holder by SM Gossage, vice-president and general manager of the CPR Eastern Region, in recognition of his 50 years of service with the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. McCarthy was born in Chalk River and began his career as a railroader at the age of 15.

Ronald McDonald, grand-father of Deep River resident Hugh McDonald, was the first Canadian to win the Boston Marathon, in 1898. He also ran in the 1900 Olympics, in Paris, France.

CANADIAN RECORD HOLDER

After living in Deep River for 25 years, **Wilf Flack**, retired salesman at Flack’s Shoe Store, moved to Vancouver. In 1928 he had broken the Canadian 440-yard skate record at the National Skating Championships, held at Toronto’s University Stadium.

In 1955 **Jac Cropley**, the town’s recreation director for many years, was in the group of nine professional recreation directors who were the first in the world to be accredited, through the Recreation Directors Federation of Ontario.

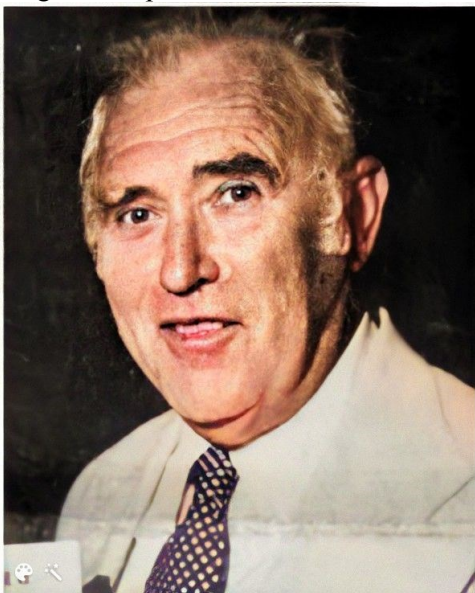
In 1961 he was appointed to the Board of Regents of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario.

In 1962 he was commissioned to prepare the background paper for the HRH Duke of Edinburgh’s Second Commonwealth Study on Recreation.

In 1989 he was elected into the Life Members’ and Associates Recreation Hall of Honour of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario.

In November 1991 he was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the SDMRO, the society's highest honour.

He had also been Secretary of the Parks and Recreation Association of Canada, National Chairman of the Recreation Division of the Canadian Welfare Council, a Fellow of the American Institute of Park Executives, as well as being the recipient of numerous other awards.



Jac Cropley, one of the world's first professional recreation directors to be accredited, in 1955

In June 1959 **L. G. Elliot**, director of the Physics Division at Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories, was elected President of the Canadian Association of Physicists.

In July 1967 a wooden toy snowmobile made at the Algonquin Wooden Toy Store in nearby Chalk River was given to the Queen and Prince Phillip at EXPO 67 in Montreal.

In 1967 Deep River businessman **Les Flack** was awarded the coveted Badge of Service by the Canadian Red Cross for his volunteer work with the local branch.

John Fleury, son of Deep River's first Fire Chief, established the National Lifeguard Service Corps in Ontario. He was also appointed Commissioner of Recreation and Parks in Scarborough.

FIRST 'ATOMS FOR PEACE' AWARD

In October 1967 **Wilfred Bennet Lewis** was awarded the first "Atoms for Peace" prize by the International Atomic Energy Agency, in Vienna.

In November 1972 he was awarded a Royal Medal by the Royal Society, London, one of only three awarded annually.

After he retired from AECL in July 1973, he became Distinguished Professor of Science at Queen's University, Kingston. (See more under *Orders of Canada*)

In February 1968, Corporal **Doug Atkins** of Deep River was selected along with eight others from the Armed Forces to join the group from which the five-man Canadian Biathlon Team for the 1968 Winter Olympics was selected. Out of 170 applications, 70 servicemen were tested before the final nine were chosen for the training program.

In March 1968, **Mrs. Park** and **Mrs. Haydock** and their pedigree dogs won awards at the Sportsman's Show in Toronto. Mrs. Park's Bedlington terrier, "Mouse," was the best in the show on two days. Also on two days, Mrs. Haydock entered her miniature poodle, "Kate," in the dog obedience open "B" class and each time she was top of the class.

TOP SCIENTIFIC PHOTOGRAPHER

In February 1969 **Cliff Baskin**, an AECL photographer for 15 years, won four awards in Ottawa at the Eastern Ontario Chapter of the Professional Photographers Association of Canada. He won first prizes for both scientific photography and commercial photography, an award of merit in scientific photography, and the Best Print in Show prize.

In 1971 Baskin won an award for Best in Industrial Class, presented by Governor General Roland Michener.

In April 1972 he won awards for Best Black & White Pictorial Photo and Best Colour Industrial Picture in the Professional Photographers of Ontario Print Show in Toronto.

In July 1969 Major **Alexander Sinclair**, father-in-law of Councillor Roselma Sinclair, died in Deep River, where he had retired. He had competed in rowing in the 1912 Olympic Games in Sweden and was a member of the Toronto Argonauts Football Club that won the Grey Cup in 1921.

In October 1970 Sgt **Brian Clark**, son of James and Hilda Clark, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster for heroism in Vietnam with the U.S. Army. Brian had lived in Deep River in the 1960s and '70s and attended Mackenzie School.

In January 1971 **Jean Beauprie** was made a Director of the Ontario Public School Trustees Association.

In October 1971, **Jean Ann Johnston** was awarded the Jon Joosten prize at the 47th Graduation Exercises of the Ottawa Civic Hospital for the nurse “showing the most cheerfulness and understanding in meeting the needs of her patients.”

In April 1972 **Sheila Fletcher** was named “Female Patroller of the Year” for the Gatineau Zone of the Canadian Ski Patrol System, in Ottawa. The zone encompasses most of the major Ottawa ski areas plus the Ottawa Valley District.

PROVINCIAL MINISTER

In May 1972 **W.J. Yurko**, who had previously lived in Deep River for six years, was appointed Alberta’s Minister of the Environment. Two of his three daughters were born in Deep River.

In July 1972 **Tara Lynn Dooley** (9) and **Terry Cowan** (13) placed first and second in Accordion Solo at the Ottawa Music Festival, held at the Chateau Laurier. **Thomas Barrington** (10) placed second in Guitar Solo.

GUINNESS BOOK RECORD WALKER

In Deep River’s Walkathon ’73, warrant officer **Phillipp Latulippe**, listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the holder of the long-distance walking record, jogged the 25 miles of the fundraising event.

In October 1972 he had broken his own world record of 300 miles and 143 feet in 77 hours, 34 minutes and 30 seconds at the Canadian Forces Base Petawawa track.

He had *run* the first 200 miles of his ‘walking’ attempt.

In May 1973 **Alastair Middleton** was “Male Ski Patroller of the year” for his contributions to the Gatineau ski zone of the Canadian Ski Patrol System “as well as to the skiing public.”

In August 1973 **Peter Thomas**, one of 11 sons of Holly and Isabel Thomas, was awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award for completing a 70-mile canoe trip. Peter was an amputee who had lost a leg to cancer.

In September 1973 Deep River Reeve **Robert Seguin** was appointed to the executive of the Board of Directors of the Association of Metropolitan Ontario.

In July 1974 Deep River music teacher **Danute Fidleris** was one of 15 recipients of an Ontario Arts Council Scholarship to attend a Piano Teachers Workshop at Lake Couchiching.

In October 1974 **Lorne Doreen** was elected president of the Radio Society of Ontario at the annual convention in Hamilton.

WINNING E. ONTARIO HORSE RIDER

In November 1974 **Laura Dunbar** was presented with the Annual Award for the Junior Rider who accumulated the most total points through the competitive season and second prize in the Preliminary Open Class Dressage Competition for Eastern Ontario by the Canadian Dressage Owners and Riders Association, with her horse *Tru-Lee*.

ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT

In November 1974 warrant officer **J.E. Renaud** of Chalk River was installed as a Member of the Order of Military Merit by Governor General Roland Michener for “exceptional service and performance.”

GOVT MERITORIOUS AWARD

In January 1975 **Ben Wang**, a tree seeding expert at the Petawawa National Forestry, was awarded a Government of Canada Meritorious Award, one of only six given out of 12,000 Environment Canada Awards. In 1991 he was awarded the International Forestry Achievement Award.

In March 1975 the Deep River Ski Patrol won the Gord Pacher Jr. Memorial Trophy, the top zone honour for the On-hill First Aid Award over 14 Gatineau Zone teams at the Dacre hill. The team was comprised of **Michael Melvin, Donna Frew, Jerry Lemon** and **Alex Frew**.

In April 1976 **Pat Harvey** was presented with the Gatineau ski zone trophy for "Patrol Leader of the Year."

At the ski ceremony at Candiac Hill, it was revealed that a followup survey of all victims in the Gatineau ski zone showed that injured skiers aided by the Deep River Patrol, led by **Pat Harvey**, were the only skiers who were 100% satisfied with their first-aid treatment.

In 1975 **Clyde Kennedy** served two terms as president of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Heritage Foundation. He was AECL's first public relations officer and was an amateur archaeologist and author. He resided in Deep River 1952-66.

His book *The Upper Ottawa Valley: A Glimpse of History* is still used as a valuable reference to the history of the area. In 1984 he was appointed a research associate of the National Museum of Man. He died in February 1987.

In March 1976 when **Chas Millar** retired from AECL Chalk River, he was appointed Director of the Nuclear Safety Division of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in Vienna.

In July 1976, seven Deep River and Chalk River youths received Duke of Edinburgh Awards from Prince Philip at the Royal Military College, Kingston. They were: **Jo-Ann Vantoff, Nicholas**

Cox, Ian LeSurf, Ean Robertson, Carl duManoir, Garnet Stewart and **Don Smith**. They were among 49 other youth to receive the award.

In 1976 Deep River physiotherapist **Carole Tapping** was chosen as one of 40 physiotherapists hired to work for the Summer Olympic Games, in Montreal.

In December 1976 recreation director **Jim Evraire** was one of 19 recipients of the Royal Lifesaving Society's "Recognition Badge" at a ceremony at Queen's Park presided over by Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon for his "efforts in bringing knowledge of life-saving techniques to 100s of people in the Deep River area."

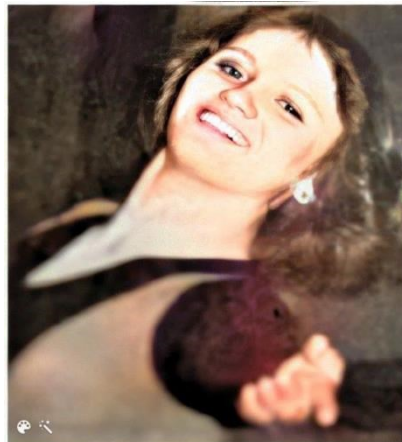
In May 1978 local nurse **Phyllis Dorn** was elected to the Provincial Nominating Committee of the Ontario Nursing Committee at a meeting of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, in Toronto.

In March 1978 Deep River dentist **Don Beauprie** was made a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry for his 'active participation in continuing educational programs.'

ONTARIO GYM CHAMP

In 1978 **Alison Guertin** was presented with an Award of Excellence by the Town of Deep River for being Overall Champion in the Ontario Gymnastics Federation. She had won five Gold Medals, one First Place Trophy, three Silver Medals, two Bronze Medals, and a host of high standings for individual apparatus.

She represented Eastern Ontario and Deep River at the Ontario Winter Games.



Alison Guertin, Overall Champion, Ontario Gymnastics Federation, 1978

Previous winners of Deep River's Award of Excellence included **Annette Watkins** for being Ontario Cross-Country Running Champion, and **Colin McAlpin** for being Canadian Tennis Champion, numerous times.

In April 1981 Deep River Police Chief, **Neil Raven**, was re-elected to the position of Chairman of the Eastern Ontario Chiefs of Police. The Eastern zone is made up of 28 municipal forces, three Ontario Provincial Police districts, and other assorted forces.

CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

In November 1980 **Paul Manson**, a former student in Deep River, was presented with Canada's highest peace-time military decoration, the Order of Merit. The order recognizes meritorious service and devotion to duty and was presented to Paul by Governor-General Ed Schryer.

In July 1986, Manson became Canadian Chief of Defence Staff.

The Deep River Legion is named the Paul Manson branch in his honour.

Also see *Orders of Canada*.



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In April 1981 **Bill Skelly**, Deep River's first doctor, was presented with the Glenn Sawyer Service Award at an Ontario Medical Association Local meeting in Pembroke. The award was named for Dr. Sawyer, who was the OMA's Secretary for 20 years and recognizes his service work in the community.

In December 1981 **Ernie Hella**, who had attended Mackenzie School and lived in Deep River until 1969, performed a solo recital at New York's famous Carnegie Hall. Ernie, who moved to Toronto, plays guitar, has toured extensively, and has many students.

CANADA'S TOP PHYSICS STUDENT

In August 1982 Canada's top physics student at the under-graduate level was announced by Waterloo University.

Robert Myers, a former Mackenzie School student born and raised in Deep River, had the best score in a competition run by the Canadian Association of Physicists. He received the Lloyd Elliott Prize and \$450 at the association's AGM, held in Kingston.

In June 1983 the Point Alexander **Pikers Scout troop** won the award for best team spirit at the annual St. Lawrence Region Scout Camporee and was second overall in the 12 competitions out of 28 troops.

In 1983 local doctor **Don Park** was Chairman of the General Practice section of the Ontario Medical Association.

In December 1983 former Deep River student **Margaret Lynn Logie** was presented with the George A. Burbridge award for achieving the highest standing in the Spring 1983 Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada examinations.

In December 1983, Deep River Police Chief **Neil Raven** and Sgt **Harold McCall** were among the first recipients of a new national honour, the *Police Exemplary Service Medal*. The new medal was awarded by the Governor General.

In May 1985 the Chalk River house in which **Howie Meeker**, veteran hockey player, broadcaster and sports personality lived as a youth, was put up for sale. It had been built in 1875.

AMERICAN OFFICER OF THE YEAR

In September 1985 **Deborah Vokes**, a former resident of Deep River, was selected as the Line Officer of the Year by the American Probation

and Parole Association, in Houston, for her work among seven native communities along the west coast of James Bay and Hudson Bay.

Lt-GEN'S ARCHITECTURAL AWARD

In late 1985 **Robert Boyce**, a 1968 Mackenzie School graduate, was the recipient of the Lieutenant-Governor's Medal from the Heritage Canada Foundation in recognition of his outstanding work in architectural conservation.

He was the president of the New Brunswick Architectural Society and in 1985 directed the restoration of the former Carnegie Library in St John into the Aitken Bicentennial Exhibition Centre.



Kit Yeatman

TREE OF LIFE AWARD

In the mid-1980s tree geneticist **Kit (Christopher) Yeatman** planted an arboretum right in the middle of town, beside the Long Term Care Facility. It was funded by the Horticultural Society and contains about 20 different species of native trees and some exotic species, such as Ginkgo

Yeatman also developed a unique variety of White Spruce, called the Petawawa Sunburst, which he planted beside the Town Hall.

In 1996-97 he was awarded the Tree of Life Award by the Canadian Institute of Forestry in recognition of individuals who have made: "superior, dedicated or particularly effective contributions to sustainable forest resource management, forest renewal or sustained yield integrated management of the forest and its intrinsic resource."

DISTINGUISHED HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

In May 1987 **Lyll Smith** was awarded the Thomas W. Hopkins Medal by the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technologists for "distinguished humanitarian service through the application of engineering technology." Smith was Deep River's mayor at the time of the award.

In September 1987, **Michael J Ward** of Deep River was selected as a recipient of one of the 1987 Provincial Corps d'Elite Awards. The awards, which are granted by the Recreation Branch of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, are designed to recognize outstanding volunteer service.

In 1987 **Mary MacCafferty**, a future councillor and Deputy Mayor of Deep River, was interviewed by Peter Gzowski on CBC's *Morningside* radio program.

She had collaborated on the production of a book to help parents of multiple-birth children. The foreword to the book "Finding our Way" was written by Cecile Dionne, one of the famous Dionne quintuplets.

Mary was identified by *Morningside* because she had established a support group for parents of multiple births that included several families with triplets, quads and quintuplets across Southern Ontario.

PRESIDENT OF OMA

In 1987 Deep River physician **Henry Gasmann** was that year's President of the Ontario Medical Association. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Medical Association.

In 1993 he was made a Life Member of the OMA.

In 1988 **Phil Chester**, retired Mackenzie school teacher, travelled to England as part of a three-man Canadian contingent to help the Grey Owl Society of Hastings celebrate the centennial of Grey Owl's birth in Hastings.

Phil gave a monodramatic presentation at the White Rock Pavilion, the same venue where Grey Owl gave his final lecture at the end of his triumphant second tour in December 1937.

Phil gave monodramas on Grey Owl to an estimated 10,000 people, mainly students, in Canada, the U.S. and England, spreading Grey Owl's conservation message and environmental ethic.

GOVT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

In June 1988, former Deep River resident **Martha (Smith) Fair** received a Government of Canada Public Service Award of Excellence in recognition of her contributions to research into radiation contamination.

In 1987 she was named Statistics Canada Employee of the Year.

In January 1988 former Mackenzie student **Bryan Hocking** was named executive director of the provincial Progressive Conservative Party. Hocking had been president of the Mackenzie student council in his final year.

ONTARIO AGENT OF THE YEAR

In September 1988 **Betty Aspinnall** was the recipient of the Agent of the Year Award at the annual general meeting of the Ontario Humane Society for her work investigating animal cruelty complaints.

FIRST FORESTRY EMERITUS RESEARCHER

In October 1988 **William Stiell** was named the first Emeritus Research Scientist in the Canadian Forestry Service, in recognition of his 35 years as a research scientist, most of which was spent at the nearby Petawawa National Forestry Institute.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL

In October 1988 Deep River resident **Charles Cleland** died at the age of 74. In 1940 he was one of the first Canadians to win the Distinguished Flying Medal, for action in France.

In October 1988 **Jean Beauprie** was appointed by Premier David Peterson to the Ontario Police Commission as one of five part-time members to serve for three-year terms.

"This appointment reflects the continued interest in this province of one of Deep River's most outstanding citizens," said MPP Sean Conway.

Joan Melvin, local author and amateur historian, was a contributor to the 1988 edition of *The Canadian Encyclopedia*.

In September 1996 she was awarded a Certificate by the Ontario Heritage Foundation for her work in producing the Golden Jubilee book *Deep River 1945-1995*.

E. ONTARIO EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

In November 1988 **Erma Wesanko**, a speech-language pathologist with the Renfrew County Board of Education, was the recipient of the Educator of the Year Award for Eastern Ontario.

In June 1989 **Andrea Gagnon**, 12, received the Fortitude Award by the National Council of the Girl Guides of Canada for her "courage and endurance under suffering." She suffered from Juvenile Arthritis, a potentially crippling disease, and asthma.

AWARD WINNING STORE

In April 1990 **Bert and Heidi Fleury**, owners of the Deep River valu-mart grocery store, won the prestigious National Grocers 1989 President's Award for outstanding achievement. Each store was judged on the basis of operations, sanitation, maintenance, quality and presentation in the deli, meat, produce and bakery departments, store image, traffic flow, uniqueness, friendliness, and community involvement.

In June 1992 they won the National Grocer's annual Award of Excellence, one of only three awarded for their store size in Ontario and Quebec.

In December 1990 Deep River resident **Rhonda Cheadle** was one of four drivers for the Queen's University solar-powered car entered in the second World Solar Challenge, held in Australia.

TREE OF LIFE AWARD

In 1990/1991 **Will Stiell** was awarded the Tree of Life Award by the Canadian Institute of Forestry in recognition of individuals who have made "superior, dedicated or particularly effective contributions to sustainable forest resource management, forest renewal or sustained yield integrated management of the forest and its intrinsic resource."

In 1993 **Cathy Wilson** and her brother **Dan Wilson**, both former Mackenzie School students from Chalk River, were the first sister and brother pilots in the Canadian Armed Forces, based in Canadian Forces Base Petawawa.

In November 1994 **Louise Atfield** won the Table Topics contest at the District 61 Toastmasters contest, held in Cornwall. There were approximately 70 clubs in the district. Louise's impromptu topic was "A Toastmasters Meeting in 2094."

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

In April 1995 **Major F. Roy Thomas** was awarded the Meritorious Service Cross for service with the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Sarajevo.

In December 1995 Deep River police officer Constable **Catherine Ryan** received a "merit mark" award from the Metropolitan Toronto police board for her role in apprehending Toronto's "gym bag bandits in a 1993 investigation.

In May 1998 **David V. Thompson** was chosen by the Ottawa Business Journal as one of its "Top 40 Under 40" business people.

In July 1998 former resident and Mackenzie graduate **Stewart Mark** was elected President of the Ontario Veterinarian Medical Association for the 1998-99 year.

WORLD'S OLDEST PERSON

In 1998 the world's oldest person, **Marie Louise "Granny" Meilleur**, died at the age of 117. She was born on Aug. 29, 1880, in the Quebec town of Kamouraska, and lived for 16 years in Deep River. She had 85 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren, 57 great-great grandchildren, and four great-great-great grandchildren.

Media coverage of Granny included a four-page, full-colour article in the international news-magazine *Paris Match*. An original of the article is filed in the W.B. Lewis Public Library, Deep River.

She was featured in the 1997 *Guinness Book of Records* as one of the oldest humans with a confirmed birth-date to have ever lived.

See photo below.



Louise Meilleur at age 98, with long-time local resident John King, 84, in 1979.

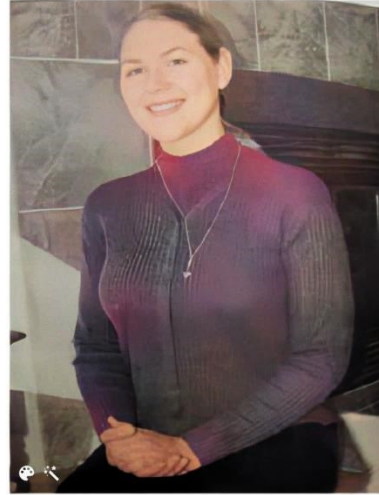
In March 1999, **Steven Champ** was a member of the two-man Royal Military College of Canada team that won the University Space Network Spacecraft Systems Design competition at Ryerson University, Toronto. They were awarded first prize for their thesis project: "Asteroid Defence Vehicle System."

From August 2003 to February 2004 Captain Champ was Second-in-Command of Charles Company, 3rd Royal Canadian Regiment Infantry Battle Group on Rotation Zero of Operation ATHENA, Afghanistan. This was part of the first Canadian contingent to serve on this mission.

QUEEN'S U. ATHLETE OF YEAR

In June 1999 **Wendy Moon**, formerly of Deep River, was the Female Athlete of the Year at Queen's University, for her contributions to the university's basketball program. She was on the Ontario All-Star team for three years, led the university team to a bronze medal at the Ontario University Championships, and was nominated to the All-Canadian Team.

In January 2001 **Sarah Roiha** was crowned Miss Eastern Ontario in the Miss Millennium Pageant.



Sarah Roiha was crowned Miss Eastern Ontario in 2001



Ken Serdula was named Officer of the Professional Engineers of Ontario Order of Honour in 2002 for 'conspicuous service' to the PEO.

In 2004, former resident **Jessie Kaye** received the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. She had been involved in sponsoring Tibetan refugees and took active roles in other important social justice initiatives such as Amnesty International, Tools for Peace, Doctors Without Borders and Oxfam.

In March 2006, **Matthew Aydemir**, a Grade 9 student and a member of the Deep River Junior Chess Club, was chosen to represent Ottawa and the Ottawa Valley at the provincial chess championships, in Toronto.

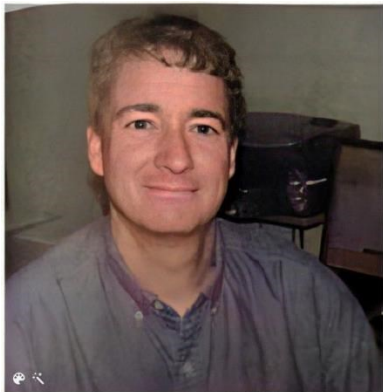
“20 UNDER 20” CANADIAN

In May 2007, **Asha Suppiah** was selected one of the “Top 20 Under 20” Canadians by the national youth program presented by Youth in Motion.

She had invented a solar desalinator fashioned with cotton and had created numerous other science projects about fuel-cell electrodes. She won three gold medals in four national science contests.

ONTARIO PHARMACISTS AWARD

In September 2007 **Kevin McDonald** received the 2007 Mortar and Pestle Award of Merit from the Ontario Pharmaceutical Association for developing a computerized program that allows pharmacists to access hospital computer terminals to view and enter physicians’ medication orders.



Kevin McDonald won the 2007 Award of Merit from the Ontario Pharmacists Association.

In April 2008 **John Lipsett** was named an ‘Officer of the Order of Honour’ by the Professional Engineers of Ontario at an awards gala in Windsor, Ontario, for “serving the profession for more than 20 years and for sustaining leadership.”

He had received the PEO Engineering Medal for Research and Development in 1984.

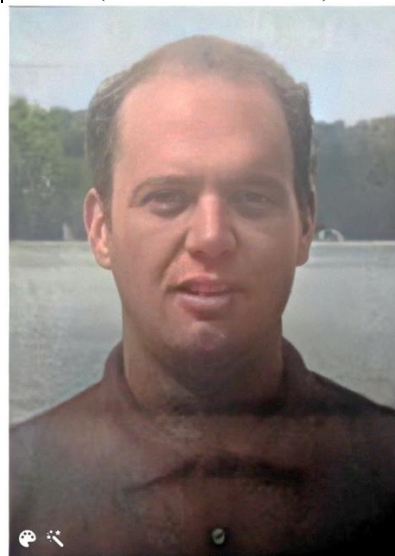


John Lipsett, PEO Order of Honour

LAKE ONTARIO SWIMMER

In August 2008 former resident **Jay Serdula** completed a solo swim across Lake Ontario (from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Toronto) in 41 hours.

His swim was to increase awareness and raise funds for Asperger’s Syndrome. He subsequently wrote a book describing his swim. (See under *Authors*)



Jay Serdula swam Lake Ontario to raise awareness for Asperger’s Syndrome.

In August 2008, Deep River was the location for a zombie film called *Deep River: The Island*, produced by former resident film-maker **Fred Bacheldor**, for Baked Alaska Films. About 50 locals volunteered to be made up as zombies for the filming. The film's premiere was presented later in Deep River.

In May 2009 Deep River Mayor **Anne Aitkens** was honoured for her efforts in launching the county's first Aging at Home programs, under the auspices of the North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre in Deep River.

According to the NRT, Renfrew County was a leader in the program across the province.

“THE FUTURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP”

In April 2009 **Roopa Suppiah** was one of four Ontario recipients of a \$5,000 Toyota Earth Day Scholarship for her proposal for a photo-electric mechanical reactor to convert CO₂ into useful materials, like ethanol.

The Toyota Earth Day Scholarship coordinator, Jennifer Mark, said: “She exemplifies the future of environmental leadership.”

She also has a black-belt in karate, played violin with the Deep River Symphony Orchestra, was president of the Mackenzie Interact Club, a leader of Mackenzie's recycling program and, with her sister Asha, founded the Indo-Can Water Well-ness Project.



Roopa Suppiah, called a “future environmental leader” by the Toyota Earth Day Scholarship program, 2009.

MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIPS

In May 2009 **Roopa Suppiah** and **Martin Magill** received scholarships from the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation for “achievements in leadership, social innovation, academic performance and community service,” at a ceremony at the National Arts Centre, Ottawa. As a national laureate, Roopa received \$25,000 while Martin, as a provincial laureate, received \$4,500.

In May 2010 **Roopa** (18) represented the Ottawa Valley at the National Youth Ambassadorial Caucus in advance of the G8 and G20 Summits being hosted by Canada. The youth caucus addressed Maternal Health, Food Security, and Nuclear Proliferation.

MINERAL NAMED AFTER RESIDENT

In February 2010 a local scientist, **Lachlan Cranswick**, perished when he fell through thin ice in the Ottawa River at Deep River.

In his honour, a newly discovered mineral species was named *Cranswickite* by the International Mineralogical Association in July of that year.

In 2011 former resident **Rod Frketch** was elected national president of the News Photographers Association of Canada (NPAC).

In June 2010 former Chalk River resident **George Burton Jr** was named President of Canadore College, North Bay.



George
Burton Jr,
President of
Canadore
College, 2010.

In August 2011 **Richard V. Osborne** was named the recipient of the 2012 Sievert Award by the International Radiation Protection Association for his “outstanding contributions to the field of radiation protection.” The award is presented once every four years and is accompanied by the Sievert Lecture, which Osborne delivered at the International Congress in Glasgow in May 2012.

In July 2012, **Larrie Thomson** published the *Deep River Brag Book*, the only brag book written about a town or city except for *The Texas Brag Book*, according to an online Google search.

The 200-page fundraising book celebrated the achievements of probably the smallest town in Canada about which such a book could be written.

The book was updated in 2020 as this book.

TORONTO VIDEO AWARD WINNER

In March 2011 former resident **Ben Fleming** won the Audience Choice Award at the One Minute Film and Video Festival in Toronto for his film “Oil and Water.”

The film was subsequently screened at the Toronto Youth Shorts Film Festival in June, where it won the Achievement in Directing - Non-Fiction Award as well as being runner-up in the Audience Choice Award.



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Youth Shorts
Film Festival.

In December 2012, General **Walter Natynczyk** presented a *Mentioned in Dispatches* award to **Danny Albrecht** of Deep River at a ceremony in Val Cartier, Quebec. The certificate accompanying the award states, in part: “While deployed to Afghanistan, Corporal Albrecht performed exceptionally well under fire during multiple enemy engagements.

Providing outstanding medical treatment amidst chaotic and demanding circumstances, he calmly and expertly applied professional care... His exceptional courage and soldiering ability saved lives on the battlefield.”

Albrecht graduated from Mackenzie High School in 2009 and went on to study Computer Engineering at the Royal Military College in Kingston.

In 2011 **David A. Wilson**, son of Eileen and Alex Wilson, won the 2010 Raymond Klibansky Award for History for his book *Thomas D’Arcy McGee*. David is professor of History and Celtic Studies at the University of Toronto.



In September 2013, Deep River Police Constable **Marek Brela** received the *Commander in Chief Commendation* for his role with the 1st Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment in Afghanistan in 2006.

The presentation was made in Ottawa by Brigadier General Karl McQuillan, Chief of Staff for land operations in the Canadian Forces.



Mark Brela received the Commander in Chief Commendation in 2013

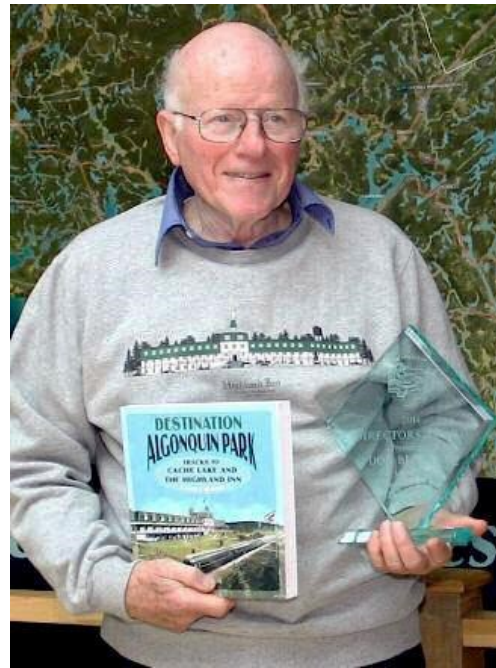
In January 2014 Constable **Rob Medeiros** of the Deep River Police Service was awarded the 2014 *Traffic Safety Award of Excellence*, presented once each year to a single officer by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police. It is given to the officer who has exhibited “great devotion in the sphere of traffic safety and all initiatives surrounding traffic management.” Ontario had 26,000 police officers at the time.

In July 2014, Mackenzie secondary physical education teacher **Debbie Walden** was awarded the “Pete” Beach Award by the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA). The award is presented each year to one representative of each of Ontario’s school athletic associations. Walden received the award for the Eastern Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association (EOSSAA). She was the first winner of the award from Mackenzie.

In July 2014, Dr. **Donald J. Beuprie**, a retired dentist in Deep River, was named recipient of the 2014 *Directors Award* of the Friends of Algonquin Park. The award recognizes persons who have made significant contributions to the appreciation of Algonquin Provincial Park.

In 2011 he wrote *Destination Algonquin Park: Tracks to Cache Lake and the Highland Inn*.

The book was short-listed for the Ontario Speaker’s Book Award in 2012.



In January 2015, **Amanda d’Ornellas** topped the polls amongst 10 finalists to be named Avon Canada’s official “NHL Hockey Mom.”

Three winners each won a trip for two to the 2015 NHL Awards in Las Vegas, including airfare, one night’s accommodation, tickets to the awards ceremony, and \$500 spending money.



Amanda d'Ornellas was Avon Canada's official 'NHL Hockey Mom' in 2015

In September 2015 it was announced that **Steve Morrier**, from Deep River, struck a deal on the CBC business reality show “Dragon’s Den” for his line of cocktail syrups. Morrier walked away from the program having secured an investment deal with Minhas Micro Brewery that will enable Morrier to expand production of his company, which up until then was basically a one-man show.



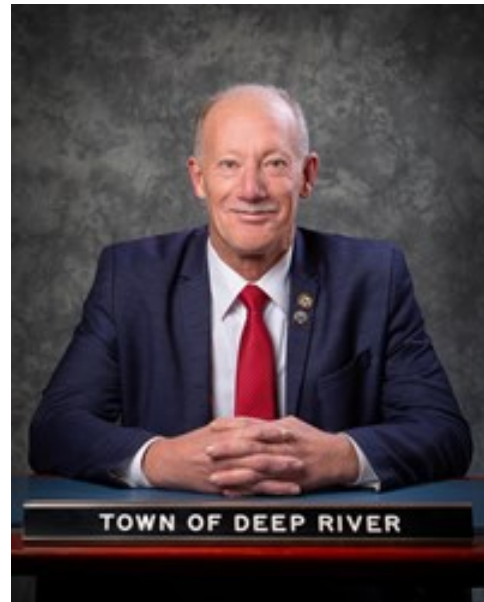
Steve Morrier

In February 1997 Deep River native **Amy Elder** was one of 30 students from across Canada honoured at Rideau Hall in Ottawa with a Governor General’s Scholarship in Environmental Studies. She was in her final year of the Environmental Biology program at

Queen’s and is the daughter of Charles and Linda Kittmer of Deep River.

In June 2018 Deep River Reeve **Glenn Doncaster** was elected to the 2018-19 board of directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities at its annual general meeting in Halifax. The Federation is the national voice of local government with 2,000 members representing 91% of the Canadian population and communities.

In 2018, 2019 and 2020 Doncaster was appointed to various FCM Standing Committees: Finance & Intergovernmental Affairs; International Relations; Environmental & Sustainable Communities, and the Rural Forum.



Reeve Glenn Doncaster, board director of FCM.

In September 2014, Constable **Rob Medeiros** was awarded with a Chief of Police Commendation for having been chosen as this year's recipient of the Traffic Safety Award of Excellence, which is given out only once a year to a single officer by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.



Rob Medeiros, right, with Deep River Police Chief Ron Gignac)

In April 2020, Deep River newcomer, **Akosua Asare**, was announced as a finalist in the “Young Professional of the Year” category for the Small & Mighty Summit Business Excellence Awards.

The award celebrates young professionals who are making an impact on their respective industry, and who have “distinguished themselves as a future leader, exemplifying innovating thinking, teamwork and engagement.”

Akosua’s experience dealing with hair loss spurred her interest in the hair integrations industry and to found her company Essence Luxe Couture.

She was offered a \$100,000 deal on an episode of Dragon’s Den, shown on CBC and CBC Gem in September 2020.



Akosua Asare, award-winning entrepreneur

In November 2020, **Erin Thomson**, owner of Bug & Bean Decor, based in Deep River, learned that her business had been nominated for a Canada Prestige Award in the category of “Children’s Goods Retailer of the Year.”

Her company specializes in blankets, swaddles, footies, wall decor and more, with its products designed in-house and shipped worldwide.



Erin Thomson, Canada Prestige Award nominee

Volunteers and Long Service



Living in a semi-isolated town in the early formative years of the town meant that residents needed to create their own entertainment, clubs, and sports facilities, not only for themselves but for their children.

Volunteers proposed, designed, and built such facilities as the curling club and its ice surfaces, squash courts, yacht and tennis clubhouse, golf clubhouse, bowling lanes, ski chalets, pathways, nature trails, ski trails, boat slips, and playgrounds.

In addition, the many individual clubs needed volunteers to run them, and most sports groups needed instructors and coaches as well as executives.

A few examples of the power of this volunteering spirit include:

- The Deep River Public Library has over 100 hundred volunteers, reputedly the highest number of any library in Ontario (See *Local Libraries*)
- The hugely successful bi-annual Summerfest celebrations are organized by a volunteer organizing committee of about a dozen with the assistance of about 200 other local volunteers. (See under *Summerfest*)
- Numerous local blood donors have given over 100 donations in the frequent clinics that visit the area.
- The Hospital Auxiliary runs the second-hand “Whistle Stop” and hospital gift shop with over 200 volunteers and has raised over \$1M for hospital equipment since it started in 1974.

Apart from the rampant volunteerism that created the high quality of town life and continues to sustain it, other examples of the long-term loyalty of locals include:

- **Don Charlesworth** worked continuously at AECL’s Chalk River Laboratories for 58 years until he died in May 2012.
- **Vern McCall** was a member of the Deep River Golf Club for over 51 years and was still playing golf at age 91.
- **Arden Okazaki** started playing violin then viola with the DRSO in 1955 and, except for a brief absence of three years, is still playing in 2020 after 65 years.

Just a few of the volunteers and their activities reported in the North Renfrew Times over the years are listed below. Quite a few volunteers have been active for 30-50 years. A surprising number were chosen to lead or add their talents to provincial or national organizations.

FIRST CUSO FAMILY UNIT

In October 1971 **Harold and Dianne Nieman** and family were the first Canadians to be assigned by CUSO (Canadian University Students Overseas) as a family unit, in Columbia, South America.

Harold taught electronics there and Dianne taught obstetrics. In 1972 they were featured in a film “CUSO in Columbia” that they showed in Deep River for Oxfam when they returned.

In September 1971 **Moira Burn** was elected to the Board of Directors of Oxfam Canada at the University of Toronto.

In April 1973 **Gertie Atkins**, former president of the Deep River Horticultural Society, became a director of the Ontario Horticultural Association.

In July 1976 Deep River youths **Jo-Ann Vantoff, Nick Cox, Ian LeSurf, Ean Robertson, Carl duManoir**, and Chalk River youths **Garnet Stewart** and **Don Smith** received the Duke of Edinburgh’s Gold Medal from Prince Phillip, at Royal Military College, Kingston.

The four award categories are community service, 4-day expedition into wild or unfamiliar country, pursuit of special interest or hobby, or achievement in physical fitness.

In July 1974 **Viola McCarthy** was presented with an Ontario Good Citizenship Award by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. She had delivered rural mail from Chalk River to Rolphton for 35 years, many of the deliveries using a horse and cart.

In April 1977 **Norman Mink** and **Stanley Packham** were presented with the Royal Canadian Legion's highest award, the Meritorious Service Medal. In the 50 years of the Legion's existence, fewer than 500 people had received this award.

In January 1979 **Lil Greenway** was awarded the Royal Canadian Legion's Meritorious Service Medal, the Legion's highest honour.

In October 1979 two Deep River church congregations sponsored 15 members of two Cambodian refugee families to live in Deep River. Some of the refugees had spent up to four years in refugee camps in Thailand before coming to Canada.

Such community sponsorship of refugees still continues, with a Syrian family being sponsored as recently as 2016.

In May 1980, Deep River Chief of Police, **Neil Raven**, was elected to the position of chairman for the Eastern Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, which works to study ways in which police can "help to make Ontario a better place to live," explained Chief Raven. Raven had been in police work for 30 years, the last 12 as Chief of Police in Deep River.

In October 1981 **Eric Perryman** was honoured by the Canadian Youth Hostel Association by being presented with an "Official Warden's Key" for his 10 years as Chair of the Deep River Youth Hostel association.

COMMONWEALTH BADGE

In November 1981 **Robert Paul**, manager of the Deep River swimming pool, received a Commonwealth Recognition Badge from the Royal Life Saving Society for his outstanding services to the society over many years of volunteer service, including organizing the 1980 Ontario Lifeguard Waterfront Championships in Deep River. The award was presented by John Baird, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

G-G CARING AWARD

In 1983 **Bill Rounding** was awarded an Associate Membership in CESO (Canadian Executive Service Organization) for his involvement in the organization. In 1985 he was on the National Board of Directors of CESO.

In 1996 he was one of 20 recipients of an Ontario Senior Achievement Award for displaying exceptional acts of selflessness, generosity, kindness, and who make outstanding contributions to community life.

In 2001, at age 92, he received the Governor-General's Caring Award from Adrienne Clarkson for "extraordinary help or care to people in their communities" for his work with CESO (Canadian Executive Services Overseas), for which he worked on 120 assignments.

Bill Rounding Park in Deep River (formerly Cedar Park) was named for him.



Bill Rounding was awarded the 2001 Governor-General's Caring Award.

In September 1984 **Lee Fraser** of Chalk River received a prestigious 1984 Bicentennial Medal presented to selected individuals throughout the province. Lee's medal was for her outstanding contribution in starting the first Chalk River library, in 1971.

In October 1984 three Deep River residents were awarded Bicentennial Medals. **Marnie Bober** was nominated for her work as founder and organizer of the bi-annual Deep River craft fairs. **Ron Chafe** was nominated for his volunteer work as treasurer for many organisations.

Mike Watson was nominated for his contribution to many sports in Deep River, including the formation of the Silver Spoon ski trails and the successful Silver Spoon ski events.

In December 1984 **Mike Watson** and **Ron Chafe** of Deep River, **Lee Fraser** of Chalk River, and **Robert Stewart** of Point Alexander (accepting on behalf of his late aunt **Clara Allan**) were among 41 Ontarians who received Ontario Bicentennial medals.

In January 1986 **Diane MacCready** and **Betty O'Shaughnessy** were among 34 Ontario volunteers awarded Certificates of Thanks by the Royal Life Saving Society for their efforts in bringing the knowledge of life-saving techniques to hundreds of people in the province.

The awards were presented by the Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander at a ceremony at Queen's Park, Toronto.

In October 1987 **Michael Ward** was one of only six recipients of the Provincial Corps d'Elite Award for his volunteer service in the field of recreation. The award was presented by the Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander at Queen's Park, Toronto

HEART OF GOLD AWARD

In 1980 **Freda Boulton** received the Air Canada Heart of Gold Award for Community Service. In 1991 she was awarded the Citizen's Award by the Government of Canada for her voluntary work.

In June 1988 **Sally Winterbon** received the Distinguished Service Award of the Canadian Red Cross Society. The award was given in recognition of long-time dedicated service and was presented by Lt. Governor Lincoln Alexander in Hamilton.

She had previously received the Red Cross Service Award and a Red Cross Citation.

G-G COMMUNITY MEDAL

In June 1998 **Ron Chafe** received an Ontario Bicentennial Medal for community volunteerism.

In 1999 he was awarded a Governor-General Community Medal.

In September 1988 ten local citizens were honoured with Air Canada Heart of Gold Awards for the time and energy they dedicated to the community. They were: **Judy Leeson, Ron Chafe, Freda Boulton, Paul Leeson, Helen Keech, Charmian Ploc, Prime Gauvin, Marg Mitchell** and **Vanessa Ploc**.

In June 1989 **Diane Tozer** received the Canadian Red Cross Society Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her outstanding and dedicated service to the Society.

In December 1999 she received a bar to her award.

In addition to her local service, she served on the Society's Board of Management from 1983-85 and was a member of the Implementation Planning Group Committee and the Small Craft Safety Committee from 1983-84.

In November 1995 Diane received the Royal Life Saving Society's *Commonwealth Honour Award* for her efforts in community drown-prevention and life-saving education. Her award was presented by Ontario's Lt.-Governor Henry Jackman.

In May 1991 local writer and community volunteer **Joan Melvin** was presented with an Accessibility Award by the Canadian Hearing Society in recognition of her many years of community work for the hearing-impaired.

In February 1993 four local residents were awarded Governor-General Medals for their contribution to fellow citizens and their community, to celebrate the 125th anniversary of confederation. The recipients were **Ron Chafe, Rusty Dillabough, George Hyde** and **Nancy Dunham**.

In June 1993 **Elizabeth Sharp** of Chalk River was awarded a *Canada 125* medal in recognition of her work as a volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society, one of only 28 CCS volunteers selected in Ontario.

In June 1993 **Rico Giardini** and **Bert Watt** were honoured with the Ontario Municipal Recreation Volunteer Service Awards for their contribution to community recreation.

In June 1996 **Mary Ellen Boudreau** received a “Senior of the Year” award from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation for her outstanding contributions to the community.

In December 1966 **Bill Greenway** of the Deep River Legion was awarded the Royal Canadian Legion’s Meritorious Service Medal.

In September 1997 **Floyd McQuestion** received a special pin and certificate from the Ontario Heritage Foundation for his volunteer work with the local historical society and the Schoolhouse Museum.

In June 2001 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards were presented by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship to 14 local residents: **Don Beauprie, Robert Brown, David Caswell, Irene Cox, Rusty Dillabough, Eva Gallagher, Anne Garrett, Carl Hoelke, Helen McCarthy, Margaret Miller, Larry Mooder, Byron Ostrom, Pierrette Ouelette, and Jerry Spidle.**

In June 2001 **Helen Keech** was awarded a life membership to Girl Guides Canada for her long-time contributions to Guiding.

ONTARIO COMMUNITY COACH OF THE YEAR

In 2002 **David Lee** was named Community Coach of the Year for his work in forming and running a recreational basketball program for youths called Valley Hoopstars. His award was presented at the Skydome, in Toronto.



David Lee,
Ontario
Community
Coach of the
Year in 2002.

An article written by Peggy Ormrod on the value of Volunteering in the North Renfrew Times of Wednesday 25 April, 1990 said:

“Think about it.

There wouldn’t be a single club, sports team or recreational facility in Deep River, Chalk River or the Townships.

There would be no craft fairs, bake sales, winter festivals, parades, Silver Spoon races or triathlons.

We would never have founded three libraries, a local newspaper, symphony orchestra, historical society or United Way.

Imagine no Community Care, Hospital Auxiliary, Family Service Bureau, Blood Donor clinics or the whole network of health support organizations.

The summer river would have no serviced picnic sites; the winter woods no snowmobile or cross-country ski trails.

No flower shows. No local political parties.

No Bingo games. And the kids would have no coaches.

There would be mighty little reason to want to live here at all if it weren’t for volunteers.”

In March 2003 **Ellen McQuestion** was awarded a certificate of Achievement by the Ontario Heritage Foundation for her work in establishing the nearby Rolph, Wylie and McKay Historical Society.



Ellen McQuestion, here with Laurentian Hills Mayor Paul Curtis in March 2003

In 2003 **Gwen Milton** was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for her continued work with the Deep River Science Academy. (See under *Clubs*)

In May 2004 **Maurice Blimkie** of Chalk River was awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the Ontario Heritage Foundation for his work in preserving the heritage of Chalk River.



Maurice Blimkie (l) was presented with his Certificate of Achievement by local Mayor Vance Gutzman in 2004

In November 2004, **Bob Semple** of Chalk River was presented with a Lifetime Membership in the Royal Canadian Legion for his work with veterans belonging to the Chalk River Branch.



Bob Semple received a Life Membership in the Royal Canadian Legion in 2004.

In January 2005, **Rusty Dillabough** was chosen to receive one of 55 prestigious Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendations for his contributions to the “care and well-being of veterans and to the remembrance of their contributions, sacrifices and achievements.” He was also made a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

In October 2005, nineteen local residents were recognized for their good deeds in the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. They were: **Marjorie Alburger, Betty Andrecheck, Colleen Archer, Sheila Blore, Don Fulford, Mary Alice Galligan, Pat Harvey, Pat Inglis, Marcella LaSalle, Jacques Lortie, Frank MacDonald, John McKay, Richard Nishimura, Rebecca Paquette, Irene Rainville, Jack Robertson, Ken Serdula, Judith Slater, and Wendy Spencer.**

In May 2006, twenty-one local residents were recognized for their good deeds in the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. They were: **Bruce Bigham, Morgan Brown, Ed Carlick, Carol Carr, Joe Carr, Joyce Courneya, Orval Courneya, Laurie Davey, Harriette Davies, Eva Gallagher, Carol Labrie, Richard Leray, Alistair Miller, Jan Moore, Danny Nishimura, T. “Nithy” Nitheanandan, Vicky Pinet, Earl Ruhnke, Sam Suppiah, Marion Thompson, and Chris (Kit) Yeatman.**

In May 2007 twelve local residents were recognized for their good deeds in the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. They were: **Gail Bolton, Elda Cook, Al Herriot, Hazel Herriot, Carol Graham, Don Graham, Helen Keech, Susan Keech, William McKay, Laura Murray, Carol Thompson,** and **Rose Trotter**.

In October 2007 **George Leakey**, a long-time snowmobiler and volunteer, won the Norm Heins Award for the Outstanding STOP Officer of the year by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs.

The program consists of volunteer snowmobilers who have been trained as special constables to enforce the Motorized Snowmobile Vehicle Act. George was the key person in forming the STOP program in the county.

In June 2008 twelve local residents were recognized for their good deeds in the 2007 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. They were: **Carol Lozon, Suzanne Dunford, Janna Keeling, Bill Bishop, Gordon Burton, Bob Christie, Don Clements, Doreen Clements, Roland Kelly, Audrey Santon, Gerald Talon,** and **Ken Walters**.

In 2009 sixteen local residents were recognized for their good deeds in the 2009 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. They included: **Mike Blore, Jean Cameron, Marg Crocker, Clair Curley, Dianne Davis, Gerald Dolling, John Lipsett, Bill Levasseur, Andy McKee, Laurene McKee, Carol-Ann O'Brien, Earl Ruhnke, Allan Symons, Jean van Wagner, Anne Wills,** and **Heather Wright**.

In 2010 twenty-one local residents were recognized for their good deeds in the 2009 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

They were: **Iris Halpenny, Brenda Lachance, Betty Andrecheck, Mary Blimkie, Dora Cecil, Martin Chisholm, Greg Csullog, Claire Emmerton, Chi Hui Seo, Dorothy Hunt, Lynne Kelly, Lee-Ann McCarthy, Charlotte McWilliam, Ivan McWilliam, Bev Morrier, Keith Morrier, Bruce Munro, Sharon Munro, Doreen Roblin, David Wilder,** and **Michael duManoir**.

“ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS”

In October 2010, the local Rotary club organized an International Showcase for the “army” of local volunteers who assist needy people in third-world and developing countries.

Participants described such humanitarian activities as: building houses, clinics and schools, laying floors in homes, providing medical assistance, supplies and pharmaceuticals, teaching, providing business start-up loans, drilling water wells, buying equipment for trades training, and providing and distributing food and clothing.

Countries in which the volunteers have worked include: Mexico, Dominican Republic, India, Tanzania, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, and Mozambique.

In June 2012, 15 local residents were recognized for their long service deeds in 2011. They were: **Candy Bishop, Gail Bolton, Darlene Cotnam, Aimee Godreau, Anne Godreau, Shirley Heeds, Bill Holtslander, Helen Holtslander, Doreen Joyce, Susan Keech, Shirley Leakey, Ethel Lee, Elaine Maves, Elzbieta McDonald,** and **Shirley Miller**.

In June 2013, Ontario Volunteer Service Awards were presented at the Petawawa Civic Centre to: **Brenda Lachance, Agnes Pichette, Anne Shield, Ken Walters, Connie Elaine Childs, Michelle Echlin, Mary Alice Galligan, Marg Gilbert, Gordon Howie, Janna Keeling, Nancy Lounsbury, Carol Lozon, Jean McGilvray, Lorne Milani, Bev Morrier, Sue Sage, Pravin Shah, Sheila Smith, Andy Usackis,** and **Marlene Gibson**.

In June 2015 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards were presented: **Don Barrington, Mike Blore, Sheila Blore, Bob Christie, Mark Floyd, Dianna Hickey, Stephanie Jeffrey, Jill Kolar, Carol Lozon, Ian McIntyre, Margaret Miller, Jan Moore, Laura Murray, Anne Seck** and **Beverly Yourth**.

In June 2016 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards were presented to: **Melanie Theil, Rona Cleland, Charles Packer, Bill Bishop, Marilyn Charbonneau, Frances Dugle, Paul Ferrigan, Lynne Kelly, Rolland Kelly, Thomas Alburger, Diane Davis, Debra Howe, Helen Keech, Anne Wills, Jan Mancey and Paul Reynolds.**

In June 2017 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards were presented to: **Anne Seck, Larrie Thomson, Susan Keech, Maureen Bakewell, Dora Cecil, Candy Bishop, Lucille Christie, Anne Godreau, Bruce Munro, Sharon Munro, Marley McLure and Ian Wilkie.**

In September 2019, Ontario's Volunteer Service Awards were given to: **Don Wright, Lorna Blimkie, Lee Elliott, Winston Stewart, Cecile Brazeau and Rodney Stewart.**

Names for missing years and years since 2019 are no longer available from the Government of Ontario, who cite "confidentiality concerns."

Scientific Firsts



After the construction of the Chalk River Laboratories in nearby Chalk River in the late 1940s, among the first new employees (and residents of the new town of Deep River) were the scientists and engineers hired to develop nuclear power in Canada.

The USA had already hired most of the world’s scientists capable of this feat. As a result, Canada needed to recruit new young scientists, engineers and technicians from all around the world.

This led to a very diverse workforce from many different backgrounds.

It is no surprise that many brilliant careers and scientific collaborations at AECL were developed along the way. Professionals from the nearby Petawawa military base and the Petawawa Forestry Station were also young and eager to excel in their fields. Here are a few examples.

In 1909, the first military demonstration of an aircraft flight in Canada was conducted at Camp Petawawa, just south of Deep River. The aircraft was the famous *Silver Dart* and was made of bamboo, wire and fabric.

In 1918 the first sample plots were planted at the Dominion Forestry (later renamed the Petawawa National Forestry Institute) near Chalk River. When it closed in 1996 it was the oldest forestry research station in Canada.

FIRST REACTOR OUTSIDE U.S.

The ZEEP reactor (Zero Energy Experimental Pile), built by local scientists and engineers at AECL in Chalk River, was the first reactor outside USA to achieve criticality, in September 1945.

WORLD’S MOST POWERFUL REACTOR

In July 1947 the NRX reactor (National Research Experimental) went critical at AECL in Chalk River. It was the world’s most powerful reactor, with a thermal-neutron flux of 6×10^{13} until it was overtaken in 1952 by the Materials Test Reactor (MTR) in the USA.

In November, 1987, NRX was designated a Nuclear Historic Landmark by the American Nuclear Society. NRX operated until 1994.

In 1958 the world’s first EN Tandem Accelerator was installed at AECL in Chalk River. The 5 MeV (million electron volt) machine was upgraded to 7 MeV to conduct nuclear physics experiments until 1967 when it was replaced by a 10 MeV MP Tandem Accelerator.

A tandem accelerator is a combination of an attracting accelerator and a repelling accelerator to form a tandem or double accelerator with twice the accelerating energy of a single machine.

In September 1961, the first “anti-forest fire bomb” was detonated at the Petawawa Forestry Research Station. The bomb was contained in a 40-gallon oil drum containing 10 lbs of explosives and 263 lbs of dry chemical fire-suppressant powder.

However, instead of just the base of the drum being blown out to spread the powder, the entire drum exploded because “the drum casing was too strong.”

MAJORITY OF WORLD’S ISOTOPES

NRU reactor (National Research Universal) was built at AECL in Chalk River in 1957 and was for many years the world’s and most powerful research and engineering test reactor. It produced up to 2/3rds of the world’s radioisotopes but shut down in 2018.

CANADA'S FIRST POWER REACTOR

In 1962 NPD reactor (Nuclear Power Demonstration) built at Rolphton, just north of Deep River, started operating. It was Canada's first power reactor, built to demonstrate the feasibility of producing electrical power from a nuclear reactor.

Many innovations in reactor design and operation were demonstrated using the NPD reactor and then introduced into CANDU power reactors.

NPD was also used to train reactor operators from Ontario Hydro (later Ontario Power Generation) until its closure in 1987 after exceeding its operational goals.

In June 2002 the Ontario Heritage Foundation unveiled a plaque nearby commemorating NPD's production of Canada's first nuclear-generated electricity.

Many employees had lived in Deep River.

FIRST SUPERCONDUCTING CYCLOTRON

The world's first super-conducting cyclotron was designed by members of AECL's Accelerator Physics branch in Chalk River and was built by local scientists and engineers.

The proof of principle was performed in 1987 and a full facility to inject ion beams from the existing MP Tandem Accelerator into the superconducting cyclotron was commissioned in 1991.

The facility was called TASCC, Tandem Accelerator Super Conducting Cyclotron. It set numerous records for the highest energy of various particle beams generated in Canada.

First operation of a super-conducting cyclotron was actually claimed by a similar machine built at Fermilab, Illinois.

It operated under licence from AECL because it was based on the same idea and principles as the Chalk River machine.

Superconducting cyclotrons are now in use for radiation therapy treatments in hospitals throughout USA.

Both the Canadian and USA patents for the Super Conducting Cyclotron are owned by Deep River resident **Bruce Bigham** and former resident **Harvey Schneider**.

TASCC was shut down and dismantled in 1997.

MOST POWERFUL ACCELERATOR

IMPELA, (Industrial Materials Processing Electron Linear Accelerator) was a high-energy linear accelerator, designed and built by members of AECL's Accelerator Physics Branch. It was designed to be fully automated, highly reliable, have high-power, and have a high duty factor.

It produced its first beam in April 1989 and in 1990 was chosen by the American journal *R&D Magazine* as one the 100 "most significant technical innovations" in the world.

An American company, Iotron, now owns the technology for the IMPELA® Electron Beam Accelerator, which has high-energy capabilities over a wide range of power options from 20 to 100 kW.

The co-inventors were Deep River scientists **Joe McKeown** and **Jim Ungrin**.

WORLD'S FIRST ON-LINE FUELING

The concept for the world's first on-line fuelling system for power reactors was created at the Chalk River Laboratories.

In 1987 the CANDU reactor power system was named by the Engineering Centennial Board as among the 10 most exceptional Canadian engineering achievements in the last 100 years.

Many unique particle and radiation detectors and large spectrometers were designed at AECL in Chalk River. The first two experiments to show that positron-annihilation could be a useful tool in solid-state research were conducted by scientists at Chalk River Laboratories.

LARGEST NEUTRON MONITOR

In October 1969 the world's largest neutron monitor, located in the Cosray Centre in downtown Deep River for monitoring high energy solar radiation, was connected to a teletype circuit for immediate forecasting of solar flares.

This was of importance during the manned lunar missions because of the danger of solar flares to the lives of astronauts.

The device weighed 100 tons.

During the 1960s, scientists at CRL invented the germanium-lithium gamma detector which, according to the ‘father of heavy-ion physics,’ Allan. D. Bromley, Sterling Professor at Yale University, “revolutionized nuclear physics.”

LOCAL INVENTION IN SPACE

In January 1989 it was announced that neutron spectrometers devised by AECL-spinoff company Bubble Technology Industries in Chalk River would be launched in the Soviet satellite BIO-COSMOS in June.

In 1998 bubble detectors were sent to the MIR space station.

In May 2000 the company was co-recipient of the John Hewitt Team Achievement Award of the Canadian Nuclear Society for producing a unique land-mine detector for use on military vehicles.

BTI has continued to develop unique instruments for a wide range of uses. See <http://bubbletech.ca> for their website.

In September 1994 a prestigious *R&D 100 Award* was presented to **Ray Metcalfe** and **Ron Wensel** for their development of an Elastomeric O-Ring Tester at Chalk River Laboratories to detect defects and weaknesses in O-rings, following the *Challenger* space shuttle disaster in 1986.

Their branch was contracted to perform development tasks on a redesigned O-ring seal on the solid-rocket booster.

NEUTRON HOLOGRAPHY INVENTED

In November 2001 a new tool for studying the atomic structure of biological samples was described in *Nature* journal. The technique was called neutron holography and was developed by local scientists **Ron Rogge**, **John Katsaris**, **Robert Hammond**, **Bhaskar Sur** and **Vinicius Anghel**.

The Hospital



Hospital entrance, 2021

Photo by Larrie Thomson

As an indication of the importance of the Deep River and District Hospital among the local population, in May 1985 plans were announced for a new extended-care addition to the hospital. No active campaigning was done for funding; only a single announcement appeared in the North Renfrew Times. As a sign of support for the plans, the community collected \$70,000 in pledges within a month and the extension was subsequently built.

In 1955, the (old) Deep River Hospital was the only fully-accredited private hospital in Ontario. At the time it had six doctors and 22 graduate nurses.

PROVINCE'S FIRST MEDI-VAC HELICOPTER TRANSFER

In 1966, the province's first Medi-Vac helicopter transfer of a patient was performed, between the Deep River Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Kids in Toronto.

The transfer was arranged by local physician **Henry Gasmann**, for a sick boy suffering from Meningitis. Unfortunately the boy died soon after arriving in Toronto.

FIRST LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAM

In January 1984, the Deep River Hospital initiated a new concept in continuing-care programs for long-term patients that was the first of its kind in a small acute-care hospital.

The rehabilitation team at the Royal Ottawa Hospital helped develop the program.

HIGH PERFORMER

In September 2005 the Deep River Hospital was declared one of only nine "high-performing" hospitals in Ontario in emergency care in a report produced by the Ontario Ministry of Health.

It was also one of only two hospitals that met high-performance criteria in three of four measurements: patient satisfaction, system integration and change, and financial performance and indication.

SECOND IN ONTARIO

In July 2006 the Hospital placed second in Ontario for "patient satisfaction" from among

95 Ontario hospitals in the government’s report: *The Hospital Report 2006: Acute Care.*

The hospital also placed above-average in communication, consideration, and responsiveness, putting it on the list of high-performing hospitals that included much larger health-care facilities.

In August 2007 the Hospital was named by *Hospital Report* as one of only 10 “high performing” Ontario hospitals for the second year in a row in patient satisfaction. It was also one of 13 high performers in patient satisfaction in emergency department care. *Hospital Report* is acknowledged as the ‘gold standard’ in hospital performance measurement.

In April 2009 the Hospital operated one of only 23 Bone Density Machines in Ontario that received a three-year accreditation from the Canadian Bone Mineral Densitometry Facility Accreditation program.

TOP 5 IN HAND HYGIENE

In April 2009 the hospital was ranked in the top five provincial facilities for ‘hand hygiene,’ a new reporting measure for health centres demanded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The hospital’s 93.2 per cent compliance rate far exceeded the Ontario baseline compliance rate of 60 per cent.

TOP 5 AMONG PATIENTS

In March 2011, the Hospital placed 4th out of 99 provincial hospitals in positive patient ratings, level of emotional support, and level of information and education provided to patients, in that year’s Ontario Hospital Association data.

ONLY HOSPITAL WITH A FOOD BANK

In 2011 it was reported that the Hospital was the only facility in the Champlain LHIN (Local Health Integration Network), encompassing the Eastern Ontario area from Deux Rivières to Cornwall, having a food bank on its premises - the Deep River and Area Food Bank.

FIRST SELF REGISTRATION KIOSK

In April 2012 hospital CEO **Larry Schruder** announced that a self-registration kiosk was being installed in the hospital’s emergency department, the first such self-registration kiosk in an emergency department in Canada, and possibly in North America.

In October 2012, the hospital was named top performer across the province in two major categories in 2010-11 patient satisfaction survey results released by National Research Corporation Picker Canada alongside the Ontario Hospitals Association.

DRDH was named top performer for all emergency departments in Ontario and in the acute care, small hospitals category in Ontario for most overall satisfied patients and for most likely to be recommended to others.

In November 2012, the Ontario Hospital Association and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care awarded the Deep River and District Hospital with a 2012 Quality Healthcare Workplace Award - Silver.

It also received a rating of Accreditation with Commendation from Accreditation Canada, who wrote: “Deep River District Hospital may truly be recognized as a rural health leader in quality and patient safety.”



Staff receive Quality Healthcare award

TOP WORKPLACE

In June 2013 the DRDH was ranked as one of the top 200 workplaces in Canada.

In November 2013 the Ontario Hospital Association and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care awarded the Deep River and District Hospital a 2013 Quality Healthcare Workplace Award - Gold.

“UNPRECEDENTED” TOP PERFORMER

In May 2014, the hospital was named the top performing hospital in Ontario for patient care for the third year in a row by the National Research Corporation Canada (NRCC), based on patients’ response to their overall care and whether they would recommend to their family and friends.

The Hospital was one of two “top performers” for acute inpatient care among all hospitals in Ontario and was also top of the class in patient care among small hospitals in the province.

The hospital was recognized by the NRCC for achieving top results for three consecutive years, an “unprecedented” run, said hospital CEO Gary Sims.

In November 2014, for the second year in a row, the hospital was named a Gold Winner in the annual Quality Healthcare Workplace Awards, sponsored by the Ontario Hospital Association and the Ministry of Health and Longterm Care. It was one of only 13 Ontario hospitals to receive the award.

4TH TIME TOP PERFORMER

In May 2015 the DRDH was named a top performing hospital in Ontario for patient care for the fourth year in a row, as announced by National Research Corporation Canada, based on patients’ response to their overall care, and whether they would recommend the facility to family and friends.

It was also named one of two “top performers” for acute inpatient care among all hospitals in Ontario plus “top of class” in patient care among small hospitals.

The emergency department was named a top performer among all hospitals as a “likely to recommend destination,” receiving an NRCC “special acknowledgement.”

Also in May 2015, the hospital was named a “top performer” in patient care, winning a Quality

Healthcare Workplace Award, and a Small, Rural and Northern Award of Excellence by the Ontario Hospital Association. The awards recognize “innovation, leadership and excellence in the delivery of patient care.”

In May 2017, DRDH was the first of 20 hospitals in the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to reach the “Silver” level in the “Healthy Foods in Champlain Hospitals” program, an initiative of the Champlain Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Network, which is housed at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute.



TOP SCREENING IN PROVINCE

In October 2017 Cancer Care Ontario named the hospital as the top performing facility in the province’s Breast Screening Program based on the time from abnormal screening to diagnosis for cases with tissue biopsy during the 2016-17 fiscal year.

In October 2019 the DRDH scored higher than the provincial and Champlain LHIN (Local Health Integration Network) scores during 2018-19, as reported by National Research Council Health after a random, standardized survey across Ontario to assess emergency and inpatient care units.

Ninety per cent of patients “would recommend” the Deep River Hospital, as compared to the provincial average of 65 per cent.

HIGHEST ACCREDITATION

In December 2019 Accreditation Canada recognized the DRDH with its highest rating, “exemplary standing.”

Two surveyors from Accreditation Canada visited the hospital, Four Seasons Lodge Long-Term Care and the North Renfrew Family Health Team to evaluate 1,800 criteria across all areas of the organization.

A 99.4% compliance rate was recorded.

Nobel Prizes and Orders of Canada

NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS

As of 2020, the town boasted four Nobel Prize winners who had lived and worked here. It is doubtful another small town anywhere could claim so many Nobel laureates.

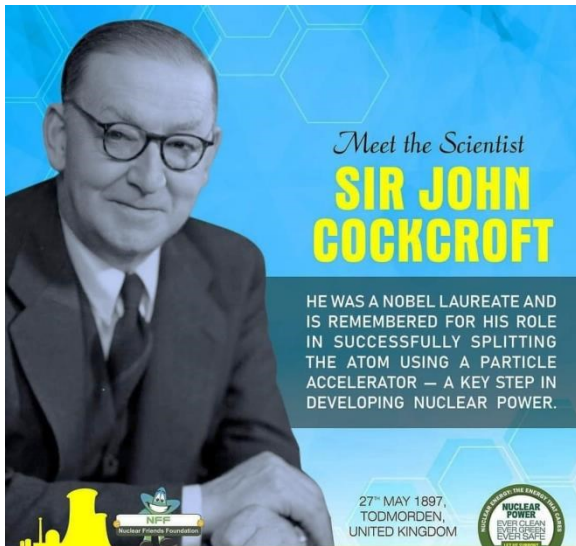
1ST NOBEL LAUREATE COCKCROFT

In 1945 Nobel Prize-winner **Sir John Cockcroft** became director of Chalk River Laboratories and lived in Deep River for two years. He shared the Nobel Prize in Physics with Ernest Walton for splitting the atomic nucleus and was instrumental in the development of nuclear power.

He also received a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1994 and was knighted in 1948.

During his career he was president of the Institute of Physics, president of the Physical Society, and president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

He received the American Atoms for Peace award in 1961 and received 19 honorary doctorates from universities.

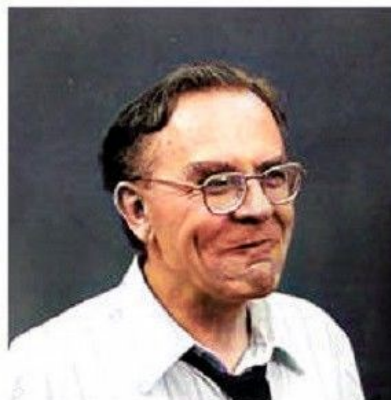


Sir John D. Cockcroft, Nobel Laureate, director of Chalk River Laboratories and a former resident of Deep River

2ND NOBEL LAUREATE WILKINSON

In January 1974 **Geoffrey Wilkinson**, who had worked in Chemistry in the 1940s at AECL's Chalk River Laboratories, was a co-winner with Ernst Otto of that year's Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

They had discovered the structure of ferrocene, a new metallo-organic compound with many potential uses. A catalyst is also named after Wilkinson. He died in 1996.



Geoffrey Wilkinson, Nobel Prize-winner in Chemistry, lived in Deep River until 1946

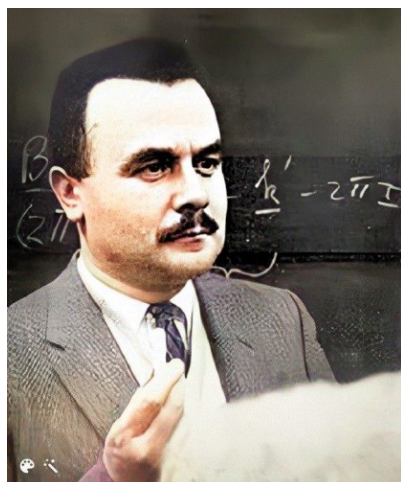
3RD NOBEL LAUREATE BROCKHOUSE

Bertram Brockhouse, who lived in Deep River for 12 years, was co-winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1994 (with American scientist Clifford Shull) for the pioneering work on neutron diffraction he did while working at the NRU reactor at Chalk River Laboratories from 1950 to 1962.

Innovative neutron instruments developed at CRL, including the triple-axis spectrometer invented by Brockhouse, have been replicated in every neutron-beam centre worldwide.

In March 1965 he was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society, London.

Brockhouse was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and was promoted to Companion of the Order of Canada in 1995.



Bertram Brockhouse, co-winner Nobel Prize in Physics, 1994, lived in Deep River for 12 years and acted in productions with the Deep River Players.

4TH NOBEL LAUREATE MCDONALD

In October 2015 **Art McDonald** received a Nobel Prize in Physics from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences with co-winner Takaaki Kajita of the University of Tokyo for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass.

“The discovery rewarded with this year’s Nobel Prize in Physics has yielded crucial insights into the all but hidden world of neutrinos,” the Academy said in its announcement.

Art McDonald began his career at Chalk River Laboratories as a postdoctoral fellow in 1969, leaving as a senior research officer in 1982 to become a professor at Princeton and Queen’s.

He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science from Royal Military College, Kingston in 2001 and has been director of the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory since 1989.

McDonald and his wife lived in Deep River from 1969 to 1981.



McDonald with Victoria, crown princess of Sweden, at the 2015 Nobel Prize Award ceremony.

ORDERS OF CANADA

One of the highest accolades in Canada is the Order of Canada. There are several levels to the Order, including Officer of the Order, Companion of the Order, and Medal of Service.

Deep River can claim 13 of these Order of Canada awards for current or former residents.

C.J. MACKENZIE, O.C.

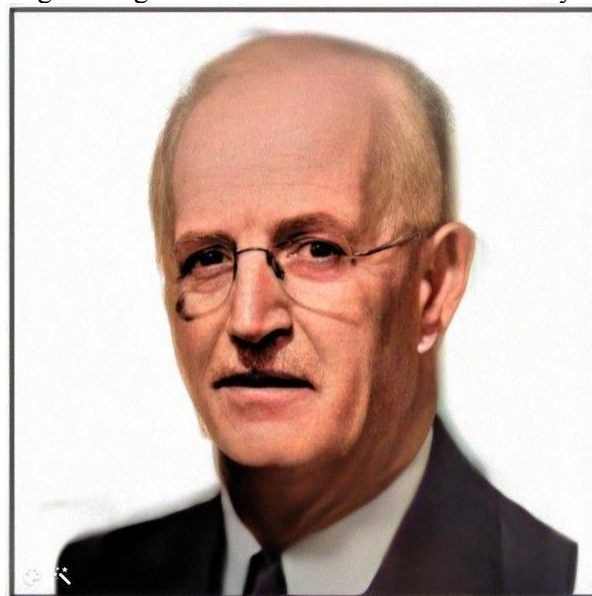
In 1967 **Chalmers ‘Jack’ Mackenzie** was awarded the Companion of the Order of Canada, a new award initiated that year.

He received the Military Cross during WWI, was President of the National Research Council (1944 to 1952), was the first president of AECL (1953 to 1954) and was president of the Atomic Energy Control Board (1948 to 1961).

In 1921 he was first Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan and in 1984 the College adopted the Mackenzie dress tartan tie as their own. The annual “flagship event” of the College of Engineering is known as the C.J. Mackenzie Gala.

He received honorary degrees from 21 different universities, was a college football star, and golfed into his 90s.

Mackenzie High School (to become Mackenzie Community School in 2011) in Deep River was named in his honour, as was the Engineering Hall at Carleton University.



WILFRED BENNET LEWIS, O.C.

In 1968 **Wilfred Bennet Lewis**, Senior Vice-President of AECL, was created a Companion of the Order of Canada for his work in “fathering the concept of the CANDU reactors.”

In 1946 he was created a Companion of the British Empire (CBE) and in 1947 was awarded the American Medal of Freedom with Silver Palms.

In June 1961 he was elected President of the American Nuclear Society, the first person outside the USA to hold this position.

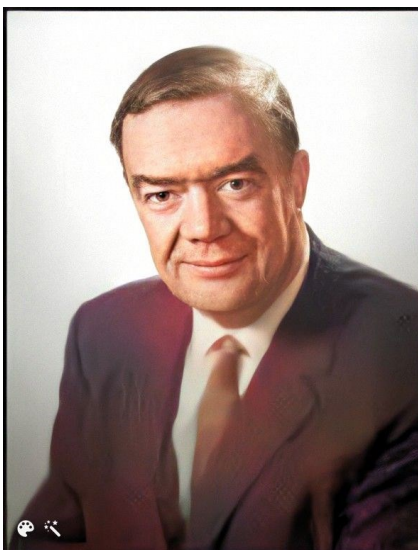
In November 1966 he was awarded the highest honour awarded to a Canadian civil servant, the first Outstanding Achievement Award of the Public Service of Canada.

In 1967 he was co-winner of the Atoms for Peace Award and in 1970 he received the Canadian Association of Physics Special Medal.

In 1972 he received a Royal Medal from the Royal Society.

In February 1981 he was the second Canadian to receive the prestigious Enrico Fermi Award from the United States Department of Energy. The award came with a gold medal and \$25,000.

Over the years he was awarded six honorary doctors of science degrees and four honorary doctor of law degrees from various universities. He was chair of the Deep River library board for 35 years. He died in January 1987.



WB Lewis, CBE, Order of Canada, lived most of his life in Deep River and garnered many awards and honours.

LORNE GRAY, O.C.

In February 1970 **Lorne Gray**, President of AECL and active resident of Deep River for many years, was one of only five prominent Canadians awarded Canada’s highest honour, the Companion of the Order of Canada.

He was president of AECL from 1958-74. He died in Deep River in 1987.



Lorne Gray, Order of Canada, 1970, lived many years in Deep River.

DAVID KEYS, O.C.

David A. Keys was the first person to receive the Canadian Medal of Service of the Order of Canada and also received the Governor General’s Silver Medal in Physics.

He was elected an Honorary Member of the Royal Canadian Chemical Institute, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

In June 1964, as President of AECL, he received the President’s Medal of the Canadian Association of Physicists, at Dalhousie University.

In June 1976 Keys was awarded for 25 years of teaching at McGill University, from 1922-47. The auditorium in the Rutherford Physics Building at McGill is named the David A. Keys Auditorium.

Keys is credited with setting up Deep River in 1944. The former Key's School in Deep River was named after him.



David Keys was the first person to receive the Canadian Medal of Service of the Order of Canada. He is shown with his wife, May.

David Keys had been the private tutor to Timothy Eaton Jr. Key's wife, May, had been the Eaton's family nurse. The Keys were invited to dinner with the Queen in 1959.

ERICH VOGT, O.C.

In 1976 **Erich Vogt**, who worked at Chalk River Labs in the early 1960s, was made an Officer of the Order of Canada for his "role in the creation of the new multi-million dollar cyclotron at the University of British Columbia." Since 1965, he had taught at the University of British Columbia, where he played a key role in developing the Tri-University Meson Facility (TRIUMF), a sub-atomic physics lab on campus.

He was president of the Canadian Association of Physicists and was a 'B.C. Pioneer of Innovation,' Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Officer of the Order of British Columbia, and became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1976. A physics laboratory at Tel Aviv University is named after him.

He has six honorary degrees from Canadian universities and chaired and directed TRIUMF until he retired in 1994.



Erich Vogt worked at AECL in the early 1960s and was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1976.

FAMOUS PUPPETEER, O.C.

Judith Anne Lawrence, born in Victoria, Australia, came to Canada at age 22 and taught kindergarten in Cockcroft Public School, Deep River.

In 1960 she co-founded *Voice of Women*. In 1967 she created puppets Finnegan and Casey for Ernie Coombs and the *Mr. Dressup* TV Show.

In the 1970s she served on the 1st National Action Committee on the Status of Women and in 2001 was inducted into the Order of Canada, honouring both her work for children and as an activist.

In 2001 she was presented with the Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee Medal and in 2012 the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

She died in Auckland in September 2014.



Judith Anne Lawrence

GEN PAUL MANSON, O.C.

In 2002 General **Paul D. Manson** was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada. His award stated: “An exemplary and inspirational military leader, business executive and volunteer, he has served his country with honour and distinction. A former Chief of Defence Staff, he commanded at all levels of the Air Force and was instrumental in the procurement of the CF-18 fighter aircraft.

He was raised in Deep River and was quoted in a magazine interview in 2018: *In 1947 our family of six moved from Montreal to Deep River. It was there that I spent all my high school years, and I still call Deep River my home town.*

Following his 38-year career with the Canadian Forces, he became Chairman of the Board of Lockheed Martin Canada. A dedicated and selfless volunteer, he is Chairman of the Canadian War Museum's *Passing the Torch* fundraising campaign and Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, as well as being a Trustee of the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

Manson was appointed a Commander of the Order of Military Merit in 1980 and was assistant deputy minister in the Department of National Defence in 1985.

The local Legion branch in Deep River is named in his honour.



Gen Paul D Manson

FRED BLACKSTEIN, O.C.

In 2006 former Deep River resident **Fred Blackstein** was invested as a Member of the Order of Canada for his considerable community service in the local area. The award was presented by Governor-General Michaëlle Jean at a ceremony at Rideau Hall, Ottawa.



Fred Blackstein was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada by Governor-General Michaëlle Jean in 2006.

BILL BUYERS, O.C.

In November March 2011 Deep River scientist **Bill Buyers** was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada by Governor-General David Johnston, in recognition of his internationally renowned research into condensed-matter physics, particularly in the field of magnetism, and as a leader in the development of the National Research Council's Canadian Neutron Beam Centre at the Chalk River Labs.

In 2008 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science from Aberdeen University. *(See photo below)* Buyers died in October 2021.



Bill Buyers, left, was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada by Governor-General David Johnston in 2011.



Art McDonald with his wife at the Nobel Prize awards, Stockholm, Sweden.

ART MCDONALD, O.C.

In 2007 **Art McDonald** was awarded an *Order of Canada*, presented by Governor-General Michaëlle Jean. He was director of the SNO Project.

In May 2016 he was invested as a *Companion of the Order of Canada* by Governor-General David Johnson during an investiture ceremony at Rideau Hall. McDonald was awarded for his research on neutrinos.

His citation reads: “Thanks to Arthur McDonald, we have solved one of the mysteries of our solar system. In what is now a Nobel Prize-winning breakthrough accomplished two kilometres underground at the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory, he steered a major experiment that conclusively demonstrated that a class of solar particles undergoes transformation on its way to Earth. This finding has shed light on the very nature of matter in our universe, and spawned a range of new particle physics research.”

Also a professor emeritus at Queen’s University, he has been a prominent ambassador of Canadian science through his service on advisory committees and as a keynote speaker at conferences the world over.”

JOHN HILBORN, O.C.

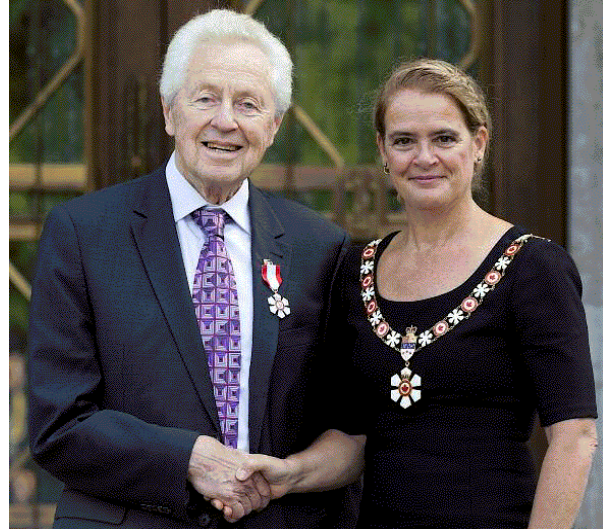
In December 2017 long-time Deep River resident **John Hilborn** was named to the Order of Canada “for his innovative contributions as a physicist in the development of Canada’s nuclear industry.” His presentation was made by Governor General Julie Payette at Rideau Hall in Ottawa in September 2018.

Hilborn completed a Ph. D in Nuclear Physics at McGill University and joined AECL in 1954. In 1964 he demonstrated the feasibility of a self-powered neutron detector for reactor in-core monitoring, which he patented in 1967. Referred to informally as “Hilborn Detectors,” they are used in CANDU power stations.

Hilborn also developed the SLOWPOKE reactor concept, which includes research reactors, demonstration reactors, and the SLOWPOKE Energy System.

Previous to being named to the Order of Canada, Hilborn had received the Eadie Medal from the Royal Society of Canada and the WB Lewis Medal from the Canadian Nuclear Association in 1974.

In 2013 Hilborn was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and in 2014 he received the WE Havercroft Medal from the Canadian Institute for Non-Destructive Examination. In 2018 was awarded an honorary doctorate from Royal Military College, Kingston.



John Hilborn received the Order of Canada from Governor General Julie Payette.

DEREK LISTER, O.C.

In December 2019 **Derek Lister**, a former resident of Deep River and researcher at Chalk River Labs, was awarded an Order of Canada for “his contribution to nuclear energy research and improvements to occupational safety.” Lister worked at AECL for 23 years while living in Deep River.

In 1992 he was appointed NSERC Chair in Nuclear Engineering at the University of New Brunswick and sat on numerous boards and expert panels, both nationally and internationally.

He sits on numerous nuclear-industry boards and expert panels including the AECL Advisory Panel, the Advisory Council to the Canadian Nuclear Waste Management Organization, the UNENE Board of Directors, and the Expert Panel for the NRCan Generation IV Reactors Technology Program. He has been an active member of the Power Plant Chemistry Working Group for the International Association for the Properties of Water and Steam.

A citation from the Canadian Nuclear Society website, describing a previous award, notes that “Derek solidified his position as one of the leading world experts in activity transport in reactor coolant systems, a topic that relies on fundamental understanding of materials corrosion and disposition of corrosion products.”



Halls of Fame

AVIATION HALL OF FAME

In April 1976 Brigadier-General **Wilson Leach**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leach of Chalk River, was promoted to Surgeon-General.

He had been appointed an Honorary Physician to the Queen in 1969 and was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in July 1974.

Upon his induction 1974, the hall of fame requested a large Chalk River municipal flag for display.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

In September 1984 **Lorne Gray** was among the first batch of inductees into the University of Saskatchewan's Athletic Wall of Fame for his achievements in hockey and soccer while a student there in the 1930s.

HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

In January 1991 **Gib James** was inducted into the University of Michigan 'Dekers' Hockey Hall of Fame, where he had enrolled in 1934 and had been selected to the Mid-West College All-Star team.

P.E.I. SPORTS HALL OF FAME

In 1992 **Paul Jay**, who had come to Deep River in 1955, was inducted into the Prince Edward Island Sports Hall of Fame, for his 'tremendous' success in PEI sports – hockey, rugby, and track & field.

The announcement of Linda Kutrowski's induction into the Canadian Wheelchair Hall of Fame reads:

"She is one of the pioneers in women's wheelchair basketball in Canada and around the world. Her sense of fair play and ethical conduct make her an excellent role model and ambassador for the sport.

Without her commitment, dedication and passion, women's wheelchair basketball would not be where it is today."

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

In May 2011 **Linda (Denovan) Kutrowski**, formerly of Deep River, was inducted into the Canadian Wheelchair Hall of Fame.

She had been a member of the Canadian National Women's Basketball team for 20 years, often as co-captain. The team won gold medals in Paralympics games in Barcelona, Atlanta and Sydney and a bronze medal in Athens.

Linda was also a member of the Canadian team that won gold medals in the World Championships/Gold Cup in Stoke, England Sydney and Japan and a bronze medal in St. Etienne, France.

Linda also competed in Pan Am Games and the America's Cup in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Manitoba, Brazil and Colorado.



Linda (Denovan) Kutrowski

LOGGERS HALL OF FAME

In July 1998 **Bud Stewart**, of nearby Meilleurs Bay, was inducted into the Ontario Loggers Hall of Fame, for his 60 years of contributions to the local lumber industry.

Life Savers

In June 1964 Scout Patrol Leader **Roger Delton Leclerc**, 16, of Chalk River, was awarded the Silver Cross by Boy Scouts of Canada for saving a fellow scout who fell through thin ice on nearby Cory Lake during a scout trek.

In May 1967 Girl Guide **Sara Joyce** was presented with a Letter of Commendation from the Chief Commissioner for Girl Guides in Canada, Mrs. K Clysdale, for her quick action when her brother was seriously injured when he fell on a sharp branch that pierced his chest.

In December 1974 **Geoffrey Cox** was awarded the M.G. Griffiths Award by the Royal Life Saving Society of Canada at a ceremony in Queens Park, Toronto, by the Lieutenant-Governor A. Ross Macdonald.

Cox had used mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to save the life of a 6-year-old boy who had fallen off the pier into the Ottawa River.

Cox was aided by Deep River Police Chief Neil Raven.

In October 1975 Cockroft School teacher **Barry Boal** was given a Certificate of Recognition from the St. John's Ambulance Society for giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a young girl who had ceased to breathe after her cape caught on a slide.

In December 1983 Police Chief **Neil Raven** and Sergeant **Harold McCall** were among the first recipients of a new national honour, the Police Exemplary Service medal. The award recognizes officers who have devoted a career to this "essential and often dangerous profession."

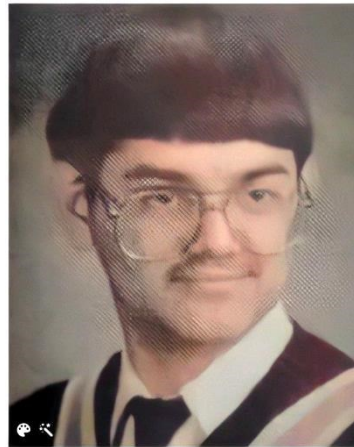
In November 1986 **Linda Sears**, 16, received a Lifesaver Award from the Heart and Stroke Foundation after she helped save the life of a man who collapsed in a Toronto subway station. She attributed her quick response to CPR training she had completed only five days previously at the Deep River pool.

In September 1996 **Valerie Root** (10) received the rare Girl Guides of Canada Award for Courage and Fortitude. Valerie had inspired many with her battle with spina bifida. She received

congratulatory letters from Ontario premier Mike Harris and Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

In April 1998 **Henry Shier**, who died trying to save his mother from a house fire in Chalk River, was nominated for a Canadian Medal of Bravery.

In 2000 he was awarded the Star of Courage by Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson. He was also one of 18 recipients of the Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Foundation of Pennsylvania.



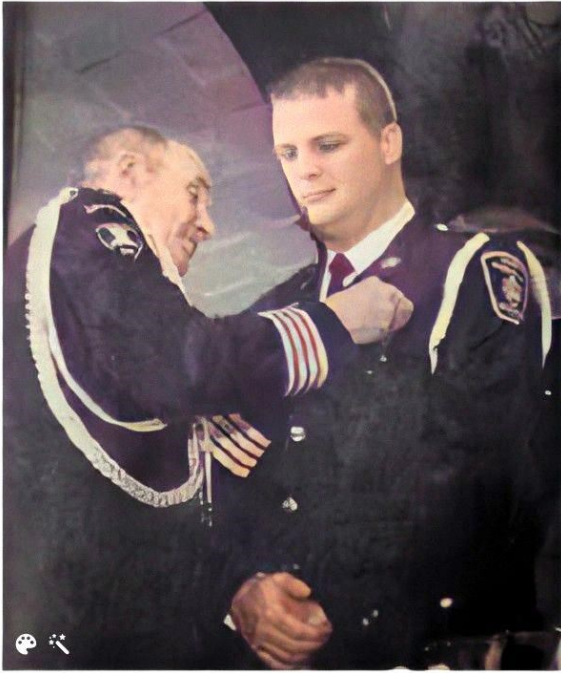
Henry Shier was awarded the Star of Courage posthumously for attempting to rescue his mother from a house fire.

In March 2008 twin brothers **Blair Kelley** and **Neil Kelley** received the first-ever Chief's Commendation from the Renfrew County Paramedic Service for their roles in rescuing two men who had fallen through the ice on a frozen lake.



Blair (left) and Neil Kelley, with Renfrew County Warden, Janice Visneski, 2008.

In November 2009 **Jamie Ward** received the Ontario Medal for Police Bravery at Queen's Park, Toronto, for saving a driver trapped in burning car in Richmond Hill, Ontario, in 2008.



Jamie Ward received an Ontario Medal for Police Bravery from Lieutenant-General David C. Onley, 2009.

In March 2007 **Kevin Karivelil** (10) performed an emergency Heimlich manoeuvre on his 5-year-old brother, Ethan, who was choking on a piece of food at the dinner table and turning blue.

Kevin had only recently learned the lifesaving technique during his swimming lessons at the Deep River pool and was lauded for his prompt and correct action.



Kevin Karivelil, left, used the Heimlich manoeuvre to save his brother, Ethan, from choking.

The North Renfrew Times



In 1956 the North Renfrew Times weekly newspaper (NRT), affectionately referred to as ‘The Nert,’ came into existence. Before that time, the area was served by the *Deep River Digest*, which was started by **Jac Copley** in 1945 and ran to August 1956, when it became the *North Renfrew Digest-Shopper*. A yearly subscription to the NRT in 1956 was \$1.50. It is one of only a handful of independent newspapers in Ontario, thanks to many submissions of articles volunteered by locals that cover a wide range of community news and events.

Freda Kinsey, an early writer for the *Deep River Review*, another precursor to the NRT, went on to publish in the *New Yorker*.

The *Deep River Review* also contained autobiographical articles written by Nobel Laureate **Sir John Cockcroft**, who lived in Deep River at the time.

In March 1970 the NRT was invited to appear before a Senate Committee led by **Senator Keith Davey** to discuss editorial content of weekly newspapers. **Alistair Miller**, Chair of the NRT Editorial Board, spoke at the meeting and “doubted the need for a press council to discipline errant weeklies.”

In May 1972 the NRT was awarded the Media Award by the Royal Canadian Legion for “any news media outstanding in cooperation in furthering the aims and objectives of the Legion.”

In June 1985, the leader of the federal opposition and future Prime Minister, John Turner, flourished the North Renfrew Times in the House of Commons within hours of its publication. Turner’s one-hour speech attacked the federal budget as being, among other things, “anti-research.”

The NRT issue covered the proposed severe budget cuts to AECL.

At the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association Convention in Murray Bay in September 1963, the NRT was reported to be probably the only community newspaper in the world, out of an estimated 10,000 weekly newspapers, written and edited solely by volunteers.

The NRT has won numerous awards in the Better Newspapers Competition run by the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association competitions, including:

- In 1971 the NRT won 3rd place in the “Best Overall Newspaper” and 2nd place in the “Best Editorial Page” for circulations 1000 to 2000.
- In 1972 the NRT placed first in the “Best Editorial Page” contest and second in the “Best All-round Newspaper” among newspapers with a circulation of 1001-2000. It also placed 3rd place overall for *all* papers in the “Best Newspaper Picture.”
- In 1973 **Rosalind Bailey** won the award for “Best Columnist of the Year” for her regular column *Thoughts While I Dust* in the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association competition.
- In September 1973, the NRT was awarded the George W James Shield, for “Best Editorial Page” in a circulation of 1001-2000.

- In September 1975 the NRT won “Best Editorial Page,” came second for news on an inside page, and was fourth in “Best All-round Newspaper” for circulations between 1500-2500
 - In July 1976 the NRT won “Best All-Round Paper,” “Best Editorial Page,” and third for “Best Front Page,” with a circulation of 1500-2499. Since there were only three major categories, the NRT’s two firsts and a third essentially “swept the board.”
 - In July 1977 the NRT came second in the “Best All-round Paper,” second in “Best Editorial Page,” and second for “Best Front Page.”
 - In February 1978 the NRT won prizes for “Best Sports Page,” “Best Local Advertising,” and “Best Classified Ads” and second in “General Excellence.”
 - In July 1978 the NRT placed second in the “Best All-round Newspaper” with second “Best Editorial Page” and second “Best Front Page.”
 - In February 1979 the NRT was awarded “Best News Story of the Year” for its coverage of the announced closure and subsequent reprieve of the Petawawa National Forestry Institute.
 - In July 1982 **Anna Evans** won the award for “Best Photo Featuring Natural Resources.”
 - In 1985 five NRT editors received Volunteer Service Awards from the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture. They were **Ian Towner, John Hardy, Heather Pettipas, Anna Evans, and Carell Johnson**
 - In 1987 **Jock Carlisle** came second in the “Best Award for General Interest Column” for his regular column called *Brainstorms*.
 - In 1987 **John Melvin** placed third in the “Best Local Cartoon” class.
 - In 1992 **Jim Hegney** placed second for the “Best Editorial.”
 - In 1993 the paper won third place in “Advertising Composition and Presentation.”
 - In 1993 **Lynn Fels** placed third in the “Best Humour Column” for *Outside Looking In*.
 - In 1996 the NRT placed second in the “Community Service Competition” for its coverage of the low-level waste referendum.
 - In 1997 the NRT placed second in “Original Advertising” for producing a Business Women’s Directory. It also placed third in “General Excellence.”
 - In April 2005 **Terry Myers** placed second in the “Best Sports Photo” with a shot taken at the Eastern Ontario Cross Country ski Championships in Deep River
 - In 2010 **Vance Gutzman** won “Second Prize for Humour” for his regular column *Blue Skies*.
 - In April 2014 NRT editor-in-chief Terry Myers received an award from the Ontario Community Newspapers Association for “Best News/Feature Series” of 2013. The NRT placed third in the category for its coverage of Deep River’s first murder trial.
 - In February 2015, the NRT was named as a triple award-winner in that year’s community newspapers contest. The NRT was named a top-three finalist in three categories of the Ontario Community Newspapers Association’s 2014 “Better Newspaper Awards.” The awards represent the best work among the OCNA’s more than 300 member newspapers.
- The NRT was named a finalist in the “General Excellence” category for newspapers in its circulation class.
- It was also nominated for top prize in the categories of “Best Editorial” for newspapers under 10,000 circulation, and best “Original Ad Idea.”
- The editorial nominated was written by editor-in-chief Terry Myers and published August 27, 2014 under the title “Flawed Formula,” about the province’s proposed municipal costing formula for the services of the Ontario Provincial Police.
- The advertisement nominated was developed by advertising supervisor Jane Barkley for the Friends of the Library spring book sale.
- The General Excellence award is based on full issues of the newspaper, one each from June and September of the past year, recognizing “outstanding overall achievement in the community press.”
- In May 2015 the NRT won first place for Best Editorial among newspapers with a circulation up to 10,00 plus third place in General

Excellence,” and third place in Best Original Ad Idea, at the Ontario Community Newspapers Association awards in Toronto.

- In April 2016, NRT editor-in-chief **Terry Myers** accepted a “Best Editorial” award from Dave Adsett, president of the Ontario Community Newspapers Association, at the Better Newspapers Award dinner in Vaughan.

The NRT won third place in the contest for Best Editorial among newspapers with a circulation of under 10,000. The paper was also recognized with an honourable mention in two other ‘premier award’ categories - best heritage feature and best use of colour in an ad.

The NRT was also a multiple award winner in the 2014 OCNA contest.

- In April 2017 the North Renfrew Times earned two awards in the Ontario Community Newspapers Association’s Better Newspapers competition.

NRT associate editor **Vance Gutzman** received an honourable mention (fourth place) for “spot news photo” for his dramatic photo of a river rescue, while advertising supervisor **Jane Barkley** won second place for best in-house promotion.

These were the eighth and ninth premier awards the newspaper had won in the previous three years.



Vance Gutzman and Jane Barkley

- In April 2017 the NRT won third place for Best Editorial in the Ontario Community Newspapers Association Better Newspaper awards in Vaughn, Ontario. It also received an

Honourable Mention for ‘best heritage feature,’ and ‘best use of colour.’

- In April 2019, for the 4th time in the past five years, the NRT won multiple awards in its circulation category from among 239 community newspapers.

It won 3rd place for General Excellence, 2nd place for Best News Story (**Terry Myers’** coverage of the shutdown of the NRU reactor,) and 1st place in Humour Columnist of the Year (**Vance Gutzman** for his Blue Skies column).

The NRT also received an honourable mention in Arts and Entertainment for its coverage of the Deep River Symphony Orchestra’s ‘instrument petting zoo.’



Terry Myers with John Willems, president OCNA

- In April 2017 the NRT earned two awards in the Ontario Community Newspaper Association’s Better Newspaper competition. Vance Gutzman received an Honourable Mention (4th place) in ‘spot news photo’ for his dramatic photo of a river rescue. Jane Barkley won second place for ‘best in-house promotion.’
- In 2019 June the NRT garnered top prizes in the Canadian Community Newspapers awards: one Silver and two Bronze awards in General Excellence, second in Best Front Page, and third in class for Best Editorial Page and Best All-Around Newspaper.

NRT Columnists

Since the inception of the North Renfrew Times and its precursors, non-staff writers have had outlets for their work in the form of regular ‘columns.’ Many of these columnists produced popular and successful articles for several years.

At the risk of missing some writers, the list of those who wrote for several years includes:

Marjorie Adam	Theresa Airdrie
Miriam Barry	Demi-Lee Bainbridge
Bill Bishop	Sheila Blore
Mary Ellen Boudreau	Lorna Bourns
Stephanie Butler	Jock Carlisle
Kenneth Comber	Tim Conliffe
Betty Cooper	Alina Cota-Merlo
Laurie Courchesne	Keith Couture
Pia Dimayuga	Sarah Dunford
Jim Evans	Ailsa (Metcalf) Eyvindson
Lynn Fels	Ben Fleming
Don Fraser	Debbie Foley
Lilliane Gallant	Chantel Goodman
Maija Gulens	Lynn Hardy
Jim Hegney	Ed Heighway
Helen Herbet	Reed Holmes
Bernie Houle	Kathy Hughes
John Hulbert	Virginia Adams Hunt
Padm K Jain	Ben Kennedy
Rachel Laforge	Belva Lee
Sarah Lee	David Lethbridge
Peter Lisinski	Wara Lounsbury
Lesley Lynn	

Ryan Lux	Holly McDaniel
Ian Macdonald	Cheryl MacDonald
Alessandro Marcon	Beatrice Mawson
Jake McIvor	Helen McPherson
Charlotte McWilliam	Joan Melvin
Alistair Miller	Mary Mitchell
Grace Myers	Peggy Ormrod
Gail Orpen	Harshy Patel
Bob Paul	Keir Plaice
Heather Pettipas	Jodie Primeau
Carolina Pucciarelli	Al Rose
Barb Shreeve	Neil Smith
Doug Tennant	Ann Thompson
Dave Thompson	David V. Thompson
Wayne Thompson	Lorne Turner
Daria Turner	John Veen
Bill Walker	Gayleen Gray Walker
Derek Walter	Joanne Ward
Mike Ward	Jenna Walsh
Len Watkins*	Meghan White
Bruce Winterbon	Judy Whyte
Paul Woo	Vicky Zotov

In addition, columns were written for many years by anonymous writers covering concert critiques (most writers using the *Argus* by-line) and politics and current events (writers calling themselves *Raven*).

* In 2011 a collection of NRT columns by Len Watkins was published, called *Fifty of the Best - You Should Pardon the Expression* was published by Larrie Thomson.

* In 2015 a collection of NRT columns by birding expert Bill Walker, called *Birds About Town*, was published by Jim Ungrin.

NRT Cartoonists

Several cartoonists have regularly injected topical humour into the NRT editorial and sports pages.

“Brough”	Ivan Emmerton
Kathy Holland	Sandro Marcon
John Melvin	Ernie Murdoch
Sam Weber	Lorne Whitlock

Fraser Wilson	Joyce Winfield
Sandra Woodhouse	

Important Visitors



Because of the closeness of AECL's Chalk River Laboratories, many visitors to the labs were also brought into Deep River for talks or for social visits at the end of their official visits. Others visited because of invitations from locals with connections to important people.

In 1951 future Canadian Prime Minister **Lester B. Pearson** visited town to address a "local group." He also visited in 1958 and 1962.

FUTURE US PRESIDENT CARTER

In December 1952 future US President **Jimmie Carter** led a team of 23 naval personnel from the US atomic submarine program in Schenectady, New York, into the damaged NRX reactor in nearby Chalk River. Their job was to remove damaged components.

He was inside the reactor for 90 seconds and later wrote about his experience in his 1975 book *Why Not the Best?*

PRESIDENT OF INDONESIA

In June 1945 **Dr. Sukarno**, president of the Republic of Indonesia, visited AECL in Chalk River and toured the plant. He also spent much of his time visiting local schools, in which students sang him "Happy Birthday" for his 55th birthday, being celebrated that day.

In 1954, renowned American **Admiral Rickover** visited to celebrate the role of AECL in Chalk River in developing and testing fuel for the first nuclear-powered submarine, *Nautilus*, launched on 21 January, 1954.

A.Y. Jackson, one of Canada's famous Group of Seven artists, visited to give a talk to the Deep River Science Association.

Legendary Swedish ski icon **Jackrabbit Johannsen** laid out a cross-country ski trail in the west end of Deep River around 1953. The trail was later built on by housing developments in that area.

HRH DUKE OF EDINBURGH

In July 1954 **HRH Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh**, visited AECL in Chalk River and toured the "plant." His plane landed on Lake Maskinonge in the Plant property and he was escorted by David Keys and Wilfred Bennet Lewis.

In August 1958 famous physicist **Otto Frisch** visited AECL in Chalk River and Deep River. He had performed novel work on the diffraction of atoms and designed the first theoretical mechanism for the detonation of an atomic bomb.

In 1959 the French Ambassador, His Excellency **Francis Lacoste**, spoke to the Deep River Science Association.

In 1960 **Rich Little**, renowned comedian and mimic, was awarded the Best Actor award for his role in *Bus Stop* in the Eastern Ontario Drama League festival held in Deep River.

FOUR GOVS-GEN

Four Governors-General have visited Deep River. In 1947, **Viscount Alexander** visited, in 1956 **Vincent Massey** visited. **Georges Vanier**, Canada's first French Canadian Governor General visited in 1966 and **Jules Leger** visited in 1978.

In November 1961 famous Canadian scientist **Tuzo Wilson**, Order of Canada, Order of the British Empire, and president of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, gave a talk to the Deep River Science Association. He was famous for his contributions to the theory of plate tectonics.

In May 1962, members of the Duke of Edinburgh's 2nd Commonwealth Study Conference studying the "Human Consequences of the Changing Industrial Environment" visited Deep River.

In 1963 **John Robarts**, Ontario's Premier, visited the Deep River Legion and spoke to members.

In October 1963 **Tommy Douglas**, leader of the New Democratic Party, and acknowledged father of Canada's Medicare health system, spoke to the Deep River Community Church on "Nuclear Arms and Christian Principles."

In May 1964, the US Ambassador to Canada, **Walton Butterworth** and Mrs Butterworth paid a visit to Chalk River and Deep River.

In 1965 the 18th edition of the travelling show "Spring Thaw" came to Deep River and featured comedians **Dave Broadfoot** and **Alan Lund**. Visiting performers in other years included **Don Harron**, **Catherine McKinnon** **Tom Kneebone** and **Dinah Christie**.

In May 1966 **Dr. Laurier Lapierre**, well-known author and political commentator, was the keynote speaker at the Ontario Recreation Association Conference, held in Deep River.

In 1967 the Indian High Commissioner, **General J.N. Chaudhurf**, visited AECL in Chalk River.

In January 1968 **Dr. O.M. Solandt**, Chair of the Science Council of Canada, spoke to the Deep River Science Association.

In September 1969 **Rene Levesque**, leader of the Parti Quebecoise, spoke to the Deep River Science Association.

In 1969 hockey broadcaster **Foster Hewitt** was the "mystery celebrity guest" during CBC's live broadcast from the Deep River Community Centre for that year's February Winter Carnival.

In March 1969 the former Netherlands Ambassador to Canada, **Dr. A.H.J. Lovink**, spoke to the Deep River Science Association.

CROWN PRINCE OF NEPAL

In July 1969 the Crown Prince of Nepal, His Royal Highness **Prince Birendra Bir Bickram Shah Deva** visited Deep River and AECL in Chalk River.

In January 1969 the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, **Harold F. Linden**, visited Deep River and AECL Chalk River.

In February 1969 **Jean Sutherland Boggs**, director of the National Gallery of Canada, spoke to the Deep River Science Association about the workings of the National Gallery.

NOBEL LAUREATE LECTURES

In August 1969, Professor **E.P. Wigner** from Princeton, winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1963, presented lectures in the theory of structure at AECL in Chalk River.

In 1970 well-known CBC Television actor **Bruno Gerussi** spoke to the Deep River Science Association about acting.

In 1970 Canadian writer and poet **Margaret Atwood** visited Mackenzie School to give a poetry reading to English classes. She is among the most-honored authors of fiction in recent history.

In November 1971 **Lew Kowarski**, representing the European Organization for Nuclear Research, Geneva, visited. He had been a part of the startup of the ZEEP reactor at AECL in Chalk River.

In November 1971 **R.E. Bell**, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, Fellow of the Royal Society, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and President of the Canadian

Association of Physicists (1965-66), spoke to the Deep River Science Association.

In February 1973 **Roy Bonisteel**, well-known host of television's *Man Alive* program, was guest speaker at the anniversary service of the Deep River Community Church and at a public talk at Mackenzie School.

In April 1973 **Lister Sinclair**, Executive Vice-President of the CBC gave a talk to the Deep River Science Association on 'Broadcasting in the Future.'

He was later to become the host of CBC Television's "The Nature of Things" and CBC Radio's "Ideas" program.

In April 1974 **Magnus Pyke**, Secretary of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, spoke to the Deep River Science Association.

In 1973 **Stephen Lewis**, leader of the Ontario NDP, visited Deep River. In April 1974 he participated in a two-day mini course in the Bernard Childs Auditorium offered at Mackenzie for students and adults.

NOBEL LAUREATE HERZBERG

In March 1974 Nobel Prizewinner **Gerhard Hertzberg** spoke to the Deep River Science Association.

In March 1976 **Keith Spicer**, Commissioner of Official Languages, spoke to the Deep River Science Association.

In January 1978 **Alistair Gillespie**, Minister of Energy, Mines and resources, spoke to the Deep River Businessmen's Association.

N. AMERICAN FIDDLING CHAMP

In June 1978, **Peter Dawson**, North American Fiddling Champion, entertained the crowd at the opening of the new Deep River arena.

In April 1979 the Canadian equivalent of the Harlem Globetrotters, the **Harlem Diplomats**, played a demonstration game in the Mackenzie gymnasium.

In April 1979 **Donald McSween**, Director General of the National Arts Centre, spoke to members of the Deep River Science Association. He was also Guest Speaker at the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Deep River Symphony Orchestra in 1977.

In December 1979 **Jim Unger**, well-known cartoonist, autographed copies of his new *First Treasury of Herman* book at Deep River's Bookworld store.

In April 1980, **Lydia Dotto**, freelance science journalist and author of *The Ozone War*, spoke in Deep River to 200 science teachers and scientists attending a two-day conference for science teachers on the importance of collaboration between the science community and the media.

In December 1982 the **Canadian Opera Company Ensemble** visited for a three-day residence at Cockcroft and Morison schools, presenting *Die Fliedermaus*.

FUTURE PM CLARK

In April 1983 future Prime Minister **Joe Clark** visited Deep River and spoke at an open house organized by local conservative supporters.

In November 1984 cartoonist **Lynn Johnson**, known for her popular *For Better or Worse* comic strip, visited Deep River at the end of a month-long cross-country tour to promote her latest book of cartoons.

CHAMPION PIANIST

In November 1984 world-champion Canadian pianist **Jon Kimura Parker** played in Deep River before starting an international recital tour. He had just won the Leeds International Piano Competition, in England.

In January 1986 **Robert Munsch**, award-winning author and winner of a Juno Award for Best Children's Album, visited Deep River to read from his books at local libraries and schools.

FUTURE CANADIAN ASTRONAUT

In January 1986 Canada's "next" astronaut, **Steve MacLean**, visited Deep River as a guest of the Science Association, where he gave a talk on the Canadian space program.

In April 1986 **Bob MacDonald**, journalist and host of CBC's *Quirks and Quarks* radio program, visited Deep River to speak to the Science Association.

He made numerous further visits to make astronomy presentations over the years, including a lecture at the 20th anniversary of the Deep River Science Academy in 2011.

CANADA'S FIRST ASTRONAUT

In May 1986 Canada's first astronaut, **Marc Garneau**, gave a presentation about his space mission to the annual Festival of Joy organized by the Ottawa Anglican Diocese and hosted in Deep River.

In November 1987 Canadian author and humourist **Don Harron** (Charlie Farquharson) visited Bookworld in Deep River to sign copies of his latest book.

NOBEL LAUREATE POLANYI

In October 1988 Nobel Laureate Professor **John Polanyi** of the University of Toronto gave the first W.B. Lewis lecture, at Mackenzie School, titled "What is the responsibility of the scientist to society?"

In February 1993 **Allison Fisher** (24), five-time Ladies World Champion of Snooker played two exhibition games at the Deep River Legion.

NOBEL LAUREATE GRAD ADDRESS

In 1996 Nobel Prize winner **Bertram Brockhouse** (a former Deep River resident for 12 years) delivered the address at the Deep River Science Academy's graduation ceremony.

In 1998 the Greek Ambassador, **John Thomoglou**, visited Deep river to give a talk: "History of Ancient Greece" prior to a trip to Greece by Mackenzie students.

In February 2000 the Ambassador of Italy, **Roberto Nigido**, came to give a talk at the library to a local group about to visit Italy.

In November 2001 journalist and film-maker **Gwynne Dyer** gave a talk on terrorism at the Mackenzie School auditorium.

In June 2002, **Allan D. Bromley**, Sterling Professor at Yale University, visited to present a talk titled "The Golden Age at Chalk River Laboratories." He was known as "the father of heavy-ion physics."

He told the audience that at one time more than half the directors of DOE (Department of Energy) labs in the US came from branches at Chalk River Laboratories.

OLYMPIAN CLARA HUGHES

In June 2014, six-time Olympic cyclist and speed-skater, and the only athlete ever to win multiple medals in both Winter and Summer Olympic Games, **Clara Hughes** visited Deep River as part of her cross-country "Big Ride" to help erase the stigma around mental health issues.

She declared herself "totally inspired" by the welcome she received at the waterfront. "This is phenomenal," she added. "This is the most beautiful display of humanity I've seen in the last 108 days" of her 110-day ride.



Local Libraries



The Deep River library was formed in 1947 when the town was only two years old, showing how much importance early residents placed on reading and libraries. The first books were donated and kept in a small house. Over the years the name of the Deep River library changed from Community Library to Public Library and, in 1970, to the W.B. Lewis Public Library.

There are also libraries in nearby Point Alexander, and in Laurentian Hills (previously Chalk River).

In 1952, the first year circulation statistics were recorded, circulation at the Deep River library was 16,863 loans.

PROVINCE'S HIGHEST CIRCULATION

By 1958 the library had the highest book circulation rate in Ontario. Members borrowed an average of 34 volumes each year.

In 1961 the average person in Deep River was reading 42 library books per year, compared to the provincial average of 17-1/2 books.

In 1980 the library had a reported loan rate of 85,000 loans per year, putting it "right up there with big-city libraries."

In 1987 library membership was 3,000, which was a remarkable 66 per cent of the total population of 4,500.

In 2009 the W.B. Lewis Public Library continued to have:

- Highest "point contact" (number of visits) in Ontario for libraries in towns with a population up to 5,000.
- Highest *per capita* lending rate
- Highest ratio of volunteers. (Over 100 people volunteer in various roles, many important, at the library.)

In 1961 the average cost of a library in Ontario was \$2.16 per townsperson, compared to the Deep River Public Library where the average cost per person was only \$1.28.

Of this amount, proportionately more was spent on actually acquiring books than most other libraries in Ontario, mainly because of the many volunteers who keep the cost of operating the library low.

FIRST LIBRARY TO LOAN CDs

It was one of the first libraries in Ontario to lend records and is reputed to be among the province's first libraries to loan Compact Disks (CDs), followed shortly after by Beta and VHS video tapes and players and, in 1981, video disc players.

The Deep River Public Library was one of the country's first libraries to use clear plastic book covers and was the first to expand into rural areas in the Ottawa Valley by establishing reading rooms supplied with books from its collections.

Two of these rooms later became Public Libraries in their own right.

In July 1981 the nearby Point Alexander library displayed an exhibit of paintings on loan from the McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg, Ontario. The paintings were by Canadian artist Narcisse Pelletier.

In August 1981 the Deep River Library exhibited a collection of prints by Canadian photographer **Freeman Patterson**, who achieved wide-spread recognition through his work for the National Film Board book, *Canada/A Year of the Land*.

Patterson was awarded the National Film Board of Canada Gold Medal for Photographic Excellence and his work has been displayed around the world.

In April 1985 six volunteers with the Deep River Library received Volunteer Service Award Pins from the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.

They were: **Doreen Ferguson** (39 years), **Glen Boyce** (30 years), **Hank Clayton** (37 years), **Dave Walker** (38 years), **Dorothy Stewart** (24 years), and **Phil Tunnicliffe** (24 years).

In October 1985, **Robert Munsch**, master storyteller, presented readings of his works for kids at the Deep River Library. He has built a large following of children and adults who delight in the lively and funny stories which Annick Press have been publishing since 1979

CANADA'S TOP READING PROGRAM

In 2008 the nearby Point Alexander library won Canada's top prize in the Canadian Summer Reading Program for youth, ahead of 1,800 other libraries. The library's program was judged to be the 'most innovative and effective summer reading program.'

The program engaged children during the summer weeks in activities that required them to read stories, clues, instructions, etc.

The prize was presented in Montreal and accepted by librarian **Maureen Bakewell** and summer student **Amanda Fudge**, who devised the program, called "Laugh Out Loud."

The award included \$1000 toward library programs.

In January 1982 the Deep River Library presented an exhibit of 12 figure studies by famed Italian artist Michaelangelo.

In November 1986 the library presented an exhibition of 30 photographs by the Hungarian **Gabor Szilasi** from the collection of the Canadian Museum of contemporary Photography

In May 2011 a third staff member of the W.B. Lewis Public Library gained a Master in Library Sciences degree. Staff members with this degree at that time were **Tom Wiwcharuk** (Head Librarian) **Jennifer Bromley**, and **Brittany Haley**. In addition, **Tom Wiwcharuk** held a Ph.D. in Philosophy.

With three Masters of Library Science degrees (2012), the W.B. Lewis Public Library was probably the only library in North America with at least half of its staff (of six regular members) holding an MLS degree.

Normally libraries have only one staff member with this degree.

Authors and Writers



As can be seen from the following long list of authors, Deep River has spawned many writers and authors, some of whom have achieved notable success. Some authors publish books for sale to the general public or make them available through public libraries.

In August 1976 **Mike Carver** won the Dr. William Henry Drummond poetry contest during the Cobalt Miner’s Festival’s “Search for Talent” with his poem *The Tourist*.

Mike’s win was for the second year in a row. In December 1980 he received a grant from the Ontario Arts Council for his poetry.

AWARD OF MERIT BY CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In December 1980 local amateur writer **Brenda Lee-Whiting** was awarded a writer’s grant by the Secretary of State to research her book on the German settlement in Renfrew County, *A Harvest of Stones*. Earlier in the year she had received a similar grant from the Ontario Arts Council.

The book was published in 1985 and in June 1986 won an Award of Merit by the Canadian Historical Association in Winnipeg which called it a “remarkable tour de force.” In 1987 the book received the inaugural Joseph Brant Award from the Ontario Historical Society.

In December 2011 former local writer **Lisa Taylor** won the “Best Unpublished Book for Young Adults” in Australia’s CALEB Awards for faith-based writing, organized by Omega Writers. Her book *Motive Games*, was written in Deep River.

NOMINATED FOR TRILLIUM AWARD

In May 2012, **Kristen den Hartog** was nominated for the 25th Annual Trillium Book Award, one of only six authors short-listed in the English section. The Trillium awards are the Ontario government’s prestigious award for literature.

Kristen was nominated for her most recent book, *And Me Among Them*. The awards are worth \$20,000 each. Previous winners of the award have included Margaret Atwood and Michael Ondaatje.



Colleen Archer

- *Windows and Mirrors*, 1984
- *The Dog Who Wanted to Die*, Vickie Metcalfe Award for Best Canadian Children’s Short Story, 1984
- *Foxy and the Missing Mask*, 1986, reprinted 2006
- *Riding High*, 1986
- *If I Had a Camel*, 1988
- *The Horse Dealer*, 2000
- *Brandy’s Story*, 2001
- *The Touch of Something Wild*, 2003
- *Collie Rescue*, 2004
- *Galloping Goldrush: The Journey begins*, 2005
- *Accentuating the positive –trick training your horse at home*, 2005
- *Raising Kane – the Guide Dog Pup*, 2009

In addition to writing these books, Colleen was the editor of *Stocking Stuffer Stories*, 1990, and has contributed to numerous newspapers, magazines, and anthologies.

She has won several writing awards, including the Vicky Metcalf Short-Story Award, 1984, the CBC Ottawa regional children’s short-story award, and an Ottawa Literary Award, 2005

Rosalind Bayly (Meg Merrilees) *Thoughts While I Dust*, 1976

Neil Boyd (professor of criminology at Simon Fraser University, 1989)

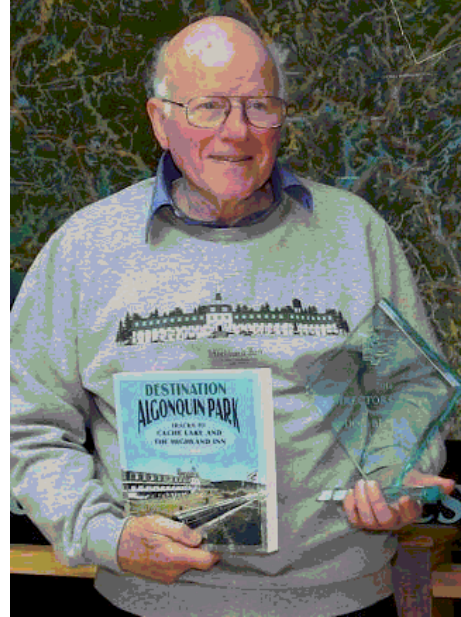
- *The Social Dimensions of Law*
- *Canadian Law – an introduction*
- *Sugar and Spice – Why Women are Violent.*

Ernie Boudreau – *War Story*, undated

Ray Brazeau – *The Cutting Edge* cookbook, 2003

Wayne Campbell – *The Scales of Eden* (2018)

Don Beauprie – *Destination Algonquin Park: Tracks to Cache Lake and the Highland Inn* 2011, nominated for the Ontario Historical Society’s Fred Landon Award



Kate (Carlisle) Bridger – *Nest Building/A Guide to Finding Your Inner Interior Designer*, 2011

Jock Carlisle – *Tangled Tongue: Living with a Stutter* (short-listed for the 1986 Ottawa Citizen Award for Non-Fiction)

Paul Carlucci

- *This Morning all Night*, 2010, published in the collection *Darwin’s Bastards*, winner of the first CBC Book Club Award for Best Science Fiction or Fantasy, 2011. Paul writes for Vancouver Review, Adbusters, The Globe and Mail, The Toronto Star, and Al Jazeera. His short stories have been carried in The Malahat Review, Descant, The Puritan, Little Fiction, EVENT, Riddle Fence, and Carousel.
- *The secret Life of Fission* (2013), winner of the Writers’ Union of Canada \$10,000 first prize in the 17th annual Danuta Gleed Literary Award, recognizing the best first English-language collection of short fiction by a Canadian author published in 2013.
- *A Plea for Constant Motion* (2017)
- *The High-Rise at Fort Pierce* (2018)



Paul Carlucci



Tracy Kasaboski and Kristen de Hartog

Marilyn Carr, – *Nowhere Like This Place* (2020)

Phil Chester – *El Hombre de las Pinatas*, 2011

Jennifer Cole – *Hysteria in Performance*, 2020

Kristen den Hartog

- *Water Wings*, 2001
- *The Perpetual Ending*, 2003, nominated for the City of Toronto Book Award
- *Origin of Haloes*, 2005
- *The Occupied Garden*, 2009 with sister

Tracy Kasaboski, Globe & Mail Best Book

- *And Me Among Them*, 2011, short-listed for the 25th Annual Trillium Book Award, winner Alberta Book Publishing Award for Trade Fiction. (Published in the U.S. as *The Girl Giant*)
- *The Cowkeepers Daughter*, 2018 with sister

Tracy Kasaboski

Kristen's work is also included in two anthologies: *Turn of the Story – Canadian Short Stories on the Eve of the Millennium*, 1999 (*Too True*), and *Notes from Home – 20 Canadian Writers Share Their Thoughts of Home*, 2002 (*Sugar Beets and Roses*).

Andrea Dumouchel – *The Romanos*, 2010

Louise Ells – *Notes Towards Recovery* (2019)

Natasha Ferrill

- *The Lemonman*, 2011
- *A Picnic, a Toadstool, and Swampwater Road*, 2011

Brian Flack

- *In Seed Time*, 1978
- *With a Sudden and Terrible Clarity*, 1985

Sophia Forster and Larissa Ulisko -*And Now...* Poetry and Drawings

Vance Gutzman – *Week Spells: Ten years in Two Towns*, 1998

Bea Gasmann – *Totally Random*

Anne Gumley

- *Woden's Day*, 2012
- *Hayley's Apprenticeship*, 2012

Ruth Hilton Hatfield – *My Lifetime of Words*

Regiena Heringa

- *The Discourses of Sextus*, 1996
- *Upon Nature's Path*, 2020

Virginia Adams Hunt – *Memories of life along the river*, originally published in the NRT

Clifford Jackman – *The Winter Family* (2015) Long-listed for the 2015 Scotiabank Giller Prize.

Jim Judd – *Ploot*, 1978

Julia LeConte wrote the cover story for the March 2013 issue of *FLARE*, Canada's Fashion Magazine.



Julia LeConte at the 2012 Juno Awards

Caroline Lee – *Targeting Language Delays* (2014)



Caroline Lee presents a copy of her to Tom Wiwaruk of the Deep River Library

Kristina Loevenmark – *Light in the Darkness: A Collection of Poems* 2020

Maurus E. Mallon (former Mackenzie English teacher)

- *Basileus*, 1972
- *The Opal*, 1973
- *Way of the Magus*, 1975
- *Anogia*, 1977

John McKay – *Arctic Adventure*, 1986

Colin Mawson

- *The Management of Radioactive Wastes*, 1965
- *The Story of Radioactivity -a guide for high school students*, 1970

Eleanor Mawson

- *The Stolen Cream Buns*, 1964
- *Uncle Abram-a Very Singular Mootie*, 1979

Colin McAlpin and John McManus - *How to Make Tennis Simple* (2015)

Tina Michaud and Muriel Davies – *Fang* (2012)

J. McGregor – *Mentioned in Dispatches*, 2006

Judy Millar Her work has appeared in *Prairie Fire*, *The Dry Wells of India*, and *Dandelion* as well as in trade magazines such as *Explore* and *AlbertaView*

- *The Rules of Partial Existence*, (1992)
- *Grave Concerns* (2012)
- *Riotous Assembly* (2019)

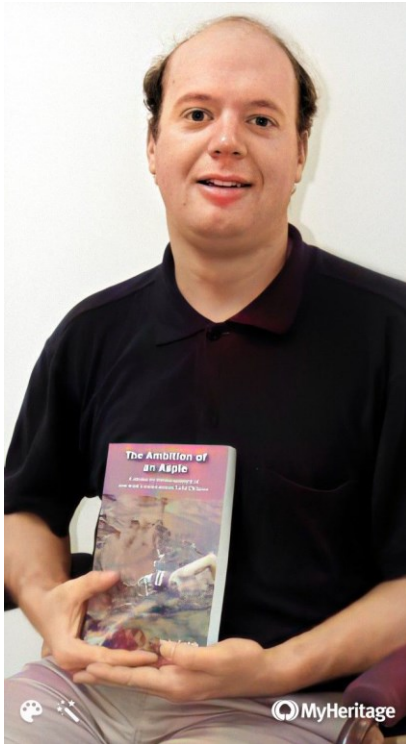


JAL Robertson – *Decide the Nuclear Issues for Yourself*. Canadian Nuclear Society digital book

Lynn Sawford-Gentner – *Theo and the Threads* 2004

Margery Nichol – *Let the Chips Evolve*, 1998

Jay Serdula – *The Ambition of an Aspie: A Stroke-by-Stroke Account of One Man’s Swim across Lake Ontario*, 2010.



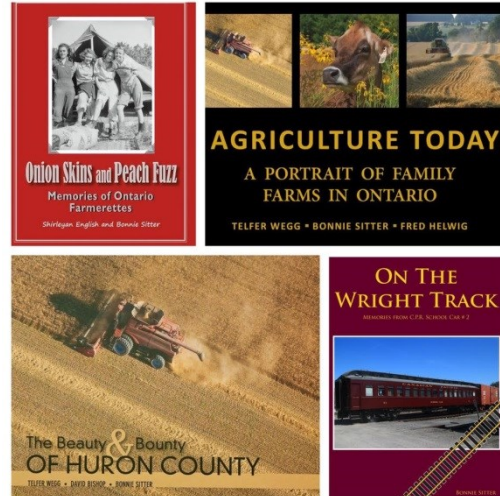
Beth Shields – *Auntie Beth Books* (limnables)

Roselma Sinclair – *Call of the Cree*, 1964

Sasha Shewchuck – *The Herrincroft Case*, 2006

Bonnie Sitter (co-author)

- *The Beauty and Bounty of Huron County*, (2013)
- *Agriculture Today: A Portrait of Family Farms in Ontario*, 2017
- *Onion Skins and Peach Fuzz: Memories of Ontario Farmerettes*. (2019) Being developed into a play and a major permanent exhibit at Lambton Museum
- *On the Wright Track: Memories from CPR School Car #2*.(2020)



Some books by, or co-authored by Bonnie Sitter

Don Smith – *Trip Notes*

Amanda (Ball) Sun

- *Fragile Things*, 2011 (published in *Tesseract's Fifteen*, an anthology of Canadian speculative fiction)
- *INK* first book in *The Paper Gods* trilogy, one of *USA Today's* Top Summer YA Reads, a *Junior Library Guild* selection, an *Indie Kids' Next List* pick, a *Harlequin Teen Novel*, and one of *Indigo's Top Teen Picks* of 2013.
- *Rain*, 2014
- *Storm*, 2015
- *Heir to the Sky*, 2016
- *Seasons Between Us*, 2021



Amanda (Ball) Sun

Lisa Taylor – *Motive Games*, 2011
2011 CALEB Prize for Best Young Adult Manuscript (Omega Writers Australia). In October 2014, she was a finalist in the 2014 Literary Classics Books Awards.

Ann Jaansalu-Thompson – *Teach Our Kids to READ!: Rants from Retirement*, 2020

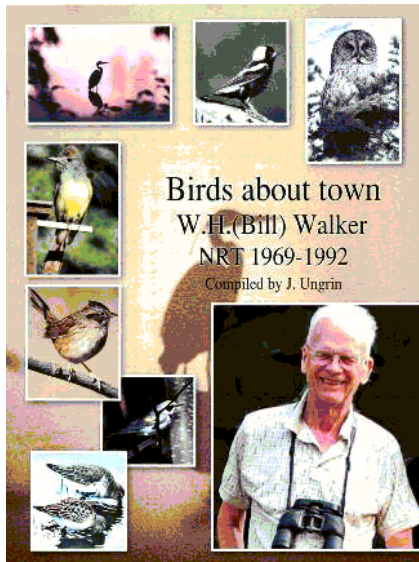
David V. Thompson - *50 of the Funniest Damn Stories I Have Ever Heard*, 2008

Dave Thompson – *With a Side Order of Smiles - Stories of the Ottawa Valley* 2020

Larrie Thomson

- *The War Diary of Cyril George Thomson*, 1996
- *Deep River Brag Book*, 2012
- *Deep River Brag Book 2020*

Jim Ungrin – *Birds About Town* (2015) a collection of NRT columns by Bill Walker, noted birdwatching expert.



Alma Wallis – *Memories Through the Mists of Time*, 1998

Len Watkins – *Fifty of the Best - You Should Pardon the Expression*, 2011

Joyce Wayne – *Last Night of the World*

Brenda-Lee Whiting

- *A Harvest of Stones – A History of the German Settlement in Renfrew County*, 1985 (short-listed for the 1986 Ottawa Citizen

Award for Non-Fiction, first Joseph Grant Award by the Ontario Historical Society for best historical study of 1986) Canadian Historical Association *Award of Merit*

- *On Stony Ground*, 1986
- *The Way it Was in the Ottawa Valley*, 1992.

Christian Wichman – *The Little Cloud* 2006
Sugarbush Press

David A. Wilson

- *Ireland, a Bicycle and a Tin Whistle*, 1995 nominated for the Stephen Leacock Humour Award and the Trillium Award.
- *The History of the Future*, 2000
- *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, 2008, (winner of the 2010 Raymond Klibansky Award for History)
- *Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Vol. 2*, 2011
- *United Irishmen, United States: Immigrant Radicals in the Early Republic*, 1998
- *Canadian Spy Story: Irish Revolutionaries and the Secret Police*, 2022
- *Irish and Scottish Encounters with Indigenous Peoples*, 2013
- *Irish Nationalism in Canada*, 2009
- *The Orange Order in Canada*, 2007
- *Ulster Presbyterians in the Atlantic World: Religion, Politics and Identity*, 2006
- *Peter Porcupine in America*, 1994
- *Paine and Cobbett: The Transatlantic Connection*, 1988

Gene Zotov – *We Are From Ussuri*, 1992

MG Vassanji, two-time winner of the Giller Prize, lived in Deep River from 1978-80. He returned in January 2005 for the filming of a TV documentary of his life.

- *The In-Between World of Vikram Lal*
- *The Book of Secrets*
- *The Assassin's Song*
- *Uhuru Street*
- *Amriika,*
- *gunny sack.*

Local writers/artists often publish stories, poems or sketches in collections with other locals. Some collections are given below.

Downstream – the Deep River and Area Literary/Art Review, compiled by **Pat Carver**, 1983

The Valley Talespinners *Stocking Stuffer Stories* #1 1990, *Stocking Stuffer Stories* #2, 1991, *Stocking Stuffer Stories* #3, 1992, *Through Imagination's Door*, 1993, *Wild and Wonderful*, 1994, *The Golden Pen – Sketches in Prose, Verse and Line in Honour of the 50th Anniversary of Deep River*, 1995.

A list of contributors to The Valley Talespinners collections is given in Appendix F

Books about Deep River and its Residents

Deep River Community Church History, **Les Beamish**, 1978

A Strategy to Use Science and Technology in Deep River, 1988

Deep River – a Pictorial History, **Joan Melvin**

Nuclear Pursuits – the scientific biography of WB Lewis, **Ruth Fawcett**, 1994

Pioneering the Town of Deep River, **Betty Cushing** 1995

Deep River 1945-1995 **Joan Melvin** (1996 Ontario Heritage Foundation award for individual achievement in local heritage conservation.)

Staying the Run – **Jennifer Mercer**, 1998

Nuclear Need not be Unclear, **Archie Roberston**, 2001

Deep Waters- the Ottawa River and Canada's Nuclear Adventure, **F.H. Kim Krenz**, 2004

Memories from the Staff Hotels, 2008

Nowhere Like This Place **Marilyn Carr**, 2020

Deep River, Ontario: A perfect place for perfect people? **Anneke and Jean-Marc Laurens**, 2020

“Seek not the trip of a
lifetime but a lifetime of
tripping”
– Don Smith, in *Trip Notes*

Tamarack Magazine - a collection (often annual) of interviews with local persons produced by students in the Tamarack program at Mackenzie Community School since 1991.

A list of people interviewed is given in Appendix E.

Fine Arts



In July 1980 **Don McQuade**, a long-time resident of Deep River, held a one-man show in town. He had previously attended photographic courses given by Canadian icon Freeman Patterson and had exhibited locally and in Southern Ontario.

He has a photograph in the permanent collection of the Hamilton Art Gallery.

PHOTO WINNER

In August 1979 **Bernie Surette** was first-prize winner in *Photo Life's* May monthly contest for his photo of his daughter bathing in a nearby lake.

His photos have also appeared in *Photo Canada* and in local competitions, publications, brochures, calendars, and conference proceedings.

One of Bernie's photos of an aurora was used by Heritage Canada for its website and logo for *Expo 2005* in Aichi, Japan.

Don Beauprie published his photos as the official calendar of the Ontario Dental Association in the 1960s.

In June 2002 he won both First Place in Flora and Best in Show with his photos "Collybra" and "Blueberry Blaze" in the Ontario Federation of Naturalists *Seasons* magazine 37th Annual Nature Photography Contest.

PAINTING AT NATIONAL GALLERY

In 1966 Deep River artist **Rena Purdy** had her abstract painting *Signals* included in an exhibition of Canadian art in the National Gallery, Ottawa.

In 1966 she designed the set for the Deep River Player's production of *Gallows Humour*.

In May 1969 she was elected a Member of the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolours.

In 1966 **Rex Bailey**, scientific glassblower at the Chalk River Laboratories, was chosen Chairman of the newly established Canadian Chapter of the American Scientific Glassblowers Society.

In October 1970 the Ontario Craft Foundation held its annual conference in Deep River. Over 100 craft enthusiasts attended from across Ontario and elsewhere.

CANADIAN GEOGRAPHIC COVER

In February 1971 a colour photo of the Petawawa River by **Brenda Lee-Whiting** was chosen as the cover for that month's issue of *Canadian Geographic* magazine.

She had previously provided three other cover photographs and had written articles for such publications as *Canadian Homes*, *Canadian Collector*, *The Beaver*, and *The Globe and Mail*.

In 1981 she won a National Film Board of Canada photographic competition.

PHOTO WINNER

In January 1973 **Barbara Harris** won the *Saturday Evening Post's* Amateur Photo Contest, featured in the 1972 Spring issue.

Her husband **Cliff Harris** won third prize in the same competition, which required action photos with captions to tell a story.

In April 1986 former Deep River resident and Mackenzie student, **Fiona Dixon Redding**, was awarded a *Judges Choice Award* from the Handweavers Guild of America for her exceptional work in a juried art show in Saskatchewan.

In April 1991 two local youths won high-level competitions run by the Royal Canadian Legion. **Lauren Dmytrenko** placed first in all levels up to National in the Intermediate Poster Contest.

Eight-year old **Marika Atfield** won the highest level achievable (District) in the Storytelling Contest.

PRESIDENT OF WATER COLOURISTS

In July 1991 former resident **Mark Critoph** was elected president of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour, one of the oldest and most prestigious societies in Canada.

Mark studied privately in Deep River with local artist **Rena Purdy**.



Mark Critoph was elected president of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour, 1991

AWARD-WINNING ARTIST

In March 2001 local artist **Denise Hart** was selected to exhibit in the first annual Botanical Art Show at *Canada Blooms 2001*, in Toronto.

In February 2002 she won the prestigious Silver Gilt Medal at the Royal Horticultural Society's London Flower Show, England, with an exhibit of eight paintings of Begonias.

In February 2002 local artist **Aliya Ebrahim** won "Best in Show" at the Botanical Art Show in Toronto.



Aliya Ebrahim, left, and Denise Hart, award-winning botanical painters.

In September 2004, **Aliya Ebrahim** and **Sara Carlisle** were selected to exhibit their work in the 7th Annual International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition, held in New York.



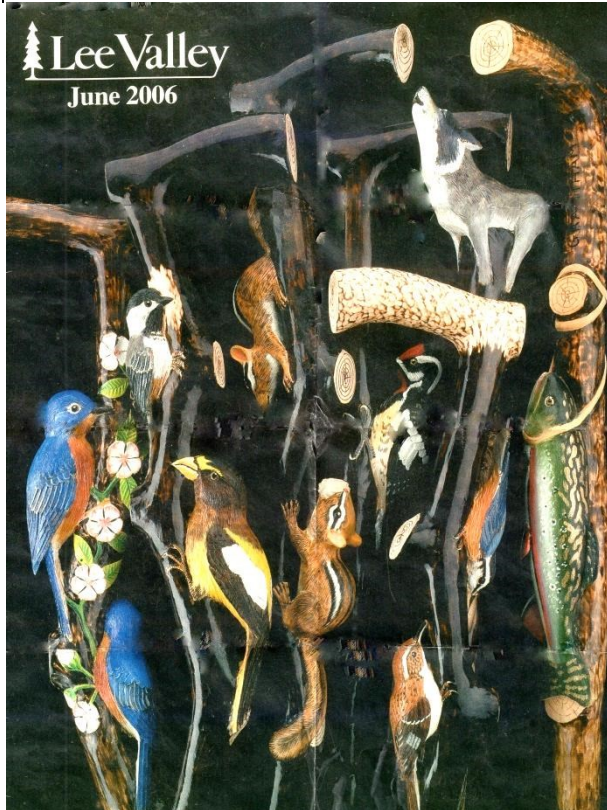
Aliya Ebrahim (l) and Sara Carlisle with their work for the 7th Annual International Juried Botanical Art Exhibition, New York.

COVER OF LEE VALLEY CATALOG

In June 2006 a selection of colourful wooden walking canes featuring animals and birds carved by local carver **Gerry Grantham** was featured as the front cover of the prestigious Lee Valley Tools catalog.

The catalog is distributed world-wide and Grantham subsequently received international orders for his work to keep him busy for the next 12 months. He was also featured as one of two Ontario artists on CBC television's *Regional Contact* program.

Grantham has competed in numerous wood carving competitions, receiving over 100 prizes and awards from the Outaouais Wood Carvers, St Lawrence Wood Carvers, and the Niagara Woodcarvers Association.



In November 2008 **Marion Lewis**, formerly of Deep River, was honoured by the Art gallery of Ontario by being one of 200 living artists exhibiting work to reopen the newly renovated AGO.

In December 2012, **Shauna Torgerson**, one of the Library Arts Committee exhibition artists, made the list of finalists in the Portrait Society of Canada portrait contest.

In October 2014, **Tiina Price**, born in Deep River, was accepted for the 89th annual Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour "Open Water" juried show in Toronto.

Only 40 transparent watercolours were chosen from over 200 submissions, including entries from China, France, Malaysia, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, United States, and from across Canada.

Not only was Tiina's watercolour *Adagio* juried into the show, but it also won both Curry's Golden QOR Watercolour Product Award and the S. Sloan Award of Excellence.



In May 2015 the **Tiina Price** painting *Tranquillity Bay*, inspired by the Deep River marina, was juried and accepted into the Canadian National Society of Painters in Watercolour.



Tranquillity Bay by Tiina Price

In May 2015 Deep River artist **Susan Fraser** (below, right) was elected into the Society of Canadian Artists at the Arts and Letters Club in Toronto. The society has 281 elected members from across Canada. She was also granted Drawing Master status by the Drawing Society of Canada.



In April 2016 **Susan Fraser** was awarded ‘best in show’ in the prestigious Society of Canadian Artist’s 2016 Online Exhibition for *Significant Sun on Lookout Trail*. The award came with \$2,000 cash.

In June 2015, local artist **Joyce Udell** was invited to the World Children’s Festival as a workshop co-ordinator, and to represent Canada, nationally, and Deep River and area locally, as an environmental and cultural ambassador.

The World’s Children Festival, launched in 1999 by the International Child Art Foundation, is the world’s premier children’s celebration.

It is a three-day event, held at the Ellipse, also known as “President’s Park,” next to the White House.



In September 2017 **Olivia Rabishaw** was the winner of an international art competition to design the symbol image for the Foundation Art Centre for Children and Young People. The number of works submitted was 6,776 from 66 countries.

Olivia was the only foreign participant to receive money from the Finnish government to assist with a trip to Finland to accept the award.

Her art teacher was **Olga Nazarkina**.

Academy, Grammy, Juno and Emmy Awards



MALCOLM BURN GRAMMY AWARD

In 2001 former resident **Malcolm Burn** won a Grammy Award as co-engineer for Best Contemporary Folk Album for *Red Dirt Girl*.

In 2004 he was nominated for a Juno Award for Best Producer of the Year for *Here I Am/Will I Dream*.

TAYLOR, CHARLESWORTH, TECHNICAL ACADEMY AWARDS

In March 2003 **Mike Taylor** and **Mark Charlesworth** received Oscar awards at the 2003 Scientific and Technical Academy Awards for their 3D graphics technology work with Alias/Wavefront, a Toronto-based computer company. They helped develop the 'Maya' software used in the making of *Spiderman*, *Lord of the Rings – the Two Towers*, and *Star Wars II – Attack of the Clones*.



Mark and Jane Charlesworth at the 2003 Academy Awards

CORRIVEAU EMMY AWARD WINNER

In January 2009 **Phil Corriveau** won a Technical Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his work in setting standards for high-definition digital television at the 60th Annual Technical and Engineering Emmy Awards, in Las Vegas.



Mike and Lisa Taylor at the 2003 Academy Awards



Phil Corriveau, Technical Emmy Award winner, in Las Vegas, 2009

NISHIMURA TECHNICAL ACADEMY
AWARD

In 1997 former resident **Douglas Nishimura** won a Scientific and Technical Achievement Academy Award with two other colleagues from the Image Permanence Institute in Rochester, NY, for the creation of Acid-Detecting Strips Film-Based Deterioration Monitors used in the preservation of film.

The award was presented by actress Ashley Judd.



Douglas Nishimura, right, received a Technical Achievement Academy Award with two colleagues in 1997.

GULLEN JUNO WINNER

In March 2012 former resident **Ryan Gullen** won three Juno awards as a member of *The Sheepdogs*, a “shaggy-haired Saskatoon southern-rock throwback, whose blend of boogie rock and barfly blues took hold with listeners after they won a prominent *Rolling Stone* magazine cover contest.”

The group won the Juno Single of the Year with *I Don't Know*, as well as Rock Album, and New Group of the Year.

The band's manager is Ryan's brother **Tyler Gullen**, who is also a former resident of Deep River.



Ryan Gullen, third from left, member of Sheepdog, winner of three Juno awards, 2012.

Deep River Schools

Mackenzie Community School



Mackenzie High School in Deep River (renamed Mackenzie Community School in 2011) was named after **Chalmers 'Jack' Mackenzie**. He received the Military Cross during WWI, was President of the National Research Council (1939 to 1952), was the first president of AECL (1952 to 1953) and was the first president of the Atomic Energy Control Board (1948 to 1961).

In 1967 he was one of the first recipients of the Companion of the Order of Canada, a new award that year.

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, London, in 1946 and was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

He won the most coveted award in the field of engineering science, the Kelvin Medal, awarded by the Institute of Civil Engineers in London.

Mackenzie was appointed Chancellor of Carleton University in 1964 and was a director of the Canadian Geographic Society. The Engineering Building at Carleton University is named after him.

He received honorary degrees from 21 different universities. He died in Ottawa in March 1984 age 95.

Student enrolment at Mackenzie reached its peak in 1971, with 1,091 students.

In April 1966 an Ontario Secondary Teachers Federation survey of employment conditions in Ontario schools voted Mackenzie in the top category in attitude to educational improvements, staff and board relations, and conditions of work.

In December 1993 a review conducted by the Ministry of Education and Training indicated that students at Mackenzie were well above the provincial average in advanced and general level reading and writing skills.

Thirty per cent of Mackenzie students were writing at the highest level, compared to the provincial average of 7 per cent. The Director of Education credited Mackenzie's success to the consistent program of English teacher **Don Fulford**.

Mackenzie School Teachers

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Mackenzie School geography teacher **Lee Rice** was a member of the 1956-59 British Antarctic Expedition, based in Hope Bay.

In June 1977 **Major Don Kaye**, Mackenzie mathematics teacher, was one of two Ontario high school teachers to receive the Descartes Medal from Waterloo University's Descartes Foundation for the Advancement of Mathematics.

The medal was for "mathematical leadership" as well as teaching ability and performance.

In October 1978 Mackenzie science teacher **Roland Emery** was presented with the award for “outstanding contribution to science education” by the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, in Toronto, for his development of a major curriculum on solar energy.

The curriculum was featured in the February 1978 issue of *Canadian Renewable Energy News*.

In April 1980 **Roger Noppe**, a 15-year teacher at Mackenzie, was one of 20 Canadian counsellors awarded a Shell Canada Merit Fellowship in career education.

He had previously initiated ‘Grad Day’ at Mackenzie to ease the transition from school to work - it was subsequently used as a model by many other Ontario schools.

In June 1985 **Bill Patterson** was awarded a Shell Merit Fellowship to attend a month-long seminar dealing with energy and environmental education.

PM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

In February 1994 **Jack Gray**, retired principal of Mackenzie, was presented with the Prime Minister’s Award for Excellence in Teaching Science.

He formed the Deep River Track Club and was the first principal of the Deep River Science Academy.

From 1951 to 1953 he had played with the Toronto Argonauts football team, which included a Grey Cup win against Edmonton in 1952. While attending the University of Toronto, he received the award for best contribution to athletics.

After retiring he competed in the Boston Marathon and National Capital Marathons.

In September 1980 he placed third in the Canadian Track and Field 3,000m Championship for Masters (over 40 years old).

In June 1991 **Robert Wiley** was selected as a recipient of a 1991 Canadore College Excellent Teacher Recognition award for his ability to take “what could have been a very boring class and turn it into a class to look forward to.”

In September 1993 **Duane MacDougall**, a geography, law and mathematics teacher, designed a 5 ft by 7 ft stained- glass window chosen to be produced and installed in the front lobby of the Toronto office of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation to celebrate the association’s 75th anniversary.

Mackenzie Academics

In March 1965 **Alison Brown**, 17, won the “Careers for Youth” scholarship presented by the Canadian Restaurant Association and the H.J. Heinz Company of Canada, in Toronto.

In June 1972 **Marjorie Moffat** won the shorthand competition (80 words a minute) and **Cathy Soucy** won the speedwriting contest (60 words a minute) in the Pitman National Shorthand contest.

In April 1973 Mackenzie students **Douglas MacDonald** and **Robert Beauchamp** won the 1973 Chrysler Troubleshooting Regional Contest in Ottawa, qualifying them to compete in the National Finals contest in Winnipeg.

In January 1974 **Claire Shurrock** won the Directors Trophy in the senior section of the Provincial Typing competition. **Claire** and **Janice Quinn** won the trophy for Best Senior Team.

In February 1974 **Fiona McAlpin** was one of those selected in the National Student Poetry contest by the Canadian Council of Teachers of English.

The contest was judged by such notables as Irving Layton and Leonard Cohen, and entries were compiled in a collection called “Pandora’s Box.”

In March 1975 **Ward Green** was first in the German speaking contest held at the Goethe Institute in Ottawa, qualifying him to advance to the Final All-Ontario Contest at Waterloo.

In April 1975 the Mackenzie Mathematics Team was first in Waterloo University’s Junior Mathematics Contest for all students with three years in high school. There were 375 high schools and 20,000 competitors entered.

The team placed first in Ontario and third in all Canada.

Team members were **Robert Myers, Guy Hulbert, Charles Ormrod, Mark Charlesworth, and Mark Kaye.**

In April 1976 **Clinton Yourth** (16) was first in the Intermediate Single Physical Science Division and first in the Engineering Division at the Ottawa Regional Science Fair with a display of rocketry.

He was one of only two boys chosen to represent Ottawa at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Brandon, Manitoba.

MACKENZIE HIGH TIMES FIRST

In June 1978 the *Mackenzie High Times* student newspaper was awarded first prize out of 19 competitors in the Ottawa Citizen Award for "Outstanding Newspaper of 1978." The newspaper was produced by co-editors **David V. Thompson** and **Bonnie Severin**, under the guidance of teacher-advisor **Phil Chester**.

In June 1992 the newspaper placed third in the Ottawa Citizen's High School Newspaper Competition. The editors were Christina VanDrunen and Bob Kim.

In November 1978, at the first Ottawa Science and Engineering Fair, **Jonathan Bayly**, Grade 12 student, was awarded first prize in the 'Sciatic Essay Competition' for his entry *My Brother the Clone*.

The essay was reprinted in full in the 1978 November 22 issue of the North Renfrew Times.

In November 1978 **Mike Lipsett**, Grade 12 student, won first prize in the art category of Ottawa's first Science and Engineering Fair, awarded by the Scientific, Engineering and Technology Community of Canada. The pen and ink drawing, called "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," was of such a high calibre that a special category, Best in Show, was created for it.

"We felt that this work was in every way in a class by itself. The content, illustration, composition and technique were all excellent."

- Comments on Mike Lipsett's pen and ink drawing "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" by the judging panel of professional artists at the first Ottawa Science and Engineering Fair in explaining their decision to create a special category for the work.



Mike Lipsett's *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* won 'Best in Show' at the first Ottawa Science and Engineering Fair, 1978.

In May 1979 **Rosemary Butler** was awarded First Honourable Mention in the Huron College Creative Writing Competition, open to all Ontario high school students. Her assigned topic was "Equal Salaries for All Jobs?"

In June 1981 two Grade 13 students were successful competitors in a literary competition sponsored by the Carleton University English Department. **Fiona Murray** won two cash prizes for short stories and **Brian Noppe** won a cash prize for a poem.

PERFECT MATH PAPER

In March 1985 **Dieter von Fintel**, a grade nine student, wrote a perfect paper in the University of Waterloo mathematics contest, tying for first place with a small group of other students from across Canada.

In February 1987 **Joanne Towner** and **Carolyn Ohno** won provincial Cartier Scholarships for placing first and third respectively of all graduating students in their school boards in 1986.

In June 1988 **Carolyn Glen**, a grade 9 student, won a runner-up prize in the Carleton University High School Writing Competition with her drama *Counterfeit Chaos*. There were over 400 entries in the competition.

In June 1990 **Pennie Lane** was one of 20 winners in the Royal Canadian Geographic Society's fourth Canada-wide school geography essay contest for her essay on "Soil Erosion on Prince Edward Island."

In June 1990 grade 9 Mackenzie student **Larissa Ulisko** was the winner of the Claudia de Hueck Memorial Scholarship from the Science Council of Canada in the council's first national "Images of Science" art competition.

She was the youngest of the 10 winners in the competition, for students aged from 15 to 20.

In June 1990 Mackenzie's newspaper *Mackenzie High Times* placed second in the Ottawa Citizen High School Newspaper Awards competition, in only its second year of publication. The newspaper's Editor-in-Chief was **Baiju Shah**.

PROVINCIAL FRENCH SPEAKING CHAMP

In April 1991 **Julia Branecka**, a Grade 11 student, won the Provincial Finals of the French Public Speaking Competition, held in Toronto under the auspices of the Canadian Parents for French and the Ontario Modern Language Teacher's Association.

In September 1999 **David Hesketh** placed third in a national competition sponsored by Lever Ponds, called *Your Future, Your Say*. For the Senior Soundbite section, David wrote and submitted a song called "It Only Gets Better."

In July 2002 **Stephanie Wise** was the regional winner of the province-wide 5th Annual Chartered Accountants of Ontario challenge.

In March 2006, Grade 9 student **Matthew Aydemir**, was selected to represent Ottawa and the

Ottawa Valley at the Provincial Chess Championships, held in Toronto.

In April 2008, students in Mackenzie's Tamarack program won the Eastern Ontario Envirothon Regional Championships at the Petawawa Research Forestry.

The win qualified them to advance to the Ontario Championships in Brant County.

In March 2004 **Jeff Strack** was named regional winner of the Marion Drysdale Award for creative arts, sponsored by the Ontario Secondary Teachers Federation. His 3D work on the theme "Appreciating One's Freedom" qualified him to compete for the provincial award.



Jeff Strack with his award-winning 3D work

In May 2008, **Neil Boyd**, a former Mackenzie student and currently Professor of Criminology at Simon Fraser University, was reported to have been hired by the federal government to study the impact of Canada's only supervised drug-injection site.

In May 2008 **Verena Tunnicliffe**, former Mackenzie student and currently a marine biologist emerita at the University of Victoria in B.C., was reported to be the director of VENUS, an underwater research project. (See *Other Scientific Awards*)

In April 2008, **Ian Stiell**, a former Mackenzie student, was reported to be heading Ottawa Hospital's study of whether the application of advanced procedures by paramedics affected a patient's chances of recovery and survival. (See also *Scientists and Inventors.*)

In 2009 the **Interact Club** at Mackenzie won the Rotary District 7040 award for Best Interact Club Poster at the District Conference in Kingston.

The poster showed recent work by the club, including details and photos of a recent mission to El Salvador. The club's advisor was teacher **Jane Linauskas**.

ROTARY DISTRICT TOP INTERACTOR

In 2010 **Meghan White**, president of the Mackenzie Interact Club, was named Interactor of the Year in Rotary District 7040, which includes northern New York state, western Quebec, eastern Ontario, and Nunavik.

ROTARY DISTRICT TOP INTERACTOR

In June 2011 Mackenzie Interact Club Co-Chair **Eui-Hyun Yang** was one of two Interact students selected from Rotary District 7040 to meet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, (William and Catherine) in Ottawa during their first visit to Canada.

Eui-Hyun chose to miss his Mackenzie graduation "Prom" dance to attend the event.

In October of the same year he was selected as the Interactor of the Year in District 7040, the second year in succession that a Mackenzie Interactor had won the award.



Eui-Hyun Yang, 2011 Interactor of the Year, received his certificate from local Rotary Club president Bob French

In October 2015, former Mackenzie graduate **Hilary McCormack** was appointed Chair of the Military Police Complaints Commission of Canada.

Prior to her appointment, she was Director of Crown Operations (East Region) at the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General.

In 1994, working with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, she prosecuted the first case in Canada to successfully use DNA evidence. She received the Department of Justice Deputy Minister's *Merit Award* that year.

In 2010 she received the Ministry of the Attorney General *Excelsior Deputy's Award*.



Hilary McCormack, Chair of the Military Police Complaints Commission of Canada

Mackenzie Theatre

In April 1969 Mackenzie won the 'Best Play' award in the Upper Ottawa Valley Collegiate Drama Festival, held at Mackenzie School. **Peter Komisar** won the award for Best Actor and **John Komisar** won for Best Supporting Actor. The play, "Fools Errand," was directed by Mackenzie teacher **Don Fraser**.

In March 1970 Mackenzie won all six trophies at the Upper Ottawa Valley Collegiate Drama Festival, held in Deep River. "A Thing of Beauty" won Best Production (director **Don Fraser**), Best Actor (**Richard Crispin**), Best Supporting Actor (**Charles Herriot**), and Best Supporting Actress (**Verena Tunnicliffe**).

A second Mackenzie play in the same festival, "Impromptu," won the Adjudicator's Special Award for Direction (student **John Livingston**) and Best Actress (**Maureen Moodie**).

In March 1971 Mackenzie student **Charles Herriot** won the Best Actor award at the Eastern Ontario Drama League Festival for his role as the madman in Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-tale Head."

In March 1975 **Christie Lamb** won the Best Actress award at the Upper Ottawa Collegiate Drama Festival for her part in "Infancy."

In March 1984 **Donna Dawson** and **Catherine Russell** of Mackenzie's Theatre Arts Company won the Ontario Collegiate Drama Festival, held in Renfrew, with a production of *Rouge Atomique*. The two girls directed and acted in the drama and both won Outstanding Performance awards.

The next month, Donna won a further Outstanding Performance award for the same role at the 38th Sears Collegiate Drama Festival, believed to be the longest running festival of its kind in the world.

In March 1988 Mackenzie's Theatre Arts Company competed in the Sears Ontario Collegiate Drama Festival, held in Pembroke, with an impromptu script titled *Fallout*.

Linda Dawson won an Award of Distinctive Merit for her realistic portrayal of a young junkie, and **Joe Tseng** also won an Award of Distinctive Merit for his excellent weaving of music and speech into the production.

The entire company was awarded the Outstanding Technical Achievement Award.

In May 1993 TACO performed *I Stand before You Naked* at the Sears Ontario Collegiate Drama Festival. **Aimee DeAbreu** won the award for best Actress and **Anna Forster** won the award for Best Director.

In March 1997 five Mackenzie students were recognized for their efforts at the Sears Drama Festival, held in Pembroke. **Natasha Jategaonkar** and **Anna Maguire** each won an Award of Merit for costumes for *As You Like It*.

Cedric Gagnon won an Award of Merit for his role as Orlando and **Karen Linauskas** won an Award of Excellence for her role as Rosalind in the same play.

Michael Hawrysh won an Award of Merit for his role of Arnold in *Crawling Around*.

In February 1998 Mackenzie competed at the Sears Drama Festival, held in Pembroke. **Sarah Shulist** and **Kris Dmytrenko** won Awards of Merit for directing *Linda Her*. **Becki Simons** won an Award of Merit for directing *Birdbath*.

Anna Maguire won an Award of Excellence for her role as Anna Sparrow. **Jason Peters** was selected as the Festival's outstanding stage manager.

In April 2007 TACO students presented two plays at the annual Sears Eastern Ontario Drama Festival in Pembroke. TACO received six awards, including awards of excellence for acting for **Tony LeClair** and **Jade Nauman**. The two plays were *Why We Laugh*, and *Lives in the Wind*.

In April 2011 Mackenzie's production of *The Least Offensive Play in the Whole Darn World* won an award of Distinctive Merit for acting and the award for Outstanding Performance for **Pia Dimayuga** at the Ontario Sears Drama Festival, held in Pembroke.

Head of make-up **Heaven-Leigh Norman** received an award of excellence for her work.

Director **Daria Turner** also won an award of excellence.

In March 2014, TACO competed at the Sears Drama Festival in Pembroke, presenting Allison Williams' play *Hamlette*. Mackenzie's play was selected as the Festival's *Outstanding Production* to represent the district at the regional finals in Perth in April.

In addition, awards of merit were given to the lighting team, **Liam Rodgers** and **Kayla Yoki**, and sound technicians, **Keith Corbett** and **Desi Davies**.

The coveted *Stage Manager's Award* was given to **Jake McIvor**, and **Zack Fogal** received an award of excellence for his directing.



In April 2016 Mackenzie Community School hosted the annual Upper Ottawa Valley Sears Drama Festival, with the school's Theatre Arts Company (TACo) winning the top award for "Outstanding Production" with its rendition of *The Wardrobe*.

The show also won an Award of Merit in Technical Excellence for the musicians, costumes, set and lighting; an Award of Excellence for the acting ensemble, and the "Outstanding Stage Management" award for **Jazmine Powers** and **Meghan Ryland**.



In May 2016 TACO students won the Outstanding Production Award for *The Wardrobe* at the Sears Drama Festival and competed in the regional festival in Ottawa in April. Director **Demi-Lee Bainbridge** won an award of excellence for her work and actors **Saffya Cisse**, **Jazmine Powers** and **Patrick Burton** were recognized for their acting expertise.



Mackenzie Music

In November 1971, Mackenzie Student Council sponsored a public concert by Canadian singing icon **Bruce Cockburn**.

In 1973 Canadian superband **Rush** played for a Mackenzie School dance.

TORONTO FESTIVAL WINNERS

In February 1976 the Mackenzie Senior Band was first in the Class A Division for secondary schools at the Toronto Kiwanis Festival Association of Greater Toronto, under music director **Richard Ford**.

In April 1977 the Mackenzie Symphonic Band premiered “Unknown Country” by well-known Canadian composer Dr. **James Gayfer** at a special concert at the Bernard Childs Auditorium, directed by **Richard Ford**.

In 1997 world-renowned saxophonist **Paul Brody** (Order of Canada) gave a workshop to Mackenzie music students.

Over the years Mackenzie has presented many student musicals, most with its own school band providing music. (Most Ontario schools do not produce musicals, regardless of their size.)

As many as one third of the student population can be involved in the annual musicals

Apart from having dedicated teachers as directors, the shows enjoy great support from the general public, with many adults assisting with props, costumes, sets, production, etc.

The musicals are immensely popular, with sellout audiences for all three performances. Since the school auditorium holds close to 400 seats, this represents audiences of almost 1,200 per musical, or about 25 per cent of the entire local population.

The shows, performed almost every year since 1981, include:

- 1981 – Brigadoon
- 1982 – South Pacific
- 1983 – Oklahoma
- 1984 – Once Upon a Mattress
- 1985 – Pyjama Game
- 1986 – Pirates of Penzance

- 1987 – Annie Get Your Gun
- 1988 – West Side Story
- 1989 – The Sound of Music
- 1990 – My Fair Lady
- 1991 – Grease
- 1992 – Guys and Dolls
- 1993 – The King and I
- 1994 – The Music Man
- 1995 – Anne of Green Gables
- 1996 – Fiddler on the Roof
- 1997 – Anything Goes
- 1998 – Bye Bye Birdie
- 1999 – Annie
- 2000 – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
- 2001 – L’il Abner
- 2002 – Oklahoma
- 2003 – 42nd Street
- 2004 – Big Shiny Musical
- 2007 – My Fair Lady

Science And Mathematics

In October 1964, Patricia A. Morrison and James N. Clarke of Mackenzie High School were chosen as two of the 75 students from Ontario high schools to attend the annual Life Science Seminar at the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph. The students obtained the highest marks in an examination written the previous May by over 1,300 Grade XIII students from 250 high schools.

In May 1965 the Deep River District High School Board learned that 15-year-old John Cross, a Grade 11 student at Mackenzie High School, placed fourth out of more than 7,000 contestants in the Ontario Junior Mathematics Contest. Mackenzie ranked 25th out of the 360 schools taking part in the annual contest

TOP ONTARIO PHYSICS STUDENT

In June 1965 **James Clarke**, a Grade 13 student, was the winner of the Fourth Annual Province-Wide Physics contest sponsored by the Canadian Association of Physicists.

The average score for the difficult three-hour exam, sat by 431 students, was 30 per cent; James scored 89 per cent.

In April 1971 Mackenzie students **Peter Ross-Ross** and **Lorne Carmichael** were selected to represent Ontario in the 3rd Canadian Mathematics Olympiad, sponsored by the Canadian Mathematical Congress, whose patron was the Governor General Roland Mitchener.

In April 1975, Waterloo University announced that Mackenzie High School's team placed first in their Junior Mathematics Contest, open to students who have three years of high school. The team was made up of five Grade 11 students: **Rob Myers, Guy Hulbert, Charles Ormrod, Mark Charlesworth** and **Mark Kaye**.

In June 1976, after his rocket ship launcher took the prize in the Regional Science Fair in Ottawa, **Clinton Yourth**, a second-year Mackenzie student, went on to Brandon, Manitoba for the Canada-wide competition.

He won first in the category of overall engineering excellence, another first from the Aeronautical and Space Institute, and a second place in the Intermediate Engineering category for all of Canada.

In 1975 he had placed first in the Junior Physical Science section of the Ottawa Regional Science Fair.

In July 1974 **David Charlesworth** won top score in the Descartes Mathematics Contest for Grade 13 students in the Ottawa Valley-St. Lawrence Zone at the University of Waterloo, ahead of 1,265 competitors.

3RD IN PROVINCE

In May 1977 the Mackenzie Mathematics Team placed third in the province in the Descartes Mathematics Competition for Grade 13 and under students. The team was **Robert Myers, David Moore**, and **Mark Charlesworth**.

In June 1979 the Mackenzie Mathematics Team placed first in Zone 66, which includes all of Eastern Ontario except Ottawa-Carleton, in the annual Euclid Mathematics Contest for Grade 12 students. Team members were **Jane Hegney, Susie Costello**, and **Daniel Sandler**.

In March 1980 the Mackenzie Mathematics Team won the Zone 66 section of the annual Junior Mathematics Competition, and came 13th in Ontario and 26th in Canada. Members were **Ashok Balakrishnan, Matthew Kaye, Ian Miller, John Charlesworth** and **Neil Hunt**.

3RD IN CANADA

In May 1982 the Mackenzie Mathematics Team placed third in Canada in the Annual Descartes Mathematics Competition for Grade 13 students sponsored by Waterloo University, out of 553 schools. Members were **Ashok Balakrishnan, Neil Hunt**, and **Anne Hegney**.

ONTARIO'S HIGHEST PHYSICS MARK

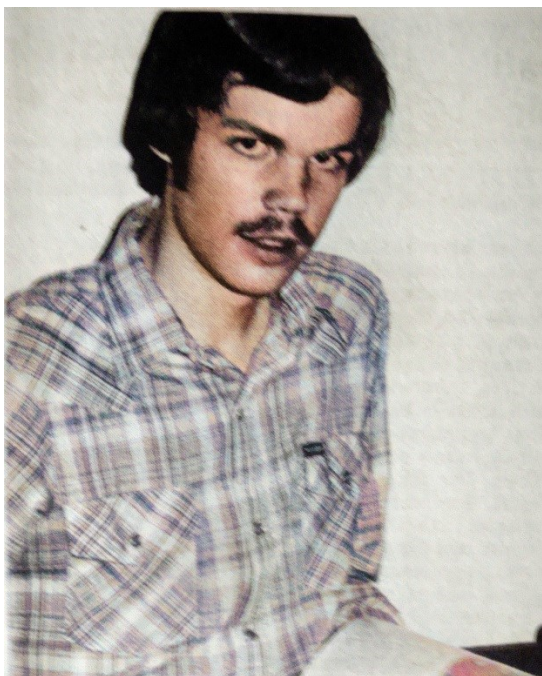
In September 1981 three students from Mackenzie were among 11 Provincial winners in the annual contest sponsored by the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Neil Hunt achieved the highest mark in the province, while **Gavin Morton** and **Ian Miller** were tied for sixth position. All three winners were students of teacher **Doug Moon**.

In May 1982 Neil placed second in the Canadian Association of Physics High School Prize sponsored by Carleton University and the University of Ottawa.

In June 1982 he placed fifth out of 5,400 students in the Canada-wide Sir Isaac Newton Physics Test sponsored by Waterloo University.

Neil received a \$1000 scholarship to Waterloo in his first year.



Neil Hunt, first in Ontario in the 1981 American Physics contest. In 1982 he placed fifth out of 5,400 students in the Canada-wide Sir Isaac Newton Physics Test

In July 1983 **Ian Miller** placed second out of 5,400 students in the 15th annual Sir Isaac Newton Physics test, organised by the University of Waterloo Physics Department.

TOP IN MATHS ZONE

In April 1987 Mackenzie placed first in its zone in both the Pascal (Grade 9) and Cayley (Grade 10) contests in the annual Waterloo Junior Math Contest.

Baiju Shah received the Pascal contest's top mark in the zone, and David Unrau placed second in the Cayley contest. The zone includes all schools in Eastern Ontario except the Ottawa School Board.

In April 1988 **Dieter von Fintel** finished in the top 0.4 per cent of students competing across Canada in the Grade 11 Fermat Mathematics Contest.

Mackenzie students as a group finished in the top 4 per cent of Canadian schools competing.

CANADIAN MATHS CHAMPS

In 1989 Mackenzie won the Fermat Mathematics Competition for Grade 11 students, beating 1,164 other schools to become Canadian Champions.

Team members were **Dewey Yin, Baiju Shah, Carl Svensson** and **Jay Serdula**. Their coach was Mackenzie School mathematics teacher **Betty Hegney**.

Dewey was first in Canada and Baiju was first in Eastern Ontario.

As a result of the team's showing in the Fermat competition, all members were invited to compete in the Canadian Invitational Mathematics Challenge, at Waterloo University, where **Dewey Yin** placed in the top 6-10. (Results were only reported in this grouped form, but presumably Dewey performed well, being the Canadian Fermat Competition winner.)

2ND IN NEWTON PHYSICS CONTEST

In November 1989 a six-member team of Mackenzie students placed second among 113 schools in the annual Sir Isaac Newton Physics Contest, written in the spring.

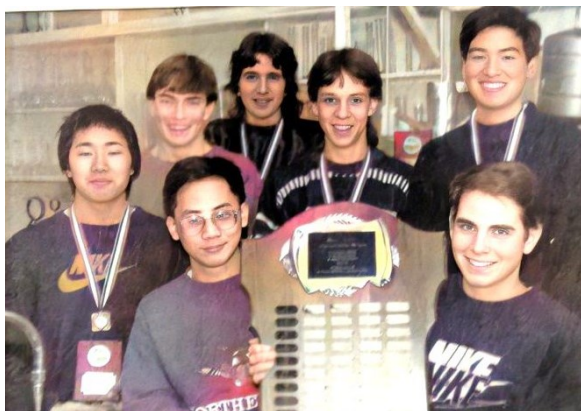
Members were **Abigail Metcalfe, Aaron Pollet, Peter Miller, Ed McMichael, Dewey Yin** and **Andrei Androsoff**. Their coach was teacher **Doug Moon**.

In April 1990 Mackenzie won the 'Valley Reach' quiz competition, qualifying them to compete in the Ontario Provincial 'Reach for the Top' championship in London. The team comprised **Ray Philipose, Sean Thomas, Vimal Balakrishnan** and **Baiju Shah**.

FIRST PLACE SCIENCE OLYMPICS

In February 1991 the Mackenzie team won first place at the 11th edition of the Ottawa-Carleton Science/Engineering Olympics, held at Carleton University.

The team was comprised of **David Woo, David Burrill, Ken Greiner, Ken Yamazaki, Bob Kim, Mark Ungrin, Curtis Ajmani** and **Scott Irving**. The teacher coach was **Ivan McWilliam**.



*Mackenzie Science/Engineering Olympics
Champion team, 1991*

In April 1991 eight Mackenzie students were named as Canada Scholars in a national program to encourage students to pursue studies in mathematics and the sciences.

School Principal Mary Fehrenbach said it was ‘unprecedented’ to have so many students from such a small school receive the \$8,000 scholarships.

The eight students (out of only 18 chosen from Renfrew County) were **Keith Ajmani, Andrei Androsoff, Karin Greiner, Ed McMichael, Carl Svensson, Joe Tseng, David Unrau, and Dewey Yin.**

In February 1994 Mackenzie came second in the regional Science Engineering Olympics sponsored by the University of Ottawa and Carleton University, held at the Museum of Science and Technology. The 16-member team beat approximately 20 other schools. Teacher coaches were **Bill Patterson** and **Robert Wiley.**

In May 1994 Mackenzie won the Grade 13 Descartes Mathematics Competition for Eastern Ontario, against 21 schools. Team members were **Neil Brewster, Kevin Senohrabek and Natalie Woo.**

In May 1995 the Mackenzie Valley Reach quiz team advanced to the Provincial Championships following an unbeaten season of wins in Ottawa Valley school competitions.

Team members were **David Keech, Kavi Chatoorgoon, Dhenuka Tennankore and Sunir Shah,** with teacher coach **Bob Amaron.**

In February 1996 Mackenzie placed second in the regional Science Olympics, held in Ottawa. Team members were **Mike Munro, Mike Allmand, Alan Hesketh, Andy Cooper, Kavi Chatoorgoon, Julian Dunn, Natasha Jategaonkar, Brendan Simons, Ben Kennedy, Dan Nicks, Alex Atfield, and Kris Deugau.** Their coach was teacher **Robert Wiley.**

In March 1998 **Scott Krueger** placed second in the “Bionic Arm” competition at the 19th Annual Science and Engineering Olympics, held in Ottawa.

In February 2000 **Marianna Horn** and **Katie Horn** placed second in the Imaginative Bridge Design category at the 20th annual Science and Engineering Olympics, held in Ottawa.

In May 2001 Grade 11 student **Phillip Echlin** was the Zone Champion in that year’s Canada-wide Fermat Mathematics Contest.

In March 2002 both the Grade 9 and Grade 10 Mackenzie Mathematics Teams were Zone Champions in that year’s Canada-wide Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Mathematics Contest. The Zone included 22-24 schools in Eastern Ontario.

In April 2003 Mackenzie’s Grades 9 and 10 teams were zone champions in the annual Waterloo Mathematics Contest.

In June 2011 **Pia Dimayuga** was selected to participate in the award-winning SHAD science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program in July. Pia accepted a placement in the Centre of Excellence in Personalized Medicine, at UBC.

In June 2014 **Karthik Kannan** was selected from more than 1,200 applicants across Canada to participate in the SHAD science program. Karthik was one of only 620 youth selected for the course at one of SHAD’s 12 host universities.

Science Fairs

Local school students have performed well in regional, provincial, and even national Science Fairs.

TOP SCIENCE FAIR WINNER

In 1975 **Clinton Yourth** placed first in the Junior Physical Science section of the Ottawa Regional Science Fair at Carleton University with his invention “Electronic Ballistic Thrust Detector.”

In April 1976 he was first in the Intermediate Single Physical Science Division and first in the Engineering Division at the Ottawa Regional Science Fair with a display of rocketry.

He was one of only two boys chosen to represent Ottawa at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Brandon, Manitoba, where he placed first in the Overall Engineering Excellence Award from the Aeronautical and Space Institute and second in the Intermediate Engineering category.

He also placed in the top 10 in the Open Competition for Best Exhibit.

NATIONAL WINNER

In May 1995 **Alan Hesketh** won the silver medal in the Intermediate (Grade 9-10) Computer Science category at the National Science Fair, held in Whitehorse, Yukon.

In 1998 **Steven Champ** advanced to the Junior Applied Sciences category in the 27th Canada-wide Science Fair in Winnipeg.

GOLD MEDAL AT CANADA-WIDE SCIENCE FAIR

In May 2001 **Asha Suppiah** won a silver medal for her project on solar desalination at the Ontario Science Fair, held in London. She also received a special RBC award for an outstanding junior project related to water resources.

Later that month she won a gold medal for the same project in the Junior Earth and Environmental category at the Canada-Wide Science Fair, held in Kingston.

In 2002 Asha won another Gold Medal in the Intermediate Earth and Environmental Category for her project on fuel cells.

In May 2005 she won a silver medal in both the Earth and Environmental Sciences category and Senior Automotive category at the Canada-Wide Science Fair, held in Vancouver. Her project was “Pressure’s up on Fuel Cell.”

She also won Science and Engineering Entrance Scholarships at the University of British Columbia and the University of Western Ontario in London, from among 450 competitors.



Asha Suppiah, gold medallist at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in both 2001 and 2002

SCIENCE FAIR MULTI-MEDALLIST

In May 2006 Asha’s sister, **Roopa Suppiah**, won the AECL Award for Excellence at the Canada-Wide Science fair, held in Saguenay, Quebec.

Her project, “Sun Shines on Wind Power” was in competition with 1,644 other young scientists. She also won Honourable Mentions in both Earth and Environmental Science, and Automotive categories.

In May 2007, Roopa won silver in the Automotive category and bronze in Earth and Environmental Science category at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Truro, Nova Scotia, with her project “Breathe Easy...CO2 Can be Green.”

That fair included 450 winners chosen from 25,000 students who had competed in over 100

regional science and technology fairs across Canada.

Roopa missed participating in the 2008 Canada-Wide Science Fair because she was competing in the International Science Fair.

Patterson estimated that in those 48-plus years more than 1,500 students have experienced a whitewater trip with Trekkers.

Rivers canoed include: Dumoine, Coulonge, Missinaibi, Petawawa, Spanish, and Montreal.

TAMARACK

In 1991 a new approach to combining several high-school topics in a single immersion course called Tamarack was created by Mackenzie science teacher **Bill Patterson**. The program includes Environmental Science, Physical Education, English, and Human Relations, for which students receive credits.

Students stay with a full-time single teacher for all courses during the semester. The program is not restricted to the classroom but goes into the community and surrounding countryside for its subjects.

In March 1996 Patterson was presented with the Phi Delta Kappa (society of educators) award for excellence in education.

Tamarack became a highly successful program and is listed by the Ontario Ministry of Education as a "Lead Program."

As part of Tamarack, each year students write and produce a magazine, *Tamarack*, that collects their interviews with local and area pioneers and people important to the area's history.

A list of the approximately 300 people who have been interviewed as part of this invaluable oral history is given in Appendix E. Copies of the annual *Tamarack* magazine are sold to the public and are also available in public libraries.

TREKKERS

The annual Trekkers week-long canoe trip for students was started 50 years ago by Mackenzie staff **Don Bull**, **Moir Burn**, **Matt Robillard** and **Don Smith** and is still an important activity offered at Mackenzie. Most similar outdoor programs at other schools fold within 10 years.

Trekkers is one of the few secondary school programs in Ontario that goes on whitewater canoe trips; it's possibly the only one.

Mackenzie Gymnastics

In March 1971 the Mackenzie Gymnastics team won the Ontario Grade-Team Championships, in Hamilton, winning four firsts out of a possible six. Members were: **Robert Ball**, **Betty Jones**, **Barry Woito**, **Mike Roach**, and **Alan Dixon**.

Robert Ball won the trophy as All-Ontario Gymnast. The coach was Mackenzie teacher **Bob Dunn**.

In April 1972 the Mackenzie Gymnastics team 'dominated' the OFSAA All-Ontario Grade 9 Championships.

As a result, the following female gymnasts were invited to compete in the All-Ontario Girls Gymnastics Championships at York University: **Sandra Hart**, **Lisa Kennedy**, **Laura Dunbar**, **Hillary McCormack**, **Carol Robertson**, **Christa Craig**, **Marjorie Moffat**, and **Louise Hurley**.

In April 1976 **Sarah Yeatman**, **Melissa Hegney** and **Alison Guertin** were chosen as members of the Eastern Ontario Gymnastics Team to compete in the Provincial Gymnastics Championships.

In April 1984 the Mackenzie Gymnastics team competed in the Eastern Ontario Championships, where two Mackenzie girls qualified for the OFSSA meet in St. Catherines. **Nancy Archer** placed first in all her four events and first overall, and **Shelly Brown** placed third overall.

At the OFSSA meet **Shelly Brown** placed second on the Balance Beam and **Nancy Archer** placed third on Floor Exercises in the Elite B category.

In 2002 **Devyn Meilleur** (9) placed second in the Eastern Regional Provincial Gymnastics Qualifier.

Mackenzie Athletics & Sports

In February 1965 **Rob Barlow** won the Giant Slalom event out of 65 competitors at a Junior Varsity Meet in Ottawa. **Robbie Morrison** won bronze in the cross-country event.

In April 1974 the Mackenzie Girls Volleyball team was selected in the top two Junior Women's teams to represent Eastern Ontario at the National Championships at McMaster University.

In October 1974 the Mackenzie Cross Country Team competed at the Ottawa and District High School Championships.

The Boys Senior and Junior teams and the Girls Senior team all came second, qualifying for the All-Ontario Championships. The Mackenzie team also won the Boys Overall Aggregate title.

The number of Mackenzie qualifiers was a quarter of the entire Ottawa contingent that advanced to the All-Ontario Championships.

In February 1976 the following Mackenzie students qualified for the Ontario Winter Games at Sault Ste. Marie: **Sandra Hart** and **Carol Morrison** in girls volleyball, **Paul Hurley** in boys volleyball, **Greg Pickard**, **Gerry Rainville**, and **Mignon Yeatman** in skiing, and **Alison Guertin**, gymnastics.

In November 1976 the Mackenzie girls and boys Midget Cross Country teams ran in the Ottawa and District Cross Country Championships and both advanced to the All-Ontario Championships in St. Catharines.

The girls' team qualified by winning the Ottawa and District Cross Country Championships.

The girls' team was **Jill Greenshields**, **Maureen Skinner**, **Sharon Smith**, **Janet Burn**, and **Heather Haliburton**, who won five events at the Ottawa Championships.

The boys' team was **Brent Jeffrey**, **Sean Reid**, **Gerry Ladouceur**, and **Hugh Bancroft**. Coaches were **Bob Dunn** and **Don Breault**.

In May 1977 seven Mackenzie athletes advanced to the All-Ontario Athletic Championships, in Sudbury. They were **Alastair Baird** (3000 m) **Heather Haliburton** (3000 m) **Robert D'Arcy** (100 m hurdles) **Sue Seguin** (discus) **Lorne Petterson** (javelin), **Robert Keay** (high jump) and

Gerry Rainville (110 m hurdles). **Robert D'Arcy** came fourth in the provincial 100 m hurdles finals.

In November 1977 both Mackenzie Midget boys and girls teams advanced to the All-Ontario Cross Country Running finals, in Mattawa.

The girls' team came third in Ontario, with team members **Janet Burn**, **Sharon Smith**, **Deborah Thompson**, and **Linda Audet**. Their coach was **Bob Dunn**.

In November 1978 the Mackenzie Junior Boys Team won their division at a Deep River meet, qualifying for the All-Ontario Cross Country Running Championships in Toronto. Qualifying members were **Brent Jeffrey**, **Hugh Bancroft**, **John Selkirk**, **Neil Baird**, **Paul Morralee**, and **Peter Thompson**.

In February 1979 the Mackenzie Swim Team placed second in the Ottawa High School Championships, held at Brewer Park, Ottawa.

In May 1979 Mackenzie student **Dave Stewart** placed second in the Midget Boys 4000 metres and third in the 200 m race, as well as helping to win third place in 4 x 100 m relay at the Eastern Regional High School track and field championships in Ottawa.

In November 1980 Mackenzie Midget Girls Cross Country runners were third in all of Ontario when they competed against 34 other schools at London in the All Ontario School Cross Country Meet. Members were: **Margaret Holden**, **Debbie Harvey**, **Catherine Milley**, **Shirley Coleman**, and **Nikki Chapman**. The team's coaches were teachers **Bob Dunn** and **Brian Burke**.

In February 1981 the Mackenzie Alpine Team placed third in the All-Ontario High Schools Competition at Edelweiss Valley. The team manager was **Larry Gaffney**.

PROVINCE'S 5TH LARGEST LIFESAVING PROGRAM

In March 1981 the Renfrew County Board of education received a congratulatory letter from the Royal Lifesaving Society on having a school that was the fifth largest lifesaving program of "all schools in the entire province." The school was, of course, Mackenzie.

In June 1981 four athletes from Mackenzie competed in the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Athletics Association meet in Thunder Bay. **Shirley Coleman, Cathy Wilson, John Dupuis** and **Anne MacCready**. Coaches were **Brian Burke** and **Linda Walsh**.

ONTARIO DOWNHILL CHAMPS

In February 1982 the Mackenzie downhill ski team won first place in the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association's Alpine Combined All-Ontario Championships, held in Collingwood, ahead of 26 other high schools.

Mackenzie gold medallists were **Rob Crocker, Kirk Fletcher, Lawrence Gaffney, Jeff Lemon, Andrew Milley, Rhonda Cheadle, Jackie Dolling, Debbie Harvey, Nancy Klock** and **Heather McDonald**.

In February 1983 the Mackenzie Ski team easily advanced to the All-Ontario Provincial Meet in Mattawa by performing well at races at Edelweis. The girls' team of **Nancy Klock, Jackie Dolling, Debbie Harvey** and **Rhonda Cheadle** won both the Giant Slalom and Slalom races.

The boys' team of **Lawrence Gaffney, Rob Crocker, Jeff Lemon** and **Simon Earle** were equally successful. Their coach was teacher **Larry Gaffney**.

ONTARIO HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPS

In February 1984 Mackenzie skiers competed in the Ontario High School Ski Championships, held in Horsehoe Valley, winning nine gold and one silver medal.

The Junior Girls Team won both the combined and relay events. Winning members were **Lesley Milley, Glenda Watson, and Rachel Holden**. Their coach was **Don Fulford**.

ALL-ONTARIO WINNERS

In May 1983 a team of six Mackenzie School students from won the prestigious All-Ontario Pins Over-Average Bowling Tournament in Kitchener.

Four of the members had never bowled before that year and the team was the youngest of the 16 teams in the tournament.

Members were **David Barrington, Terry Carlin, Dwayne Adams, Todd Chaput, Brian McKay** and **Derek Ingram**.

Terry Carlin took top honours at the tournament.

In February 1984 **Rob Crocker** placed second in Slalom at the Ontario High School Alpine Championships, held in Edelweis.

ONTARIO WRESTLING CHAMP

In February 1984 former Mackenzie student **Curt West** qualified to compete in the Canadian National University Wrestling championships in Saskatoon by winning the 57 kg weight class at the Ontario University Athletic Association Championships held at the University of Guelph.

While in Grade 12 in Mississauga, he had been the Ontario and Canadian champion wrestler in his class.

In May 1984 **Sherry Tellerd** represented Mackenzie in the All Ontario Track and Field Meet at Etobicoke, where she placed fifth in the 400 m race.

In February 1985 the Mackenzie Downhill Ski Team placed fourth at the All-Ontario Championships, held at Collingwood. **Lawrence Gaffney** placed first overall in the boys' events.

UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL AWARDS

In 1986 **Ian Tierney**, a graduate from Mackenzie, received the Men's Sportsmanship Award from Mount Allison University for his "leadership, dedication and commitment to football and academic life."

In 1982, his first year, he was selected the Atlantic Association Rookie of the Year.

He was the team's captain for three years, leading his Mounties team to two conference championships, two Atlantic Bowls, and one Vanier Cup, the Canadian universities championship game.

E. ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

In March 1987 the Mackenzie Senior Girls Volleyball team won the Eastern Ontario Championships, held at Tagwi. Their coach was **Nancy Watson**.

E. ONTARIO JUNIOR BASKETBALL CHAMPS

In March 1988, the Mackenzie Mustangs junior basketball team won the EOSSA championships, held at Kingston. Their coach was teacher **Dean Hilts**.

In 1987 the Mackenzie Cross Country Ski Team competed in the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA), held in Orillia. In the Junior Girls events, **Terri-Lynn James** placed first and **Abbigail Metcalfe** placed second, leading the girls' team to overall first place.

In the Junior Boys, **Robert DeAbreu** placed first and **Nathan Lee** placed third, placing the boys team second overall.

In March 1987, the Mackenzie bantam basketball team placed second in the Eastern Ontario Secondary Schools Association championships, under coaches Bob Dunn and Jonathan Pollett.

In February 1988, the Mackenzie Cross Country Ski team competed in the EOSSAA races at Plantagenet. The senior combined team placed first and the junior combined team placed second.

Nathan Lee, Robert DeAbreu and Peter Miller came in first, second and third, respectively in the Senior Boys category.

Abbigail Metcalfe, Terri-Lynn James, and Karin Greiner came in first, second and third, respectively in the Senior Girls.

Kris Dunn and Brett Taylor placed first and second, respectively in the Junior Boys and **Alana Hardy** placed second in Junior Girls.

In the relay events, the Senior Girls, Senior Boys and Junior Boys placed first with the Junior Girls placing second and the second Senior Boys team placing third.

Overall, both senior teams and the junior boys placed first while the junior girls placed second.

SENIOR TEAM ONTARIO CHAMPS

In January 1988 at the OFSSAA Ontario championships the Mackenzie Senior Boys came in second, which gave the Mackenzie senior combined team a first-place finish.

In August 1988 it was announced that former Mackenzie student **Merv Pickett** had been accepted into Roberts Lesley College in Rochester, New York, on an athletic scholarship for soccer and basketball.

ONTARIO FOOTBALL ROOKIE OF YEAR

In November 1988 former Mackenzie student and current Mackenzie teacher **Chuck Sims** was named the first recipient of the Norm Marshall Trophy as Rookie of the Year by the Ontario University Athletic Association football conference, at a ceremony at Toronto's City Hall.

He played with the Guelph Gryphons team where he broke the Ontario University Athletic Association single-game rushing record, with 337 yards.

In November 1989 he turned down an offer to try out for the Ontario bobsled team.

In October 1990 he was named the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union player of the week and was the Canadian University footballer leader in 'yards-per-carry,' 6.9.

In April 1991 he was named Male Athlete of the Year by the University of Guelph.

In 2005 he was named to the University of Guelph Athletics Hall of fame.

In March 1990 Mackenzie skiers competed at the OFSAA races at Laurentian University in Sudbury. **Robert DeAbreu** was first in Junior Boys, and the Junior Girls Relay team came second.

In May 1990 six Mackenzie athletes qualified to compete in the Eastern Regional Championships of the EOSSAA, held in Ottawa. **Robert DeAbreu** qualified for the 2,000m Senior Boys Steeplechase, **Andrew Taylor** for the 3,000 m Steeplechase, **Wendy Moon** for the 80 m Hurdles, **Jody Hinchberger** in the 400 m race, **Nick Hallett** in the Junior Boys High Jump and **Holly Bindner** in the Senior Girls Triple Jump.

Robert, Jody, Holly and Wendy advanced to the OFSSA provincial finals, the largest high school track meet in North America, held at Laurentian University, Sudbury.

Robert DeAbreu won the bronze medal in the 2,000 m steeplechase.

ONTARIO SKI CHAMPS

In February 1991 the Junior Girls section of the Mackenzie Cross Country Ski Team won the overall gold medal at the OFSSAA meet, held in Barrie. The team included **Monika Champ, Susan Miller,** and **Wendy Moon,** with coaches **Doug Moon** and **John Steer.**

E. ONTARIO BASKETBALL CHAMPS

In March 1993 the senior boys' basketball team were the Eastern Ontario champions at the meet in Athens. The team was **Nick Hallett, Craig James, Paul Yeatman, Martin Schmeing, Heintje Andreason, Mike Cameron, Mike Zinck,** and **Jason Pichette,** with coach **Don Stewart.**

In March 1994 the Mackenzie Senior Boys Basketball team came second in the Eastern Ontario Championships, held in Kingston.

In March 1994 the Mackenzie Mixed Curling team came second at the Eastern Ontario Championships, held in Cornwall. The team comprised **Brendan Simons, Gareth Watson, Erin Mutterback** and **Becki Simons.**

E. ONTARIO TENNIS CHAMPS

In May 1994 the Mackenzie Tennis Team won the Combined Title at the Eastern Ontario Secondary School Championships, held at Kingston.

Players were **Heidi Cameron, Seamus Frew, Dan Nicks, Steven Earle, Lauren Dmytrenko, Arlene Rolston,** and **Carmina Aremescu.** Their coach was teacher **Jinty Smith.**

In November 1995 the Mackenzie volleyball team won the Consolation Playoffs at the All-Ontario Championships, held in West Elgin.

Team members were **Robert Urbanic, Ian Herman, Jeremy Davey, Dan Nicks, Chris Boulton, Scot Yeatman,** and **Seamus Frew.** Their coach was teacher **Mike Shulist.**

E. ONTARIO SENIOR BASKETBALL CHAMPS

In March 1996 the senior basketball team won the Eastern Ontario Championships, held at Rockland, qualifying it for the All-Ontario Championships at North Middlesex, where they reached the quarter finals.

In April 1996 the Mackenzie badminton team placed third at the Eastern Ontario Championships, held in Petawawa, where **Rani Chatoorgoon** won the girl's title.

E. ONTARIO JUNIOR BASKETBALL CHAMPS

In November 1997 the Mackenzie junior girls' basketball team were the Single A Division champions at the EOSSAA championships, held in Deep River.

Members were **Sarah Keeling, Elizabeth Bond, Brenda Green, Michelle Rogge-Gruba, Julie Lukus, Lindsay MacDonald, Laurel LeConte, Shannon McCauley, Sarah Lee, Ivanna Herman, Jessica Watts, Katie Miller, Holly Chester, Leanne McLaughlin** and **Melodie Poringa.** Their coach was teacher **Debbie Walden.**

In April 1998 the Mackenzie badminton team placed second at the Eastern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletic Association Championships, held in Rockland. Team members were **Mike Sage, Jeremy Sage, Graham Ghent, Philip Atfield, Meera Chatoorgoon,** and **Maria Klimas.**

In February 2000 sixteen Mackenzie skiers qualified for the Ontario Cross country Ski Championships in Sudbury.

In June 2001 Mackenzie graduate **Sarah Lee** was accepted into Cornell University, New York, on a basketball scholarship. She was reported to be in the top 30 players in North America in her position.

In 2002 the Mackenzie tennis team placed first for the second year in a row at the Eastern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletics championships, held in Kingston. Mackenzie won more games than any other school team at the championships.

Mike Sage and **Dixie Nicks** won gold in the senior mixed doubles and **Kristina Jirovec** won bronze in the senior girls' singles.

Jill Lalor won the junior girls' singles title and **Liz Shorter** and **Catherine Thomas** won the junior girls' doubles title.

In junior boys' doubles, **Adam Law** and **Rob Barlow** placed third

Ian Cleland and **Stephanie Lambert** won the mixed junior title.

In March 2003 the Eastern Ontario High School Ski Championships were held at the Silver Fox trails in Deep River. Mackenzie's **Mallory Tonner** won gold in senior girls and the senior boys won their team event. **Ben Ells** won silver in junior boys and **Melissa Walden** won bronze in junior girls. Coaches were Aubrey Fletcher and Dave Steer.

In June 2003 the Mackenzie senior boys' soccer team were first in the Eastern Ontario Soccer Tournament, qualifying them for the All-Ontario Finals in Alexandria.

In November 2003 the Mackenzie senior girls' cross-country running team qualified for the second year in a row to compete at the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Athletics Association championships, held in Renfrew. The team was **Shivaan Burke**, **Louise Jones**, **Maeve Jones**, **Melissa Walden** and **Sasha Speranzini**.

In February 2004, Mackenzie's senior girls' cross-country ski team of **Louise Jones**, **Sasha Speranzini**, **Amelia Shea**, **Sarah Freedman**, **Melissa Walden** and **Katrina Dingle** won the overall championships at the Eastern Ontario Secondary Schools Nordic Ski Championships, held at Silver Fox trails, Deep River.

The senior boys' team of **Brent Maguire**, **Ryan Lux**, **Aaron Celovsky**, **Jessie Rhodes**, **Hyo-Sung Jung** and **Ben Ells** also won their overall championship. The wins enabled both teams to compete in the All-Ontario Championships. Their coach was **Aubrey Fletcher**.

In June 2005 the Mackenzie tennis team placed first overall in the Eastern Ontario Secondary Schools Association Championships, held in Kingston. **Jeff Sage** won gold in boys' singles, **Alana Speranzini** won gold in junior girls singles, **Sarah McVey** and **Tanya Katamay-Smith** won gold in junior girl's doubles. Their coach was **Debbie Walden**.

In April 2006, the Mackenzie badminton team won the team trophy at the EOSSAA Badminton Championships, held in Rockland. **Lisa Shi** and **James Richmond** defeated **Alana Speranzini** and **Devin Vasic**, to claim both first and second places for Mackenzie in mixed doubles.

Bowei Han and **George Zhou** were second in boys' doubles.

In March 2006 Mackenzie High School's senior girls' cross-country ski team finished in fourth place in the province at the Ontario secondary school championships. Team members were **Audrey Hagberg**, **Amelia Shea**, **Melissa Walden**, **Katrina MacDougall** and **Alana Speranzini**

In May 2006 **Lisa Shi** and **James Richmond** placed second in the boys' doubles B Flight at the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Associations champions, held in Timmins.



Lisa Shi and James Richmond, with OFSAA Associate-Director Steven Sevor, middle

In February 2007, the Mackenzie ski team advanced to the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Athletics Association championships in North Bay after claiming first place in both junior girls and senior boys at the Eastern Ontario finals, held in Pembroke. (The senior girls placed second.) In North Bay, Mackenzie achieved three top-10 results.

In April 2007 Mackenzie claimed top spot in the Eastern Ontario badminton championships, held in Cornwall. Out of 11 Mackenzie players, nine won medals, allowing the team to advance to the All-Ontario Championships.

Esther Son won gold in girls' singles, **Suszie Guo** and **Winnie Li** won gold in girl's doubles, **Alana Speranzini** and **Devin Vasic** won the mixed doubles, and **Bowei Han** and **George Zhou** won the boys' doubles.

Lisa Shi and **James Richmond** placed second in mixed doubles and **Nick Speranzini** and **Kain Petterson** won bronze in boys' doubles.

At the 2008 Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Athletics Associations Championships in Niagara Falls, **James Richmond** won his second silver medal in Badminton, with his partner **Michael Sullivan**, in B Flight doubles.

In May 2008 the Mackenzie badminton team capped off a successful season at the all-Ontario high school championships in Niagara Falls where **James Richmond** won his second silver OFSAA medal, this time with rookie **Michael Sullivan**, in the B flight of boys doubles.

In 2008 Mackenzie won the Eastern Ontario Badminton Team trophy for the third year in a row.



*Eastern Ontario badminton team trophy winners. **Bowei Han, Gillian Kyle, Kevin Myers, Brandon Petterson, Jeff Lalor, George Zhou, Nick Speranzini, James Richmond, Suszie Guo, Winnie Li, Kirstin Petterson, Michael Sullivan***

In February 2008 Mackenzie won the Eastern Ontario Cross-Country Ski Championships, at Pembroke. Both junior and senior boys, as well as senior girls, all placed first in overall team standings and the junior girls placed second.

Ingrid Hagberg won the senior girls 6km sprint and **Tim Rhodes** was second in senior boys 8 km.

At the 2008 Ontario High School Championships in North Bay, Mackenzie's senior girls relay team placed third, consisting of **Audrey Hagberg, Amelia Shea, Katrina MacDougall** and **Tara Katamay-Smith**.

At the Eastern Ontario Cross-country Ski Championships, held in Pembroke in February 2009, all four Mackenzie teams qualified to advance to the Ontario Championships, held in Midland.

In May 2009 the Mackenzie badminton team competed at the Ontario federation of Secondary Schools Athletics Association Provincial Championships, held in Sudbury. **Michael Sullivan** and **James Richmond** won silver in boys' doubles play.

In April 2012, with silver medals in girls doubles and boys doubles at EOSSAA in Petawawa, **Kelly Han, Cindy Liu, Raymond Wang** and **Frank Zhou** earned berths at the Ontario finals later in April.

In November 2009, the Mackenzie junior boys volleyball team won silver at the Eastern Ontario championships for single-A high schools.



In February 2010, the MHS girls snowboarding team won second place at the Eastern Ontario championships at Camp Fortune. Team members were: **Emilia Pruszkowski, Kate Shea, Kelly Shultz, Yasmeen Attiah and Mairead Rodgers.**



Max Gu Guérout and Toe Greenfield. (Photo below)



In November 2012, the Mackenzie junior boys volleyball team won silver at the Eastern Ontario championships for single-A high schools.

Team members were: **Colton Clark, Bheem Chouhan, Alex Katsaras, Jake Coxworth, Jacob Ramey, Daniel Kelly, Connor Lee, Philipp Fritzsche, Patrick Bruzas, James Osborne, Braden Wheeler, David Couture and Bradley Audet.** Their coach was **Bob Donders**, assistant coach **Barb Shreeve** with staff advisor **Greg Harness.**



In February 2014, Mackenzie's Alpine Ski and Snowboard boys' team placed first overall at the Eastern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletic Association championships, earning them the right to compete at the OFSAA championships in Collingwood.

The team was led by **Nicke Osborne** and **Jason Buyers** with strong finishes by **Aidan Buyers** and **Alex Katsaras.** Their coach was **Lawrence Gaffney.**

In February 2014, the Mackenzie Nordic team competed in the EOSSAA championships on the PAXC trails in Pembroke. A total of 21 Mackenzie skiers qualified for the OFSAA provincial championships in Timmins.

In April 2015 two of 12 Mackenzie badminton players at the EOSSAA championships held in Casselman qualified for coveted spots at the Ontario Championships in Toronto. **Cindy Liu** and **Leo Wu** won silver in mixed doubles. **Isabella Ou** and **Shelly Liu** won bronze medals. (See photo below)

In December 2013, the Mackenzie Nordic ski team won the combined senior team award at Hardwood Ski and Bike Cross Country and Mountain Bike Centre, near Orillia, Ontario.

Team members were: **James Osborne, Liam Rogers, Phil Mahaffy, Atli Eyvindson, Desi Davies, Bjork Eyvindson, Kevin Chi, Alina Cota-Merlo, Audrey Guérout, Mikaela Labelle, Molly Steer, Bjork Eyvindson, Aidan McKenna,**



Nick Osborne, Jason Buyers, with coaches Andy Buyers and Lawrence Gaffney



In February 2016 the Mackenzie Nordic Ski Team travelled to Duntroon near Collingwood to compete in the Ontario Provincial Championships. It was the largest team Mackenzie had sent to the championships.

Team members were: **Ester Wilson, Dominic Klukas, James Dillenbeck, Emily Elliott, Daniel Fritzsche, Will Steer, Bridget Chiasson, Kyra Hagerty, David Klukas, Evelina Harmsen, Anna Katsaras, Max Guérout, Amy Cheng, Mark Gharghour, Grace Gaffney, Connor Lee, Brinna Fitzpatrick, Bradley Audet, Eirlys Rauliuk Dunn, Lauren Wheeler, Chloe Stuart, Jiya Dadhiala and Kody Sullivan.**

Coaches were **Aubrey Fletcher and John Steer.**



In March 2016, the MCS girls snowboarding team qualified for OFSSA, and **Kody Sullivan** qualified as an individual. The team competed in Collingwood.

Members were: **Tristyn Leclerc, Brinna Fitzpatrick, Aly Pruszkowski, Brianna Fletcher and Kody Sullivan.** Coaches were **Jon Fitzpatrick and Lawrence Gaffney.**

The MCS boys Alpine ski team also qualified for OFSSA in Collingwood. Team members were: **James Osborne, Aidan Buyers, Alex Katsaras,**

In May 2016 partners **Amy Cheng and Isabelle Ou** took the silver medal in girls doubles C-Flight at the OFSSA badminton championships in North Bay against the best high school badminton players in Ontario.

This capped off a very successful run where they took the UOVHSA title, came second at EOSSAA and ended the season with the silver at OFSSA.



In December 2016, five Mackenzie Nordic skiers competed at the Hardwood Hills Invitational high school ski race near Orillia, resulting in both **Raphael Guérout** and **Max Guérout** placing in the top 10 in their races in the Junior and Senior Boys categories, respectively. Other members of the Mackenzie team were **Devin Lapping, Daniel Fritzsche and Dominic Klukas.**



In February 2017, 16 members of the Mackenzie Nordic Ski Team attended the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Championships in Timmins.

In team standings Mackenzie's Senior Girls placed eighth and, combined with a strong performance by the Mackenzie Senior Boys team Mackenzie took sixth place in the province in the Senior Combined category.

The girls' team (shown separately below) consisted of **Eva Wilson, Amy Cheng, Eily Rauliuk Dunn, Ester Wilson, Brinna Fitzpatrick, and Anna Katsaras.**

The boys' team (shown separately below) consisted of: **James Dillenbeck, Mark Gharghouri, Max Guérout, Bradley Audet, Daniel Fritzsche, Devin Lapping, David Klukas, Will Steer, Eric Gharghouri, and Raphael Guérout.**



In May 2017 the Mackenzie Senior Boys soccer team reached the OFSSAA championships in Windsor after winning the EOSSAA championships. They competed against 20 of the best teams from across Ontario and missed the playoff round by one point.

Team members were: **James Adams, William Baird, Rayan Ben Letaifa, Eric Birchall, Alex Everick, Max Guérout, Johann Jensen, Chris Kasaboski, Evan Leclerc, Andrew Masala, Will Merrill-Armstrong, Akheel Munir, Qasim Munir, Derek Olstad, Nicholas Osborne, Martin Pucciarelli, Blake Remus, Alex Sonnenburg, and coach Trevor Selle.**



In November 2017 the senior boys volleyball team claimed the EOSSAA championship in Elgin and advanced to the Provincial 'A' Championships in Toronto. Members were: **Daniel Fritzsche, Mitch Bellelli, Asa Dillenbeck, Jason Buyers, Jordan Martin, Isaak Coxworth, Yamin Ben Letaifa, Nick Osborne, Max Guérout , Tom Li and Hai-Ling Rao.** Their coach was **Peter Kim.**



In February 2018, Mackenzie's snowboard team captured the overall team competition for Eastern Ontario held at Camp Fortune . Team members were **Jordan Martin, Ethan Taylor, Ryan Lapping, Kody Sullivan, Tristan Trinacity** and **Eric Garghour** The team advanced to the OFSSA provincial finals at Beaver Valley, Collingwood.



In February 2018, members of the Mackenzie Nordic Ski Team competed in the Ontario Championships in Sudbury. The event consisted of two days of racing against the best high school

Nordic skiers in the province. Both the Senior Girls and Senior Boys teams placed in the top ten in the province.

Members included: **Raphael Guérout, Eirlys Rauliuk Dunn, Bridget Chiasson, Anna Katsaras, Emily Elliott, Katia Korolevych, Will Steer, Max Guérout, Asa Dillenbeck** and **Daniel Fritzsche.** Coaches were **Aubrey Fletcher** and **John Steer.**



In March 2018, Mackenzie's boys snowboard team placing third overall in the school standings in the Ontario high school snowboard championships in Beaver Valley, Collingwood. Team members were: **Jordan Martin, Ethan Taylor, Ryan Lapping, Tristan Trinacity, Kody Sullivan** and **Eric Garghour**. Their coach was **Lawrence Gaffney.**



In March 2018, well known Inuit athlete **Johnny Issaluk** visited Mackenzie Community School to speak to students about Inuit lifestyle and history and demonstrated the agility of the Inuit games.

Issaluk participated in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. He's also a film and stage actor, recipient of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal and the parent of two students at MCS.



Johnny Issaluk demonstrates his agility at Mackenzie Community School, 2018.

In June 2018 the Mackenzie Mustangs senior boys' soccer team came third in their pool at OFSSAA in Niagara Falls after winning their pool at EOSSAA.

Members were: **Akheel Munir, Daniel Fritzsche, Evan Leclerc, Mitch Bellelli, Will Steer, Chris Kasaboski, Will Baird, Eric Birchall, Yamin Ben Letaifa, Qasim Munir, Derek Olstad, Max Gu erout, Blake Remus, Alex Sonnenburg, Alex Everick, Nicholas Osborne, Khaled Zahlan, and Andrew Masala.**

The team was coached by **Trevor Selle and Fabrice Gu erout.**



In both 2017 and 2018 **Eirlys Rauliuk Dunn** represented Mackenzie at the OFSAA track and field championships, held at Belleville and York University, respectively.

Both years she was the 6th fastest runner in Ontario over 800m. OFSAA is one of the three largest high school track and field championships in North America, with over 2,000 athletes competing in a variety of events.



In February 2019, the Mackenzie Mustangs Snowboard team advanced to the Ontario finals (OFSAA) in Collingwood after winning the Eastern Ontario championship. The team was: **Ethan Taylor, Jordan Martin, Kyle Von Witzleben, Branden Fischer, and Sam Titterington.**



Keys School

Keys School was founded in 1955 and named after Dr. David A Keys, vice-president of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. The school served students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

By the time the original building closed at the end of the 2004-05 school year, Keys served fifth through eighth grade students. These grades are now included in Mackenzie Community School.

JUNIOR PHYSICS WINNER

In April 1976 **Ian Beauprie** of Keys School won first place for his display of fabricated gems in the Junior Physics Competition run by the Chemical Institute of Canada.

His placing was for both Public and High School categories, only the second time a Public School student had won both categories.

In October 1979 Keys School was second in the A Class Renfrew County Cross Country Running Championships between nine elementary schools. Keys school also won B Class trophies and was second in C Class. The championships were held in Deep River.

ONLY SOLICITOR –GEN AWARD

In November 1984, Key's teacher **Dean Jardine** was the only person to receive a medal by Ontario's Solicitor-General, George Taylor, for her role in crime prevention in schools through good citizenship. She and Deep River police chief **Neil Raven** drew up written guidelines for a curriculum used throughout the county.

In August 1990 Jardine was awarded an honorary membership by the Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario for her service to education, to the teaching profession, and to the Federation, which represents 3,700 school teachers.

In June 1985 Keys students competed in the Canada Wide Science Fair, held in Cornwall. **Carl Svensson** placed second in the junior engineering category with his project that tested the strength of different types of fishing lines.

Stephen MacEwan received an Honourable Mention in the physical science category for his project that studied heat from different types of firewood.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR WINNER

In May 1986 **Carl Svensson** a Keys student, won one of three Best in Fair prizes at the Calgary National Science Fair, receiving top honours in the Junior level.

Sarah Ahmed from Mackenzie School received two prizes and an Honourable Mention, as did **Chris Gallagher**, a Keys student and **Stephen MacEwan**, from Mackenzie.

In August 1988 Grade 6 student **Erica Fowlie** placed second in a contest run by the Ontario Ministry of Natural resources to recommend a provincial bird. Erica wrote a poem praising the Common Loon.

TOP ONTARIO MATHS STUDENT

In June 1990 Keys student **Sunir Shah** placed first in Ontario in the Canadian National Mathematics League Contest for Grade 6 and tied for first in all of Canada.

Fellow Keys student **Geoffrey Funk** placed fourth in Ontario and Keys placed sixth among Ontario schools in the same competition.

In 1989 **Lauren Dmytrenko**, 13, placed second in Ontario in the Canadian Legion's Poster Contest, in a field of thousands of student submissions.

In February 2006 Keys students received a Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Proficiency in the Grade 8 American Mathematics Contest, in which 170,000 students from 2,200 schools competed.

Michael Nishimura and **Dan Li** received Level of Distinction awards and **Priyanka Thatipamala** and **Yubo Qui** earned Honour Roll awards.



Keys School Mathematics Team, 2006, with teacher Lorraine Meteer

Cockcroft School

Cockcroft Public School was named after Sir John D. Cockcroft, Nobel Prize-winner in Physics, who lived in Deep River from 1944-1946.

Five buildings in the United Kingdom are also named after him. The school was closed in the 1980s and students were transferred to other town schools.

ONTARIO TEACHER OF THE YEAR

In November 1980 Cockcroft school teacher **Marnie Elliott** was declared *Teacher of the Year* by the Ontario Provincial Federation of Councils for Exceptional Children at their 24th annual convention in Windsor, in appreciation of her “dedicated service to exceptional children and youth in the province of Ontario.”



Marnie Elliott,
Ontario
Teacher
of the
Year,
1980.

In May 1989 **Lianne Ing**, a Grade 7 student, placed third in the B Intermediate category of the Concours d’art oratoire, a French public speaking contest for Ontario students who study French. The contest took place in Toronto.

In May 1989 **Amber Pollett** was one of three Renfrew County Board of Education students who won a place at the Canada-wide Science Fair, held in St. John’s. Her project, “The Forest Tent Caterpillar,” was displayed along with projects from 94 regions in Canada.

The school was closed in the 1990s and students were transferred to other town schools.

Morison School

In April 1997 student **Kevin Boczar** (9) qualified to compete in the Provincial Championships of the Royal Canadian Legion’s Public Speaking Contest.

In February 2007 Morison School ranked in the top four per cent of Ontario schools in the Fraser Institute’s annual report card on elementary schools in the province. Morison received a rating of 8.9 out of 10, ranking 105 out of the 2,812 elementary schools in Ontario.

St Mary's School

In June 1985 **Bill Gibson**, an 11 year-old from St Mary's, won the provincial Royal Canadian Legion poetry competition for his poem about a snowy Remembrance Day ceremony.

In November 2001 a survey of Catholic schools in Ontario showed that 62% of Grade 5 students at St. Mary's read and wrote at or exceeding the provincial average of 52 %.

In Mathematics, St. Mary scored 67% compared to the provincial average of 58%.

St Anthony's School

In October 2012, students at St. Anthony's School in Chalk River were part of a new world record, as confirmed by Guinness World Records. Students from St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Sorrows School in Petawawa took part in two science experiments to set the world record for the Largest Practical Science Lesson at Multiple Venues.

A total of 13,701 participants at 88 locations participated. The experiments demonstrated Bernoulli's Principle on air pressure.



In April 2015, two teams from St. Anthony's Catholic School in Chalk River competed in the annual provincial "Destination Imagination" tournament in Toronto. The DI-007 team of **Aubrey Hughes, Liam Sullivan, Abbie Purchase, Mia Cochrane, Ethan Law** and **Annika O'Neil** placed second and qualified to compete in the Destination Imagination Global Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee. (See below)

The Chalk River Champs team of **Lukas Peacock, Steffan Schilkie, Cain Lawrence, Mariah Poirier** and **Lauren Cleary** placed third. Destination Imagination is a program that encourages the use of creativity, collaboration, communication and critical thinking in children.

Team managers were vice-principal **Karen Keels** and principal **Shelley Montgomery**.



In June 2015 the DI-007 team of six students from St. Anthony's travelled to Knoxville, Tennessee to perform on a global stage for the Destination Imagination Global Finals, the world's largest celebration of creativity and innovation.

The University of Tennessee was host to this huge event, which saw over 16,000 parents, students and teachers participating.



In February 2018, **Katie Weatherston**, a gold-medal winning Canadian women's hockey player, visited St. Anthony' School in Chalk River to speak to the students about goal-setting and how to overcome obstacles in life.

Weatherston won gold medals at three Four Nations Cup tournaments, the 2008 Olympics and the 2007 World Championships, as well as a silver medal at the 2008 World Championships.

Local Performers and Musicians

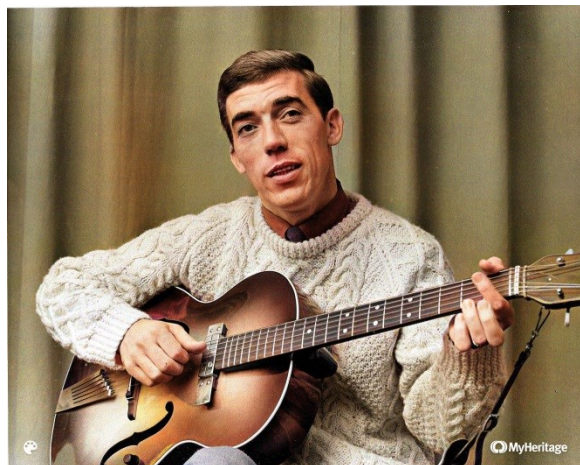


In a letter to the editor of the North Renfrew Times in January 2009, amateur musician Kathy Hughes wrote: “**The best measure of the strength and vibrancy of a music culture in a community is the opportunity it provides to residents to participate in, and learn about, music.**”

As proof of the strength and vibrancy of local music, over 600 players of all ages have benefitted from playing in the symphony orchestra (see later under *DRSO*), 1000s have enjoyed the orchestra’s performances, an estimated 600 residents participate in choral music, 100s of professional performers are regularly brought to town (see under *THEOP* and *Summerfest*), and many smaller and informal musical groups give opportunities for musical expression.

The following is a collection of just some of the local entertainers reported in the *NRT* over the years.

In November 1968 Deep River amateur entertainer **Dave Thompson** wrote and recorded for CBC a song for a television presentation about Oxfam. The song was made into a 45-rpm presentation record and sent to all television and radio stations in Canada.



“Give a man a Fish” - Dave Thompson

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day,
Tomorrow he’ll be hungry in the same old way.
Teach him how to fish and you feed him for his life
Tomorrow he’ll be feeding his children and his wife.

Give a man a loaf, a little piece of bread,
Tomorrow he’ll be hungry, the next he may be dead.
Teach him how to sow, to plant the ground with corn,
Make him glad, not sorry, for the day that he was born.

Men upon this earth were not born to die in grief,
Yet hungry everywhere are crying for relief.
Talent, time or treasure is what we need of you
Come forth you noble people – don’t leave it for the few.

The man of whom I sing hears his children’s hungry cry
He sees his empty hands and he knows that some will die.
Give this man your aid – help his children grow
The man of whom I sing, he only wants to know.

A man can build a home, if he knows what to do
Teach him all you can, it is really up to you.
Educate all people to write, and count, and read.
Knowledge is survival; it’s really all they need.

In May 1970 Deep Riverite **Pierre Gallant** won the Anne Eggleston Scholarship for Composition at the Ottawa Music festival for his jazz suite "Portrait of a Lady."

In September 1970 he won a scholarship for Highest Mark (83%) at the Ottawa ARCT (Associate Royal Conservatory Toronto) piano examinations.

Pierre went on to become a professor of music at the Royal College of Music, Toronto.

His later composition *Trois Mouvements Canadiens* for two pianos was performed to "superb reviews" in England, the Hague, Paris, Boston, and Toronto.

UNDEFEATED FIDDLING CHAMP

In 1970 master fiddler **Graham Townsend**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towsend, formally retired from fiddling competitions as five-time undefeated North American Fiddling Champion.

At age 11 he made news in the fiddling world by winning the Canadian National Exhibition fiddle contest against established adult fiddlers.

Along with over 28 albums to his credit, Townsend travelled the world performing on his fiddle, a rare 1603 Maggino made in Italy.

In August 1971 **Kevin Hickey** came second in the Central Canada Step Dancing Championships in Perth, and won the Junior Open Step Dancing Contest at the Annual Fiddling and Step Dancing Championships held in Calabogie.

HIGHEST VIOLIN MARK

In September 1971 **Susan van Wagner** was awarded the Silver Medallion from the Royal Conservatory of Music for the highest mark in Ontario for Grade 3 violin.

HIGHEST VIOLIN MARKS

In October 1974 both **Saulius Fidleris** (11) and his sister **Rasa Fidleris** (15) won Silver Medallions for highest marks in Ontario for practical examinations in violin. Their mother, **Danute Fidleris**, had won the same prize for piano in 1957.

In June 1975 **Danny Gallant** (younger brother of **Pierre Gallant**) came first in composition at the Ottawa Music Festival. Danny also won various awards for trombone and euphonium.

FIDDLED AT OL' OPRY

In June 1976, **Kevin Hickey** was an invited guest to perform at the Grand Ol' Opry's Grand Masters Fiddling Championships in Nashville, part of Tennessee's Bi-centennial Celebrations. The show was televised.

In August 1977 **Karen Hickey** won the Canadian Country Singing Contest for 18 and Under.

In August 1977 **Pierre Gallant** and **Danny Gallant** organized a trombone concert in Deep River called *Mellow Sounds*, for which original compositions were provided by well-known composers Eldon Rathburn, William McCauley, James Gayfer, Pierre Gallant, and Norman Symons.

Ben McPeek wrote *Deep River Rag* for the occasion and the trombone ensemble (called Sonare) was conducted by Dr. **John Upchurch**.

In August 1978 the 40-member trombone ensemble **Sonare**, under the baton of **Douglas Burden**, again performed a concert in Deep River, called *Mellow Sounds II*. It premiered works by David Keane, Byron McCulloh, Eugene Bozza, Norman Symons, Robert Bauer, and Malcolm Forsyth. The ensemble then performed in Toronto, Longford Mills and Maynooth.

In 1980 the CBC bought a half-hour documentary about Sonare, called "Music for Wilderness Lake" for its weekly arts program, *Spectrum*.

In September 1979 **Sandra Snedden** placed third in the Pembroke Stepdancing Championships.

In August 1998 **Shelley Jarbo**, a Grade 13 student at Mackenzie school, was selected for the soprano section of the prestigious Ontario Youth Choir.

In October 2004 **Sonya Lee** a 16-year-old student at Mackenzie School, was one of 30 participants chosen to compete in the 2nd Annual Canadian Chopin Piano Competition, in Mississauga. The competition is only held every five years.



Sonya Lee was chosen to compete in the 2nd Annual Canadian Chopin Piano Competition in 2004

Danny Vachon and **Gord Bongard** produced and recorded a CD entitled *For Believers* in 1983.

April Verch, violinist from Calabogie, was Concert Mistress of the Deep River Symphony Orchestra before attending the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston. She then embarked on a successful professional career throughout North America.

She has performed on National Public Radio in the USA and has won several awards, including 1997 Canadian Grand Masters Fiddle Championship and 1998 Canadian Open Fiddle Championship. She also performed at the opening ceremony of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

Pianist **Dian Le** is a successful music teacher in Toronto.

Folk and gospel singer **Laurie Courchesne** recorded a CD entitled *Psalm!*

In September 1982 **Sandra Snedden** 15, won five step dancing contests through the summer season, at: Wilberforce, Prescott, North Bay, Bobcaygeon, and Mattawa.

In April 1991 **Alana Hardy**, 18 years old, was the Silver Medal winner in the Senior High School Girl's competition at the 1991 Ontario Auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, held in Toronto.

In June 2001 **Lynne Wills** placed second in the Ontario Kiwanis Music Festival on recorder.

In April 2002 **Morgaine Burton** came first in the 5-8 years category at the Footloose International ballet contest, held in Hull, Quebec, one of only four Canadian cities in the 38-city tour.



Morgaine Burton, winning ballet dancer with teacher Claire Steer, 2002

In May 2004 **Neil Dickson** auditioned for, and was chosen to play French Horn with, the National Concert Band, under Alain Trudel. The band rehearsed for one week in Montreal and performed a final concert as part of Musicfest, an annual festival held in a different Canadian city every year.

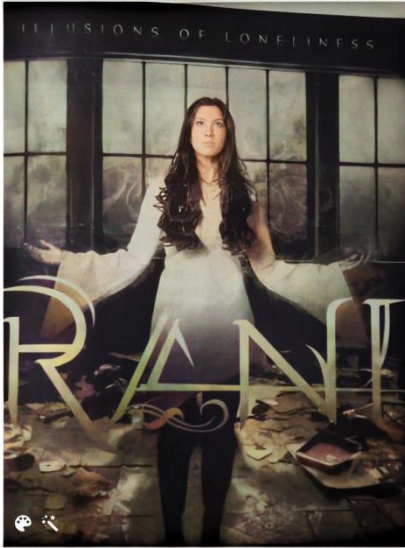
In 2008 **Anthony Leclair** recorded a CD entitled *Bold, Alive, Free*.

In March 2009 **Saschali Brunette** of Chalk River signed a recording contract with hip-hop star Akon, owner of the Hitlab label.



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In 2009 **Rani Chatoorgoon** released *Illusions of Loneliness*.



Some local amateur musicians had the talent and drive to pursue professional careers in music. Here are some...

Michel Gallant won several music awards in various music festivals before focusing on music in university and eventually becoming a Professor of Music at the Toronto Royal Conservatory of Music.

Matthew Jones started out playing cello and guest-conducting the Deep River Symphony Orchestra. He added recorder concertos to his repertoire and continued in music when he left Deep River, where he has:

- placed second in senior woodwinds (recorder) at the Ontario Music Festival Provincial Finals, held in Windsor in 1990
- conducted orchestras in Timmins, Owen Sound, Wilfred Laurier, the Valley Festival Orchestra, Kitchener-Waterloo Junior Youth Orchestra
- taught conducting at the Kincardine Music Camp
- played solo recorder with the DRSO, Kitchener-Waterloo Junior Youth Orchestra and the Timmins Symphony Orchestra
- played solo cello with the DRSO and Timmins Symphony Orchestra.
- taped a recorder concert with organist **Jan Overduin** at the CBC's Glenn Gould Studio for Eric Friesen

- recorded a "Music Around Us" concert for Keith Horner in Waterloo
- was featured as conductor and soloist in a TVO special on the 25th anniversary of the Timmins Symphony Orchestra.

Megan Jones started playing violin with the Deep River Symphony Orchestra where she became Concert Mistress. In her career in music she has:

- placed second in junior strings (violin) at the Ontario Music Festival Provincial Finals, held in Windsor in 1990
- been awarded a Silver Medal from the Royal Conservatory of Music for the province's highest mark in a grade 2 violin exam in 1986
- played with orchestras at McGill University, Kitchener-Waterloo, Hamilton, Ontario Opera Company, Windsor, Thunder Bay, London
- sang in a new musical "Ah! Pootee" in New York City
- travelled to Mexico to play and teach with an ambassadorial orchestra
- is Concert Mistress with the Kitchener-waterloo Chamber Players
- is orchestra manager, librarian, player, and associate mentor with the National Academy Orchestra under **Boris Brott**
- toured with an ABBA tribute band
- is owner-director of the International Music Academy in Port Credit.



Megan and Matthew Jones after performing the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in Timmins.

Malcolm Burn was raised and educated in Deep River and took keyboard lessons locally. In 1981 he helped form Boys Brigade, as lead singer and keyboard player. He wrote the words and music for all but one of the songs performed on their first album, which was on the Toronto radio station CHEZ Top Ten list for 12 weeks.

The group toured the U.S. and Canada in 1984, performing at Nashville's Ol' Opry and at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

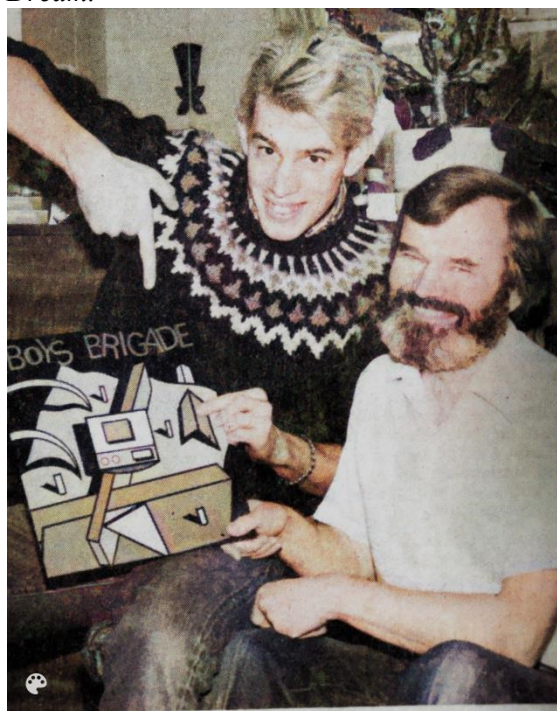
In 1988 he recorded *Redemption*.

Malcolm worked with Daniel Lanois on *Acadie*, with Bob Dylan on *Oh Mercy*, with the Neville Brothers on *Yellow Moon*, and with Chris Whitley on *Living With the Law*. He also worked with Iggy Pop and John Mellencamp.

He was a producer for Blue Rodeo, Emmy Lou Harris, Midnight Oil, Patty Griffin, Crash Vegas, and Patti Smith.

In 2001 he won a Grammy Award as co-engineer for Best Contemporary Folk Album for *Red Dirt Girl*.

In 2004 he was nominated for a Juno Award for Best Producer of the Year for *Here I Am/Will I Dream*.



Malcolm Burn with his father Neil Burn displaying the Boys Brigade album

Other student musicians who continued in music include:

Marion Arthur, cellist and songwriter, recorded the CD *Cocoon to Butterfly*, 2007 and has played with numerous orchestras

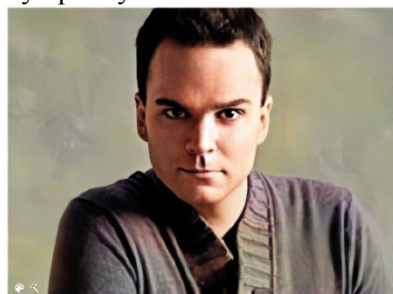
Susan van Wagner, violinist, wrote music and toured with Cirque du Soleil

Valerie Selander, violinist, plays in several Canadian orchestras

Joshua Hopkins, from nearby Petawawa, auditioned for and sang baritone in the DRSO's performance of Haydn's *Creation* under conductor Peter Morris in the mid-1970s. Thrilled by this opportunity and the audience's reception, he chose to study music full-time and eventually professionally sang with major orchestras in North America. He received high acclaim for his role as Figaro in *The Marriage of Figaro* performed with opera companies in Kansas and Vancouver.

In 2012 he debuted in Spain and also released a CD *Let Beauty Awake*.

In June 2021 he was a Juno award winner for Classical Album of the Year – Choral or Vocal as a soloist with the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and Toronto Symphony.



OBOIST WITH QUARTETO GELATO

Cynthia Steljes was a student oboist with the DRSO for several years before moving to Toronto where she played in the York Winds for five years, touring 21 countries.

She also played for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and the National Ballet, as well as for *Phantom of the Opera* performances.

She was a founding member of the original *Quarteto Gelato* that toured Canada, USA, Europe, and Australia. The quartet recorded several CDs, including *Neopolitan Café*.

American astronaut Robert Thirsk took the group's first two CDs with him on NASA's flight aboard the space-shuttle 'Columbia.'
 Cynthia died of cancer in 2008.

CANADIAN FIDDLING CHAMPS

Chalk River fiddlers **Tammy and Pamela Yakabuskie** have each won multiple Canadian championships in their age categories and together won the Canadian Duet Fiddling Championship.

Tammy Yakabuskie won both the Shelbourne and Pembroke Championships and in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, performed in the "Fiddlers of the World" Competition in the 18 and Under category.

The Pembroke Championships are regarded as the largest competition in North America.

They produced two CDs, *Just Our Style*, and *Falling for the Fiddle*.



Tammy (above) and Pamela Yakabuskie (below) multi-Canadian Fiddling Champions

In April 2011 **Kevin Myers**, who grew up in Deep River, was the tenor soloist in Franz Liszt's *Faust Symphony* with the McGill

Symphony Orchestra & Sinfonietta Montreal, at the Pollack Hall of McGill University.

He has performed across the country performing in operatic, concert, and choral productions, in Calgary, Victoria Baroque Players, and Toronto. He also sings with the Tafelmusik choir.



In January 2013, local singer/songwriter **Ann Chaplin** released her first album, called *Drive* at the Cadillac Lounge on Queen Street West in Toronto. The CD followed on the heels of her 2008 award-winning EP *What I Meant to Say*. Her second single, "Whiskey Days," was a top 10 DMDS radio download.

Ann is also a member of the Canadian trio Runaway Angel.



In June 2013, **Bradley Audet** placed first on Grade 8 recorder in the Woodwinds class at the Ontario Music Federation Association (OMFA) provincial competition in Peterborough. Severn Brown placed third in Grade 7 vocals.

In September 2013, former Mackenzie High School student **Vanessa Sears** won the "Voice of McDonald's" contest in the field of 12 finalists

across Canada for the online competition to discover the most talented singers among the more than 1.8 million employees working in McDonald’s restaurants around the world.

She went on to compete against 16 global semi-finalists in Spring in Orlando, Florida for the US\$25,000 top prize.

In 2015 she began a four-month role in the Toronto production of the musical *Kinky Boots*.

For her role as ‘Nicola’ she won Best Featured Female in a Musical in the 2015 Broadway World Awards.

She has also appeared in the TV series *Suits* (2011), *The Beaverton* (2016) and *Canadoodadady* (2017).

She also performed in *Passing Strange* in 2017.

In 2019 she debuted in Stratford, playing Ronette in Stratford Festival’s fun production *Little Shop of Horrors*.

In 2020 she won the Toronto Theatre Critics’ Award for Best Supporting Performance in a Musical (*Caroline, or Change*).

Vanessa also received the Dora Mavor Moore Award for Outstanding Ensemble Work when she appeared as ‘Dorothy’ in Young People’s Theatre production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

In 2021 she won the Greg Bond Memorial Award, honouring Outstanding Contributions to Musical Theatre, at Sheridan College.



Vanessa Sears - photo by Ryan Parker

In August 2018, four members of the Chalk River Renegades pipe and drum band joined with Massed Pipes and Drums of Canada to perform for the British Royal Family at the Braeside Games in Scotland. They also played at several other locations during their trip to Scotland and England.

The Renegades consist of pipers **Jeannie Tilson, Stacey Mortson, Ron Moss, Ray Lavallee** and **Bill Boxall** and bass drummer **James Robinson**.



In February 2019, **Marc Audet** released his first CD, called “The River”, with 12 songs written by the Deep River man.



DVDs and CDs About Deep River

Deep River Area – Where Else Would You Want to Live? Deep River & District Community Foundation, 2004, updated 2010.

Deep River Grannies Strawberry Luncheon 2006 CBC TV video.

Deep River Players original productions written by **Phyllis Heaney**:

West Wylie Story, 2005

Murder at the Byeways, 2006

The Good the Bad and the Nerdy, 2008

Jean-Claude of Swisha, 2013

The Sound of Neutrons, 2020

Summerfest



Deep River's successful Summerfest celebrations, held every two years, feature both local and visiting performers. In 2010 over 6,000 entrance wristbands were sold for the four-day event. The popular celebrations have attracted numerous award-winning Canadian and international musical groups, many of whom have been Juno Award winners. Performers include:

The Abrams Brothers
 Arash Daikol - Japanese Taiko Drummers
 Arrogant Worms
 Bel Canto Quintet
 Bricktop
 Company of Fools
 Carlos Del Junco
 Daydreams for Dollars
 Del Fuego
 DEW East with Reg Schwager
 Dusk Dances
 Harmonious Pigs
 Jerry Helke group
 Colin James
 Paul James
 Junkyard Symphony
 K'Naan
 Daniel Lanois
 Emory Lester Set
 Kim Mitchell
 Mobile
 Murray McLaughlin
 Planet Smashers
 Amanda Rheume
 Searson
 Ian Thomas

Sloan
 Switchin' Plates
 Runaway Angel
 Wide Mouth Mason
 David Wilcox
 Amanda Wilkinson
 Tom Wilson
 54-40
 Fuel the Phoenix, with Alyson Yaraskovitch



Sloan, the Halifax-based rock group, was one of numerous well-known groups who have performed at Summerfest

Deep River Symphony Orchestra



The Deep River Symphony Orchestra is reputed to be the only full-time orchestra in a town as small as Deep River. Put another way, Deep River is the smallest town in Canada to have a full-time orchestra. Over 70 odd years it has given 100s of amateur adults and youth the opportunity they may not have found anywhere else to play serious and challenging music, and has given audiences immense pleasure and pride to see and hear their neighbours and children perform major works.

In 1952, **Les Cook** gathered a group of amateur musician friends to perform music for themselves at home. Initially the group only consisted of strings, but it soon grew to include other instruments and was called the Instrumental Music Association.

Later it became the DRSO, a volunteer group of 35-40 amateur musicians that eventually was led by professional music director-conductors.

In the 1970s, two families each had four players in the orchestra at the same time; the Selander family and the Hulbert family.

DRSO performances have included premieres, such as the Canadian premiere of Giacomo Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* in 1970 and several musical works commissioned specifically for it.

In February 1972, John Kraglund, writing in the *Globe and Mail*, said **"The DRSO boasts the largest per capita support in Ontario. One in 14 residents goes to its concert series. Similar support for the Toronto Symphony would overflow Maple Leaf Gardens."**

Pierre Gallant wrote *Chanson Populaire* in 1979 and DRSO conductor **James Wegg** wrote *Deep River Suite* in 1989.

Orchestra programs have also included numerous local and professional soloists, chamber ensembles, children's' concerts and pops concerts, along with major symphonic and choral works such as Haydn's *Creation*, *The Messiah*, *Carmina Burana*, Mozart's *Requiem*, Tchaikovsky's *Pathetique*, etc.

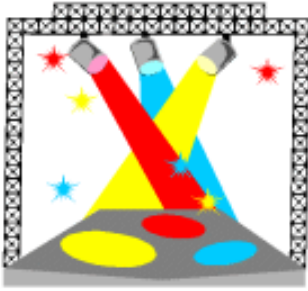
Some of the numerous well-known soloists and ensembles that have performed with the DRSO include: Jamie Parker, the Gryphon Trio, Cathy Rollins, Michael Kim, Andrew Tunis, the National Press and Allied Workers Jazz Band, Tina Yanchus & James Hibbard, Laura Hibbard, Judy Kang, Erika Raum, Ben Glossop, Karen Donnelly, The Savoy Society of Ottawa, Katie Stillman, and Lori Gemmell.

The current conductor **Peter Morris** is a full-time musician and resident of Deep River. In 2020 he celebrated 28 years as the orchestra's music director.

The orchestra also provides musicians and conductors for numerous area musicals, ballet recitals, plays, and community events.

A lengthy list of musicians and conductors who performed with the DRSO over the years is given in Appendix A.

THEOP



THEOP (**T**heatre **O**perating Committee) started under the Community Association as a volunteer committee that brought professional performers to Deep River for a number of varied concerts every year. Previous concerts were brought to town by New York-based Community Concerts.

For several years, THEOP arranged bus trips to Ottawa for people to attend concerts in the National Arts Centre.

This changed when yearly series of four or five concerts were booked to visit and perform in Deep River.

Starting in the 1980s, a “Junior THEOP” series of concerts was added, bringing a wide variety of professional performers to entertain local school students.

In February 1963 several town groups raised funds to purchase a second-hand grand piano from the Steinway Company in New York. The piano has since been used by THEOP performers, the orchestra, senior music students, and numerous visiting professional performers.

Many famous and well-known performers and ensembles have performed in THEOP concerts in Deep River; a surprising number have returned several times.

Some of the performances have been special. For example, Deep River was one of only seven Canadian centres in which the London Sinfonietta performed during their 1976 world tour.

A performance by the Ottawa Ballet in October 1991 featured two world premieres. Its director was Canadian ballet legend Frank Augustyn.

A list of THEOP and other visiting performers is given in Appendix C.

Deep River Players/Musical Society



In late 1946, a group of people started meeting to read plays. Inevitably some began to think of staging. Two one-act plays were presented in early 1947, and, at much the same time, a public reading of *The Importance of Being Earnest* (by Oscar Wilde) was given. A meeting was held in the room behind the old Post Office, a constitution was drawn up, and the Deep River Players was formed.

Over the next 40 years the Players brought over 200 plays, workshops, pub nights and readings to Deep River. They participated in numerous Eastern Ontario Drama League festivals and often returned with trophies for their efforts.

Many plays and musicals have been performed by collaborations of the Players and other organizations, including revues with the Choral Group in the 1950s. Several times over the years, professional directors were brought to town for stretches of several weeks to conduct directing and acting workshops.

In 2001 the Deep River Musical Society was formed by members of the Players to produce *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Musicians and conductors from the DRSO often help the Musical Society/Players, the result being near-professional shows that have been extremely popular. For example, the five sold-out performances of *Jesus Christ Superstar* in 2001 raised over \$10,000 profit, of which approximately \$9,000 was given to community groups such as the Community Band.

Three members of the early Players went on to professional careers in drama with the CBC. **Norma Renault** and **Betty Leighton** became actresses and **John Cantelon** became a producer.

In 1954, **Lorna Bourns**, a member of the Deep River Players, won the Best Actress award in the production of *Sunday Costs Five Pesos* for the City of Ottawa festival. This was followed in 1971 by a Best Actress award from the Eastern Ontario Drama League for her role in *I Spy*.

In 1960, **Val Mackintosh** won the Best Supporting Actress award (with Ottawa's Rich Little winning Best Actor award) at the Eastern Ontario Drama League Festival. She was involved in 71 productions of the Deep River Players.



Deep Riverite Val Mackintosh with future famed comedian and mimic Rich Little, in 1960.

In November 1970 the Deep River Players presented *The Bald Soprano* in the Eastern Ontario Drama League's One-Act Festival held in Peterborough. The Players won Best Play, directed by **Val Mackintosh**, and Best Actress, **May Carmichael**.

In November 1971 **Lorna Bourne** was the Eastern Ontario Drama League's Best Actress for her role as Mrs. Morgan in *I Spy*.

In January 1972 **Sylvia Harman**, a former Deep River Players member, attended acting lessons in New York City with Stephen Adler, a student of Stanislavsky, prior to directing a play for the Portsmouth Playhouse, New Hampshire.

In November 1978 **Lorna Bourne** won the award for Best Actress at the Eastern Ontario Drama League's One-Act Festival for her role in *Sunday Costs Five Pesos*.

In March 1980, the Player's production of *And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little* won the award for Best Play in the Eastern Ontario Drama League Three-Act Festival in Kingston.

Neil Smith won the award for Best Director, **Steven Morrilee** won the award for Best Cameo Performance, and the whole backstage crew under **John Griffiths** was awarded the award for Outstanding Technical Contribution, with special mention to **Doug Dawson** and **Dick Parsons** for lighting.

In October 1982 *The Twin Sinks of Allan Sammy* won the Peterborough Theatre guild Award at the One-Act Drama Festival, held in Lindsay. The play was directed by **Audrey Dawson**.

In April 1983, the Deep River Player's won the award for best set lighting for their production of *Elephant Man* at the 50th Eastern Ontario Drama League three-act festival. **Cliff Baskin** was the lighting designer.

In October 1983 the Player's production of *Trifles* won the Special Adjudicator's Award at the Eastern Ontario Drama League's One-Act Festival, held in Deep River. The award was for the ensemble work of **Joan Bancroft** and **Rita O'Byrne**. The award for Best Supporting Actor went to **Harry Adams**.

In April 1984 Deep River Player **Greg Miller** won Best Supporting Actor for his role as the sinister Nils Krogstad in Ibsen's *A Doll's House*.

The Players also won best Visual Presentation and Best Set Decoration.

A list of plays performed over the years can be found on the Players' website, www.deepriverplayers.ca

Some of the plays/musicals produced over the years were:

1971 Music Man
 2001 Jesus Christ, Superstar
 2003 Pirates of Penzance
 2005 Oliver!
 2007 Evita
 2007 Forever Plaid
 2010 Noir Suspicions
 2011 The Altos
 2011 Macbeth
 2011 Bathroom Humour
 2012 Chicago
 2013 Les Misérables
 2013 Jean-Claude of Swisha
 2014 The Three Musketeers
 2017 A Habit of Murder
 2019 Mamma Mia!
 2014 A Streetcar Named Desire
 2015 The Pink Panther Strikes Again
 2016 Circle Mirror Transformation
 2017 Deadly Briefcase
 2017 Anything Goes
 2018 Clothesline
 2020 The Sound of Neutrons
 Murder at the Café Noir
 Murderous Crossing
 A Deadly Briefcase
 Jackpot
 Mame
 A Streetcar Named Desire
 A Habit of Murder
 Hello Dolly
 Fiddler on the Roof
 The Mikado
 Guys and Dolls
 The Pyjama Game
 Seussical the Musical
 Wizard of Oz

Deep River Science Academy

Started in 1986, the Deep River Science Academy was a unique summer science camp in which students from across Canada came to conduct real research projects in a variety of science disciplines, working in professional science laboratories. Students performed original research, wrote and presented papers, attended lectures, and received high school science credits for successfully completing the camp.

Apart from the Deep River campus, another DRSA campus existed in Pinawa, Manitoba from 1994 to 2006 and the Okanagan Campus in Kelowna, B.C., operated from 1994 to 1999.

The Deep River campus closed permanently September 2016 due to lack of sponsorship funding.

ONTARIO AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

In March 1994 the Academy was the Ontario winner of the 1993-94 “National Award for Excellence in Business-Education Partnerships,” presented by the Conference Board of Canada.

The partners were Chalk River Laboratories, Petawawa National Forestry Institute, and Bubble Technology Inc.

At the academy’s graduation ceremony in 1996, Nobel Prize winner **Bertram Brockhouse** (a former Deep River resident) delivered the address.

SCIENCE PROMOTION AWARD

In November 2004 the Academy was chosen as one of five winners of 2004 Michael Smith Awards, named after the late Canadian biochemist and Nobel Prize winner.

The prize was sponsored by the National Scientific and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and was for promoting science in Canada.

By that time, 1,000 high-school students and 500 under-graduate tutors had “experienced every stage of genuine scientific enquiry” at the Academy.

In June 2006 the academy was awarded the Canadian Nuclear Society’s Education and Communication Award.



Karen Chu, a former tutor with the DRSA, and **Dale Torgerson**, director of the Academy, with the Michael Smith Award for Science Promotion, 2004

Clubs and Organizations

Deep River has always been populated by an unusually large proportion of professional and technically qualified people, many employed by AECL, the Petawawa National Forestry Institute, Canadian Forces Base Camp Petawawa, nuclear spinoff industries, and local schools.

In the early days, women were not employed as often as men, especially at AECL, despite them often having advanced education or qualifications.

As a consequence many women had the time and capability to start and run any club or organization they thought might improve the quality of life in the area. This led to a large number of groups being formed in our small town.

In some periods there have been as many as 100 organized clubs and community organizations running concurrently and available for citizens and children to enjoy. (Locals with this rich choice of club options have been described as being “clubbed to death.”)

By as early as 1950, the Community Association, an association of 70 of these clubs, had been formed, with an eight-member elected volunteer board. The association still exists, providing insurance protection, advertising, and financial assistance to its member clubs.

A list of the more than 220 clubs and organizations formed over the years is given in Appendix B.

Not all local activities have spawned formal clubs. Popular activities such as bird watching, for example, enjoy a large following of avid enthusiasts who have not (as yet!) formed a formal group.

Other activities or informal groups not listed in Appendix B include walking and hiking, fitness, kayaking, rowing, assorted crafts, book clubs and small amateur music and singing ensembles, language-practice groups (Chinese, Spanish, French, English, etc) dancing groups, investment groups, etc.

Some highlights of a few individual clubs follow.

Deep River Badminton Club

The club has been fortunate to have had excellent coaches over the years who have provided the opportunity for local players and school students to learn and advance to high levels of competition.

Some impressive accomplishments by Mackenzie School students and past members of the Badminton Club are described under *Sports-Badminton*.

DRCAN

Formed in 2010 March, the Deep River Community Action Network was the only Rotary Community Corps in Ontario at that time. It was a group of young adults who took on various projects to improve the local quality of life, especially among young persons. It also supported third-world startup businesses through micro-credit loans. The group folded after two years.

Deep River Choral Group

The group is one of the oldest groups in town, being formed in 1947. Since the 1950s it has often performed with the Deep River Symphony Orchestra.

Deep River Cross Country Ski Club

The club formed in 1971 and in March 1977 organized and ran the first Upper Ottawa Valley Ski Zone Cross-Country Championships.

The club's volunteers maintain over 70 km of un-groomed trails and 25 km of groomed trails, on which the annual Silver Spoon time trials are run. The Silver Spoon races have attracted thousands of skiers from across Canada over the years, and continue to this day.

The club has hosted the Ontario Provincial Championships several times, including 1985 and 1990.

In 2011 the club had about 450 members, 100 of whom were juniors.

Many club members have enjoyed competitive success provincially and even nationally. See under *Sports-Cross Country Skiing*.

Deep River & District Community Foundation

Incorporated in 2002 the DRDCF is one of over 150 tax-exempt, non-profit charitable Community Foundations in Canada that invest donated money and securities to generate annual cash earnings that are granted to local charities.

A nine-member volunteer board of directors directs the local Foundation with assistance from an investment committee and a financial advisor. As of printing, there were more than 20 endowment and managed funds (including scholarship funds) with combined assets of over \$1,200,000.

Since its formation, the Foundation has given over \$130,000 to local charities and groups.

Deep River Lawn Bowling Club

Reputed to be the most northerly lawn bowling club in Ontario.

Deep River Legion

The Legion's branch in Deep River is called the Paul Manson Branch, named for the former resident who became Canadian Chief of Defence Staff in July 1986.

In June 1970, members of the Legion Euchre team won the provincial championships in Toronto, winning the Labbat's Trophy. Members were **Steve Croteau**, **Norman Mink**, **Alex Sandula**, and **Les Wilcox**. Because of the win, the Deep River Legion was chosen to host the following year's championships for Zone, District, and Province.

Deep River Potters Guild

The guild was started in 1954 as the Ceramics Club and is the oldest in Ontario, and possibly in Canada. Many well-known professionals have been invited to give demonstrations on various techniques over the years. As a result, the work of numerous members has been accepted in juried shows and art fairs across Ontario.

The guild is unique in having its own studio downtown that is accessible at all times by members. A Trillium grant in the early 2000s was obtained to purchase a gas-fired kiln for the studio, an exceptional achievement for a small community potters group.

In 2009 the guild offered an outreach program to other small local towns that involved guild members visiting the towns to teach pottery to youth.

Royal Scottish Country Dancing Club

A team of dancers from this club performed twice at EXPO '67 in Montreal.

Deep River Rugger (Rugby) Club

Established in 1956, it was one of the first rugger clubs in Ontario and was very active in the 1970s and 80s, hosting visiting teams from the Ottawa area, Quebec, and even Wales.

Deep River Weaver's Guild

The Weaver's Guild has been active since 1965 and often brings professional weavers to demonstrate skills to local members. As a result the quality of local work is very high.

Horticultural Society

The Society was formed in 1947, and in 2007 was named as one of 14 recipients to receive the "Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario," now named the Annual June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario.

For many years it was one of the top-three Ontario horticultural societies for most members. Measured by capita, the Society annually placed first for the largest membership of any horticultural group in Ontario. In 1965 it had 638 members; in 1975 it had 850 members.

In 2010 the society stopped door-to-door canvassing for memberships and as a result membership dropped, although only to second place in Ontario for both 2010 and 2011.

In July 2011 the Society received the year's "Community Improvement Award" by the Ontario Horticultural Association for its work in helping to create Riverbank Park to beautify Deep River's waterfront.

Part of the success for high membership over the years has been the loan program, which enables members to borrow a wide variety of society-owned garden tools and equipment free.

The society also leases garden plots and maintains some public gardens and flowering baskets around town. Regular plant and flower shows are also popular.

Mount Martin Ski Club

The club formed in 1952 and owns a ski hill with 12 runs on the west end of town. By 1966 it was probably the largest club in town, with over 600 members. See *Sports-Downhill/Alpine Skiing*.

Rotary Club of North Renfrew (Deep River)

Chartered in May 2006 the club established several highly successful programs covering the areas of youth, community service, international service, and vocational service.

Among other international projects, the club initiated a unique project in 2009 to send missions every year to help sustain a particular village in El Salvador with ongoing support. Members of the Mackenzie Interact Club also went regularly on these missions.

In both 2010 and 2011 the club won the District’s top award for member participation in Rotary work, out of 70-odd clubs.

Snowmobile Club

In November 2017 local couple **Doug Pinard** and **Karen Crain** were honoured as the 2017 *Family of the Year* by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) for the “exemplary leadership they provide with the North Renfrew Snowmobile Association and the stellar example they set for all to emulate.



In September 2019 the North Renfrew Snowmobile Association was awarded the Club of the Year trophy by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, plus \$2,000 at the OFSC annual general meeting in Mississauga.



Sports



Sports activities and sports clubs started very early in Deep River's history, when the birth rate was high and parents wanted their children to be active and learn as many sports skills as possible.

Many clubs started competitive programs shortly after forming and, after a few more years, started running invitational events to which clubs from other larger communities were invited.

Some of these invitational events became renowned for the high quality of competition and the expert volunteer organization, attracting considerable numbers of visiting participants aiming to earn qualification credits for larger competitions.

Clubs that ran these open or invitational tournaments included sports such as: badminton, diving, hockey, basketball, tennis, soccer, rugby, sailing, swimming, windsurfing, gymnastics, figure skating, curling, golf, synchronised swimming, equestrian events, chess, etc.

Several local sports clubs boast volunteer coaches with Level Two qualifications.

In 1988 the federal government set up a *Celebration 88* program "to spread the Olympic excitement" across Canada. There were plenty of local sports figures from whom to choose winners of medals and certificates. Recipients of *Celebration 88* medals were:

Rachel Holden and **Margaret Holden** (shared Female Athlete), **Jamie Kallio** (Male Athlete) **Ross Meadowcroft** (Coach), **Floyd Miller** (Volunteer), and **Davis Earle** (Official).

Recipients of *Celebration 88* certificates were:

Don Hart, Gib James, Lucille Christie, Phil Eaton, Grant Gareau, Pat Harvey, Nancy Klock, Stephen and Myrna McAuley, Ian Towner, Jim Dunn, John Morrilee, Don Pierce, and Elio Mizzan.

Brief descriptions of personal achievements in numerous sports are given in the following pages, covering badminton, biathlon, bowling, cross-country skiing, curling, diving, downhill skiing, fencing, figure skating, golf, gymnastics, hockey, karate and judo, kayaking, running, sailing, shooting, swimming, synchronized swimming, tennis, windsurfing, and other assorted sports.

Badminton



In 1960 **Betty Woodhead** won the B Flight Ladies Singles Championship in the Ottawa and District Championships. **Hazel Herriot** won the C flight Ladies Singles Championship.

In December 1962 local badminton club members won four of the 10 prizes awarded in the Ottawa and District Championships.

Al Herriott and **Allan Meikle** won the B Flight Men's Doubles, **Betty and Larry Woodhead** won the B Flight Mixed Doubles, **Pauline Meikle** won the C Flight Ladies Singles and she and **Hazel Herriot** won the C Flight Ladies doubles.

In 1963 **Al Herriot** won the B Flight Men's Singles at the Ottawa and District Badminton Championships.

In March 1969 **Brian Woods** won the Ottawa and District Under-15 Singles Championships.

Both he and **Jamie Stewart** also won the Men's Under 15 Doubles Championships.

In 1972 Deep River Badminton Club members won every main event in the Ottawa C tournament.

Brian Woods won the Men's Singles, **Jennifer Steill** won the Ladies Singles plus the Mixed Doubles. **Brian Woods** and **James Stewart** won the Men's Doubles, **Jennifer Steill** and Kerry Derby (Ottawa) won the Ladies Doubles and **Doreen Woods** and **Meiko Masuko** won the Ladies Doubles consolation.

In March 1985, a team of Deep River players won the 'C' Division trophy at the 11th annual Gloucester Team Invitational Tournament, held at the University of Ottawa. Players were: **Les Spurrell, Maureen Holden, Debbie Burns, Elaine Larkin, Lorne Petterson, Shirley Birnboim, Biraj Bora,** and **On Ting Woo.**

For many years Mackenzie Community School students have played with the Deep River Badminton Club and competed in the EOSSAA (Eastern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletics

Association) competitions. (See under *Mackenzie Athletics and Sports.*)

Winning at this level allows them to advance to OFSSAA (Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Athletics Associations) championships.

Following are some of the students who advanced from EOSSAA levels to the OFSSAA provincial championships.

In 1996, '97 and '98, **Rani Chatoorgoon** advanced to the Girls' Singles championships.

In 1998 **Jeremy Sage** advanced to the Boys' Singles, and **Heather Ghent** and **Meera Chatoorgoon** advanced to the Girls' Doubles.

In 1999 **Maria Klimas** and **Meera Chatoorgoon** advanced to Girl's Doubles, **Jeremy Sage** advanced to the Boys Singles, and **Philip Atfield** and **Graham Ghent** to the Boys' Doubles.

In 2000 **Maria Klimas** and **Meera Chatoorgoon** advanced to the Girls' Doubles.

In 2004, **Dan Leblanc** advanced to the Men's Singles and **Philippe Wilder** and **Ryan Janzen** advanced to Men's Doubles.

In 2006 **James Richmond** and **Lisa Shi** won the Silver Medal in the Mixed Doubles B Division, a first for Mackenzie School. The same year **Bowei Han** and **George Zhou** advanced to Men's Doubles.

In 2007 **Esther Son** advanced to Girls' Singles, and **Winnie Li & Suszie Guo** to the Girls' Doubles.

In 2007 **Bowei Han** and **George Zhou** advanced to Men's Doubles, **Alana Speranzini** and **Devin Vasic** to Mixed Doubles and **James Richmond** and **Lisa Shi** to Mixed Doubles.

MOST ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

In 2007 Mackenzie School had the most students of any high school in Ontario eligible to attend the OFSAA badminton championships.

In 2007-08 **James Richmond** qualified for the Ontario Winter Games team, and played in the February 2008 games. **Winnie Li** was a spare on the Ontario Winter Games team

2008 was another banner year for local badminton players. In the OFSAA provincial championships:

- **James Richmond** and **Michael Sullivan** won the Silver Medal in the Men's Doubles B Division
- **Winnie Li** and **Suszie Guo** advanced to the Girls' Doubles
- Both **Nick Speranzini** and **Bowei Han** advanced to the Men's Singles.

Also in 2008, at the Ottawa District Badminton Association Championships, the following club members distinguished themselves:

- **Bowei Han** placed 1st in Under 19 Men's Singles and 1st overall in the eligible Under 19 Men's events.
- **Esther Son** placed 1st overall in the Under 23 Women's Singles, and 1st overall in the eligible Under 23 Women's events.
- **James Richmond** placed 4th overall in the Under 19 Men's Singles events.
- **Michael Sullivan** placed 4th overall in the Under 19 Men's Doubles events

OTTAWA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

As a result of her successes at the 2008 Ottawa District Badminton Association Championships, **Esther Son** was awarded the Ottawa District Badminton Association's "Under 23 Female Athlete of the Year."

Since leaving the Deep River Badminton Club in 2008, **Esther Son** placed first overall in Under 23 Women's singles events in the Ottawa District Badminton Association in 2008 and was first overall in Under 23 Women's doubles events. She was named Female Player of the Year.

In 2009 she placed second in Ottawa.

As a result of his successes **Bowei Han** was awarded "Under 19 Male Athlete of the Year" in the fall of 2008.



Esther Son,
Female
Badminton
Player of
the Year in
Ottawa
District,
2008

In October 1986 four Deep River players reached the semi-finals in the Ottawa University Open A-B-C Tournament.

They were **Lorne Petterson** and **Maureen Holden** in the 'B' mixed doubles, **On Ting Woo** and **Debbie Burns** in the 'C' mixed doubles, and Lorne and On Ting in the 'B' men's doubles.

ONTARIO BADMINTON CUP WINNER

In July 1989 **Lorne Petterson** won the Ontario 'C' Badminton Championship and the Carlton Cup, played in Hamilton. His prize included an Ontario Championship Certificate presented by the Premier, David Peterson.

Earlier in the year, in March, Lorne had won the Northern Ontario Open Championship.

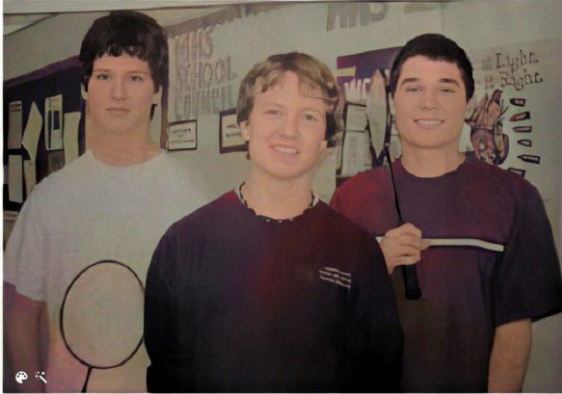
E. ONTARIO DOUBLES CHAMPS

In April 2000 **Maria Klimas** and **Meera Chatoorgoon** won the Eastern Ontario Varsity Girl's Doubles Badminton Championships, held in Rockland.

OTTAWA DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

In March 2003 **Ryan McGillis** won the Under-16 boys' singles at the Ottawa District Championships.

Julian Atfield and **John Speranzini** won the Under-19 doubles and Speranzini also won the Under-19 singles championship.



Ryan McGillis, Julian Atfield and John Speranzini, 2003 Ottawa District champions

E. ONTARIO CHAMPION

In 2004 **Dan Leblanc** won the Eastern Ontario Singles Badminton Championship.

In 2010 he was elected Director of Junior Development of the Ottawa District Badminton Association.

FIRST IN UNDER 23 SINGLES, MIXED DOUBLES

Since leaving the Deep River Badminton Club in 2004, **Dan Leblanc** has coached the Ottawa District Badminton Team that won Bronze at the 2010 Ontario Winter Games.

He placed first overall in Under 23 Men's Singles events in the Ottawa District Badminton Association, first in Under 23 Mixed Doubles events, and fourth in Under 23 Men's Doubles in 2008.

In 2009 he tied for First Place in the Under 23 Men's Doubles Events.

In 2010 Dan was elected Director of Junior Development of the Ottawa District Badminton Association.

In November 2007 **Esther Son**, **Bowei Han**, **Raymond Wang** and **Michael Sullivan** won medals at the Ontario Winter Games, held in Casselman.

Esther won the Under-23 Singles, Bowei won the Under-19 Singles and placed second in Under-19 Doubles with Mike. Raymond placed third in the Under-14 Doubles with a player from Cornwall.



Esther Son, Bowei Han, Justin Chow and Michael Sullivan, medalists at the Ontario Winter Games, 2007

CANADA'S TOP BADMINTON PLAYER

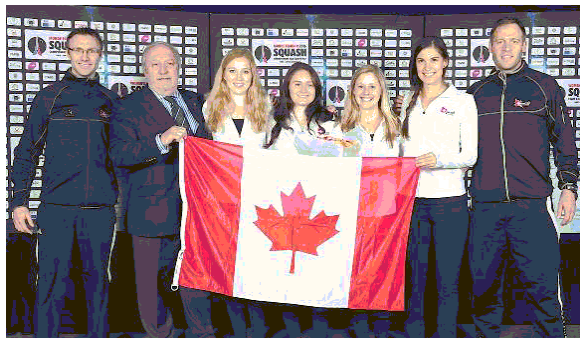
In October 2008, **Samantha Cornett**, formerly of Deep River, won a gold medal in Women's Singles at the Junior Pan-American Squash Championships.

Cornett is a two-time Canadian singles champion and was a 2011 singles silver medalist at the Pan American Games. She reached the finals of the Pan American Squash Championship where she lost to Mexico's Samantha Teran in the final.

In December 2014, she led Team Canada as captain into the Women's World Team Squash Championship at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. She entered the tournament as Canada's number 1 women's player, and world ranked 30th.

The 2014 Championship was the largest squash event held in Canada and one of the largest in North America.

In November 2016 she was a member of Team Canada that competed in Paris in the World Squash Federation Women's World Team Championship. It was the first time Canada had placed in the top 10 since 2008.



Samantha Cornett, second from right, with Team Canada in Paris.

In July 2019, Samantha competed in the Pan Am Games in Lima, Peru, winning a bronze in women's singles squash and silver in women's doubles with partner Danielle Letourneau.

She was ranked number 31 in the world in women's squash at the time.



Samantha Cornett (right), met with Governor General Julie Payette during the Pan Am Games.

In 2009 **James Richmond** and **Michael Sullivan** won the Silver Medal in the Men's Doubles A Division, the first time Mackenzie School had won a medal in A Division badminton at OFSAA.

Jimmy Mon and **Matthew Aydemir** also advanced to Men's Doubles.

The same year, **Michael Sullivan** placed 3rd overall in Under 19 Men's Doubles events at the Ottawa District Badminton Association Championships.

In March 2019 **Ezra Klukas** and **Oliver Walker**, two pre-High School juniors with the Deep River Badminton Club, competed in the Ottawa District Badminton Association Junior Circuit Tournament (#4) in the Under-15 category in Ottawa.

Ezra won first place in both the Under-15 Boys Singles and Mixed Doubles, and second place in Boys Doubles with Oliver.

Oliver with his partner secured second place in Mixed Doubles, losing to the Klukas pair in a closely fought final.



Oliver Walker, left, and Ezra Klukas winners in Ottawa's Junior Circuit Tournament, 2019

In December 2019, several Deep River Badminton Club juniors participated in the Ottawa District Badminton Club (ODBA) Junior Ranking Tournament in Petawawa on December 14. **Derek Wang** and **Ezra Klukas** won the Under 19 Boys Doubles. Other team members were: **Oliver Walker**, **Kurt Zhou**, **Perrine Thiriet** and **Andy Chen**.



Biathlon



In 1967 **Doug Atkins** was selected for the group of nine members from which the National Biathlon Olympic Team was chosen to compete in the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France. Doug was a ski instructor at Mount Martin Ski Club; he was not chosen for the final five-member Canadian team.

ONTARIO CHAMPION BIATHLETE

In both 1983 and 1984 **Jamie Kallio** was Ontario's top cross-country skier in his age group.

He moved to Deep River in the spring of 1984 and in November trained in Labrador City as a member of the Ontario Cross-Country Ski Team, hoping for a place on the Canadian Junior World Ski team.

In 1985 he was the Ontario Junior Men's Champion and in February 1986 he came second in the men's 10 km sprint event at the North American Biathlon Championships, held in Bearberry, Alberta.

In 1986 he was chosen for the Canadian National Biathlon Team that competed in the first Biathlon World Cup Tour events in Lillehammer, Norway.

In January 1988 Kallio raced in the World Cup in Anterselva, Italy, and qualified to be on the Canadian Olympic team for the Calgary Olympics in Canmore, Alberta.



Jamie Kallio was on the Canadian Olympic Biathlon team in 1988

ONTARIO LEADERSHIP AWARD

In December 1995 **Steven Champ** (19) was a member of the four-person Ontario Biathlon Team to compete in the 15th Canada Winter Games, held in Grand Prairie, Alberta. While there he won the Unisys "Quest for Excellence" team leadership award for leadership and support of his fellow athletes.

Bowling



In March 1974 **Debbie Stover**, a member of the Deep River Youth Bowling League, won the Junior Girls' Singles Championship in the *Four Steps to Stardom* Tournament in Ottawa, by bowling 657.

This qualified her to advance to the Provincial Finals in London.

In March 1976 a team of men bowlers from Deep River advanced to the Provincial Finals in Islington. The team was **Joe Rose, Bob McLaren, Dwight Smith, George Pettigrew** and **Mac Wise**.

ALL-ONTARIO WINNERS

In May 1983 a team of six Mackenzie School students from won the prestigious All-Ontario Pins Over-Average Bowling Tournament in Kitchener.

Four of the members had never bowled before that year and the team was the youngest of the 16 teams in the tournament.

Members were **David Barrington, Terry Carlin, Dwayne Adams, Todd Chaput, Brian McKay** and **Derek Ingram**.

Terry Carlin took top honours at the tournament.

In August 1984 **Rosemary Croft** and **Molly McKee** won the District 16 Ladies' Pairs Championship at the Ottawa Lawn and Tennis Club.

Shirley Carlos came second in the Novice Competition.

In May 1986 **Carolyn Barrington** was a member of the Ottawa Valley team that took top honours in the Provincial Pepsi Five Pin Bowling Challenge, held in Toronto.

Subsequently the team represented Ontario in the national challenge, finishing third.

In April 1987 **Kevin Senohrabek** won the Bantam Boys' Singles Championship and **Carolyn Barrington** won the Senior Girls' singles Championship at the Zone 10 Steps to Stardom bowling finals, held in Ottawa.

The following month Kevin won the bronze medal at the Provincial Championships of the Youth Bowling Congress, held in Toronto.

In March 1989 Deep River men's and women's bowling teams competed in the National Classified Tournament, held in Ottawa and Renfrew.

The men's team won their competition and the women's team placed second in their competition.

At the Regional Rolloffs in Peterborough, the men's team placed second.

In March 1989 a mixed team of **Gerald Chaput, Steve Alexander, Ida Halliday, Alix Leishman** and **Helen Sebastien** took top honours in the Ottawa Valley Sunbowl Regional finals, in Ottawa.

In December 2019 a team from Deep River pulled off a notable win in a short mat bowling tournament, held by the Ottawa Short Mat Bowls Club, winning all three of their games against stiff competition.

In their final game, they won against a three-player team, all of whom will be representing Canada in the upcoming World Championships in Belgium.

The local team was **Wayne Harding, Bob Boulton, Don Leckie** and **Leslie Collicott**.



Cross-Country/Nordic Skiing



The Deep River Cross Country Ski Club (DRXC) started in 1971 and the annual Silver Spoon cross-country ski races were initiated the following year, 1972.

Such was the popularity of the Silver Spoon time-trial races that three years after starting, in 1975, the event had grown to include over 270 starters, 26 teams, two Canadian Olympic trialists and over 100 junior skiers ranging from two to 17 years of age.

Even with this auspicious beginning to the sport locally, nobody could have predicted the outstanding achievements of local skiers on the national ski scene during the 1980s. Read on and see for yourself!

CANADA'S LARGEST SKI TRIAL

In 1976 the Silver Spoon was reported to be Canada's largest time-trial cross-country ski meet, just four years after its start.

In 1978, over 400 skiers registered for the event.

The ready availability of good trails and dedicated ski coaches resulted in three local skiers becoming Canadian champions, literally putting Deep River on the Canadian ski map.

In February 1978 **David Rees**, two-time Canadian Champion in cross-country skiing and Nordic combined, visited Deep River to compete in that year's Silver Spoon Race.

He had been a member of the Canadian Olympic Team that competed in Grenoble, France, in 1968.

NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAMPS

In February 1978 Deep River skiers competed in the National Capital Division Championships at Nakkertok Ski Club.

Wendy Rae won the Junior Ladies and **Ann Serdula** won the Veteran Ladies.

Denis Hardy won the Veteran Men's II Class 10 km race. **Karel Mika** was third and **Dave Thompson** was fourth in the 15 km Veteran Men's I Class race.

Ross Meadowcroft won the Senior Men's 15 km race, with **Walter Davies** fifth.

In February 1979 **Hugh Bancroft** was the first Deep River cross-country skier to qualify for the National Capital Division's Junior Cross Country Team, competing in Sudbury for the Canadian Junior Championships.

In February 1980 sisters **Ailsa Metcalfe** and **Yvette Metcalfe** won first places at the Nakkertok Junior Championships, considered to be the premiere event for junior skiers in Eastern Ontario, apart from Deep River's Silver Spoon championships.

Ailsa won the Mini-Midget 2-1/2 km class, winning the coveted Weber Mug, the first time the mug ever left Ottawa.

Second place was Deep River's **Clair Steer**.

Not to be outdone by her sister Ailsa, **Yvette Metcalfe** won the Midget 2-1/2 km class, winning the Morrall trophy.

7 OF TOP 8 JUVENILE SKIERS

In January 1982 Deep River skiers competed at the National Capital Division Championships held at Mount Pakenham.

Catherine Milley took the Junior Girl's title and **Margaret Holden** took the Juvenile Girl's title.

Such was the strength of the DRXC girls that in the Juvenile Girls event, seven of the top eight skiers were from DRXC.

As a result of their successes, both Catherine and Margaret and **Ailsa Metcalfe** were chosen to represent the National Capital Ski Team at the Canadian Junior Championships in Flin Flon, Manitoba.

All three skiers- Catherine, Margaret and Ailsa -finished in the top 15 in Canada. Their coaches were **Karel Mika** and **Bob Birse**.

1982 ONTARIO CHAMP

In March 1982 nine members of the DRXC competed in the Ontario Provincial Championships, held in Midland.

In the Juvenile Girl's category (13-14 years) **Margaret Holden** became the new provincial girl's champion and **Ailsa Metcalfe** came second. In the Junior Girls, **Catherine Milley** came third.

1983 ONTARIO JUVENILE CHAMP

In the 1982-83 ski season **Margaret Holden** won the Ontario Juvenile Girls Championship.

She successfully defended her title by winning again in 1982-83.

In January 1983, she won the Juvenile Girls category at the National Capital Division cross country time trials, held in Deep River.

In February 1983, seven skiers from Deep River competed in the Canadian Junior Cross Country races at Sault St-Marie.

Margaret Holden won individual medals for second place in the Juvenile Girls 5.0 km and third place in Juvenile Girls 2.5 km.

Catherine Milley won an individual medal for her third place finish in the Junior Girls 7.5 km.

Both Margaret and Catherine were also on the three-person National Capital Division relay team that placed third in the 3x5 km Women's Relay.

ONTARIO CHAMPS

At the 1983 Ontario Cross Country Ski Championships held in March in Thunder Bay, the Deep River Junior Ski Team excelled.

Catherine Milley won gold and **Laura Taylor** placed third in the Junior Girls 5 km race.

Catherine also won the Junior Girls 7.8 km championship with Laura placing second in the Juvenile girls 2.8 km race.

Margaret Holden won gold with silver going to **Ailsa Metcalfe**.

Based on their performances at the meet, Margaret, Catherine and Ailsa were invited to compete in Labrador City as forerunners to the World Cup Race and take part in the North American Championships.



Catherine Milley & Margaret Holden at the 1983 Ontario Championships

In 1983 seven Deep River skiers were selected for the Canadian Junior Championships, under the tutelage of coach **Karel Mika**.

In November 1983, three Deep River skiers attended a training camp for potential Canadian competitors in the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary.

The skiers were **Catherine Milley**, **Margaret Holden**, and **Ailsa Metcalfe**.

1984 ONTARIO JUNIOR CHAMP

In 1983-84 **Laura Taylor** won the Junior Women's Provincial Cross Country Ski Championship and came 7th at the Canadian National Championships.

In January 1984 **Catherine Milley**, 17, was selected as a member for the Canadian Junior National Team.

As a member of the team she skied at the World junior Cross-Country Championships in Norway in February.

Margaret Holden also went to Norway with the Ontario Junior Development Team for training and experience.

In January 1984 Deep River hosted interdivisional ski races to which skiers came from the National Capital Division, Northern Ontario Division and Southern Ontario Division. Local female skiers dominated the event.

In Juvenile Girls, **Rachel Holden** and **Christine Aitchison** took first and second places.

Ailsa Metcalfe won the Junior Girls 7.5 km race and **Laura Taylor** won the Women's 5 km race by nearly a minute.

ONTARIO CHAMPS

In February 1984 skiers from Deep River won seven medals at the Ontario Championships, held in Sault St. Marie.

In the Juvenile Girl's 5 km race **Ailsa Metcalfe** won gold and **Lesley Milley** won bronze.

Andrew Birse won gold in Juvenile Boys 5 km and bronze in the 7.5 km race, coming second overall.

Ailsa also won gold in Juvenile Girl's 2.5 km race, with **Rachel Holden** winning silver in 2.5 km and third in 5 km.

Laura Taylor won gold in Junior Women's 10 km.

As a result of successes throughout the racing season, seven local skiers were selected to attend the Canadian Junior Championships in Kamloops. (See next entry.)



Laura Taylor, Ailsa Metcalfe, Rachel Holden and Andrew Birse, medalists in the 1984 Ontario Championships

TOP THREE NATIONAL CHAMPS

In March 1984 Deep River skiers took the top three places in the National Junior Cross Country Ski Races, held in Kamloops, B.C.

Rachel Holden, Ailsa Metcalfe and **Lesley Milley** placed first, second and third in the Juvenile Girls 3.5 km Race.

Ailsa also placed first in the 5 km Juvenile Girls race (with Lesley Milley placing second) and first in the 7.5 km Juvenile Girls race.

Catherine Milley won the Junior Girls 10 km race and placed second in the 5 km Junior Girls race.

In total, Deep River skiers won 10 individual medals at the Junior Championships.

As a result of Ailsa's two wins and a silver in the 3.5 km race, she was declared National Juvenile Champion for 1984, with Lesley Milley second and Rachel Holden, fifth.

In the Junior Girl's title, Catherine Milley was runner-up, with **Margaret Holden** in fifth.

In May 1984 **Margaret Holden** was chosen for both the Ontario Junior Ski Team and for the Provincial Elite Team, comprised of skiers from Provincial Teams across Canada. Other local skiers were also chosen for special ski teams.

Catherine Milley was chosen for Team '88 which was the Canadian Junior team training for the Calgary Olympics in 1988.

Rachel Holden, Ailsa Metcalfe, Lesley Milley and **Andrew Birse** were chosen for the Ontario Junior development team.

1984 ONTARIO AND CANADIAN CHAMP

In 1984 **Ailsa Metcalfe (Eyvindson)** was the Canadian National Juvenile Cross Country Champion after winning in Kamloops. (**Lesley Milley** was second, with **Rachel Holden** fifth.)

Ailsa was also a member of the Ontario Ski team and trained with the Canadian National Ski team.

In May 1989 she was named to Canada Team '92 to prepare for the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, France.



Ailsa Metcalfe, Women's Junior Canadian National Cross Country Ski Champion, 1984

In December 1984 **Margaret Holden** was selected as a member of the Canadian Junior Cross Country Ski Team, as one of four men and four women competing at the World Junior Championship in Zermatt, Switzerland in February.

TWO 1985 ONTARIO CHAMPS

In February 1985 the Ontario Cross Country Ski Championships were held in Deep River, at which four provincial divisions were represented: National Capital, Southern Ontario, Northern Ontario, and Lake Superior.

Margaret Holden won the Junior Girls title and **Jamie Kallio** won the Junior Men's title. **Laura Taylor** placed second in her two races, **Rachel Holden** placed third twice and **Ailsa Metcalfe** placed second and third in her races.

As a result of the performances in the Ontario Championships, 11 skiers from Deep River were selected to be on the National Capital team to compete at the Canadian junior nationals at Morin Heights, Quebec. They were: **Andrew Birse, Robert DeAbreu, Philip Dodgson, Margaret Holden, Rachel Holden, Abigail Metcalfe, Ailsa Metcalfe, Laura Taylor, Craig Watson, and Glenda Watson.**

In all, these 10 Deep River skiers made up just under half of the National Capital Division's entire team of 23

In 1984, Deep River boasted both the Ontario female Junior Champion (Laura Taylor) and the Ontario and Canadian National Juvenile Champion (Ailsa Metcalfe).

1985 CANADIAN JUNIOR CHAMP

In March 1985, at the National Cross Country Championships held at Morin Heights, **Margaret Holden** placed first, to become Canadian Junior Women's Champion.

Ailsa Metcalfe placed second overall in the Juvenile Girls, with **Rachel Holden** placing fourth.



Margaret Holden, Canadian National Women's Junior Champion, 1985



Rachel Holden, Canadian National Women's Junior Champion, 1986, the third year in a row Deep River skiers had won the award.

1986 ONTARIO AND CANADIAN CHAMP

In the next season, 1985-86, Margaret Holden's sister, **Rachel Holden**, kept the family name and Deep River in the headlines by winning both the Ontario Junior Girls Championship and the Canadian Junior Girls Championship.

For three years running, 1984, 1985 and 1986, Canada's top female cross-country skiers in their category, Ailsa Metcalfe, Margaret Holden, and Rachel Holden, all came from Deep River.

FOUR 1986 ONTARIO CHAMPS

In January 1986 skiers from the Deep River Cross Country Ski club won 14 medals and four championships at the two-day Ontario Championships, held at Hardwood Hills, Barrie.

The four local provincial champions (out of the eight champions decided) were **Robert DeAbreu** (Juvenile Boys), **Rachel Holden** ((Junior Girls), **Margaret Holden** (Junior Ladies), and **Jamie Kallio** (Senior Men).

In February 1986 four Deep River skiers earned their three-year progression to the Gold designation for the Courier de Bois at the Canadian National Ski Marathon. The four were **Walter Benz**, **Jack Cornett**, **Ian Kilborn**, and **Erik Hagberg**.

In February 1986, both **Margaret Holden** and **Rachel Holden** competed in the World Junior Championships, held in Lake Placid. **Rachel** and her team-mate posted the best Canadian result in the 8 km team event while Margaret posted the second-best Canadian finish in the 15 km ski-skating event.

1986 NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMP

In March 1986 **Rachel Holden** won the Junior Girls National Championship, held in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. She extended the Deep River tradition of having Junior National Champions started by **Ailsa Metcalfe** in 1984 and continued by **Margaret Holden** in 1985.

In March 1986 both **Margaret Holden** and **Rachel Holden** were selected for the Canadian National Junior Cross-country Ski Team with hopes to represent Canada at the 1988 Winter Olympics.

In December, Margaret qualified for the Canadian Junior Team to compete at the World Championships to be held in Asaigo, Italy in February 1987. In Italy Margaret pulled muscles in her opening race and could not double-pole for the remainder of the race.

She dropped out of competitive skiing for two years, returning in 1988 to claim a spot on Canada's B Team touring Europe in January.

ONTARIO BOYS CHAMP

In 1986 **Robert DeAbreu** won the Ontario Boys Championship, and four years later, in 1990, he won the Ontario Junior Men's Championship. The overall championships for 1990 were decided at the final races of the season, held in Deep River.

As a result of his successes in 1990, he earned a place on the 1991 Canadian Junior Cross-Country Ski team, scheduled to compete in the World Junior Races in Germany in March.

In December 1986 **Ailsa Metcalfe** qualified for the Ontario team for the World Cup competition to be held in Canmore, Alberta.

CENTRAL CANADIAN CHAMP

In January 1987 **Norm Spinks** won gold and silver medals in the Central Canadian Master Championships, held in Hardwood Hills. He won gold in the 15 km classic ski race and silver in the 30 km freestyle race, qualifying him for the Ontario Masters team to compete at the Canadian Masters Championships at Canmore.

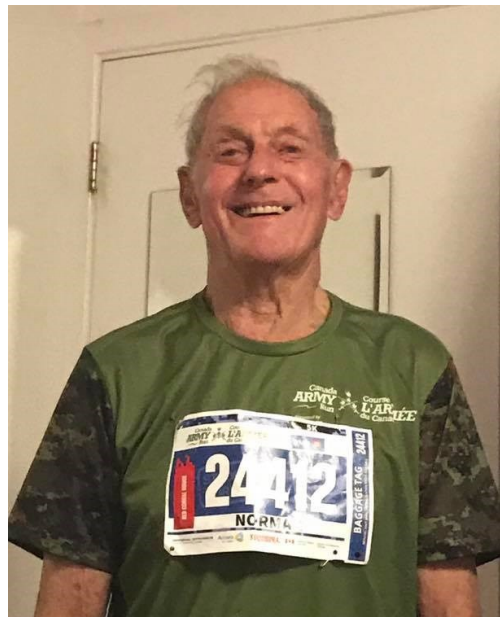
In 1989 he won two silver and two bronze medals at the Canadian Masters Championships, held at Monte St. Anne, which also hosted the Masters World Cup at the same time, in which he competed.

He has completed Individual Courier de Bois events (bronze, silver and gold) in the Canadian National Ski Marathon (La Chute to Ottawa, 160 km) and has completed 10 of the 12 World Loppets (long-distance ski events of 50-80 km).

In February 1989, following his win at Deep River's Silver Spoon ski event he was announced to be Central Canadian Champion for his age group.

In March 1991 he placed second behind the legendary Heinz Niederhauser in the 15 km classic race at the Canadian Masters Cross Country Ski Championships, held in Thunder Bay. He placed third in the 30 km classic race.

In 2011, he won a Bronze Medal as a Member of the Canadian Masters Relay Team in the World Master's event in Mt. St. Anne, Quebec.



Norm Spinks, photo from Facebook

In February 1987 three Deep River skiers won medals at the National Capital Division Championships, held at Nakkertok. **Nathan Lee** won gold in the Juvenile Boys 10 km race. **Ailsa Metcalfe** won gold and **Terri-Lynn James** won gold and bronze medals.

In February 1987 **Jennifer Doubt** competed in the National Ski Marathon and was the first girl under 14 to ever finish the distance.

In March 1987 Deep River skiers won four medals at the Canadian Junior Cross Country Ski Championships, held in Sault St Marie. **Rachel Holden** won silver in the 10 km women's race and bronze in the 15 km race, **Ailsa Metcalfe** won silver in the Junior Girls 5 km race and **Robert DeAbreu** won bronze in the Juvenile Boys 10 km race.

In April 1987 both **Margaret Holden** and **Rachel Holden** were invited to the 20th annual Ontario Sports Award banquet in Toronto to receive Achievement Awards from the province as members of the national cross-country ski team. Unfortunately, due to racing schedules, they were not able to attend.

OLYMPIC FORERUNNERS

In December 1987 both **Rachel Holden** and **Ailsa Metcalfe** were invited by the Calgary Olympics Organizing Committee to attend the XVth Winter Olympic Games as forerunners for the Nordic race events.

Forerunners ski the course shortly before the official races to ensure all competitors have track conditions as similar as possible.

In December 1987 **Rachel Holden** qualified to represent Canada in the five-woman team competing at the World Junior Cross Country Championships held in Saalfelden, Austria.

In February 1988 six local skiers won gold medals in the National Capital Division Cross Country Championships, held in Deep River.

Alison Adam won the Seven and Under Girls category, **Ian Lee** won the Mighty-Mite Boys, **Monika Champ** won the Mini-Midget Girls, **Robert DeAbreu** won the Junior Boys, **Terri-Lynn James** won the Junior Girls, and **Norm Spinks** won the 50 and Over Masters category.

In February, 1988, **Walter Benz** and **Mary Lynn Benz** completed their Gold-level Courier de Bois at the Canadian Ski Marathon. Mary Lynn earned her gold level, and Walter, returned to do this a second time, earning Gold Bar # 1.

1988 CANADIAN JUNIOR CHAMP

In March 1988 **Rachel Holden** won the Canadian Junior Women's Cross Country Ski Championship, held at 100 Mile House, British Columbia.

E. CANADIAN SENIOR CHAMPS

In January 1989 **Rachel Holden** won the Senior Women's 5-km classic race at the Eastern Canadian Championships, held at Camp Fortune.

Ailsa Metcalfe won silver in the Junior 5km race and **Robert DeAbreu** placed third in the Junior Boy's 15 km classic race.

In February 1989 the **Doubt** family (**George, Joan and Emily**) won the award for the family skiing the most sections in that year's Canadian Ski Marathon.

SKIED IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

In March 1989 **Ailsa Metcalfe** qualified to represent Canada at the 1989 World Junior Championships, held in Norway. She was selected after competing in the Canadian Junior Championships, held in Cape North, Cape Breton Island, where she and **Robert DeAbreu** both placed third overall.

WINTER GAMES CHAMPS

In March 1989 three Deep River skiers won gold medals at the Ontario Winter Games, held in North Bay.

Robert DeAbreu set the fastest overall time, winning the Junior Boy's 15 km race by more than 3 minutes.

Rachel Holden won a gold medal in her 7 km race, and **Toby Lee** won the mini-midget boy's 3 km race.

Jamie Kallio took silver in Senior Men's.

Former Deep River residents Jana and Karel Mika placed second in their respective master's categories.

ONTARIO'S TOP COACH

In November 1989 cross-country ski coach **Ross Meadowcroft** won the 3M Coaching Gold Medal for outstanding coaching. The award was presented by the government of Ontario and recognizes the province's "most dedicated and successful ski coach."

He also served as Chair of Cross Country Ontario.

WORLD LOPPET WINNERS

In February 1990 Deep River skiers competed in the Gatineau 55 World Loppett, held in Gatineau Park, Quebec.

Ailsa Metcalfe was the top Canadian female and **Robert DeAbreu** the top junior.

ONTARIO SKI TEAM MEMBER

In the 1988/89 season **Robert DeAbreu** was named to the Ontario Team, where he competed on the national circuit.

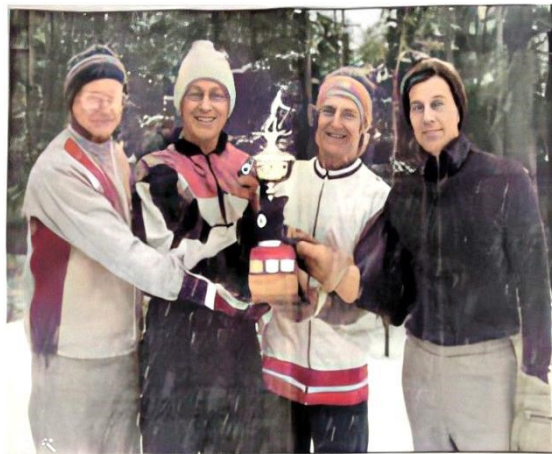
In March 1990, he led the Ontario relay team to a third-place finish at the Junior National Championships, held at Camp Fortune.

In May he was selected for the Canadian National Junior Ski Cross Country Team. In December, as part of that team he placed second in the first Canada Cup races in Vernon, BC.

In December 1990 he won all three Junior Men's events at the National Capital Interdivisional races, held in Deep River.

In February 1991 local skiers **Doug Champ**, **Denis Hardy**, **Ray Metcalfe** and **Norm Spinks** won the Ottawa Ski Club Trophy for the veteran touring team skiing the most sections at the 1991 Canadian Ski Marathon.

They skied 36 of the possible 40 sections, defeating (and shocking) a Montreal team that had won the trophy every year since 1983, which finished 33 sections.



Denis Hardy, Norm Spinks, Ray Metcalfe and Doug Champ



Norm Spinks, Brian Cheadle, Ray Metcalfe and Doug Champ, winners of the veteran team award at the 1992 Canadian Ski Marathon. It was the third year that a Deep River team had won the trophy.

In February 1992 the Deep River Cross-Country Ski Club hosted the Ontario University Cross-Country Ski Championships, at which 120 skiers competed.

Former local skier **Abbigail Metcalfe** (skiing for Queens University) placed second in both 5 km classical and 10 km freestyle races, and **Robert DeAbreu** (skiing for the University of Ottawa) placed third in 15 km freestyle.

PROVINCIAL MIGHTY MIDGET CHAMPS

In February 1993 the Deep River Cross-Country Ski Club hosted the Ontario Provincial Ski Championships, with 200 of the province's best skiers competing in 14 different categories.

In the classic races, **Sarah Lee**, **Katie Horn** and **Meghan Kyle** came first, second and third, respectively, in the Mighty Midget Girls category.

Claudio Wensel and **Ian Cleland** came first and third, respectively, in the Mighty Midget Boys category.

Sara Kalechstein was third in Mini-Midget Girls and **Geoff Graham** came second in Mini-Midget Boys.

Tammy Champ was second in the Midget Girls.

In the freestyle races, **Sarah Lee** was first in her category, **Geoff Graham** was third, **Amy Mark** was first in Midget Girls and **Wendy Moon** was third in Junior Girls 7.5 km.

In 1993 **Monika Champ** came third in Junior Girls at the Eastern Canadian Championships in Val Cartier, Quebec.

In February 1993 the Deep River Veteran's team won the Veteran's Trophy at the Canadian Ski Marathon, for the third year in a row. The members were **Norm Spinks**, **Brian Cheadle**, **Ray Metcalfe** and **Doug Champ**.

YOUNGEST MARATHON SKIER

In February 1987 at the Canadian Ski Marathon **Jennifer Doubt** completed the Bronze Courier de Bois level and won the Youngest Skier Award (she was 14), the first time the award was presented to a female.



Jennifer Doubt, 14, youngest skier to complete the Canadian Ski Marathon, 1987 and the first female winner of the award.

ONTARIO JUVENILE CHAMP

In March 1995 **Amy Mark** won the Ontario Juvenile Girls' Cross-Country Championship, held at Temiscaming.

In February 1997 she placed third in Senior Girls at the Ontario Provincial Cross Country Skiing Championships, held in North Bay.

In 1997, **Steven Champ** won the bronze medal in the Nordic Combined event at the Ontario Winter Games, held in Thunder Bay.

At the Ontario University Nordic Ski Championships held in North Bay in February 2003, former Deep River resident **Tim Adams** was a member of the Carleton University men's team that placed first.

Martin Koslowski and **Chris Boulton** were part of the Queens University team that placed third. Boulton won a silver medal in the 10 km skate event and had the fastest relay time.

In January 2004 **Tim Adams** placed first in the University Men's Division of the Eastern Ontario Cross-Country Ski Championships, held at Silver Fox Trails, Deep River. Over 450 skiers competed in the championships.

In 2007 a team of eight Deep River skiers entered the Sea-to-Sea-to-Sea challenge as part of a Cross Country Canada Challenge issued to correspond with the 2010 Winter Olympics in Whistler, B.C..

The team collectively skied 20,375 km in three years, the 15th longest distance skied by all teams in Canada.

MEDALS AT WORLD MASTERS

In March 2010 **Norm Spinks** won a silver medal as a member of the second-place Canadian Men's relay team (75-79 age-category) at the World Masters Ski Championships in Vernon, B.C.

He came home with two Masters World Cup medals, a silver and a bronze, and three Canadian Masters gold medals.

A large amount of skiing continues to be done between Deep River and the Chalk River Laboratories site. Veteran skier Erik Hagberg believes this is the largest number of skiers and longest distance covered in commuting to work by ski in Canada.

GOLD AT CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 2011 **Ingrid Hagberg** won a gold medal at the Canadian Cross Country Ski Championships, in Canmore, BC. She was competing in the University Team Sprint category with another Carleton University student.

In 2007 Ingrid started competing on the Ontario Cup circuit.

She was also a member of the Ontario junior development team and has represented Ontario at National Championships.

This was her third participation at the ski Nationals

Ingrid began cross country ski racing on the local scene at a very young age and also raced on the Mackenzie High School team. She started more serious racing for DRXC in 2007 on the Ontario Cup circuit.



Ingrid Hagberg, gold medallist at the Canadian Cross Country Ski Championships, Canmore, 2011. Photo David Rhodes

Curling

In 1955 rinks skipped by **Bob Ashley** and **Lorne McConnell** were finalists in the *Globe and Mail* Trophy in Toronto.

In the 1960s **Pearl Morrison, Jackie Rioux, Doreen Joyce** and **Edytha Beamish** won the Quebec and Eastern Ontario Challenge Trophy.

In 1966 **Bill Skelly** and **Bert Ahronson** reached the Provincial Curling finals in Ottawa.

CANADIAN COLLEGES CHAMP

In March 1986, **Leigh-Anne Booth** was a member of the Cambrian College team that won the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association National Invitational Curling Championships, held in Kamloops, BC.

In the mid-1980s the rink of **Bill Shorter, Mark Unsworth, Pat Mundt** and **Paul Bell** advanced to the finals of the Royal Jubilee Trophy in Quebec, against teams from Ontario and Quebec.

In January 2005 a Deep River curling team gained a berth to represent the Ottawa Valley and the Eastern Ontario Zone in the Holiday Inn Men’s Challenge Competition, held in Trenton.

The team was **Leo Buckley** (skip), **Chris Knight, Martin Chisholm,** and **Bill Baker**. The competition included 32 men’s teams from across Ontario.



In January 2017 a team from the Deep River Squash and Curling Club advanced to the Provincial Finals of the Fairfield-Marriot Men’s Challenge held in Trenton and Brighton. They had qualified during the finals on the A side of the regional playdowns held in 2016 December in Trenton

The team was skipped by **Leo Buckley**, with **Chris Knight, Toban Verdun** and **Brad Payne**.



In 2018 December the NRT reported that in the national curling competition “Hit, Draw and Tap,” **Andrew Nichols** finished 6th highest in Canada, won the local gold medal for 6-8 year-olds and advanced to the provincial finals in February.

In November 2019, two Deep River curling teams combined to win the Quebec Challenge Cup, the oldest competitive trophy in North America which has been continually contested since 1874. It was the 996th time the trophy had been contested. The competition involves clubs from all of Quebec and the Ottawa Valley.

Members were: **Mike Moore, Brad Payne, Toban Verdun, Kevin McCrimmon,** Leo Buckley, **Chris Knight, Malcolm James,** and **Brock Sanderson.** See photo below.



In March 2020, nine-year-old **Kelly Hogue** was one of four curlers representing Ontario in the National Hit Tap Draw Championship held annually at the Brier.

Kelly had been curling in the Deep River Junior program and finished in the top 10 in the province out of more than 200 curlers to earn a berth in the provincial competition in Cornwall.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

In April 2020, **Bill Shorter** was honoured by the Canadian Curling Association as the National Volunteer of the 2018-19 Year for his contributions to the sport and to the local club.

The award was presented to him at that year's Brier in Kingston.



Diving

In July 1977 Beverly Boys, Canadian Olympic Diving champion, conducted diving clinics at the Deep River pool.

2ND IN ONTARIO

In August 1980, **Ailsa Metcalfe**, diving in the 10-and-Under competition, placed second in Ontario and eighth nationally on the 3-m springboard in a major diving meet in Nepean.

On the 1-metre springboard, she also placed second in Ontario and seventh nationally. At the same meet, **Nikki Chapman** took the bronze on the 1-m springboard.

MEMBER OF ONTARIO TEAM FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION

In May 1982 **Ailsa Metcalfe** was selected as one of the two top divers in Ontario in the 1-m board among the 11-12 age group to form the Ontario team for the National Age Group Competition held in Montreal.

In May 1982 **Nikki Chapman** competed at the President's cup in Nepean, and qualified for the National Age Group competition in Montreal.

ONTARIO DIVING CHAMPS

In June 1984 local divers **Sheril Desjardins**, 16, and **Rod Frketich**, 14, each placed first in events in the Ontario Swim Championships for B and C clubs, held in Scarborough.

In the 15 year and over B division, Desjardins placed first on both 1-m board and 3-m board.

In the 13/14 year old B Division Frketich also placed first on both 1-m and 3-m board dives.

In March 1985 **Rod Frketich** won two second-place medals in the Ontario Winter BC Level Diving Championships in both one- and three-metre board events.

PROVINCIAL DIVING CHAMP TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS

In March 1991 **Andrew Osborne**, 10, was reputed to be the youngest local athlete to compete at the national level, by qualifying for the National Diving Championships held in Thunder Bay in July.

In July 1991 he placed second in the 1-m board and third in the 3-m board competition in the Provincial Diving Championships.

In February 1993, at age 12, he won gold on the 5-m tower and silver on the 3-m board at a diving meet in Winnipeg.

In May 1993 he won gold on the tower and silver on the 3-m board in the 12-13 age category at the Provincial Diving Championships, in Nepean.

In May 1994 he placed first in both 3-m and 1-m boards, and second on the tower in the 14-15 age group at Thunder Bay to win the Ontario Boys "B" (age 14-15) Diving Championship.

In May 1995 he again was the Ontario Boys "B" Diving Champion, held in Nepean. This qualified him to be a member of the Ontario Junior Diving Team for the 95/96 season.

In January 1996, at age 15, he won gold at the President's Cup to qualify to compete in the prestigious Senior Winter Nationals, in Regina.

Downhill /Alpine Skiing



Photo by Bill Hunter

In February 1967 **Rob Barlow** was first in the Giant Slalom event at the Inter-collegiate Ski Meet of the Ottawa District High Schools at Camp Fortune, Quebec.

In April 1971 **Mark Armstrong** won gold in the Skican group at the Molstar races at Mt. Norquay, Banff.

3 NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAMPS

In April 1974 **Douglas Christie** won the Junior Boys A-B championship at the National Capital Ski division championships.

Mignon Yeatman won the Junior Girls C-D Girls Championship and **Scott Midgley** won the Midget Boys Championship.

In January 1975 **Douglas Christie** was third overall in Slalom and Giant Slalom at the Ontario Winter Games held in Thunder Bay. This qualified him to compete in the Canada Winter Games in Lethbridge, Alberta.

ONTARIO WINTER GAMES GOLD

In March 1976 **Craig Pickard** captured the Gold Medal in the Men's Slalom event at the Ontario Winter Games in Sault Ste. Marie.

In May 1977 the **Deep River Devils** was top team in the youngest league of the Canadian Alpine Organization's Nancy Green League. Their coach was **Evelyn Schriber**.

NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAMP

In February 1978 **Lizanne Hart** won gold in the Giant Slalom in the National Capital Division Junior C Championships at Camp Fortune.

In March 1978 **Marke Earle** and **Kirk Fletcher** were selected to attend the Canadian Junior Alpine Skiing Championships, in Rossland, BC, as part of the National Capital Division Ski Team of seven skiers.

In March 1979 Marke was third in the Ontario Divisional Cup Championships, consisting of two slalom races at North Bay, two Giant Slalom races at Collingwood, and a Slalom race and Giant Slalom race at Calabogie Peaks.

In April 1979 **Jeff Lemon** and **Andrew Milley** qualified to compete in the National Junior Under-15 Champion-ships in Fernie, BC.

In January 1980 **Marke Earle** and **Steve Fletcher** qualified to compete in four eastern Pontiac cup races – giant slaloms at Stoneham and downhills in Mount St. Anne.

In February 1980 Midget A skiers representing the Upper Ottawa Valley Ski Team won five out of a possible 12 medals awarded at the National Capital Division Downhill races at Camp Fortune.

Four of the team’s five medal winners were from Deep River: **Scott Hunter** (gold, 11 and under) **Nancy Klock** (bronze, 12-14), **Christen Heighway** (silver, 11 and under) and **Scott Dalrymple** (silver, 11 and under).



Scott Hunter, Nancy Klock, Christen Heighway, and Scott Dalrymple at the 1980 National Capital Division Downhill races at Camp Fortune

In February 1980 **Scott Hunter** placed first in the 11 and under Giant Slalom race at the National Capital Division competitions at Mont St. Marie.

He also won three gold and one bronze medal in other races during the season.

NATIONAL CAPITAL DIVISION CHAMP

In March 1980, **Marke Earle**, 17, won the National Capital Division championship, skiing both slalom and giant slalom at Mont St. Marie.

Four of the skiers chosen from this division to compete in the Canadian Junior Championships in Stoneham, Quebec, were from Deep River. They were: **Glen Reid, Rob Crocker, Lawrence Gaffney, and Jackie Dolling.**

In December 1980 **Marke Earle** was selected as a member of the National Capital Division’s alpine ski team. (Previous Deep River members of the Division’s team included **Doug Christie, Scott Milley** and **Craig Pickard.**)

In March 1981 three Deep River skiers were invited to compete in the Canadian Juvenile Alpine Ski Championships at Fortress Mountain, Alberta. They were **Nancy Klock, Jackie Dolling,** and **Lawrence Gaffney.**

ONTARIO TEAM MEMBER

In September 1981 **Marke Earle** left for Europe as a member of the Ontario Alpine Ski Team for pre-season training in Switzerland and France.

He won fourth spot on the seven-man team that was in training for the regular season of the Nor-Am ski circuit.

In March 1982 **Scott Hunter**, 12, was chosen to compete in the Canadian Juvenile Alpine Championships, held in Collingwood.

Scott was one of only five 12-year-olds in the mostly 14-year-old field of 79 boys.

In January 1983 **Marke Earle** won the second race of the Ontario Championship series at Collingwood. He was third in the third race of the series.

In March 1983 he placed second in the Men’s final race of the Ontario Alpine Ski Championships at Camp Fortune to capture overall second for the series.

In February 1984 **Lawrence Gaffney** was chosen with two other skiers to represent the National Capital Division Alpine Ski Team at the Canadian Men’s Alpine Ski Championships, held at Rossland, British Columbia

In March 1984 **Gavin Svensson** and **Michael McWilliam** were selected as two of six alpine skiers from the National Capital Division to attend the Eastern Canada section of the Junior Alpine Ski Championships, held at Bromont, Quebec.

ONTARIO TEAM MEMBER

In August 1984 **Nancy Klock** was chosen for the Ontario Alpine Ski Team. After training in Mount Hood in BC, she travelled to training camps in Switzerland and France.

In March 1985 **Nancy Klock** placed third overall in the Sealtest Cup, held at Blue Mountain, British Columbia, and Camp Fortune, Ottawa.

In March 1987 **Carl Svensson** was selected as a member of the National Capital Division ski team to attend the Ontario Winter Games at Thunder Bay and the Eastern Canadian Juvenile Championships at Stoneham, Quebec.

In January 1989 veteran skier **Wilf Poley** received one of 17 special awards presented by the Canadian Ski Patrol System in 1988. The awards recognize “extraordinary performance or contributions in any aspect of patrolling the system.”

In February 1989 local snowboarders **Tero Hollo**, **Jamie Parker**, **Steve O’Shaughnessy**, and **Kris Dunn** all finished in the top 10 competitors in the 14-16 age group at the Eastern Canadian Championships, held in Hull.

In March 1990 the Nancy Green League from Mount Martin Ski Club placed second in a field of 21 teams in a Zone competition.

E. ONTARIO MEDALS

In March 1993 **Steven Earle** won the Eastern Ontario gold medal championship at Pakenham.

Megan Lance was the silver medallist in the Junior Women’s Slalom.

In the 1996-97 ski season, **Debbie (Harvey) Trand** was on the Canadian National Telemark Ski Team.

In February 2012 **Grace Gaffney** qualified to participate in the Alpine Skiing category in the Ontario Winter Games, to be hosted in Collingwood. She races for the Upper Ottawa Valley Ski Zone.

In May 2016, **James Gaffney** of Deep River was awarded the “most improved” athlete for the National Capital division alpine ski racing. One male and one female are chosen from the region each year.

Gaffney competed as a member of the Calabogie ski race team and qualified this year for the U14 all-Ontario championships in Collingwood.



Fencing



In September 1970 **Tomas Liebich** competed in the World Championships for Foil, Epee, and Sabre, in Havana, Cuba. While there Tomas was introduced to Fidel Castro and was photographed with him for the newspapers.

In February 1973 **Ben Joyce**, who started fencing with the Deep River club around 1969, won the Ontario University Athletic Award for Eastern Ontario in Fencing with Epee, while at Trent University.

In February 1974 **Ben Joyce** was included in a team sent by the Canadian Fencing Association to an international meet in France.

In November 2005 **Michael Nishimura** won a bronze medal at the Ottawa Dry Foil Tournament at the University of Ottawa.

In April 2006 **Michael Nishimura** and **Nicholas Brown** won gold in the Under-15 category at the fifth and final Ottawa Dry Foil Fencing Tournament of the 2006 season in Ottawa.

In February 2012 **Dan Sullivan** won both the Open Epee and Open Foil events at an Ottawa Developmental Fencing Circuit competition.

In March he won gold in Open Epee and third place overall at the ODFC Finals. **Chloe St. Arnaud**, formerly of Deep River, won silver in Women's Open Foil and second overall.

In October 2007 **Rosemary Nishimura** won gold in the Women's Open category at the first Ottawa Dry Foil Tournament of the season.

Michael Nishimura won gold in the Mixed open and **Justin Chow** won bronze in the Under-13 category.



Nicholas Brown and Michael Nishimura, gold medallists in the Ottawa Dry Foil Fencing tournament, 2006

In February 2012, **Dan Sullivan** of the Deep River Fencing Club won both the Open Epee and Open Foil events at the Ottawa Developmental Fencing Competition held at the RA Centre, Ottawa.

In March 2012, **Chloe St. Amand**, formerly of the Deep River Fencing Club won the silver medal for second place in Women's Open Foil at the Ottawa Development Fencing Circuit Finals at the RA Centre, Ottawa.

At the same event, **Dan Sullivan** of Deep River again dominated the Open Epee event, winning all of his initial pool and elimination bouts for his second gold medal in the ODFC series.

His performance was so strong that he achieved a third place in the overall standings for Open Epee, despite entering only two of the five tournaments.



Dan Sullivan with fellow fencer Chloe St. Amand.

In November 2014 Stephen Hopkins of the DR Fencing Club won a silver medal in the Open Foil competition at the Ottawa Development Fencing Circuit tournament.



Stephen Hopkin with Jamie and Amber, who also competed

Figure Skating



In March 1978 medal winners at the Inter-Club competitions of the Eastern Ontario Section of the Figure Skating Clubs included: **Alanna Allen, Joanne Lindsay, Jane Holtslander, Jennifer Hoffman, Margaret Keech, and Carl Wang.**

FIRST IN E. ONTARIO

In November 1979 **John Wang** placed First in the Pre-Novice Men's Class at the Eastern Ontario Sectionals of the Canadian Figure Skating Association, in Pembroke. (Future Olympic gold medallist Elizabeth Manley won the Junior Ladies event.)

12 E. ONTARIO MEDALS

In February 1986, eight of nine Deep River skaters won 12 medals at the Eastern Ontario Section, Area Six, of the Canadian Figure Skating Association's Inter-club Competition, held in Eganville.

Gold medals were won by **Sharlene Slater** (two medals), **Julie Christie** (two and a bronze) and **Sadia Lone**.

Silver medals were won by **Sabrina Cecco** (two medals) **Darlene Frketich** (and a bronze), **Carolyn Glen, Krissy Gray, and Noreen Lone.**

E. ONTARIO CHAMPS

In February 1989 local skaters competed at the Eastern Ontario Championships, held in Petawawa.

Frank Logie and **Christine Zeller** were the gold medal winners in Preliminary Mixed Dance competition, **John Connelly** and **Ashley Kilburn** (of Almonte) won silver, while **Jonathan Buckley** and **Louise Dimmick** won bronze.

In January 1990 **Jonathan Buckley** won a gold medal and **Sharlene Slater** won a bronze medal at the Minto Winter Invitational Skating Competition, held in Ottawa.

In February 1990, **Alison Adam**, 9, came first in her category in both freeski and interpretive events in the Eastern Ontario Area 6 Interclub Skating Competition, held in Renfrew.

MEDALS AT ALL-ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS

In March 1990 **Jonathan Buckley** won a silver medal in Men's Singles at the All Ontario Interclub Championships, held in Gravenhurst.

In March 1991 he and **Louise Dimmick** advanced to the All-Ontario Interclub Championships in Bowmanville, following their success at the Eastern Ontario Sectional Interclub Competition.

Jonathan captured the overall second place silver medal in the combined event.

Louise Dimmick and **Scott Waddell** (Pembroke) won bronze in the Preliminary Pairs.



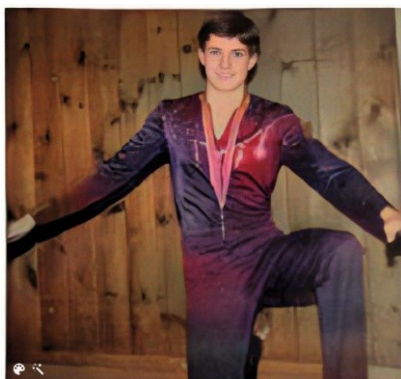
Jonathan Buckley and Louise Dimmick, Frank Logie and Christine Zeller, John Connelly and Ashley Kilburn, winners of medals at the Eastern Ontario Championships, Petawawa, 1989

ONTARIO WINTER GAMES WINNER

In March 1992, in his third year at the provincial level, **Jonathan Buckley** won silver again for his pre-novice program at the All-Ontario Interclub Championships. He and Tina Moore of Pembroke also took silver in Juvenile Pairs.

In March 1993 he won gold in Pre-Novice at the Ontario Winter Games, held in Cornwall.

Jonathan's mother, **Kathy Inglis Buckley** had travelled and skated with the *Ice Capades* team before moving to Deep River.



Jonathan Buckley, gold medallist at the 1993 Ontario

In May 1993 **Sharlene Slater** won gold in the Ladies Gold Freestyle event at the Eastern Ontario Section Interclub Championships, held at Gloucester.

She went on to win bronze at the All-Ontario Interclub Championships in Tilsonburg.

Kyla Dagg and her partner also won gold in Preliminary Pairs at the Eastern Ontario Section Interclub Championships and bronze at the All-Ontario Interclub Championships in Tilsonburg.

In April 1993 **Renee Charette** won gold in both Junior Bronze Ladies Freestyle and Elements at the Spring Festival Skate held in Gloucester.

Lisa-Marie McEwan won silver in both the Preliminary Ladies Freestyle and in Elements for 9 and Under.

In the 1993-94 season, **Anjali Shah** was a member of the University of Waterloo Varsity Figure Skating Team that won Bronze at the Ontario Women's Interuniversity Athletic Association Championship.

Sharlene Slater was also a member of the university's team and was chosen Rookie of the year by her team mates.

In September 1993 **Lucille Christie** won an Eastern Ontario Club Award from the Canadian Figure Skating Association for her contributions to the local club. She had coordinated every program the club offered, one time or another.

In March 1994 **Taryne Smith** won bronze in Senior Bronze Ladies at the All-Ontario Championships, held in Sudbury.

In 1995 Taryne won the Gold Medal in the Senior Bronze Ladies Category at the Championships held in Belleville.

In March 1994 local skaters competed in the 25th Make-a-Date-to-Skate event in North Bay. **Kyla Dagg** won bronze in the Juvenile Ladies Freeskate and **Alison Adam** won bronze in her flight in Juvenile Ladies.

E. ONTARIO CHAMPS

In November 1994 **Kyla Dagg**, with partner Robert Ainsworth from Eganville, won gold at the Eastern Ontario Figure Skating Championships, held in Oshawa.

In March 1995 four local skaters advanced to the All-Ontario Interclub Championships in Belleville after their successes at the Eastern Ontario Championships. The skaters were **Morgan Carter** (Senior Bronze Ladies) **Silvia Cecco** (Junior Bronze Ladies) and **Kyla Dagg** (Juvenile Pairs).

E. ONTARIO FREESTYLE CHAMP

In February 2000 **Wanda Marini** placed first in Senior Freestyle and third in Gold Artistic category at the Eastern Ontario Sectional Invitational Championships, held in Orleans.

Louise Dimmick came second in Gold Artistic and third in Gold Freeskate. As a result, both Wanda and Louise were selected for the Eastern Ontario team to compete at the All-Ontario Championships in North York.

E. ONTARIO SECTIONAL CHAMP

In February 2001 **Wanda Marini** won two gold medals at the Eastern Ontario Sectional Invitational Championships at Nepean. She won the Gold Artistic and Gold Freestyle events and placed third in Triathlon, an event held for the first time at this competition.

In January 2003 she won a gold medal at the Eastern Ontario Sectional Winter Invitational skating meet, held in Cornwall. She also won bronze in the Freeskate event.



In January 2006 **Roopa Suppiah**, **Mairead Rodgers** and **Mariah Roberts** (Chalk River) were members of the Platinum Edge Synchronized Skating Team that won the gold medal in the Intermediate/Festival Novice division of the Lake Placid Synchronized Skating classic, using the ice surface of the 1980 Winter Olympics.

The team also qualified to compete in the Ontario Winter Games in Barrie.

In February 2008 the Platinum Edge Synchronized Skating Team placed third in the BMO Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships in Chilliwack, B.C., from 69 teams and 1,500 skaters.

Local skaters included **Mairead Rodgers** and **Mariah Roberts**.

In April 2009 **Jessica Desjardins** of Deep River and **Spencer Yakaback** of Renfrew placed second in Gold Biathlon at the National Starskate Championships in Fredericton, New Brunswick

In November 2009 **Jessica Desjardins** placed first in junior silver spins, first in junior silver elements, and second in Gold Interpretive at the Skokie Skate Starskate competition, held in Huntsville.

In February 2012 **Simone Donders**, **Mikaela Labelle**, **Shae-Lynn LePage**, **Marlee Stein** and **Casey Tomlinson** of Deep River and Chalk River were members of the Pre-Novice Synchro team based in Petawawa that placed third in a provincial competition In Kingston.

This qualified the team to compete in the Ontario winter Games in Barrie.

Golf



In 1961 **Helen Aspila** was invited to play in the Canadian Ladies Open, the Canadian Junior Championships, and the Canadian Closed Championships in August in British Columbia.

In February 1969 **Donald Rioux**, who grew up in Deep River and attended St. Mary's School and Mackenzie School, was named Ottawa's "Athlete of the Year." He had won both the Quebec Amateur Golf Championship and the Ottawa and District Medal.

N. ONTARIO BANTAM CHAMP

In August 1982 **Brady Miller**, 13, won the Bantam Trophy at the Northern Golf Association Championships, held at Kirkland Lake, entitling him to enter the All-Ontario Bantam Championships in Brampton.

N. ONTARIO CHAMP

In July 1985 **Lynn Sebastien** took top honours in the Ladies' Northern Ontario Golf Championships, a three-day tournament held in Iroquois Falls.

In 2002 **Jon Mills**, a former town resident, turned professional and advanced to the PGA tour. He won the Nationwide Tour event—2005 Canadian PGA Championship.

In April 2012 he was ranked 10th in Canada and was on the Nationwide Tour.

QUEBEC SENIOR CHAMP

Norm Spinks moved to Canada from Australia and retired to Deep River in 1997. He excels in several sports, including golf, cross-country skiing, and running. (See those sections.)

In the late 1980s, he was twice Ottawa Valley Senior Golf Champion.

In 1989-90 he was twice a member of the Ontario Seniors Golf team.

In 1989 he placed 3rd in the Interprovincial Seniors Golf Championships in Fredericton

In November 1989 he, with his wife Dorothy, won the Air Canada Mixed Golf Tournament at the Doral Golf Club, Florida

In 1990 he placed 2nd in the Interprovincial Seniors Golf Championships in Calgary

In 1991 he was the Quebec Individual Senior Champion, at the Hillsdale course.

In June 1991 Norm tied for second in the Ontario Seniors Golf Championships, held at Blue Mountain, near Collingwood.

In August 1992 he again won the Quebec Seniors Golf Championship, held near St. Therese.

In August 2013, Deep River Junior golf member **Austin Fitzpatrick** competed in the Ontario Junior Tour Championship for the Humber Cup in Cambridge, Ontario. To qualify for the tournament he previously placed second out of 16 in the 10-13 age group in the Junior PGA Challenge Tour of Ottawa.

In August 2014, Deep River Golf Club members **Colleen James** and **Bev Barrie** both won gold medals at the Ontario 55+ Senior Games in the Windsor area. James and Barrie competed at Fox Glen Golf Course in Amherstburg.

James shot 88-90 to win her gold medal in the "A" division. Barrie scored 108-100 to win her division. Sponsored by the Ontario government and local sponsors, the annual games featured

16 different sporting events with 1,200 participants .



Bev Barrie and Colleen James

In February 2016 it was announced that **Braden Wheeler**, four-time reigning junior club champion at the Deep River Golf Club, signed his letter of intent to attend Southeast Community College in Beatrice, Nebraska where he pursued golf in Division II of the National Junior College Athletic Association.



Wheeler, left, with coach and fellow golfer.

MEDALIST IN INVICTUS GAMES

In September 2017 **Dan Graham**, a Deep River resident and retired armed services sergeant, competed in the Invictus Games in Toronto and tied for bronze medal in golf.

Established by Prince Harry the games are the sole international sporting event for wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women. More than 50 competitors from 17 countries participated in 12 adaptive sports.



Gymnastics



In March 1973, **Alison Guertin** obtained the highest mark in the Kingston Invitational Gymnastics Meet out of all competitors in all events at all levels, with a score of 8.8.

In May of that year she was the All-round Gold medal winner by placing first in all her events except bars, in the Westboro Invitational Gymnastics Meet in Ottawa, against competitors from Ottawa, Brockville, and Kingston.

In the All-round Novice competition, Deep River gymnasts claimed the first four places: **Cathy Gaskin** was first, **Lisa Kennedy** was second, **Mignon Yeatman** was third, and **Sandra Hart** was fourth.

ONTARIO MEDALIST

In June 1975 **Alison Guertin** and **Paul Hulbert** competed in the Ontario Gymnastics Federation's Provincial Championships in Ottawa.

At the meet, **Alison** was a double-medal winner.

SMALLEST TOWN WITH GYM CLUB

In June 1976, it was reported that Deep River was the smallest town in the Ontario Gymnastics Federation with a competitive gymnastics club. The club started in 1973.

In May 1978, the Deep River Gymnastics Club competed at the Argo C and Junior Competitions in Ottawa. **Nancy Archer** was first on floor exercises, **Tara Donaldson** was first in her class on floor exercises, **Catherine Chapelle** was first on uneven parallel bars, and **Rhonda Cheadle** was second on vault and third on beam. Three other club members qualified to compete in the provincial championships in Burlington: **Melissa Hegney**, **Alison Guertin**, and **Laura Taylor**.

In May 1978 **Alison Guertin** won silver for her expressive floor routine and bronze on the balance beam, as a member of the Eastern Ontario team that placed first in the Ontario Gymnastics Federation's Provincial Championships in Burlington.

In February 1979, **Melissa Hegney** placed first in the floor routine at the Ontario Gymnastics Federation second qualifying meet in Kingston.

In April 1979 three Deep River gymnasts qualified to represent Eastern Ontario at the Ontario Gymnastics Finals in Burlington. They were **Nancy Archer**, **Laura Taylor**, and **Melissa Hegney**.

In June 1979 **Tara Donaldson** (8) was first on floor exercises, fourth on balance beam and fifth on both vault and uneven parallel bars to win the Bronze Medal in the All-round Championship in a major gymnastics meet against Toronto, Montreal and two Sudbury clubs, in Sudbury.

In March 1985 **Nancy Archer** placed second overall in the Eastern Ontario Division of the Ontario Gymnastics Federation meets in Ottawa and Kingston.

In December 1985 she came third in her division at the first qualifying meet for the eastern Ontario region, held at Queen's university, Kingston.

In June 1985 Deep River gymnasts competed in the Trillium Recreational Meet, held in Kingston. **Susan Hilborn** was the overall second place medallist in the Senior category, **Susie Young** took the overall second place in the Junior B category, and **Wendy Moon** ranked third overall in the Junior B1 category. The Deep River team placed third in the Team Handstand contest.

In March 1987 two Deep River gymnasts won medals at a recreational meet held in Kingston. **Wendy Moon** took first place all round in the Cadette A category and **Krista Buckley** placed third all round in the Cadette B category.

In March 1988 three gymnasts won medals at the Kingston Invitational Meet. **Catherine MacEwan** took first place all-round in the Novice A category, **Sarah Power** took second place all-round in the Cadette B competition, and **Jodie Scully** placed third all-round in the Novice B category.

In May 1988 a group of 10 local gymnasts brought home five gold medals from an Ottawa Gym Club recreational meet. **Katrina Frew** and **Wendy Moon** won gold while **Krista Buckley** took third place. **Jodie Scully** won a third place all-round.

In May 1989 local gymnasts competed at the Gloucester Invitational Gym Meet in Ottawa. In the Novice A (13-14) group **Wendy Moon** was first overall and **Catherine Ungrin** was third overall.

In the Novice B (13-14) **Heather MacEwan** was third overall. In the Senior A (14+) **Catherine MacEwan** was second overall.

In February 1990 **Emily Aikin** won the overall gold medal in the Novice A level at the Gloucester Invitational Gym Meet. **Catherine Ungrin** won bronze in the Senior A level.

In December 1991, **Brian Asprey**, an 11 year old Key's School student, landed a spot at the provincial men's gymnastics finals, after taking second place at a Regional Qualifying event held at the Ottawa City Centre.

In February 1992 **Eileen Murray** placed third overall in the Senior B (over 14) category at an interclub meet in Gloucester, Ottawa.

In April 1992 Gymnasts from Deep River's "Atom Girls" team (8 to 10 year old) won three of the top four places in A Division at the Quinte Bay Gymnastics Meet, held in Belleville. **Julie Cowhey** placed first overall, **Lauren Ashley** placed second, and **Jessica Charbonneau** placed fourth.

In April 1993 **Catherine Ungrin** was first overall in the Senior A class at the Quinte Bay Gymnastics Meet, held in Belleville.

Julie Cowhey was third overall in the Cadette A class and **Sarah Power** was third overall in Senior Ladies A category.

In February 1993 **Catherine Ungrin** was second overall in Senior A at the Gloucester Regional Gymnastics Meet.

In May 1993 **Charlotte Ashley** was second overall at the Les Sittelles Gymnastic Meet, in Gloucester.

In June 1993 **Emily Aikin** was third overall in the open Class for girls over 14 in a meet in North Bay against gym teams from Sudbury, Sault St. Marie, Muskoka, Peterborough, and North Bay.

In April 1994 **Jenna Hogue** placed first all-round in Pre-Novice B (8-9 year old) at the Trillium Gymnastics Meet in Kingston.

Lauren Ashley placed first in Novice A (10-11) and **Charlotte Ashley** won silver all-round in Senior A.

In April 1994 local gymnasts competed in the Quinte Bay Gymnastics Meet, in Belleville. **Dixie Nicks** was first overall in Pre-Novice, **Jessica Charbonneau** was first overall in Junior B, **Katerina Forster** was third in Junior A, **Sarah Power** was third in Ladies open, and **Lauren Ashley** was third in Novice A.

In February 1995 **Dana Madigan** came third overall in Pre-Novice B at the Trillium Gymnastics Meet in Kingston. **Erin Sullivan** came third all-round in Novice B (10-12).

In February 1995 **Crystal Slack** won the 10 and Under Recreational A section at the Futures Invitational held at Mississauga. **Charlotte Ashley** won silver all-round in the Senior Recreational A and **Angie Alberg** was second in the Elite Division.

In June 1995 **Kristina Jirovec** won silver all-round in Pre-Novice A and **Jennifer Owens** was third in Novice B at the Nepean-Corona meet, in Nepean.

Hockey



Ice hockey has always been popular in Deep River. As early as 1962, a reported 276 boys registered for that season's minor hockey league. They were divided into 2 teams covering Pee Wee, Minor Bantam, Midget, and Juvenile-Junior divisions. Over 114 adult volunteers helped as coaches, referees, trainers, and convenors. In 2012 there were 18 local hockey leagues

In February 1960, **Jack Douglas**, formerly of Deep River, was included in the Canadian Olympic Hockey team, the Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen, which competed at the Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley, California later in the month.

Jack played some of his first hockey in the old house league on the outdoor rink which was then located beside the Strand Theatre.

In June 1973, **Jim Dobenko**, a player with the Deep River Knights hockey team, was drafted for try-outs with the Oshawa 'A' team of the Ontario Hockey Association.

In April 1975 the Deep River Flyers won the Eastern Ontario Division Minor Hockey Association Trophy in Stittsville, for the second year in a row. The coach was **Grant Gareau**.

In May 1975 goalie John Boudreau, 17, of Mackey, was chosen in the Midget Ontario Hockey League draft by the Toronto Marlboroughs team.

In March 1976 the Deep River Peewee Flyers represented the Upper Ottawa Valley area in the Ottawa District Hockey Association, playing Richmond in the finals.

The team consisted of: **Ed Arciszewski, Ken Brisebois, David Brown, Ken Taylor, John Dupuis, Jim Tierney, Lorne Lemaire, Joe Ferrigan, Gavin Morton, Trevor Kean, Robert Logan, Wayne McCrea, Dave Roblin and Shawn Sheedy**.

In February 1979 the Deep River **Fraser's Midget Royals** team won the Consolation Trophy at an inter-club tournament in Gloucester, Ontario.

NATIONAL OLDTIMER CHAMPS

In February 1979 the Deep River **Replays Hockey Team** won Bronze at the National Oldtimers (over-35) Hockey Tournament, held in Ottawa against 15 other G Division teams from 10 provinces.

In 1980 they again won bronze in the same competition, held in Vancouver.

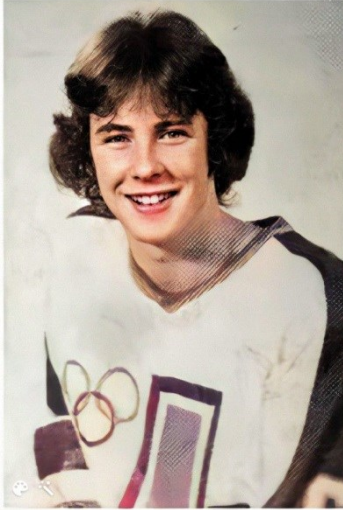
In March 1985 they were National Champions at the Oldtimer's tournament in Montreal.

In March 2003 they won the Fair Play award at the 36-team tournament in Muskoka.

In April 1979 the Deep River **Fraser's Midget Royals** team won the Midget Championships at North Bay's Trappers Golden Puck Hockey Tournament.

In 1980, **Drew Gareau**, a 17-year-old native of Deep River, started playing for the Hull Olympiques Junior A hockey team. Drew had played with the Pembroke Lumber Kings Junior A Tier Two team and when he was 15 joined the Arnprior Packers Junior B.

In 1979 he was selected as one of 36 players (16-23 year olds) to participate in the Maximum Sports Ability Program in Milton, Ontario, from where he was scouted for the Hull Olympiques. Drew had earlier been coached by his father Grant Gareau.



In 1980, Drew Gareau, a 17-year-old native of Deep River, started playing for the Hull Olympiques Junior A hockey team.

In March 1981, Deep River's Fraser's Midget Royals hockey team won the CC championship title over 16 teams from towns with populations under 10,000 teams at the Shawville arena, Quebec. The team was beaten in overtime in the grand final by Ottawa West AA Minor Midgets. The tournament is billed as Canada's biggest midget hockey tournament. The team coach was **Garry Pettigrew**.

In March 1984 Deep River's Bantam Blazers team, sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion, won the B Division Championship, held at Deep River. Their coach was **Jerry Sims**.

CANADIAN JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYERS

In June 1985 two Deep River minor hockey payers were drafted into the Canadian Junior Hockey League, Tier 2 draft. **Erik Bjornson** was chosen by the Pembroke Lumber kings and **Glenn Holtslander** was chosen by the Ottawa Senators. **Stephen Miller**, also from Deep River, had been drafted in 1982.

OLDTIMERS HALL OF FAME

In December 1986, **Jerry Sims** was selected "Micro Man of the Month" by *Canadian Oldtimers Hockey News* in recognition of his long-time efforts on behalf of Oldtimer's hockey.

He had been a member of the original Deep River team that competed in the first National Oldtimer's Tourney in Peterborough in 1975 and a member of the team that won the national title in Montreal in 1985.

In June 1989, Sims was inducted into the Canadian/Oldtimers Hockey News Hall of Fame, in both player and builder categories.

He was one of only five inductees to the Hall of Fame that year.

In March 1987, the Walker's Movers hockey team from Deep River won the B Division Oldtimers championship, held in Kingston.

In February 1991, the Deep River Valu Mart hockey team played in the Ontario Regional Championships, held in Kanata, "missing the championships just by an inch."

CANADIAN OLDTIMERS CHAMPS

In February 1995, the Deep River Replays won the Canadian Oldtimers Hockey Association's 20th Anniversary National Cup, held at Scarborough. The team also won the Kraft/COHA Fair Play Trophy. Team members were **Rico Giardini, Ed Grabas, Sil Bordin, Regis Jennings, Tony Burger, Chris Labrie, Laurie Dakin, Hugh MacDonald, Steve D'Eon, Tom Roche, Mike DeVerno, Jerry Sims, and Gary Douglass**.

GOLD MEDALIST AT WORLD POLICE & FIRE GAMES

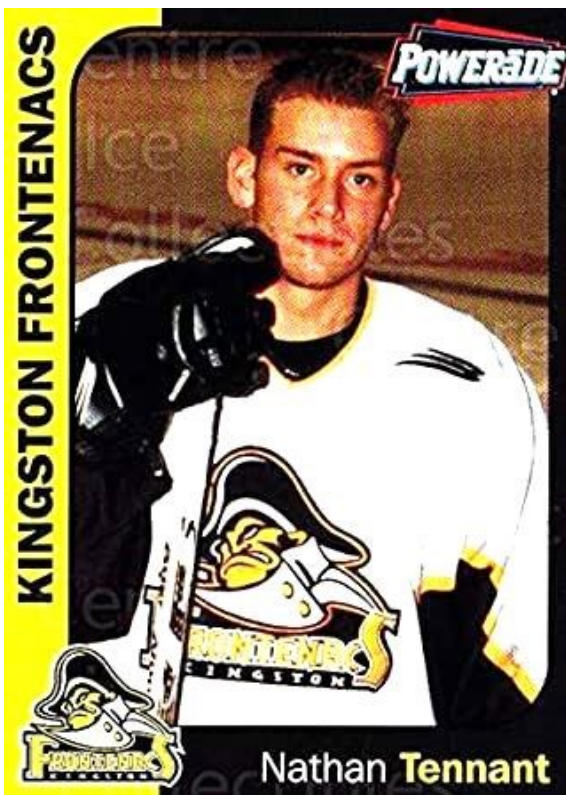
In 1998, **Nathan Tennant**, a former graduate of Mackenzie School, was drafted as a 15-year-old into the Kingston Frontenacs team of the Ontario Hockey League. He also played with the Plymouth Whalers and the University of Ottawa Gee Gees.

He was named to the All-Canadian Rookie Team, the Ontario University Athletics All-Rookie Team, and the Ontario University Athletics All-Star Team.

He also played basketball for the University of Ottawa Men's Basketball Team when they won the 2005 National Championships.

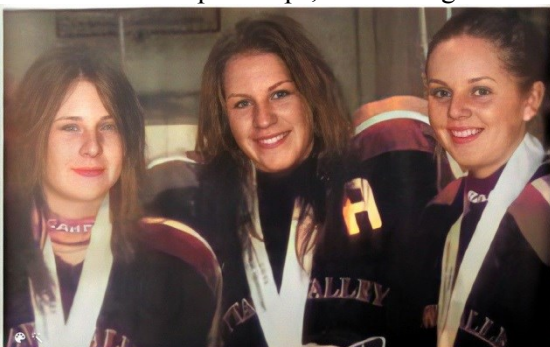
He turned to professional hockey after signing with the Columbus Blue Jackets and played in Bakersfield California with the Eastern Conference Hockey League before retiring from professional hockey.

Later, as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police hockey team, he helped the team win a gold medal at the World Police and Fire Games held in Vancouver in 2009.



Nathan Tennant, professional hockey player.

In April 2007, Sarah McVey, Cristin Plaice and Melanie Pratt won silver medals as members of the Ottawa Valley Midget Girls competitive hockey team at the Ontario Provincial Championships, Mississauga.



Sarah McVey, Cristin Plaice and Melanie Pratt, silver medallists at the Ontario Provincial hockey championships, 2007

In December 2011, the Deep River Atom #2 Knights won the “A” Championship in the Almonte/Pakenham Thunder Hockey Tournament.

The team defeated teams from Cumberland, Petawawa, and Almonte.

Team members were: Danielle Sonnenburg, Ethan Taylor, Percy Antle, Yamin Ben-Letaifa, James Gaffney, Nathan Griffiths, Kaden Lance, Garrett Wilson, Noah Miller, Emma Olstad, Rhys Bourne, Kiley Sims, Cameron Stewart and Charles Sims.

Coaches were Tracy Lance, Sandra Griffiths, Dave Miller and Lawrence Gaffney.



In April 2012, The Deep River Atom #2 Hockey team went undefeated over the three-day North Bay Rick Champagne Viper Windup Tournament, winning the title of champions in a league of 21 teams.

Team members were: James Gaffney, Yamin Ben-Letaifa, Danielle Sonnenburg, Noah Miller, Percy Antle, Ethan Taylor, Charles Sims, Nathen Griffiths, Kaden Lance, Emma Olstad, Kiley Sims, Garrett Wilson, Cameron Stewart and Tracy Lance, Sandra Griffiths, Dave Miller, Lawrence Gaffney and Rhys Bourne.



In May 2012, **Neil Kelley**, starting goal tender for Team Canada's Amputee Hockey Team, helped the Canadians take the gold medal at the International Standing Ice Hockey Federation 2012 World Championships held in Tampere, Finland.

This was Canada's sixth consecutive gold medal and Neil's first.

In January 2013, the Atom #1 team of the Deep River Knights won the "C" Finals of the North Glengarry Stormont Atom B tournament, held in Finch, Ontario. The Knights defeated Cumberland in the final.



In January 2013, the Deep River Peewee House Knights won the "A" Finals Championship in the Carleton Place Minor Hockey Association tournament, with convincing wins over Russell, Cumberland and Stittsville teams.



In November 2014, the Deep River Peewee Rep Knights won the A Final of the Prince Edward County Milk Tournament.

Team members were: **Garrett Wilson, Kaitlyn Grozelle, Rhys Bourne, Kaden Lance, Cameron Martin, Owen Kasaboski, James Gaffney, Ethan Law, Ben Osborne, Ryan**

Broome, Arwen Sims, Noah Miller, and Bradley Welna.

The coach was **Charles Sims**, with trainer **Elaine Welna** and assistant coaches **Ron Grozelle, Dave Miller, Tracy Lance and Shawn Kasaboski.**



In November 2014, the Deep River Novice Rep Knights were undefeated at the East Nipissing Rep Hockey Tournament, defeating Cochrane, East Nipissing, Timmins and Cobden.

Team members were: **Riley Mayhew, Kalen McLaren, Piper Stephenson, Kaden Pottelberg, Riley Menard, Luke Deighton, Louis Tumber, Logan Kellow, Logan Fleury, Brandt Whitelaw, Jordan Hartwig, William Milks.** Coaches were **Paul Pottelberg, Rob McLaren, Brodie Whitelaw and Peter Tumber.**



In 2014, **Stephen Cooney**, playing with the Carleton Place Canadians, won Eastern Canada's Fred Page Cup, earning a berth in the five-team National Championship Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Cup in Vernon, BC, in which the team placed second.

In October 2015, The Deep River Atom Knights won their first tournament of the season by winning the AE division of the Prince Edward

County 2015 Milk Tournament. The Knights downed the hometown PEC Kings 3-1 in the final.



In November 2015 the Deep River Novice Rep Knights won Haliburton's eight-team "Walt McKechnie" Novice Rep Tournament.

A week later the Knights competed in the Temiskaming Shores Wilson Chevrolet five-team tournament, taking second place in the championship game.

Members were: **Riley Menard, Mason McGillis, Riley Mayhew, Sarah Causey, Josef Portman, Austin Smith, Piper Stephenson, Malik Chester, Logan Fleury, Brandt Whitelaw, Louis Tumber, Mathias Hoyle, and Kaelan Lane.** Coaches were **Candice Stephenson, John Hoyle, Brodie Whitelaw, and Clint McGillis.**



In March 2016, the Deep River Peewee Knights 1 claimed the championship trophy at the Kingston and Area Minor Hockey "March Break Classic" tournament. The team went undefeated, tying with

Hespler then beating Arnprior, Lietrim, Westmeath and Kanata.

Team members were: **Olivia Hickling, Kaila Lapping, Ethan Law, Imran Chowdhury, Sam Steer, Owen Kasaboski, Kaitlyn Grozelle, Bradley Welna, Maia Alookie and AJ Munch.**

The coach was **Shannon Lapping**, assistant coaches were **Ron Grozelle** and **Shawn Kasaboski** and trainer **Elaine Walsh.**



In April 2016, The Midget Knights captured the C championship in the Midget Platinum division in the Cross Border Clash hockey tournament in the Port Hope - Cobourg area. The tournament featured 52 teams playing 96 games in 10 divisions.

Team members were: **Will Merrill Armstrong, Alex Sonnenburg, Jackson Grozelle, Alex Everick, Andrew Chasse, Braden Wheeler, Kaden Villemure, Ben Lee, Ben Cooney, Connor Lee, Chris Kasaboski, Devin Lapping, Scott Lapping, Derek Olstad** with, assistant coaches **Rob Sonnenburg, Nathan Lee,** head coach **Ron Grozelle,** and trainer **Shannon Lapping.**



In January 2017 the Deep River Midget 2 house league Knights won the B Championship of the Leeds minor hockey tournament in Athens, Ontario, beating out Gananoque in the final.



Rob Sonnenburg was head coach, **Shannon Lapping** and **Nathan Lee** were the assistant coaches and **Elaine Walsh** was the manager and trainer.



In February 2017 Deep River's Midget Rep Knights claimed the title in the Tri Town Toyota Challenge Cup in New Liskeard. The Knights defeated RouynNoranda in the final to claim the tournament title.

Team members were: **Brandon Welna, Jordan Martin, Alex Sonnenburg, Max Titterington, Josh Defazio, Chris Kasaboskie, Scott Lapping, Ben Cooney, Jackson Grozelle, Devin Lapping, Derek Olstad, Alex Everick, Evan Leclerc, Ben Lee, Ryan Lapping, Will Steer, Shannon Lapping** and **Cody Hartwig**.

Coaches were **Rob Sonnenburg** and **Nathan Lee**.



In October 2017 the Deep River Midget Rep Knights won the Perth Championship in a shootout final.

Team members were: **Trent Campbell, Cody Hartwig, Kyle Harris, Ethan Taylor, Max Titterington, Ben Lee, Noah Miller, Michael Alookie, Rhys Bourne, Alex Everick, Evan Leclerc, Jordan Martin, Ryan Lapping, Evan Menard,** and **Brandon Welna**.

Coaches were **Tim Hartwig** and **Al Taylor**.



In March 2017 the Deep River Midget Rep Knights captured the Midget Gold A championship in the "Cross Border Clash" hockey tournament in Port Hope.

Members were: **Devin Lapping, Ben Lee, Chris Kasaboski, Jordan Martin, Alex Everick, Evan Leclerc, Scott Lapping, Ryan Lapping, Derek Olstad, Max Titterington, Will Steer, Brandon Welna, Cody Hartwig, Jackson Grozelle, Alex Sonnenburg,** and **Ben Cooney**.

In October 2017 the Deep River Pee wee Rep Knights won their division at the West Ferris Early Bird Tournament in North Bay. The Pee wee Knights won every game in the round robin facing teams from North Bay and Sudbury and went on to win the finals against Renfrew. (See photo below)



In March 2018 four Deep River and Area Minor Hockey rep teams participated in the 2018 *Cross-Border Clash* tournament in Port Hope. All four teams reached the B Finals. The Midget Knights, coached by Tim Hartwig and Al Taylor, claimed the B Championship.

Team members were: **Trent Campbell, Michael Alookie, Jason Remenda, Ethan Taylor, Noah Miller, Brandon Welna, Ryan Lapping, Rhys Bourne, Alex Everick, Jordan Martin, Evan Leclerc, Ben Lee, Kyle Harris, Evan Menard**, coach **Tim Hartwig** and assistant coach **Al Taylor**.



In March 2018 the Peewee Knights won their B Final in the 2018 *Cross-Border Clash* tournament in Port Hope.

Team members were: **Peter Facina, Payton Miller, Jorja Stephenson, William Milks, Logan Kellow, Carter Boulanger, Jacob Causey, Jordan Hartwig, Keegan Martin, Logan Kirkpatrick, Lance Breckon, Baraa BenLataifa, River Hogue** and **Ibby Chowdhury**.

Coaches were **David Miller, Jon Stephenson,** and **Mike Hogue**.



In May 2018 **Payton Miller** of Deep River was chosen to take part in an international Under-14 girls tournament in Courmayeur, Italy. The tournament included teams from across Europe, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Germany, and Italy, with two Ontario teams and three representing different regions of the US.

Miller played triple-A level spring hockey with the Pro Hockey Development Group based out of Ottawa and Toronto. As of 2021 she started playing with the Ottawa Junior Lady Senators.



Payton Miller, triple-A level hockey player

In January 2019, the Deep River Bantam Knights claimed the silver medal at the Verner Bulls Cup Challenge hockey tournament in Verner, Ontario.

Team members were: **Kaila Lapping, Kamryn Fischer, Katherine Deighton, Logan Hilton, Jacob Causey, Ella Gutzman, Sam Steer,**

Keegan Martin, Lance Breckon, Logan Kirkpatrick, Tanner Kearly, Sam Titterington, Dylan Buyers, Braden Taylor, and Caleb O'Hara.

Coaches were **Paul Laronde, Walter Walsh** (trainer) and **David Steer.**



In 2016 Deep River's **Taylor Sims** played with the Under-21 Intermediate AA Ottawa Lady Sens team as part of the Provincial Women's Hockey League, categorized as a junior hockey league, the highest level of women's hockey below university.

In August 2016 she was drafted by the Rochester Institute of Technology female hockey team, *The Tigers*. The team placed third that year in the College Hockey America division of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and Taylor was chosen for the 2018-19 CHA All-Academic Team.

As of 2021 she still played with *The Tigers*.



Taylor Sims

Taylor's middle sister, **Kiley**, played in Ottawa for the Gloucester Lady Grads during high school and in 2021 was playing NCAA hockey in Wisconsin at Northland College for the *Northland Lumber Jills*.

Taylor's youngest sister **Arwen** also played NCAA hockey in 2021 as a sophomore for Finlandia University's *Lions* in Wisconsin.

Karate and Judo



In May 1979 the Deep River Karate Club competed in the Shito-Ryu All-Canadian Karate Championships at the Japanese Cultural Centre in Toronto.

Mary Tooley won the International Women's Kata, **Brian Kent** won the Novice Men's Kata and placed second in Novice Men's Sparring, and **Michael Tooley** was second in Junior Boy's Sparring.



ALL-CANADIAN CHAMPS

In December 1980 club members competed in the All Canadian Karate competition, again at the Japanese Cultural Centre in Toronto.

Mary Tooley came first in Women's Intermediate Kata, **Chris Hawley** came first in Men's Intermediate Sparring, and **Michael Tooley** placed third in Boy's Intermediate Sparring.

In November 1992 Deep River Karate Club member **Dave Hoffman** won first place in Sparring in his category in Toronto.

Lynda Trombley came second in Sparring and won the "Outstanding Female Competitor" award.

In November 1993 the Deep River Karate Club competed in the Shito-Ryu Itosu Kai Championships, held in Toronto. The team was second in the Team Kata against 300 participants from Canada, Argentina, and Guatemala.

In addition, **Anne Marie Kalos** came third in Senior Girls Sparring, **Graham Simmons** won the Men's Novice Sparring and **Rich Mosher** came third in Men's Novice Sparring.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION

In April 1994, **Ryan Chaplin** came first in the Under 14 Formal Kata at the Annual International Karate Championships, held in Toronto.

Brooke Szostak came first in Kumite (sparring against an older opponent) in the Novice Junior category. **Anne Marie Kalos** came second in Senior Girl's Kumite and **Graham Simons** came third in Kata. Three hundred competitors attended the event, from Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, Ireland, and Japan.

E.ONTARIO REGIONAL CHAMP

In April 1996 **Laura Gill** won the Eastern Ontario Regional Judo Championship, held in Ottawa.

In May 1997 she won the gold medal in the Lightweight Judo Division at the Eastern Ontario Regional Competition held in Mustard Hamlet.

NATIONAL CHAMP

In April 1996 local Karate club members competed in the Canadian National Karate championships, held in Toronto. From 340 competitors,

Ann Chaplin placed first in Kumite sparring, with **Louise Dimmick** second. **Stephen White** placed second and **Sean White** placed third in their Kata category and **Ken Chaplin** placed third in his Kata category.

FIRSTS IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

In May 2000 Karate Club members competed in the annual National Karate Tournament, held in Toronto.

Ann Chaplin placed first in Junior Ladies Intermediate Sparring and **Lisa Lindqvist** placed first in Ladies Intermediate Kata. **Yasha Khatamian, Lisa Lindqvist, Jim Macdonald, Ann Chaplin** and **Ryan Chaplin** placed second in the Team Kata.

FIRST IN ONTARIO JUNIOR OLYMPICS

In June 1997 **Colt Duval** (11) was first in the Junior Judo Olympics, the most prestigious junior Judo tournament in Ontario. He won the white, yellow and orange belt division for his weight and age.

Laura Gill came third in the green, blue and brown belt division.

NATIONAL CAPITAL CUP WINNER

In May 2000 at the National Capital Cup Challenge, the following Judo Club members received medals. **Tania Lacasse** won gold, **Michael Smith** won silver, and **Julien Quirion** and **Laura Gill** won bronze.



Medal winners Tania Lacasse, Michael Smith, Julien Quirion and Laura Gill at the National Cup Challenge, 2000

WINNERS AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In November 1997 **Lisa Lindqvist** placed first in Kata and first in sparring in her category at the Canadian National Karate Championships, held in Toronto. Instructor **Ken Chaplin** placed first in Black Belt Kata and also won the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.

Stephen White, Ken Chaplin and **Ima Kalos** placed in the top 10 among Black Belts. The Deep River club was acknowledged as probably the smallest in Canada.

EASTERN ONTARIO WINNER

In March 1998 at the Eastern Ontario Judo championships, held in Ottawa, **Jeff Krieger** and **Laura Gill** won first places, **Steve Barks** and **Michael Wilson** placed second, and **Jessica Charbonneau** and **Matthew Richardson** placed third.

In May 2001 Karate Club members placed third in the Team Kata at the Annual National Karate tournament, in Toronto. Team members were: **Yasha Khatamian, Jim MacDonald, Rodger Gust, Ann Chaplin** and **Ben Myers**. Rodger Gust placed third in Individual Kata.

EASTERN ONTARIO WINNERS

In April 2000, at the Eastern Ontario Judo championships, held in Ottawa, **Paul Mitchel** and **Laura Gill** both placed first and **Amanda Lachance** placed third in the Randoori (freestyle Judo sparring) event.

FIRST IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

In November 2001 Karate Club members placed third in Team Kata at the Annual Fall National Karate tournament, in Toronto. **Ben Myers** placed first in Men's Novice Sparring and **Ann Chaplin** placed third in Women's Black Belt Sparring.

In November 2006 at the All-Canada Shito-Ryu Itosu-Kai Karate Tournament in Toronto, Renée Rogge placed first in Novice Girls Kumite and second in Junior Novice Girls Kata. **Roopa Suppiah** placed first in Intermediate Women's Kata, with **Sangeeta Sutradhar** third. Roopa also placed second in senior Women's Kumite. **Ann Chaplin**, formerly of Deep River, was part of the second-place Kumite team.

In November 2007 members of the Karate Club competed in the Canadian Hosu-Kai Championships in Toronto. **Renée Rogge** was first in both Kata and sparring, as was **Hélène Hebert**.

Roopa Suppiah was first in Kata and third in sparring, and **Katie Huckabone** was third in sparring, the junior Kata team of **Taylor Graham**, **Natalie Graveline** and **Hélène Hebert** placed second.



Roopa Suppiah, Sangeet Sutradhar and Renée Rogge, karate medalists, 2006

In November 2008 ten members of the Deep River club won 10 medals in the Itosu-Kai Canadian Championships, in Toronto.

Ann Chaplin won two gold medals, **Renée Rogge** won gold and silver, **Justin Chow** won gold, **Hélène Hebert** won silver, **Nicholas Rogge** won silver, and **Stephanie Wilkin** won bronze.

In June 2010, members of the Deep River Karate Club won the following medals at the Shito-Ryu Itosu-Kai Karate Association championships in Toronto: First in Women's Intermediate Kata and Novice Boys Kumite; second in Junior team Kata, Boys Intermediate Kata and Novice Girls Kumite; third in Boys Intermediate Kumite, and Outstanding Coach.

In May 2012, a 12-member team from the Deep River Karate Club participated in the Spring Canadian championships of Shito-Ryu Itosu-Kai Karate in Toronto. The team won four 1st place finishes, one 2nd and one 4th.

There were over 180 competitors from across Canada and some international competitors. The Deep River team returned with four 1st place finishes, one 2nd, and one 4th.



In November 2015 the Deep River Karate Club sent a team of 11 competitors to the Shito-Ryu Itosu-Kai Fall Canadian Championships where the team won the Outstanding Dojo award.

The team comprised: **A. Do**, **D. Klovov**, **M. Schaubel**, **M. Lamadeleine**, **T. Labine-Salas**, **C. Boyer**, **T. McGlynn**, **A. Hagberg**, **E. Sullivan**, **K. Sullivan**, **J. Chow** and **R. Rogge**.



In May 2016, the Deep River Karate Club competed in Toronto in a field of over 160 competitors from Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland, and Alberta.

The team won 24 awards, with seven places in both kata and kumite, a team kata award, and Outstanding Coach award, all culminating in the Outstanding Dojo award. (*See photo below*)



In May 2017 the Deep River Karate Club sent 12 competitors to the Shito-Ryu-Itosu Kai spring Canadian Championships. The team received 14 awards, including Team Kata Gold and Outstanding Dojo.

Members were: **Dmitry Klokov, Audrey Hagberg, Chad Boyer, Jim Chow, Ron Rogge, Marc Lamadeleine, Ethan Karavelil, Penelope Goddard, Harkiran Dadhiala, Jiya Dadhiala and Jay Dadhiala.**



In June 2019, the Deep River Karate Club team of 11 competitors attended the Itosu-Kai National Tournament in Toronto and returned with 16 medals and two awards including Outstanding Dojo.

Members were: **Chad Boyer, Chloe Simms, Angelo Terezakis, Natalie Beauchesne, Owen Nelson, Ron Rogge, Aarush Vaidya, Teagan McGlynn, Samantha MacLeod, Raymi Lamure, Samantha Ho, Audrey Hagberg, Ethan Karivelil, Dmitry Klokov, Kyle Harris, Kevin Karivelil (alumnus), Marc Lamadeleine, Lucian Ivan, and Myles MacLaggan.**



In December 2018 the Deep River Karate Club team of 11 competitors attended the Itosu-Kai National Fall Tournament and returned with four first-place finishes and one second place in kata, as well as three second-place finishes and one third place in kumite (sparring).

There were 115 competitors representing dojos from Ontario, Alberta, Quebec, and Italy. Team members were: **Aarush Vaidya, Natalie Beauchesne, Georgina Steedman, Chloe Simms, James Woodley, Ron Rogge, Chad Boyer, Avantika Vaidya, Audrey Hagberg, Marc Lamadeleine, and Dmitry Klokov.**



Rowing and Kayaking



GOLD AT PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In June 1989 **Jennifer Gratto** was one of five Ontario Paddlers awarded a Best Ever grant to support travelling and training expenses to enable her to compete in the Canadian Nationals in Jonquiere, Quebec. Jennifer, 13, ranked third among all women paddlers in Ontario in 1988 and was a member of the Ontario Junior Team.

In 1989 she was a member of the Canadian National Kayak Team that competed in the World Junior Championships in Switzerland.

In September 1989 she won a gold medal in Women's Kayak class at the provincial canoe slalom championships, held in Burleigh Falls. **Gary Stewart** also won gold in Solo Open canoe and with his wife **Joan Vaudry** won gold in the Double Open Canoe race.

In June 1990: Jennifer competed in the 1990 national kayaking and world junior kayaking team trials in Chilliwack, BC

In April 1991 she competed in the National Team Trails for slalom kayaking, held in British Columbia.

In June 1992 she competed in the Junior World Kayak Championships, held in Sjoa, Norway. Her Canadian team placed third in the team event.

In June 1999 **Nadine Giffin** and **Brent Cooper** qualified for the World Whitewater Freestyle Championships, held in New Zealand, paddling in the Squirt K-1 division.

BRONZE AT PAN-AM GAMES

In August 1991 **David Brown** competed as a member of the Canadian Rowing Team in the Pan-Am Games, held in Havana, Cuba. The team won two bronze medals, in Coxed Fours and in Open Men's Eight, which were presented by Cuban president Fidel Castro.



David Brown, member of the bronze-medal winning Canadian team in the 1991 Pan Am Games, held in Cuba

TOP IN PAN-AM CUP

In September 2010, **Sara Jane Daub**, a student at Mackenzie School, was named as a member of Team Canada’s national freestyle kayak team.

She continued her 2010 season by earning top spot at the Pan-Am Cup competition.

The Canadian team, with Sara Jane, competed in the Freestyle Kayak World Championships, held near Plattling, Germany, in 2011 June.



Sarah Jane Daub, member of Team Canada’s national freestyle kayak team, 2010



Cameron Smedley, first in 2010 C-1 and C-2 Class, National Canoe Championships.

In August 2015, **Severn Brown**, 2013 MCS graduate and his doubles partner **Mike Bushuk** won the LTA Men’s Doubles 1,000 m race. Severn and Mike, representing the Laurentian University Rowing Club, raced in a para-rowing competition where one of the racers qualifies as being disabled.

The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta took place in St. Catharine’s, Ontario and is one of the largest amateur rowing tournaments in North America. Over 2,800 men and women from over 150 rowing clubs competed for “Henley Gold.”



Severn Brown, right, with partner Mike Bushuk.

NATIONAL CHAMP

In 2009 **Cameron Smedley**, a former resident, competed in the World Cup and the World Championships as a member of the Canadian National Whitewater Slalom Team.

He was first in the C-1 class at the Canadian National Championships and first in the C-2 class at the Pan-American Championships, both in Kananaskis.

In 2007 he was first in the Junior Canadian National Championships at Chilliwack, B.C.

In 2010 he won the C-1 and C-2 Canadian National Canoeing Championships in Minden, Ontario.

His favourite quote: “Paddle faster, I hear banjo music.”

In August 2016, Smedley raced in the men’s C1 slalom in the Rio Olympic Games. Ranked 29th in the world, he is the son of former residents Jim Smedley and Sherri Audet

Running, Duathons and Triathlons



The Deep River Track Club started in 1970.

In April 1970 five runners from Deep River ran the Boston Marathon road race. **Bill Rumball, Bill Seddon, Dave Knowles, Jack Gray and Bob Dunn** all finished under their target times.

They were members of the one-year-old Deep River Track Club and competed against 1,145 other runners.

“It is extremely doubtful whether any other town in the world has ever had so many finishers per capita in this international event.”

- Quote published in the NRT commenting on five runners from Deep River who finished the Boston Marathon.

PROVINCIAL CHAMP

In August 1973 **Annette Watkins** came first in both the Midget Girls 800 m and 1500 m races and third in cross country at the Ontario Federation of Secondary Athletic Associations.

In October 1973 she competed with the Ontario Cross Country team in Cincinnati, Ohio in the Open Women’s category. The Ontario team won the competition.

In August 1974 she placed third in both the 1500 m and 3000 m races at the Junior Olympics held in Sudbury.

In November 1974 she was second in Junior Girls at the Ontario Federation of Secondary Athletic Associations championships in Brantford.

In the same month she won the All-Ontario Secondary Schools Cross Country Senior Girls Championship.

In July 1975 Annette successfully defended her 1974 3000 m championship at the Ontario Track and Field Association Juvenile Championships in Kingston.

In August 1975 she was first in the Juvenile Girls 3000 m race at the National Track and Field Championships held in Sudbury.

In November 1975, she scored an unprecedented second successive victory in winning the 4,000 m Senior Girls Cross Country event over 173 competitors at the All-Ontario Cross Country Championships, held at Collingwood.

She was second in all Ontario as a Junior in 1973, first as a Senior in 1974, and first again in 1975.



In October 1975 **Carol Selkirk** won the Midget Girls event for the fifth consecutive year at the Ottawa District and Upper Ottawa Valley Championships, held in Madawaska. As a result she qualified for the All-Ontario Championships.

In October 1978 seven members of the Deep River Runners competed in the field of 231 starters in Belleville's 100th Centennial Marathon Race. The runners were **Barrie Greiner, Kit Coleman, Larry Reynolds, Walter Davies, Dave Thompson, Karel Mika, and Bob Burse.**

In August 1980 two members of the Deep River Runners competed in the Canadian track and Field Championships for Masters (competitors over 40 years old) in Hull, Quebec.

Jack Gray placed fourth in the 10,000 m in his age group. **Kit Coleman**, the 1979 winner of the 1,500 m race, placed third this year. (Ex-Deep Riverite **Henry Glyde** came second.) Coleman placed second in the 400 m and was a member of the Ottawa Valley team that won gold in the 4 x 200 m relay.

In September 1980 **Kit Coleman** placed second in the 800m race and third in the 5,000 m event at the Canadian Track and Field Championships for Masters (over 40 years old). **Jack Gray** placed third in the 3,000m race.

YOUNGEST CAPITAL MARATHONER

In 1981 **Abigail Metcalfe**, daughter of Claire and Ray Metcalfe, was the youngest girl to enter and complete the National Capital Marathon (42 kilometres), with her father, Ray. She was nine at the time. Ten Deep River runners competed in the marathon, including Abigail's two sisters, **Yvette** and **Ailsa Metcalfe.**



Yvette and Abigail Metcalfe in 1981.

In July 1983 **Monda Spencer** of nearby Stonecliffe, won gold medals for both 100 m and 400 m races at the Ontario Games for the Physically Disabled, held in Brampton.

In August 1984 **Carolina Heims** 24, was the first female finisher in the National Capital Triathlon, winning a trip to Hawaii's Iron Man Triathlon in October. Seven Deep River athletes competed in the National Capital Triathlon, including **Yvette Metcalfe**, who came second in the 19-and-Under category.

FIRST CANADIAN FINISHER

In October 1985 **Carolina Heims** was the first Canadian woman finisher (12th woman) out of 1,000 competitors in the gruelling Hawaii Ironman competition, completing the race in 11 hours, 6 minutes and 37 seconds. The race included a 2.4 mile ocean swim, a 112 mile bicycle ride and a full 26.2 mile marathon.

She was a member of the four-woman Canadian team that won the International Cup during that Ironman race.

In 1985 her first year as a full-time athlete, Carolina placed fifth in the US Triathlon Series.

In June 1986 she won both the San Diego Invitational Triathlon and the Markham Triathlon (Toronto's first triathlon), was second in the Los Angeles Triathlon, and placed in the top 10 in six other major US triathlons.

Her leg was badly broken by a car while training in California in July 1986, by which time she was ranked third in the US.

In 1988 she placed second in the Elite Ladies division of the Canadian National Short Course Championships.

ONTARIO INDOOR CHAMP

In March 1986 **Bob Tapping** won the Ontario Masters Indoors 5,000 m championship, and came second in the 1,500 m event, held at York University.

In July he won the National Capital Runner's 10 km Masters race, held in Kanata.

In August Tapping won the Masters section of the Xerox 10 km race and in September won the Canadian Masters Championship 10 km road-race, held in Brantford.

In the same month Tapping won the Masters section of the 10km Mitel race in Kanata.

THIRD IN INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON

During 1988, triathlete **Andrew Taylor** was first in the 16-18 age group in the Montreal triathlon, second in the Under 21 age category at the Ontario Sprint Championships in Orillia, and second in the Under 20 category in the National Capital Triathlon.

In July 1989 he placed second among Juniors in the Canadian National Championship race in Calgary and third in the Locarno Beach race, Vancouver.

In May 1990 he was third in the opening event of the U.S. Triathlon Series, held in Phoenix, Arizona.

In July 1990 he was named as a member of the Ontario Triathlon Team and in August was named to the 6-man Canadian National Junior Team.

In March 1991 he was named one of the top 10 male triathletes for 1990 in his age category (15-29) by the American magazine *Triathlon Today*. The magazine chose its "All-American Team" from the United States and Canada.

He returned to Deep River in 2012 to win his seventh individual local triathlon championship, following a long break. He had previously won six straight Deep River triathlon titles from 1989-94.

In 2014 he won the Canadian championship in Magog, Quebec, qualifying him for the 2015 International Triathlon Union Grand Final in Chicago in the 40-44 category, where he placed third.



Norm Spinks was the 2009 Winner of Hamilton's "Around the Bay" 30 km race in the 75-80 age group. (This is North America's oldest long-distance foot race.) He has competed in the Boston and Winnipeg marathons.

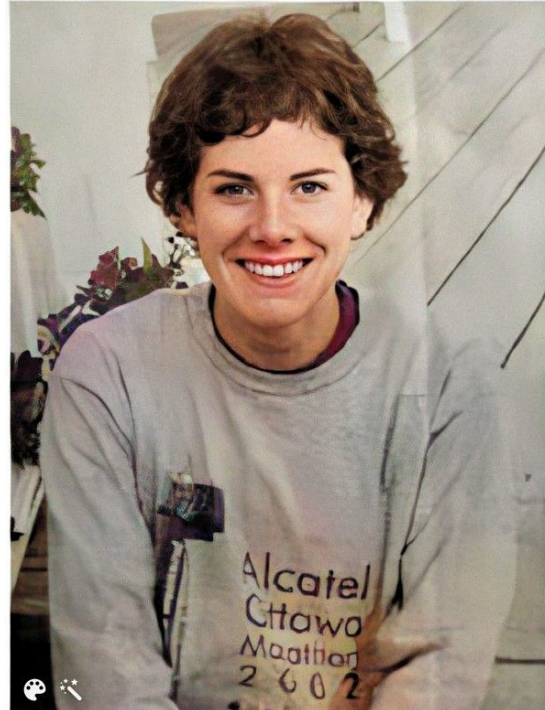
In June 2010, he won the men's 75-79 age category in the Half-Marathon at the Ottawa Race Weekend. He ran with nine other local runners who achieved personal firsts.

In June 1991 **Denis Hardy** won the Over 60 age category in the Greater Toronto Triathlon, held at Seneca College. It was the second year in a row that he had won this race.

In September 1991 he won the Teleglobe Ontario Triathlon Series for the 60 to 64 age group, with a total of four first-place finishes (Toronto Niagara, Guelph and Milton) and three second-place finishes (Stoney Creek, Orillia, and Huntsville).

Winston Stairs competed in four Canadian Championships (two Duathlon, two Cross Country) and two World Duathlon Championships (Germany in 1998 & USA in 1999). He placed 3rd and 6th respectively in the 1998 and 1999 Canadian Duathlon Championships and 16th both times in the 2000 and 2003 Canadian Cross Country Championships.

In 1999 he was ranked in the top 30 in the World in his age group in Duathlon.



Andrea Ellis was first in Women's Under 19 at the 2002 National Capital Marathon, Ottawa.

In February 2009, local retirees competed in the Surfside Rotary Club Road Races, held each year in Surfside Beach, South Carolina. **Joanne Evraire** was first in the 5km walk, **Liz Cox** was first in the 5km run, and **George Taylor** was second in the 5k men's walk, all in the 60-69 age group.

In 2010 November local triathlete **Chris Inch** qualified for the Half Ironman World Championships in Clearwater, Florida from 1,800 athletes.

Sailing



Ingrid Hagberg, Fraser Mancey, Will Noulty and Michelle Desrochers, Deep River sailing instructors

CANADIAN CHAMPS

In August 1953 **Hugh Carmichael** with crew **Charles Davidson** and **Dugald Carmichael** won the Canadian Y-Flyer Championship in Pointe Claire, Quebec. There were 45 boats entered, including several from Deep River. **Bill Grummit**, with crew **Fred Brown** and **Philip Aitken**, came 3rd.

Hugh Carmichael won the Canadian Championships again in 1956.

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPS

In 1954 **Hugh Carmichael** with **Fred Brown** won the International Y-Flyer Championship in August in Pointe Claire, Quebec.

This meant that the International Y-Flyer Championships were held in Deep River the following year, 1955.

During that competition in Deep River, the International Y-flyer Yacht Racing Union was formed by the participants in the regatta.

N. AMERICAN CHAMPS

In 1958 and 1959 **John Kuehner** won the North American GP-14 Championship at Deep River.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPS

In both 1958 and 1960, **Bill Merrit** won the Ontario Y-Flyer Championships in Sudbury.

ONTARIO CHAMPS

In 1959 **Bill Grummit** won the Ontario Y-Flyer Championships. Because the trophy was inaugurated in 1958, the award was won by Deep River sailors every year for the first three years of its existence.

CANADIAN CHAMPS

In 1961 **John Kuehner** and **Gord Bigg** won the Canadian National GP-14 Championship, held in Deep River.

N AMERICAN, CANADIAN CHAMPS

In July 1961 **Craig Cringan** and **John Renshall** won the North American GP-14 Championship at the Hudson Yacht Club, Quebec and in 1963 won the Canadian Championships.

In 1961 **Alex Harvey** was chosen to compete in the British National GP-14 championships in August in Llandudno, Wales.

CANADIAN, N.AMERICAN CHAMPS

In 1962 **Alan Mickle** and **Bernie McGilvray** won both the Canadian and the North American GP-14 Sailing Championships.

ONTARIO CHAMPS

In 1962 **Hugh Carmichael**, with crew **John Muff**, won the Ontario Y-Flyer Championships. Again in 1963 Hugh and John, won the Ontario Y-Flyer Championships, held in Deep River.

N.AMERICAN CHAMPS

In 1964 four Deep River boys won both Junior and Senior North division of the Cadet Championship of North America at Woodlands Yacht Club near Montreal.

The junior boys were **Brian Bourns** and **Ben Joyce**, and the senior boys were **David Ward** and **Ian Wels**.

CANADIAN CHAMPS

In July 1965 **Chas Millar** with crew **Ray Walker**, won the "Gold Fleet" (top level) 19th Annual Canadian National Y-Flyer Championship Regatta, held in Deep River. Forty-four boats from across Canada competed in the four-race event.

In 1966 the Y-Flyer Provincial Sailing regatta was held in Deep River because the town had one of the largest fleets in Canada.

In 1968 **Lorne Carmichael** and **Chris Joyce** sailed one of Canada's two Cadet sailing dinghies selected to compete in the World Championships held in Gizycko, Poland.

In September 1968 Deep River hosted the Canadian Dinghy Association's International 14 Sailing Championships.

After the Canadian Dinghy Association's International 14 Sailing Championships in Deep River in 1968, Ian Bruce, winner of both the 1967 and 1968 Prince of Wales Cups, stated:

"Deep River will be the best equipped fleet in all Canada next year."

In July 1972 Deep River junior sailors won the Upper Canada eliminations for the National Team Racing Championships, held in Ottawa.

The team was **Jim Crocker**, **Glen Chalder**, **David Astill**, **Jeremy Hanna**, **Neil Crocker**, and **Rod Bain**.

Six team members also entered the Cadet National North American Championships at Hudson, Quebec.

CANADIAN CHAMPS

In August 1975 **Alan Jeffs** and **Jim Cairns** were first out of a field of 40 boats in the Canadian International 14 Championships, held in Ottawa, at the Canadian National Championships for International 14s.

Second place was claimed by **Brian Cheadle** and **Pat Bindner**, also from Deep River.

In June 1977 the Eastern Canadian "505" Dinghy Championships were held in Deep River, with 21 entries.

In July 1985 **Jim Evans** won Division II of the annual Lake Ontario Singlehanded Race, from Port credit to Rochester, New York, racing a Luna 24/SL called *Nellie Lamb* that he modified himself for single-handed sailing.

In December 1999 he won the Royal Cruising Club trophy of the Cruise Club of America for the “most interesting cruise of singular merit” for his sailing in Newfoundland. Jim had submitted a report of his cruise to the club and to the North Renfrew Times for publishing there.

In September 1987 **Ken Yamazaki**, sailing an Optimist Dinghy for only the fourth time, won the bronze medal at the Best Ever Ontario Optimist Mobile (BOOM) provincial championship regatta, held in Cobourg.

In August 1988 **Ken Yamazaki** and **Scott Jackson** placed third out of 129 entries in the Laser Junior Division of the Canadian Olympic Trials Regatta Kingston (CORK), at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour. The regatta is the second largest dinghy regatta in the world.

In May 2001 **Olivia Simpson** qualified to compete in the Canada Games, held in London, in the Women’s 23 and Under Single-Handed division. She sailed a *Europe* dinghy.

Shooting

In 1958 **John Hedger**, a member of the Deep River Rifle Team, was chosen to represent Canada at the World Shooting Championships, held in Moscow in August.

**OLYMPIC CHAMP, CANADA POST
"SPORTS HERO," HALL OF FAMER**

In 1956 **Gerry Ouellette**, who lived in Deep River for several years, won a gold medal in shooting (smallbore prone) at the Melbourne Olympics.

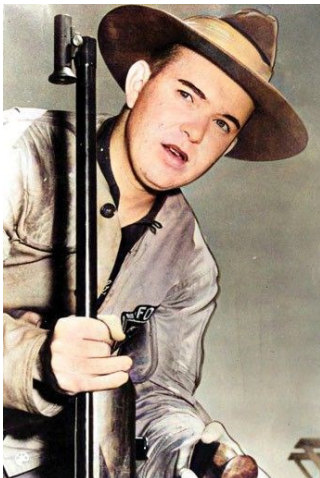
In 1959 he beat the former World Champion to win the Ontario Small Bore Championships for both 'prone' and 'position' contests in Orillia, Ontario. These wins qualified him for the Pan American Games later that summer, where he won a gold medal.

In 1960 he was chosen as a member of the Canadian Rifle Team competing in the Bisley Ranges competition in Surrey, England, called the 'Olympics of the British Commonwealth.' This was the third time he was chosen for the Canadian team.

In 1952 he was awarded the Lieutenant-Governor's Medal, and in 1957 he won the National Service Pistol Title. In 1967 he won a silver medal at the Pan Am Games.

In 1995 he was featured on a Canada Post stamp series honouring "Canadian Sporting Heroes."

He is honoured in the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.



Gerry Ouellette, Olympic Gold Medallist in small bore shooting, Melbourne, 1956.

N. AMERICAN, CANADIAN TITLES

In 1959 four local handgun shooters competed in the U.S. Revolver Association Individual Championships. **Gerry Ouellette, Jerry Bachelder, Ed Sinclair** and **Colin Lock** won two North American titles and four Canadian titles in the contest.

In 1959 at the Ontario Small Bore Championships members of the Deep River Rifle Team won three out of the four class titles at the meet. Club members were **Gerry Ouellette, Jack Hedger, Ed Sinclair, Roselma Sinclair, Ed Faber, E. Bachelder, Colin Lock** and **R. Clarke**.

In 1961 **Eddie Faber** was the only Canadian representative in the Bisley Ranges Small Bore Rifle event.

In January 1965 **John Hedger** was appointed rifle coach of the 1968 Olympics Canadian National Biathlon Team.

In January 1965, two members of the Deep River Rod and Gun Club took awards in a cross-Canada contest in 1964. **EG Faber** won the 1964 Prone Match Championship and Record Shield with a score of 1,000 out of 1,000.

Dr **E (Eddy) G Sinclair** took the Prone Sharpshooter Championship and a medallion with 996 out of 1,000, a new record in this division.

In September 1972 **Lindsay Lamb** competed in Britain's Bisley Ranges Target Rifle Competition.

Swimming

Before Deep River's public pool was built attached to Mackenzie school swimming lessons were conducted at Lamure Beach, a shallow sandy beach on the Ottawa River near town. Water temperatures in the river are notoriously cold until late June, meaning the many students who took lessons had to brave the cold and the waves regardless of the conditions.

Nevertheless, so many residents learned to swim that only one or two recorded drownings occurred near town, and those by visitors. (Numerous drowning swimmers were rescued by residents who had taken local life-saving lessons. (See *Life Savers*))

Competitive swimming started soon after the pool was built, in 1977.

EASTERN ONTARIO CHAMP

In January 1978, in the Candu Swim Club's second season, members competed for the first time at the Eastern Ontario Championships.

Stephen Taylor won gold in the 50 m breast-stroke and bronze in the 100 m breast-stroke.

In December 1978 Candu Swim Club member **Kenneth Seddon** was a member of the Eastern Ontario Swim Team that competed in the Ontario Winter Games in Kingston. He competed in the 100 m and 200 m breast-stroke.

In January 1979 at the Deep River Regional Swim Meet, Deep River Candu club swimmers qualified for the Eastern Regional Championships in Kingston.

Members included: **Greg Moeck** (winner of 7 events) **Charles Harrison** (winner of 5 events), **Kenneth Seddon** (winner of 4 events).and **Blaine Philippi, Stephen Taylor, Sandra Snedden,** and **Neil Middleton**.

In March 1979 **Kenneth Seddon** (15) was selected to swim for Ontario in an inter-provincial meet between Ontario and Quebec.

ONTARIO CHAMPS

In May 1979 the Candus were the Triple A Provincial Champions at the Etobicoke Olympium, where **Charles Harrison** won two gold and two silver medals, **Sandra Snedden** won two silver medals, **Stephen Taylor** won one silver medal, and **Shirley Coleman** won a bronze medal.

The Candus, represented by 15 swimmers in only their second season, won two golds, five silvers and one bronze medal along with 27 ribbons for placing in the finals (top eight).

In June 1979 the Deep River Candu club competed in the North Eastern Regional Championships, winning 11 medals and qualifying five swimmers for the Ontario Provincial Championships. They were **Greg Moeck, Sandra Snedden, Stephen Taylor, Charles Harrison,** and **Kenneth Seddon**.

In November 1979 the Deep River Candus competed in a Regional Development Meet in Nepean, winning six First Places, three Second Places, three Third Places in the top A Flight, plus winning 12 awards for placing in the top three clubs in B and C Flight competitions.

In March 1980 Candu swimmer **Stephen Taylor** won silver and two bronze medals in races at the Eastern Ontario Regional Swim Championships, held in Kingston.

Also in March 1980, Candu swimmers competed in the Eastern Ontario Regional Swim Championships, held in Brewer Park, Ottawa. **Janet Burn** won three gold medals, **Stephen Taylor** won two gold medals, and **Ian and Neil Middleton** won one gold medal each.

ONTARIO CHAMPS

In April 1980 Candu swimmers competed at the Ontario Provincial Triple A Team Championships at the University of Toronto, and won three gold, six silver and four bronze medals.

The 13-14 Boys Relay team of **Stephen Taylor, John Osborne, Rob Crocker** and **Charles Harrison** won two gold medals each.

Charles Harrison also won three personal silver medals and John Osborne won a bronze medal.

In the Girls 11-12 year-old age group, **Sandra Snedden** won three bronze medals.

At the senior boy's level, 16-year-old **Neil Middleton** won a silver in the 400 m individual medley.

Kenneth Seddon won gold in the 1,500 m senior freestyle and two silver medals in the 400 m and 200 m backstroke.

Represented by 28 swimmers, the Candus finished ninth out of 19 teams from all across Ontario, coming first for communities the size of Deep River. Team coaches were **Bonnie Harrison** and **Bill Seddon**.

In February 1981 three Candu club swimmers were selected to represent Eastern Ontario in a team scheduled to tour the United States.

Competing in the selection meet held in Kingston, **Greg Moeck**, 12, won a silver and three bronze medals, **Sandra Snedden**, 13, won two silver medals, and **Stephen Taylor**, 13, made finals in seven of his nine events. **Shirley Coleman**, 13, won a bronze medal in the meet.

ONTARIO CHAMP

In April 1981 Candu swimmers competed in the Provincial Triple A team Championships, held at the University of Toronto.

Greg Moeck 12, won two gold and two silver medals, and "shattered" the previous meet record in the 200 m breaststroke. In so doing he achieved the 10th fastest time in Canada for boys 11-12 years of age that season.

Sandra Snedden won a silver medal and **Stephen Taylor** won three bronze medals.

In the Senior category **Janet Burn** won two silver and a bronze medal, and **Neil Middleton** won a silver and a bronze medal.

In January 1982 Candus competed in an Eastern Regional Development Meet in Ottawa. **Stephen Taylor** won all five races he entered.

Paul Snelson also placed first in his race. **Greg Moeck** finished second in four races and third in the fifth.

Jody Walmsley had a first place, **Samantha Spencely** won a second and a third place, and

Stephanie Stechisen had a third placing. **Eric Spencely** placed second and third in his races.

In May 1983, Deep River Candu swimmer **Greg Moeck** won three golds and two silvers at the AAA Provincial Championships held at the Nepean Sportsplex in Ottawa.

Greg won the 50m and 100m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley for top honours in the Boys 13-14.

Neil Middleton won gold in the Senior 200m Individual Medley while **Stephen Taylor** won silver in the same event.

In January 1984 **Greg Moeck** was selected to compete in the Canadian Youth Swimming Championships, held in Etobicoke in February. He achieved four personal best times at the meet, which included 50 to 60 competitors in each event.

E. ONTARIO CHAMP

In February 1982 **Stephen Taylor** outclassed his competitors in the Eastern Ontario Championships, held in Kingston, by winning eight gold medals and two silver medals. The wins gave him the top trophy in his 13/14 age group.

He also qualified to compete in the Ontario Senior (15 and over) Provincial Championships in Sudbury.

In March 1984 he qualified for three events in the Junior National Swim Championships, held in Nepean. He qualified in 50 m and 100 m freestyle, and 200 m Individual Medley.

He also qualified to compete in the Short Course Junior Nationals and the Long Course Junior Nationals

In May 1983 Candu swimmers won gold medals at the AAA Championships held at the Nepean Sportsplex, Ottawa.

Greg Moeck won three gold medals, in 50 m and 100 m freestyle and 200 m individual medley and two silver medals and a bronze.

Neil Middleton won gold in the senior 200 m Individual Medley, with **Stephen Taylor** placing second.

David Beaulieu won gold in the 50 m backstroke for boys 10 and under.

The team of **Stephen Taylor**, **Ian Middleton** and **Stephen Middleton** won the Senior Boys 200 m freestyle relay.

Jody Walmsley won two bronze medals and **Cindy Harrison** won a bronze medal.

In February 1984 Candu Swimmers won four medals at the Eastern Ontario Swimming Association Championships, held in Kingston. **Pierre Pettigrew** won gold in 50 m backstroke, and a bronze medal in 50 m freestyle.

Andrew Taylor won a silver medal in 100 m breaststroke and **David Beaulieu** won bronze in 50 m butterfly.

In March 1984 Candu swimmers won medals at the AAA Team Championships, held in Etobicoke. **Stephen Taylor** won silver in 200 m individual medley and **Pierre Pettigrew** won silver for 50 m freestyle and bronze for 200 m freestyle. **Greg Moeck** won bronze in 100 m backstroke.

In March 1986 **Greg Moeck** qualified for the Esso Cup Winter National Swim Meet, held in Montreal, by winning his heat in the 100 m freestyle race. He also qualified for the 50 m race.

In April at the Provincial Triple A competition in Nepean, Moeck set a new record for the 100 m breaststroke (1.08.68) breaking the previous record, which he also held.

At that meet he won four other gold medals.

Other Deep River medallists at that meet were **David Beaulieu** and **Cindy Harrison**, who both won bronze medals.

At the March 1987 Eastern Ontario short-course championships in Kingston, **Greg Moeck** won the 100 m freestyle race.

TWO GOLDS AT E. ONT CHAMPIONSHIPS

In January 1988 **Brett Taylor** won two gold medals and a bronze medal at the Eastern Ontario Short Course Championships, held in Nepean.

In April 1991 **Daniel Ostrom**, representing the Candu Swim club, won a bronze medal in the 400 m freestyle event at the AAAA swim meet, held in Etobicoke.

In April 1993 Daniel won bronze in the Boys 15 and Over 200 m butterfly at the Division II Meet in the Nepean Sportsplex.

At the same meet, his brother **Hugh Ostrom** won silver in the 400 m Individual medley and bronze in the 200 m Individual Medley.

DIVISION SWIM CHAMPS

In April 1995 the Deep River Candus were the Division III Champions from among 36 swim clubs from northern and southern Ontario, held at Laurentian University.

John Leeson was third in the 200 m Intermediate Medley for boys 11-12, **John Branecki** was third in 1500 m freestyle, **Meaghan Linauskas** was third in 200 m butterfly for girls 13-14, and **Shawn Pinet** was third in 400 m Intermediate Medley and 1500 m freestyle for boys 14-14.

In March 2002 **Pat Niblett**, who grew up in Deep River, won gold, silver and bronze medals in the Women's 70-74 age group at the World Masters Swimming Championships, held in Christchurch, New Zealand.

She won the 100m freestyle, placed second in the 800 freestyle (in which she set new Ontario and Canadian records) and 400m, in which she equalled the Ontario record.

In February 2003 Candu swimmers competed at the Eastern Ontario Championships, held in Kingston. **Courtney Gendron** was second in both the 10-and-under girls 50 m breaststroke and freestyle, and third in the 100 m breaststroke and 50 m freestyle. **Eric Root** placed third in the 10-and-under boys 50 m and 100 m backstroke. **Denys Elliot** was second in the 11-12 boys 100 m butterfly.

In February 2004 **Keegan Griffiths**, **Courtney Gendron** and **Denys Elliot** qualified to compete in the Ontario Provincial Swim Championships, held in Toronto.

ONTARIO SWIM CHAMPS

In April 2005, the Candu Men's 13-14 year-old team won the Ontario Division C 4x50 m Freestyle Relay Long Course Championship, at Etobicoke. The relay team members were **Keegan Griffiths**, **Eric Root**, **Kevin Kennedy** and **Denys Elliot**.



Eric Root, Keegan Griffiths, Kevin Kennedy and Denys Elliot, Ontario 4x50m relay champions, 2005

In June 2007 **Chloe Fleury** won silver in girl's 50m backstroke (12 and Under) as a member of the Candu swim team at the Eastern Ontario Long Course Championships, held in Ottawa.

Kevin Kennedy won bronze in the boy's 50m backstroke (15 and Over).

In February 2013 **Ecaterina Facina** of the Deep River Candu Swim Club won the gold medal in the 50m backstroke at the Eastern Ontario Swimming Association Short Course Regional Championships, hosted by the Nepean Kanata Barracudas.



Ecaterina Facina, middle, with her gold medal and Candu teammates.

In June 2014, **Lauren Adams** of the Candu Swim Club qualified to compete in Festivals, the provincial level swim meet for swimmers aged 13 and under.

Lauren achieved her goal with a qualifying swim in 200m backstroke. She was the first Ottawa Valley girl to qualify for provincials in well over a decade.



In October 2014, Former Candu Club member **Lauren Adams** and Candu swimmer **Ecaterina Facina** competed in the SWOTT "Team October" swim meet at the Nepean Sportsplex in Ottawa.

Adams and Facina came in first and second in their swim finals.

In March 2016 the Deep River Candus swim team raced in the annual Swim Ottawa "Swim to the Beat" competition. Every swimmer in the club placed in the top three for their age group in at least one even.

Of note were: two 1st place finishes for **Liam McKenna** one 1st place and 2nd place finish for **Al Williams** one 1st place finish for **Savannah Davenport** and for **Sydney Davenport**, two 2nd place finishes for **Lauren Adams**, **Emma Martin** and **Hannah Williams**.

The head coach was **Denys Elliot**.

Synchronized Swimming

In February 1981 **Jennifer Hardy** and **Krista Howe** won bronze medals at the Senior Regional Synchronized Swimming competition held in Ottawa.



Jennifer Hardy and Krista Howe, bronze medalists in synchronized swimming

In March 1982 the Deep River Junior Synchronized Swimming Team was awarded the bronze medal at the Eastern Ontario Synchronized Swimming Championships. Members were **Nancy Larson**, **Kirsty Towner**, **Elizabeth Nieman**, and **Joanne Towner**.

In February 1983 the Deep River Synchro Club's senior team placed second in the Ottawa Regional meet at Brewer Park, Ottawa.

In a separate competition for duets, **Joanne Towner** and **Nancy Larson** placed second while **Kirsty Towner** and **Elizabeth Nieman** placed third.

In March 1985 the Deep River Synchro Club contingent of four girls won gold medals in the Synchro Ontario Eastern Region's 12 and Under figures and routines. The girls were **Vanessa Dakin**, **Jennifer Gratto**, **Laura Meteer**, and **Nicola Towner**.

In April 1985, a team of four girls from the Deep River Synchro Club won gold medals in the Synchro Ontario Eastern Region 12 and under figures and routines event. **Vanessa Dakin** was also awarded a bronze medal in the figures section of the meet, closely followed by **Jennifer Gratto**, **Laura Meteer** and **Nicola**

Towner in fourth, fifth and sixth places, respectively.

In June 1985 members of the Deep River Synchro Club competed in the Eastern Ontario Novice Figures and Routines competition, held in Ottawa.

Vanessa Dakin won gold in the 10 and under category for figures and **Denise Lawrence** won gold in the 13-14 age group for figures.

Jennifer Gratto placed first, **Vanessa Dakin** was second, and **Nicola Towner** was third.

In January 1986 members of the Deep River Synchro Club took the top three honours in the 10 and Under category of the Eastern Region Synchronised Swimming Novice Figures (Group 1) competition, held in Gloucester.

Jennifer Gratto placed first, **Vanessa Dakin** was second, and **Nicola Towner** was third.

In March 1986 River hosted the Eastern Region Novice Figures competition. **Karen Martin** won the silver medal in the 13-14 age group.

In April 1986 ten members of the Deep River Synchro Club won nine medals at the Eastern Regional Novice Figures and Routines, Nepean.

Gold medals were won by six team members: **Tammy Clements**, **Amy Kittmer**, **Vanessa Dakin**, **Laura Meteer**, **Jennifer Gratto**, and **Nicola Towner**.

In November 1986 **Joanne Towner**, 19, placed first in the intermediate division of an inter-university synchronized swim figures competition between 11 universities, held at Guelph, swimming for the University of Waterloo.

In May 1988 **Aimee DeAbreu** competed at the Star 5 level at a competition in North Bay among several Northern Ontario clubs, placing first in figures and third in sequences in her age category.

In December 1992 **Daniel Ostrom** won bronze in the 100-m backstroke at the Eastern Ontario Short-course swimming Championships, held in Cornwall.

Tennis

CANADIAN VETERAN CHAMP

In August 1965, **Betty Boyd** won the Canadian Open Veteran Women Singles Tennis Championship, in Toronto.

In October 1969 **Stuart McAlpin**, 18, won the Colonel E.G. Brooks Memorial Shield for “truly combining outstanding playing ability and outstanding sportsmanship“ by winning both the Junior and Senior Championships at the Deep River Tennis Club, the Copeland Cup for the Ottawa and District Junior Championship, and the Eastern Ontario Junior Championships.

Stewart’s younger brother, **Colin McAlpin**, was one of youngest juniors from Deep River who had success in competitive tennis thanks to the terrific Deep River Junior Program. Colin, his father Will and brother Stewart were, among others, founders of the junior program.

Colin eventually held all Canadian Junior age category titles in singles (U12, U14, U16, U21), and three titles in doubles (U14, U16, U18).

He represented Canada in the U18 category at the 1976 US Open Grand Slam in New York and the Orange Bowl World Junior Championships in Miami.

He attended University of Florida, Gainesville, on a tennis scholarship in 1978-82.



Colin McAlpin, ten-time Canadian National Tennis Champion

Courtesy of Colin’s parents in 2012, below is a list of his considerable tennis accomplishments.

McAlpin Titles

National Capital Champion Under 12 (1971) Under 14 (1972)	British Columbia Open Champion Under 16 Singles, 1976 Under 18 Doubles, 1976
Eastern Ontario Singles Champion Under 12 (1971) Under 14 (1972)	Florida State Intercollegiate Champion 1978, 1981
National Capital City Open Champion Singles 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 2004 Doubles 1983, 1985, 1990, 2006, 2007	Quebec Open Champion Under 14 in 1974 Under 16 in 1976
Ontario Singles	Ontario Doubles

Champion Under 14 in 1974 Under 16 in 1976 Under 21 in 1978	Champion Under 21(1978) Under 21 in 1979
Canadian Singles Champion Under 14 in 1974 Under 16 in 1976 Under 21 in 1979	Canadian Doubles Champion Under 12 in 1972 Under 14 in 1974 Under 16 in 1976 Under 18 in 1977
50-55 in 2011 55+ in 2016	50-55 in 2011

McAlpin Team Memberships

Ontario Tennis Team, 1974
Canadian National Tennis Team, 1974, 1976,
1977, 1978
University of Florida Tennis Team, 1978, 1979,
1980, 1981

Individual Awards

A. C. T. Annual Outstanding Athlete in Ottawa
District Tennis, 1972, 1974
Ontario Achievement Award for Distinguished
Performance in Amateur Sport, 1972, 1974,
1976, 1977, 1978, 1979
Town of Deep River Outstanding Achievement
Award, 1974
City of Ottawa Outstanding Achievement in
Tennis, 1975
Ontario Lawn Tennis Sportsmanship Award,
1977.
National Championships Sportsmanship Award,
1977.
University of Florida Sportsmanship Award,
1981

In 2011 Colin won the Canadian Men's Singles
Championship for his age group (50-55) as well as
the Canadian Men's Doubles Championship with
partner Mark Vuckovic.

In the summer of 2016 he won the Canadian
Men's Over-55 Singles Championship.



McAlpin, left, with opponent Stephen Kimoff.

In July 1972 Deep River tennis players captured
five of the 10 championships at the Junior Davis
Cup and National Capital Lawn Tennis
Association's Junior Tennis Tournaments in
Ottawa.

- The Junior Davis Cup was won by Eric Pearce
(won in previous years by Deep River's
Stewart McAlpin) with Deep River runner-
up **Brian Woods**.
- **Colin McAlpin** won both the Under 12 and
Under 14 Championships.
- **Kathy Ophel** and **Beth Woods** (for the third
time) were first and second respectively in the
Under 12 Girls Championships.
- **Lisa Kennedy** won the Under 14 Girls
Championships and **Jennifer Steill** was
second in the Under 18 championships (she
had won in 1971).

In the 1973 period, **Gil Stoute** twice won Northern
Ontario Championships, held in North Bay and
Sudbury, partnering with **Kathy Amunds** in
doubles.

She also qualified for the Eastern Ontario
region of the Buick Challenge, held in Kanata in
1981 and the Gordon Gin Provincial
Championships in Toronto in 1984.

She won the Eastern Ontario Senior Games,
qualifying her for the Ontario Senior Games in
Windsor, where she was runner-up. She also won
the Panama City Invitational championship in the
late 1990s, as well as many local tournaments.

In August 1984 Gil, with **Kathy Amunds**,
advanced to the quarter finals of the Gordon's Gin
Charity Cup provincial playdowns, held in
Toronto. This was the first year of the annual
competition for doubles tennis players across
Ontario.

In September 1974 **Kathy Ophel** successfully
defended her Eastern Ontario Girls Under 14
Championship title in Deep River. **Marina Blair**
won the Under 12 Girls Championship.

In July 1978 **Nicola Woods** and **Michelle Sagat**
won the Under-12 Girls Doubles Championship at
the National Capital Division Lawn Tennis
Association's Closed Tournament, in Ottawa.

Nicola also came second in the Girls Under-12
Singles Championship.

In July 1979 **Stephen Sagat** won the Under-14 Singles Championship and **Caega Lee** won the Consolation Trophy in the same competition in the National Capital Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament, in Ottawa.

In July 1979 at The Tennis Centre in North Bay, **Caega Lee** won the Under-14 Girls Singles Championship, **Simon Lee** won the Under-12 Boys' Singles Championship, **Chris Bradley** won the Under-18 Men's Singles Consolation, **Michelle Sagat** was second in the Under-14 Women's Singles and **Pauline Blair** was second in the Under-16 Women's Singles.

PROVINCE'S BEST JUNIOR PROGRAM

In April 1981 the junior tennis program run by the Deep River Yacht and Tennis Club was named the best in the province by the Ontario Tennis Association.

The program organiser for the club, **Bill Buyers**, was presented with the Junior Player Development Award at the provincial association's AGM in Toronto.

In June 1981 two junior members of the Deep River Yacht and Tennis Club qualified in the Ontario Closed Tennis Tournament in Toronto. **Michelle Sagat** and **Simon Lee** had won qualifying games in North Bay.

Windsurfing



Canadian Windsurfing championships, Deep River, 2007.

Photo Larrie Thomson

In the late 1960's, Deep Riverite **John Hilborn** brought back from California a couple of the first "Windsurfer boards." He had previously given some ideas to the inventors on how to improve the boards and his Windsurfers were the first introduced to Canada.

Using the basic Windsurfer design, John also invented the first sailing board for use with ice-skating sails.

John formed a Windsurfing club in nearby Pembroke, the first in Canada.

CANADIAN MASTERS CHAMP

Because of this local start to the sport, Deep River was chosen to host the 20th anniversary of the Canadian Windsurfing Association, in 2007. Several Deep Riverites competed, including **Nick Cox**, who organized the event, and veteran **Janine Poley**.

Poley had earlier tried Hilborn's first prototype board, made of rigid plywood with a teak boom.)

Nick Cox was the overall Canadian Masters Windsurfing Champion. In 2005 he was the Ontario Windsurfing Champion in both Open and Masters categories in Toronto.

In 2012 he was still organizing and competing in windsurfing competitions in the Toronto area.

In August 2017 the Canadian Masters Windsurfing Association held its 30th Annual championships in Deep River. Local **Nick Cox** was the organizer of the event, in which 20-25 surfers participated.

Other Sports

The popularity of certain sports has changed over the years. For example, although formal baseball and softball teams did not exist in Deep River in 2012, they were quite popular in earlier years. In 1963, a reported 185 boys registered for these sports, with over 75 volunteers helping run them. These days soccer, badminton and hockey are very popular.

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP

In both 1947 and 1948, future Deep River resident **Reg Keary** was the Heavyweight Weightlifting Champion of Canada. He lifted 300 lbs in the clean-and-jerk, 255 lbs in the press, and 230 lbs in the snatch in the competitions, held at the University of Montreal.

In August 1963, **John Bailey**, leading junior athlete at the Knights of Columbus Track and Field day, captured the individual aggregate award in the Eastern Ontario Invitation meet.

He won the 100-yard dash, the broad jump and the hop, step and jump and came in third in the high jump.

In October 1968, the **Deep River Blues** Rugby Club beat the Town of Mont Royal at Cedar Park to win the Quebec League rugby championship. Their season record was 8-1-0.

EASTERN ONTARIO CHAMPS

In April 1969 the **Deep River Blues** beat Kingston, the Ottawa Irish, and the Ottawa Indians to retain the Eastern Ontario Rugger Championship.

In May 1973, **Greg Mark**, vice-captain of the Deep River Rugby Club, was chosen to play in a Combined Quebec-Maritimes rugby team representing Eastern Canada against a touring Welsh team in Montreal in June.

In March 1980 local cyclists **Allison Steer** and **Wendy Earle** were selected by the Ontario Cycling Association to attend coaching clinics intended to develop a team to represent Ontario at the 1981 Summer Games.

Both women rode RPM bicycles made in Deep River by **Ross Meadowcroft** and **Pete Purvis**.

CANADIAN TUMBLING CHAMP

In June 1982 **Tara Donaldson**, formerly of Deep River, won the Junior National Championship of Tumbling at the Canadian National Championships, held in Vancouver. Her coach was **Carol White**, also formerly of Deep River.

Tara successfully defended her title the next year, winning the 1983 National Championship in Trampoline, of which tumbling is a part, in Calgary.

In 1980 Grouse Park ball field was called “the finest lighted ball park in Eastern Ontario” by Trevor Baker, Wintario representative, at the official opening.

4 TOP PLACES IN OTTAWA TRIATHLON

In May 1983 three teams of women from Deep River took all three top places in the 5th Colonel By Triathlon in Ottawa. The triathlon consisted of 5 km paddling, 12 km cycling, and 5 km running and attracted over 100 teams.

The winning Deep River teams were **Margaret Holden** and **Ailsa Metcalfe** (first place) **Laura Taylor** and **Catherine Milley** (second place) and **Lesley Milley** and **Yvette Metcalfe** (third place).

Doug Champ, **Ray Metcalfe**, **Charles Kittmer** and **Bob Tapping** won the Corporate team category.

In June 1983 Deep River’s Laurentian View Dairy team won the Regional City Carling O’Keefe Slow Pitch Championship held in Petawawa. The win enabled the team to compete in the All-Ontario Slow Pitch Championships in Niagara Falls.

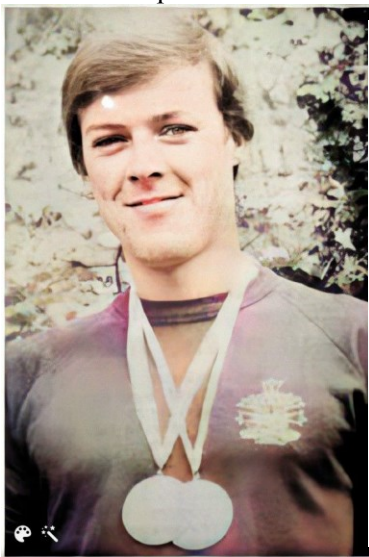
WORLD SKYDIVING CUP

In October 1984 former Deep River resident **Dale Williams**, 24, was a member of the Canadian National Skydiving team that won the World Cup at Lapalisse, France.

In May 1986 he received an Alberta Achievement Award for being part of the winning sky-diving team.

In September 1985 he was a member of the Canadian team that came second in the 4-Way team competition and third in the 8-man team competition in the World Skydiving Championships in Yugoslavia.

In September 1996 he was part of the skydiving team that broke the world record for most members in a formation dive, called the "weedwacker." He was part of the central core of 20 divers around which the rest of the 296 divers gathered, in Anapa, Russia. The record took 11 attempts to succeed.



Dale Williams, member of the Canadian National Skydiving team that won the World Cup at Lapalisse, France, 1984

UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL RECORDS

In the 1984-85 university basketball season, **Jeff Alderdice**, a former Mackenzie graduate now finishing his third year at Canadore College, set Ontario College Athletic Association Tier Two records for most points in a season (371), most field throws (148), most free throws (75), and most free throws attempted (108), all in one season.

He was named OCAA Athlete of the Week six times and the Canadore Athlete of the Year in 1985.

Alderdice was the college's Most Valuable Player for three consecutive years, the Ontario College Athletic Association's All-Star and League scoring champion, and holds seven OCAA scoring records.

In March 1986 he won the George Martyn Memorial Trophy for being the person who did most for basketball in the North Bay area.

He is honoured in the North Bay Sports Hall of Fame.

TITLE WINNER AT WORLD TRIATHLON

In September 1987 it was reported that **Andrew Taylor** placed third in three recent triathlons in his age category: the Sharbot Lake triathlon, National Capital triathlon in Ottawa, and the Ontario Short Course championships in Orillia.

In August, 1989, he won the Junior title at the Reebok World Triathlon, held in Milton, Ontario.

In August 1988, a ladies lawn-bowling triples team from Deep River won the District Championship at the Ottawa Tennis and Lawn Bowling Club. The bowlers were **Kaye Freeborn**, **Julie MacDonald**, and **Margaret Donnelly**.

In August 1994 **Rob Urbanic** was a member of the Eastern Ontario volleyball team that won silver at the Ontario Summer Gems, held in Nepean. **Katrina Frew** was a member of the bronze medal team.

In May 2011 **Desi Davies** was the District 16 Best Junior Lawn Bowler of the Year.



In July 1991 members of the Deep River Volleyball Club reached the finals of the H.O.P.E. Tournament, billed as the world's largest outdoor volleyball tournament, held at Mooney's Bay in Ottawa. H.O.P.E. is an acronym for Helping Other People Everywhere, an Ottawa-based group involved in raising money for various charities.

Members of the team (called "The Empire Spikes Back") were **Holly Bindner, Bob Donders, Bob Graham, Shawn Kasaboski, Jerry McPhee, Helena Rummens, Colette Taylor, Martin Thompson, and Mike Thompson.**

ONTARIO, CANADIAN CHAMP

In 1994 **Clint Daley** (17) won both the Ontario Bantam and Canada East Bantam Wrestling Championships.

In November 1996 **Rachel Freedman** (16) placed second in the Canadian Pony National Quiz Championships, held in Kananaskis, Alberta.

In June 1997, **Andrew Osborne** won a place on the Ontario team to compete in the Canada Summer Games in Brandon, Manitoba. Andrew, 16, winner of the Fogal Award last year from Mackenzie High School, qualified for the Ontario team at the provincial diving championships in Thunder Bay.

In January 2000 **Brian Dinwoodie** (formerly of Deep River) won silver in the 100m men's snowshoeing race and bronze in the 200 m race at the Winter Special Olympic Games, in Ottawa, at which 600 athletes competed.

In March 2002 **Nathan Callighen** competed in squash in the Ontario Winter Games in Ottawa. Former residents **Alex Cornett** and **Samantha Cornett** were also eligible to compete.



Nathan Callighen competed in the 2002 Ontario Winter Games in Ottawa

ONTARIO GOLD-MEDALLIST

In January 2001 **Al Rose** won gold medals and set new records for his age group in 500m, 1000m and 1500m at the Ontario Long-Track Skating Championships, in Sault St. Marie.



Al Rose, 2001 Ontario Long-Track Skating Champion

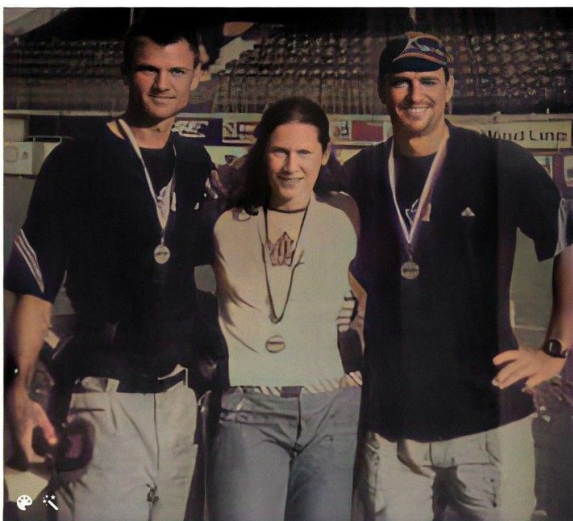
In September 2002 the Labre family excelled at the Canadian Archery championships, held in Halifax. **Colleen Labre** placed first in her category, **Joshua Labre** placed third and father **Rob Labre** placed third in the Primitive Category.

The Labre family also competed in the Ontario Triple Crown (comprised of three separate events) where Colleen and Joshua both placed first and **Jacob Labre** placed third.



Labre family archery champions; Joshua (left), Rob (standing), Colleen (seated) and Jacob (right)

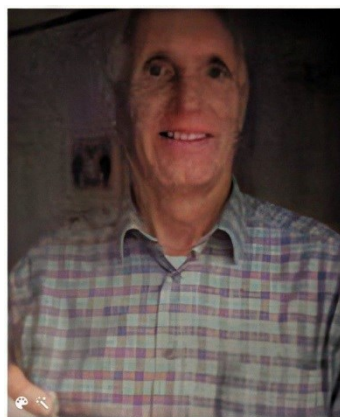
In August 2004, **Brett Taylor**, **Shannon Elliot** and **Russell McDonnell** (former residents) competed for Canada in the 2004 World Ultimate Championships, held in Turku, Finland. All three won silver medals in the 25-country competition, which Canada won.



ONTARIO ORIENTEERING CHAMP

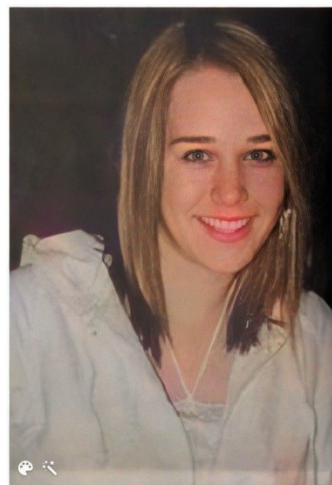
In September 2004 **Malcolm McIvor** won the gold medal in that year's Ontario Orienteering Championships, held near Bowmanville. He came first in the 65-and-over two-day event.

In 2003 he placed second in the Canadian Orienteering Championships, held in the Yukon.



Malcolm McIvor won a gold medal at the 2004 Ontario Orienteering Championships

In March 2006, **Tara Madigan**, a native of Deep River, was named the Most Valuable Player on Trent University's women's soccer team.



Tara Madigan, most valuable player on Trent University's women's soccer team, 2006

In September 2010, Aurum, a local horse owned and trained by **Colleen Archer**, was described in *Horse Canada* magazine as the only known horse that could pass "scent discrimination" exercises, in which an animal can detect from several handkerchiefs which one had previously been handled by its owner, much like dogs trained to detect scents.

In May 2010 **Kyle Tremblay** was a member of the North Bay Ice Breakers sledge-hockey team that won the silver medal at the prestigious international Deti Sportif tournament, in Montreal.

Three thousand athletes from 20 countries competed. Kyle scored two goals and two assists in the tournament, his first official sledge-hockey game.

In December 2006, **Douglas Sitter**, who grew up in Deep River, (and was one of the first 10 babies born here) was a member of Canada's freediving team at the World Freediving Championships, held in Hurgada, Egypt, among 25 nations.

Douglas dived to 61 m, swam underwater for 122m, and held his breath underwater for 5 minutes and 37 seconds in separate components of the event.



Douglas Sitter, member of Canada's freediving team at the World Championships, Egypt.

In May 2007 **Stasys Fidleris** won a silver medal as a member of the Ottawa Mavericks team in a national volleyball tournament in Moncton, New Brunswick.

In August 2007 **Keir Plaice** (18) was selected to compete on the Ontario Cycling Team.

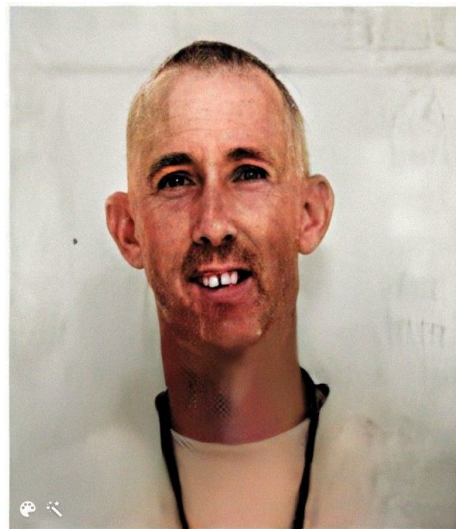


Keir Plaice, member of the Ontario Cycling Team, 2007

In January 2009 **Brian Dinwoodie**, who grew up in Deep River, represented Pembroke and Area in the World Winter Games for the Special Olympics in Snowshoeing, held in Boise, Adaho. The games attracted 3,000 athletes from 85countries.

Brian won bronze medals in both the 100m and 200m races and won gold as a member of the winning Canadian 4 x 100 m relay team.

In the National Winter competition in Quebec City in 2008, Brian won three gold medals as a member of Team Canada.



Brian Dinwoodie

In 2012, following their win at Lake Simcoe in July, Deep River's U-13 All-Star Soccer team travelled to Barrie in August to participate in their second tournament that year, Barrie's All-Star Challenge.

The local team finished second to Cambridge.



In August 2012, **Marion Stewart** and **Leslie Collicott** of Deep River returned from a successful visit to the Canada 55+ Games in Sydney, Nova Scotia. More than 1,500 competitors from coast to coast took part in the games, competing in 23 sports.

Stewart won gold in the 1km prediction walk, while Collicott earned silver in the 400m event.



Marion Stewart and Les Collicott

In February 2013 **Leslie Collicott** won a gold medal at the Ontario 55+ Winter Games, held in Huntsville at the end of February. Collicott took home the top medal in prediction skating.

In February 2014 **Al Rose** was the first place winner of the prediction skate and Marion Stewart placed second in the same event in the Ontario Senior Winter Games, held in Deep River.



In July 2013 the Deep River U14 All-Star team won the Ajax FC Annual All-Star Soccer Tournament against teams from Kitchener, Ajax, and East York.

Team members were: **Alex Everick, Nathan Griffiths, Andrew Scott, Alex Sonnenburg, Akheel Munir, Yamin Ben Letaifa, Qasim Munir, Eric Birchall, Blake Remus, Taylor Sims, Jason Buyers, Andrew Scott, Max Guérout, Rayan Ben Letaifa, William Baird, and Martin Pucciarelli.** The coach was **Fabrice Guérout**.



In July 2014, the Deep River U15 All Star soccer team won the annual Peterborough Tournament, beating teams from Timmins (U15), Darlington (U15), and Peterborough (U14).



In March 2016 **James Gaffney** of Deep River qualified for the U14 all-Ontario's in Alpine skiing. He travelled to Collingwood where he raced in the provincial championships with two days of giant slalom and two days of slalom racing.



In March 2017 the Deep River Skating Club's synchro team, the "Deep River Ice Queens," captured bronze medals in their class at Skate Canada's Eastern Ontario SynchroSkate competition in Kanata.

Team members were, **Ciara Issaluk, Molly Smith, Maha Saleem, Isabelle Nolette, Emma Whan, Taylor Fitton, Emily Qin, Maria Popistas, Felicity Cull, Manar Shaban, Sitara Mistry and Zainab Rizvi.**



In September 2016 the Deep River Under-17 boys rep soccer team won the Mississauga All-Star Tournament against teams from Wasaga Beach, Toronto High Park, Scarborough Blizzards. Their coach was **Fabrice Guérout**, with **Audrey Guérout** assistant coach.

Members were: **Blake Remus, William Baird, Max Guérout, Alex Sonnenburg, Nicholas Osborne, Evan Whitlock, Eric Birchall, Yamin Ben Letaifa, Daniel Fritzsche, Bruce Nishimura, Andrew Masala, Akheel Munir, Qasim Munir, Nathan Griffiths, Jonathan Horne, Andrew Scott and Martin Pucciarelli.**

In April 2017 **Steffan Schilkie** of Chalk River was crowned the Rogers Hometown Hockey National Trick Shot Champion after competing against the best in Canada in Hamilton on April 9. His tricks included spinning 10 pucks on two hockey sticks both vertically and horizontally above his head.



Steffan Schilkie, national trick-shot champion

In September 2017, the Deep River Under-18 Boys Competitive Team claimed first place in the competitive East Region Soccer League with a record of one loss and 11 wins in their first participation in the league.

Team members were: **Audrey Guérout** (assistant coach/manager), **Andrew Scott**, **Daniel Fritzsche**, **William Baird**, **Eric Birchall**, **Alex Sonnenburg**, **Max Guérout**, **Alex Everick**, **Nicholas Osborne**, **Yamin Ben Letaifa**, **Fabrice Guérout** (head coach), **Rayan Ben Letaifa**, **Bruce Nishimura**, **Akheel Munir**, **Martin Pucciarelli**, **Nathan Griffiths**, **Qasim Munir**, **Andrew Masala** and **Jonathan Horne**.



In March 2018 the Deep River Synchronized Skating Beginner Team (*Deep River Darth Vaders*) competed in the Kanata SynchroSkate Invitational. The team received a Bronze level assessment against five other Beginner teams.

The team and their coaches were: **Shae-Lynn Lepage**, **Vada Lepage**, **Kathy Buckley**, **Diana Xue**, **Zainab Rizvi**, **Sitara Mistry**, **Emily Qin**, **Emma Stuart**, **Felicity Cull**, **Taylor Fitton** and **Wynn Chapman**.



TOP PARA-ARCHER IN CANADA

In July 2018, **Kyle Tremblay** was ranked as the Number One para-archer in Canada, by several points. On July 14 he broke both the provincial and Canadian records for the 720-round score by 13 points, shooting 703 out of 720. That score was just three points short of the world record.

Kyle has competed in several countries, including Puerto Rico, USA, the world championship in China 2017, the Pan-American Championships in Columbia 2018 (one of only three para-archers selected by Archery Canada to attend), a world-ranking competition in Utah, and the world championships in Denmark in 2019.



Kyle Tremblay, Canada's top para-archer

In April 2019 **Mike Alookie** and **Skylar Godreau** from Mackenzie Community School competed in the Legion District Senior Youth Darts competition in Smith Falls.

They placed first in Doubles, first and second in Singles and second in Team. Their wins qualified them to advance to the provincial playoffs in Owen Sound.



CHAMPION SKATER STOJKO

In February 2020, **Elvis Stojko**, three-time world champion, twice Olympic silver medallist and seven times Canadian champion, visited the Deep River Skating Club.

Stojko was a featured guest skater during the club's annual "Ice Reflections" show at the Deep River Arena and then stayed to coach some club members on the ice the following morning.



APPENDICES

A - DRSO Players



Players listed do not include some visiting paid musicians who are listed in orchestra programs as “guest” players. Thanks to the orchestra archivist, Arden Okazaki for the use of her collection of concert programs to confirm names here.

Violin

Ian Aitchison	Christine Desrochers	Matthew King
June Anderson	Colin Downie	Dorothea Knowles
Phil Anderson	Zita Drda	Nataliya Korolevych
Eleanor Andison	Julian Dunn	David Klukas
Alison Arthur	Breanne Fedak	Lana Lapalice
Michael Averyt	Barrett Fitzpatrick	Jim Labow
Ethan Bagshaw	Heidi Fleury	Lucie Lambert
Olivia Bagshaw	Stephen Fowler	Dian Le
Melanie Barfels	Silvie-Ring Gentner	Doan Le
Bonnie Beach	Mark Gilbert	Paul Lee
Joan Behm	John Greig	Victor Lee
Niko Beziec	Julie Grondin	Marie-Pierre Lemay
Annette Brian	Marina Haddad	Susan Linton (Chidley)
Chris Broughton	Bruce Hardy	Brittany Maika
Stephen Brum	Janet Hilts	Courtney Maika
Meghan Burton	Ken Hohban	David Markham
Sally Cameron	Charles Hubley	Dave Marlcham
Christina Chan	Katherine Hubley	Fiona McAlpin
Ava Chen	Kathy Hughes	Jessica McQuestion
Kevin Chi	Guy Hulbert	Tomasz Milczarek
Evelyn Choi	Kathryn Jensen	Ralph Mills
Caryl Clark	Kristina Jirovec	Gwen Milton
Susan Clark	Megan Jones	Leslie Milton
Ellen Craig	Tara Katamay-Smith	Jenna Moore
Beverley Coles	Russell Kearney	April Morris
Marguerite Currie	Erin Kelly	Yaseen Mottiar
Arthur Davis	Kyle Kelly	Bree Nagora
John deBoer	Norah Kennedy	Cindy Nicholas
Alison deRepentigny	Alexandra King	Elizabeth Noulty

Jim O’Kane
 Arden Okazaki
 Elizabeth Parker
 John Payne
 Francine Pepin
 Sylvie-Ring Peterson
 Jon Pilatzke
 John Polo
 Melanie Priddle
 David Pritchard
 Lexi Rivett
 Ray Rixon
 Allan Ross
 Nancy Schmitz
 Kay Scott
 Roy Schultz
 Chi Yon Seo

Bill Selander
 Valerie Selander
 Chi Hui Seo
 Susan Sharpey-Schafer
 Alana Speranzini
 Ron Shuttleworth
 Rasa (Fidleris) Smith
 Eric Stock
 Chloe Stuart
 Craig Stuart
 Asha Suppiah
 Roopa Suppiah
 Karoly Sziladi
 Pierre Tanguay
 Mark Taylor
 Dhenuka Tennankore
 Dave Thompson

Jane Thorpe
 Dara Torgerson
 Louise-Marie Trottier
 Hannah van Meter
 Yuki Van Meter
 Susan Van Wagner
 April Verch
 Dick Vine
 Nancy Wang
 Ning Wang
 Kirsten Waymann
 Stephanie Wilkin
 Lisa Wong
 Sarah Wong
 Stephen Woo
 Michelle Woods
 Kevin Xu

Viola

Charlotte Ashley
 Ethan Bagshaw
 Mary Boland
 Ann Chaplin
 Christine Drew
 Maureen Ewan
 Danute Fidleris
 Vytas Fidleris
 Teresa Foley
 Ian Gibson

Angela Harker
 Mark He
 Elizabeth
 Hulbert
 James Hunt
 Geoff Hunter
 Tara Katamay-Smith
 Courtney Maika
 Peter Lee
 Deyang Li

Marian McDougall
 Peter Morris
 Carol Motta
 Arden Okazaki
 Alice Roth
 Susan Sharpey-Schafer
 Rasa (Fidleris) Smith
 Teresa Verschelden
 Doug Werner
 Bob Young

Cello

Marion Arthur
 Rowan Bagshaw
 Alison Baird
 Heather Butterworth
 Fenela Childs
 Martine Croy
 Neil Dickson
 Kristine Drew
 Julie Filion
 Agnes Frebold
 Peter Good

Michael Häusser
 Otto Häusser
 Yin He
 Michelle Hilts
 Heather Hiltz
 Helen Holtslander
 Gail Huntley
 Matthew Jones
 Seung Kim
 Ezra Lemke
 Ruth McAlpin

Margaret McGuire
 Andrea McPhee
 Miriam Mottiar
 Elwyn Risto
 Margaret Rose
 Horace Russell
 Peter Selander
 Hal Tracey
 Brandon Wilkie

Bass

Kit Coleman	Pete Kilpatrick	Harold Pippy
Stasys Fidleris	Ron Lloyd	Marcel Thibodeau
Robert Harrington	Bob Michaud	Brian Williams
Ray Heney	Don Milley	

Flute/Piccolo

Sandra Allen	Liz Hart	Fiona Ogilvie
Naomi Arsenaault	Amy Hoffmann	Junji Sakurai
Bradley Audet	Gerry Klaassen	Andrea Schmaltz
Severn Brown	Jackie Lantaigne	Kathi Selander
Susan (Chidley) Linton	John Lindsay	Ann Serdula
Corinne Cox	Susan Linton	Jasmine Shewchuk
Walter Davies	Stuart McAlpin	Ken Snelling
Ann Duncan	Anne McLellan	Katrina Stuart
Ron Gilfillan	Dave McPherson	Carol Thomsett
Julie Goedegebuure	Debbie Merrett	Rose Verschelden
Ann Graham	Ilanah Milgram	Marjory Walker
Elaine Harrison	Kim Moore	Wesley Whitlock

Oboe

Stanley Abraham	John Hulbert	Cynthia Steljes
Brian Aikin	Geoff Kalyniuk	Peter Voisey
Hans Baijens	Tanya Katamay-Smith	Andrea Wills
Emily Burton	Joy Irving	Clara Wren
Margaret Couling	Susan (Butler) Morris	
Megan Giffin	Kathi Selander	

Clarinet

Ken Aiken	Kevin DuManoir	Mohammed Shaarani
Jeffrey Armstrong	Bruce Elliott	Stephan Smith
Amanda Ball	Abi Gaulin	Shirley Stevens
Miriam Bayly	Jim Geiger	Verena Tunnicliffe
Jane Beale	Elyse Goyette	Peter van Gestel
Mel Berlie	Jan Gullburg	Jeff Walker
Larry Brum	Audrey Hagberg	Gloria Wettlaufer
Rob Carson	Phil Kupferschmidt	Gloria Williams
Ann Clark	Dorothy McPherson	Mary Wegg
Ted Clifford	Kevin Myers	Gloria Wettlaufer
Kit Coleman	Mano Ramasubramanian	David Woo
Anne Dickson	Mairead Rodgers	
Kelly Ding	Jessica Rollins	

Bassoon

Hugh Alexander	Peter Hoek	Megan Morris
Carolyn Alsop	Ken Irons	Sheila Morrison
Hugh Boniface	Jan Janssen	Harold Pitstra
Bernard Childs	Leslie Lewis	Ann Serdula
Desi Davies	Liam McDonald	Carol Winterbon

French Horn

Mary Boland	Richard Ford	Wendy Sur
Alvin Broughton	Doug Fraser	Larrie Thomson
Bill Buyers	Nancy James	Francois Trottier
Sarah Buyers	Kelly Kaddatz	Mark Tunnicliffe
Stephen Chi	Gail Marion	Charles Van Wagner
Kathleen Chidley	Heather Martin	Tony Waker
Cathy Ella	Greg Miller	Elizabeth Walker
Rasa (Fidleris) Smith	Sheela Sur	Verlie Whitlock

Trumpet

Glen Andrews	Heather Hoelke	Joyce Shaw
John Artymko	Mike Howie	Ken Smith
Jonathan Bayly	Michael Hulbert	Annekarin Solheim
Rod Beauprie	Garth Hunter	Gordon Tapp
Barry Boal	Finn Ingebretsen	Eric Tanguay
Nicholas Brown	Bob Jackson	Roy Thomas
Ray Dickson	Martin Klukas	Dave Thompson
George Doubt	David McAllindon	Larrie Thomson
Karen Fox	John Merritt	Michael Watts
Daniel Fritzsche	Mike Moore	Art Weeden
Peter Goodwin	Tom Overton	Don Whitfield
Stephan Grasmuck	Brian Ross-Ross	Verlie Whitlock
Gwendy Harrington	John Sainsbury	

Saxophone

Larry Brum	Susan (Chidley) Linton	Andrea Schmaltz
Rob Carson	Ed Rousseau	Stan Schriber

Trombone

Mike Britton	Danny Gallant	Ben Kennedy
Thomas Birchall	Simon Kalechstein	Dominic Klukas
Jennifer Chidley	Judith Gibson	Scott Martell
Lawrence Dickson	Rainer Grumbach	Ron McCallum
George Doubt	Tom Henderson	Peter McMorran
Jennifer Doubt	Maureen Hoelke	Alec McQuilkin
Joan Doubt	David James	Bob Mercer
Ragnar Dworschak	Ta Un Jeong	Bob Michaud

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Robert Morris
Jim Platten
Tim Ruhnke
Jim Shrader

Ken Smith
Mark Smith
Amy Thompson
Peter Turner

Art Weeden
Brian Williams
Gloria Williams

Tuba

George Doubt
Susan (Chidley) Linton
Saulius Fidleris

Brenda Forsythe
Richard Parsons
Jim Shrader

Peter Stewart
Carol Thomsett

Percussion

Christina Balthazar
Lucie Brisson
Sara Carlisle
Graham Carpenter
Maureen Carpenter
Linda Casselman
Adrian Cecco
John Cross
Elizabeth Cowper
Margot Dumanoir
Stephen DuManoir
Jim Forster
Stephen Fowler
Pierre Gallant
Eileen Garvey
Tamara Goligher
Trevor Grahl

Mary Greiner
Malcolm Griffiths
Debbie Hague
Alex Hartwig
Pat Hoelke
Carolyn Jantzen
Michelle Keddy
Jennifer Knowles
Valerie Laroque-Trenholm
Joanne Lau
Rachel Lewis
Joyce McCallum
Mary McDonald
Kate MacGillivray
Sheila McGregor
Diane McPherson

Dorothy McPherson
Peter Ross-Ross
Emily Selander
Mark Skinner
Ken Smith
Barbara Tease
Darlene Termarsch
Tamara Thompson
Casey Tompkins
Dale Torgerson
Verena Tunnicliffe
Susan Walker
David Ward
Ken Whitlock
Lynne Wills
Sally Winterbon

Piano/Harp/Harpsichord

Stanley Abraham
Janice Berlie
Danute Fidleris
Brenda Forsythe
Rosemarie Gilbert
Mary Greiner
Lynn Hardy
Janice Hawthorn
Ernie Hills (guitar)

Pat Hoelke
Norah Kennedy
Caroline Lee
Dian Le
Sonya Lee
James Mayhew
Janet McDonald
Susan (Butler) Morris

Bob Palmai
Dietrich Pelte
Hans Specht
Darlene Termarsch
Paul Vildik
David Ward
John Wilkinson
Sally Winterbon
Sumi Wren

Conductors

Fred Glendinning 1952-53
Alex Moore 1953-62
Horst Thuemen 1962-64
Brian Williams 1964-67
Bill Buyers 1967-71

David Ward 1971-74
James Wegg 1974-78, 80-91
Robert Ryker 1978-79
Stephen van Heerden 1979-80
Peter Morris 1992-present

B - Deep River Clubs



Due to the diverse backgrounds of local residents and the relative ease in communicating ideas to other residents, many clubs, groups and organizations have been formed over the years to entertain and educate the community.

The following list shows the wide range of interests that residents have had over the years.

A list of clubs still associated with the Deep River Community Association is available on its website, and the Town website lists some clubs. Neither list is acknowledged to be accurate, as clubs form and change without necessarily informing everybody.

Clubs understood to be in existence (2020) are underlined.

A

Algonquin Light Car Club
 Algonquin Search and Rescue Unit
 Alpine Club of Canada
 Alzheimer's Support Group
 Amnesty International
 Arts and Crafts Guild
 Astronomy Club

B

Badminton Club
 Ballroom Dancing Club
Baseball Club
Basketball Club (now Valley Hoopstars)
Basketball (Ladies)
Beta Sigma Phi
 Block Parents
Bowling Congress (5-pin)
 Boy's Physical Club
Boy Scouts/Venturers of Canada
 Broomball Club
Brownies/Guides
 Business Men's Association (later Chamber of Commerce)

C

Camera Club
 Canadian Association of Consumers branch
 Canadian Diabetes Association chapter
 Canadian Girls in Training
Canadian Nuclear Society branch
Canadian Red Cross branch
 Canadian Parents for French
Candu Swim Club
 Cantando Singers

CA.SI.OR (Caring Singles Organization)
 Ceramic Club (later Potter's Guild)
 Challenged Children
 Cercle Francais
 Chalk River & Area Seniors
Chalk River Stitches
 Chemical Institute of Canada branch
 Chess Club (Junior)
Chinese Association
 Chums
Church groups (various)
Community Band
Community Care Inc
 Community Chest (now United Way)
 Community Concerts (now THEOP)
Contract Bridge
 Cooking School
Country Line Dancing
 Crafts Club
 Cribbage Club
 Cricket Club
Cross Country Ski Club
 Cubs/Scouts

D

Daredevils Diving Club
 Dog Obedience Club
 Deep River Archers
 Deep River and Area Arts Council
 Deep River & Area Humane Society
 Deep River & Area Prostate Cancer Support Group
 Deep River Ballet Club
Deep River Branch Canadian Ski Patrol

Deep River Bridge Club
Deep River Catholic Women's League
Deep River Choral Group
Deep River Change Ringing Society
Deep River Community Association
Deep River Consumer Committee
Deep River Curling & Squash Club
Deep River & District Community Foundation
Deep River Dames Hockey Club
Deep River Darts Club
Deep River Fencing Club
Deep River Fine Arts Association
Deep River Girl Guides/Brownies
Deep River Gold Club
Deep River Karate Club
Deep River Oxfam Group
Deep River Marina Users
Deep River Musical Society (later Players)
Deep River Poker club
Deep River Players
Deep River Pony Club
Deep River Runners
Deep River Science Academy
Deep River Symphony Orchestra
Deep River Sorority
Deep River Sport Parachute Club
Deep River Track Club
Deep River Weavers Guild
Deep River Wheelers
Deep River Youth Theatre
Drama Club (now Deep River Players)
Duplicate Bridge Club

E
Engineering Institute of Canada Branch
Environmental Development Club
Evergreen Investment Club

F
Family Enrichment Network-Early Years
Family Life Institute
55 Poplar Club (Senior Citizens)
Figure Skating Club
Film Society
Flying Club (Bonnechere Soaring Club)
Food Bank
Football (Rugby) Club
Fortyniners
Four Seasons Nature Conservancy
Friends of the Library
Friends of Ferguson's Stopping Place

G
Get WITH It!
Girls Club
Golden Oldies Euchre Club
Golf Club
Gourmets & Winetasters
Grannies for Grannies
Gymnastics Club

H
Hard & Soft Yoga
Home and School Association
Horticultural Society
Hospital Auxiliary
Historical Society

I
Ice Hockey (about 18 leagues)
Indoor Soccer Club
Indoor Tennis Club
Instrumental Music Association (see DRSO)

J
Joggers Club
Judo (Jujitsu) Club
Junior Garden Club
Junior Music Club

K
Karate Club
Kindergym
Kinsmen Club (Chalk River)

L
La Leche League
Laurentian Snow Gliders
Lawn Bowling Club
Short-Course (Indoor) Bowling Club
Lego Club
Library Arts Committee
Lions Club (Chalk River & Area)

M
Masonic Lodge
Mackenzie Community School Interact Club
Mathematics Club
Men's Fitness
Minor Hockey Association
Minor Soccer Association
Model Aircraft Club
Model Railroad Club
Motor Boat Club (Power Squadron)
Mount Martin Ski Club

Mountain River Country Outdoor Club

N

National Association of Federal Retirees

Nomad Motorcycle Club

North Renfrew Family Services

North Renfrew Long-Term Care –Drop In)

North Renfrew Kinsmen

North Renfrew Kinettes

North Renfrew Rotary Club

North Renfrew Snowmobile Association

Nuclear Spinners

Nursery School Co-operative

O

Order of the Eastern Star

Ontario Humane Society

Original Six Hockey Club

Ottawa Valley Islamic Centre

P

Parents and Teachers Association

Parent Support Group

Parkline Sportsmans Club

Physical Culture Club

Potter’s Guild

Professional Engineers of Ontario branch

Q

Quilters Club (“Hookers”)

R

Radio Club

Right to Life

River Recreation Improvement Association

Rod and Gun Club

Rowing Club

Royal Canadian Legion (Deep River, Chalk River branches)

Rug Hooking Club

S

Salvation Army

Sap-Pom-Ah Harmony (barbershop group)

Seniors Friendship Club

Senior Line Dancers

Science Association

Scottish Country Dance Society

Silver Threads Seniors Club

Skating Club

Ski Patrol

Sno Drifters (Chalk River)

Soaring Club

Softball (3-Pitch) Club

Society for Creative Anachronism

Square Dancing Club

Squash and Curling Club

Synchronized Swimming Club

Summerfest

Summer Music Camp

T

Table Tennis Club

Tai Chi

Tap Dancing Club

Teen Activity Centre

Teenagers Club

Tennis Club (later joined with Yacht Club)

THEOP

Toastmasters

Townships Historical Society

Track Club

U

Underwater Club

Unity in Diversity

United Way Renfrew County

Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce

Upper Ottawa Valley Conservation Club

Upper Ottawa Valley Nature Group

Upper Ottawa Valley Voyageurs Trailer Club

V

Valley Artisans Co-Op

Valley Arts Council

Valley Snow Travellers

Valley River Runners (canoe/kayak)

Volleyball Club

W

Weavers Guild

Welcome Wagon

West End Snow Trackers

Whealers Cycling Club

Widows and Widowers Social Club

Whist Club

Whittlers Club

Windsurfing Club

Women’s Club

Woodworking Association

Y

Yacht Club (now joined with Tennis Club)

Yoga and Wellness

Youth Club

Youth Theatre

C - List of THEOP and Other Visiting Performers



THEOP (THEatre OPERating Committee) has brought professional performers to a series of concerts ever since the 1960s. Some of these performers were part of the earlier Community Concerts series, although not all those Community Concerts performers are listed here. Some of the many performers listed here were invited by groups other than THEOP. Some performers and groups appeared several times in Deep River over the years.

Music Ensembles

Aché Brazil	Day Tripper <i>The Beatles Experience</i>
Aeolian Winds	Desmond Hoebig, Cello, Andrew Tunis, Piano
Alcan Quartet	Don Messer Jubilee
Amadeus Ensemble	Denise Djokic and Jalbert (cello and piano)
Mary Anderson and Ken Brown	Dorian Quintet
Barachois (Celtic Music and Dance)	East West Duo of Koto and Shakuhachi
Baroque Trio of Montreal	Elmer Eisler Singers
Barshai Orchestra	Eileen Fawcett and Galia Shaked
Beaux Arts Trio of New York	Emory Lester Set
Bel Canto Wind Quintet	Maureen and Karen Ennis
Bending the Bows (Minevich & Leahy)	Eritage (Quebec Folk Music)
Beverly Glenn-Copeland and Ensemble	Family Brown
Borealis String Quartet	<i>Fortunate Ones</i> , Andrew James O'Brien and Catherine Allen
Brass Rings (Brass Quintet)	Wendy Flumphreys and Stuart Laughton
Broln Orchestra/Dance	Jim Galloway & the Metro Stompers
Brussels Chamber Orchestra	Norbert Kraft Quartet
Cadence (a capella quartet)	Great Lakes Brass
Camerata (Violin, Cello, Clarinet, Piano)	Greenwich Quartet
Canadian Brass	Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, with Sheila Hennig Trio
Canadian Chamber Ensemble	Harp to Harp
Canadian Forces Central Band	Hart House Orchestra with Boyd Neel
Canadian Opera Co.	Hidy-Ozolins-Tsutsumi Trio
Canadian Opera Co. Ensemble	Dave Hildinger with Roddy Ellias
Canadian Piano Trio	Huggett Family
Canadian Saxophone Trio	I Musicci de Montreal Chamber Orchestra
Claudiel Quartet	Irish Rovers
Climax Jazz Band	Jazz Intentions
Colorado Quartet	Joe Trio
Czechoslovakian String Quartet	Oliver Jones Trio
Double Double Duo	

Karr-Lewis Duo (Bass, Harpsichord)	Repercussion (Bongo to Bach)
Kin-chiku Japanese Duo	Rideau Lakes Brass Quintet
Moe Koffman Quintet	Rossignol Trio
Les Barricades Misterieuses (Baroque Ensemble)	Ruggiero Ricci with Charles Reiner
Les Feux Follets	Roman Totenberg Ensemble
London Gabrielli Brass Ensemble	Scottish Baroque Ensemble
London Sinfonietta	Joe Sealy, Cindy Church, George Koller
Lorian Woods	Septeto Variedades
John Millard with Happy Days	Shostakovich String Quartet
Millennium (Clarinet, Piano, Viola and Cello)	Stompin' Tom Connors
Jose Molina Bailes Espanoles	Tafelmusik (baroque orchestra)
Montreal Guitar Trio	Tamarack (folk)
New Orleans Connection	Tanglefoot (folk)
New Orleans Express	The Aldeburgh Connection
Montreal String Trio	The Reyea Family
New York Pro Musica	The Don Shirley Jazz Trio
Phil Nimmons Quartet	Thirteen Strings (Baroque Ensemble)
Northern Brass	Peter Togni Jazz Trio
Northern Ontario Jazz Quartet	Toronto Chamber Winds
Octagon (wind and string octet)	Tossy and Jascha Spivakovsky (Violin and Piano)
Piano Quartet of Toronto	Trio di Bolzano (Strings)
Orchestra London Canada	Trio Lyra (Flute, Violin and Harp)
Orford String Quartet	Trio Mosaique
Ottawa Philharmonic	Trio Vivant
Ottawa Valley Brass	Triple Forte
Oleg Pokhanovski (Violin with Piano)	True North Brass
Outside Track	U-Zulu
Piano Men (Jim Witter band)	April Verch
Preservation Hall Jazz Band	Viento Del Sur
Quartette	Matt Weidinger <i>Genius of Soul</i>
Quartetto Gelato	Brian Westwood Jazz Trio
RCMP Showband	York Winds
Renee Claude Ensemble	

Pianists

Anagnoson & Kinton	Eugene Istomin
John Arpin	Andree Juliette
Francine Chabot	Mark Julson
Angela Cheng	Michael Kirn
Katherine Chi	Anton Kuerti
Walter Delahunt	Andre Laplante
Joerg Demus	Lee Luvisi
Janina Fialkowska	Ozan Marsh
Monica Gaylord	Gerald Moore
Marc Andre Hamelin	Jamie Parker
John Hendrickson	Jon Kimura Parker
Angela Hewitt	Louis-Philippe Pelletier
Laura Hibbard	Richard Raymond

Charles Rosen
Elyakim Taussig
Ronald Turini

William Tritt
Jim Wittier

Solo Instrumental

Liona Boyd (Guitar)
Victor Danchenko (Violin)
Lynn Kuo (Violin)
George Gao (Erhu)
Matthew Jones (Recorder and Organ)
Loreena McKennitt, (Singer/harpist)
Lydia Munchinsky (Cello)
Paul Olefsky (Cello)

Greg Pokhanovski (Violin)
Marie Josee Simard (Percussion)
April Verch (Violin)
Sharlene Wallace (Harp)
Jasper Wood (Violin)
Scott Woods (Violin)
Narciso Yepes (Guitar)

Singers

Holly Arntzen
Susie Arioli
Black Gold Duo
Frances Bible
John Boyden
David Campbell
CANTATA Singers of Ottawa
Capital City Chorus
David Carrol
Natalie Choquette
Anna Chornodolska
Cindy Church
William Clausen
Concerto Della Donna
CWMBACH Welsh Male choir
Nathaniel Dett Chorale
Dursley Male Voice Choir
Eh440 a capella quintet
Mary Lou Fallis
Festival Singers of Canada
Aengus Finnan
Sue Foley
Maureen Forrester
Froncysyllte Welsh Male Choir
Carmen Gagnon and Giuseppe Macina
Emmy Lou Harris
John Hendrickson
Marc Jordan
Connie Kaldor
Lois Marshal (Soprano)
Stuart McKinnon
Maria Knapik-Sztramko
Barbra Lica
Sharron Matthews "Big Broadway Show"

Men of the Deeps
Murray McLaughlin
John Millard
Kevin Myers
New York Lyric Quartet
Odetta (folk)
Ontario Youth Choir
Ottawa Choral Society (150 Voices)
Joan Patenauda
Dina Petty
Louise Pitrie
Pontardulais Welsh Male Choir
Louis Quilico
Jan Rubes
Joelle Rabu
Roxolana Roslak
Soul Influence jazz ensemble
Gerard Souzay
Dione Taylor
Tracey K
Ian Thomas
Treorchy Male choir
Up With People
Valdy
Vancouver Chamber Choir
Kitty Wells
Welsh Caernarfon Male Voice Choir
The Western Savoyards
William White
Amanda Wilkinson
Cadmilla Williams
Wilson and Terry
Les Zaiser
Alexandre Zelkine

Comedy

Beyond The Fringe	Anna Russell
The Arrogant Worms	Skit Row
Madly Off In All Directions (Lorne Elliot)	Buddy Wasisname and the Other Fellers
Tom Kneebone & Dinah Christie	Nancy White
Royal Canadian Air Farce	

Dance

Akpoki Drum and Dance	Motus O Dance Theatre
Anjali (Indian Dance)	Navdhara India Dance Theatre <i>Passage to Bollywood</i>
Anna Wyman Dancers	New Dance Group of Canada
Ballet Imperial	National Tap Dance Company of Canada
Ballet Jorgen (Nutcracker)	Ontario Ballet Theatre
Bulava Cossack Troupe	Ottawa Ballet (Frank Augustyn)
Contemporary Dancers Canada	Ottawa Classical Ballet Group
Dance Centre Workshop Company	Ottawa Dance Theatre
Entre-Six Dance Co.	Pro Arte Danza
Kaha:wi Troupe	Rossianka
La Compagnie de Danse Eddy Toussaint	Royal Winnipeg Ballet
Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal	Susana y Jose Dance Troupe
Lhamo Folk Dances of Tibet	Theatre Ballet of Canada
Lola Montes Spanish Dance	
Mini-Bolshoi Ballet	

Theatre

Acrobats & Magicians of Taipei	Mass Appeal
A Christmas Carol	Mass Appeal (Theatre New Brunswick)
An Evening with W.O. Mitchell	On Golden Pond
Anne of Green Gables (musical)	Mummenschanz Puppet Theatre
Antoine Feval	Paul Gaulin Mime Company
Arete Contemporary Mime Troupe	Polyjesters
Maja Ardal "You Fancy Yourself"	Prague Black Light Theatre
"Arrows of Desire – Tommy Douglas"	Rising Tide Theatre
Billy Bishop Goes to War	Rock & Roll (John Gray) premiere
Canadian Puppet Festival	Savoy Society
Chinese Acrobats	Second City National Touring Company
Chinese Magic Circus of Taiwan	Shaw Festival "Tom Jones"
Confessions of a Redheaded Coffee Shop Girl	Schumann Letters
Fatty Legs	Sleuth
God's Middle Name	Ten Lost Years
Homemade Theatre	The Bush-Ladies (Historic/Drama)
Incredible Acrobats of China	Acrobats of the Pagoda of Plentiful Lands
Jake's Gift	The Incredible Murder of Cardinal Tosca (Theatre New Brunswick)
Jose Ferrer "The Art of the Monologue"	The Schumann Letters
Laser Vaudeville (Light and Comedy Show)	The Women of Margaret Laurence
Like Father Like Son? Sorry.	Theatre Aquarius
Little Eagles of Siberia (Children's Troupe)	Theatre Beyond Words (mime)
Magnus Theatre "She Stoops to Conquer"	Theatre New Brunswick
Mail Order Bride	Theatre Newfoundland
Majinx (Magic)	

Tommy Douglas: Arrows of Desire
Tony Van Bridge (Monologue)Troupe America
"The Spirit of Christmas"
Voice of the Prairie
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?
Wingfield's Farm
Wingfield's Folly

Wingfield on Ice
Wingfield's Progress
Wonderful World of Sarah Binks (Eric
Donkin)
Words and Music by Noel Coward & Cole Porter

D - Scientific Awards



(All listed recipients lived in Deep River at some time.)

Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada

Gil Bartholomew	Doug Milton
Bill Buyers	Ara Mooradian
Hugh Carmichael	Howard Newcombe
Joseph Cipriani	Eric Perryman
John Davies	Archie Robertson
George Thomson Ewan	Eric Svensson
Geoff Hanna	Verena Tunnicliffe
John Hardy	Erich Vogt
Malcolm Harvey	Arthur Ward
Don Hurst	David Ward
David Keys	Leo Yaffe
George Laurence	
W.B. Lewis	

Canadian Nuclear Society W.B. Lewis Medal

Recognizes a Canadian scientist or engineer who has demonstrated a level of technical competence and accomplishment in the field of nuclear science and engineering as exemplified by the late W.B. Lewis during his involvement in the Canadian nuclear energy program 1946 to 1973. These are the local recipients:

1974 Harold A. Smith	1988 Brian Cox
1975 George Laurence	1989 Gordon Brooks
1976 John Hilborn	1991 Bob Jervis
1977 Arthur Ward	1992 Joe McKeown
1978 Albert Pearson	1994 Terrance Rummery
1980 Ara Mooradian	1996 Don Hurst
1981 Bob Hart	1998 John Davies
1982 Ernie Siddall	1999 David Torgerson
1983 Albert Pearson	2003 Ronald E. Mitchel
1986 Eugene Critoph	2004 Michel Pettigrew
1987 Archie Roberston	2017 Art McDonald

Fellows of the Canadian Nuclear Society

1992 Phil Ross-Ross	2008 Jeremy Whitlock
1994 Fred Boyd	2010 Morgan Brown
1995 David Torgerson	2014 Bill Kupferschmidt
1997 Paul Fehrenbach	2018 Blair Bromley
2003 Ralph Green	2020 Metin Yetisir

Canadian Nuclear Society Innovative Achievement Award

1992 Andrew Stirling	1994 Tom Holden
1993 De Groeneveld	1998 Ray Metcalfe

Canadian Nuclear Society Education/Communication Award

1997 Aslam Lone	2006 The Deep River Science Academy
1998 Morgan Brown	2011 Bryan White
1999 Jeremy Whitlock	2015 Anthony Waker
2005 Archie Robertson	

Canadian Nuclear Society Outstanding Contribution/Howard A Smith Award

1990 Don Hurst	1997 Alistair Miller
1990 Les Haywood	2018 Richard Didsbury
1991 Frank Finley	2006 Ian Hastings
1992 John Murphy	2006 Bob Tapping
1994 Don Charlesworth	2015 Laurence Leung
1995 Malcolm Harvey	2018 Richard Didsbury
1996 Howard Rae	

Canadian Nuclear Society Ian McCrae Award

To honour an individual for substantive contributions, other than scientific, to the advancement of nuclear energy in Canada.

1997 - Ralph Green
2017 - Joan Miller
2018 - Joanne M. Ball

Kroll Zirconium Medal

Named in honour of William J. Kroll, one of the foremost metallurgists of the 20th Century, the medal was established to recognize outstanding achievement in the scientific, technological, or commercial aspects of zirconium production and utilization, and to encourage future efforts, studies and research.

Brian Cox	Kit Coleman
Bill Fidleris	Rick Holt
Archie Robertson	Malcolm Griffiths
C.E. (Chuck) Ells (with A. Sawatzky)	Brian Cheadle

Fellows of the Chemical Institute of Canada

1965 John Davies	Janis Gulens
1971 Fred Brown	Derek Lister
1971 Don Charlesworth	Peter Norton
1976 Al Bancroft	Howard Rae
1980 Bill Seddon	John Rolston
1982 Alex Eastwood	Terrance Rummery
1985 Iain Crocker	Bob Tapping
	David Torgerson

Fellows of the Engineering Institute of Canada

Phil Ross-Ross	John Lipsett
Ken Serdula	David Wilder

Fellows of Engineers Canada

Martin Chisholm
Ross Judd
John Lipsett
Lawrence Lupton

Uditha Senaratne
Ken Serdula
David Wilder

Other Scientific Awards and Fellowships

Tom Alexander – Fellow of American Physical Society

Gil Bartholomew – Fellow of American Physical Society, 1972; Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1981.

Gordon Brooks – W.B. Lewis Medal, 1989; annual award in his name created by the Canadian Nuclear Society for “innovative achievement in nuclear design.”

Bill Buyers – Rutherford Medal for Achievement in Physics, 1986; Canadian Association of Physicists Gold Medal, 2001; Officer of the Order of Canada, November 2011.

Brian Cox – A.B. Campbell Award from National Association of Corrosion Engineers, 1961; Kroll Zirconium Medal 1976, W.B. Lewis Medal, 1988; author over 100 journal articles, 200 technical reports, 70 presentations at scientific conferences.

Claude Daley – 2018/19 recipient of the Davidson Medal of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (one award every two years) for Outstanding Scientific Accomplishment in Ship Research worldwide; Professor of Engineering at Memorial University,

John Davies – Noranda Lecture Award of the Chemical Institute of Canada 1965; Fellow of the Royal Danish Society, 1970 (first foreign Fellow); Honourary Degree, Salford University, U.K., 1992; W.B. Lewis Medal, 1998; Pioneer Award of the Radiation Effects & Materials Association, 2010.

Geoff Hanna – Co-author *Experimental Nuclear Physics*, 1959; Associate Editor *Canadian Journal of Physics*, 70s; Honorary D. Sc. from McGill University, 1983, President of the Canadian Association of Physicists 1984-85; Centennial Medal, 1967; co-author *Canada Enters the Nuclear Age*, 1997; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, 1963.

John Hardy – Hertzberg Medal of the Canadian Association of Physicists 1976; Rutherford Medal for Achievement in Physics 1981; Fellow American Physical Society 1983; co-winner with Ian Towner of the Tom W Bonner Prize of the American Physical Society, 2005.

Malcolm Harvey – Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada; Fellow American Physical Society; Outstanding Contribution Award, Canadian Nuclear Society, 1995; recipient of first Michael Smith Award for Science Promotion from Industry Canada, 1995.

Kevin Kennedy – Miroslaw Romanowski Medal, the highest Canadian award in Environmental Engineering given by the Royal society of Canada.

Lew Kowarski – supervised the construction of Canada’s first nuclear reactor, ZEEP, at the Chalk River Laboratories; Fellow of the American Nuclear Society; Decorated Officer of the Legion of Honour, 1953. When he returned to France he supervised construction of the first two French nuclear reactors.

John Lipsett – Engineering Medal of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario 1984.

Art MacDonald – Canadian Association of Physicists Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Physics, 2003; NSERC Award of Excellence, 2003; Officer of the Order of Canada, 2007; Benjamin Franklin

Medal in Physics, 2007; Bruno Pontecorvo Prize; NSERC's Gerhard Herzberg Gold Medal; Benjamin Franklin Medal of Physics; Nova Scotia Science Hall of Fame.

Chalmers 'Jack' Mackenzie – Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, 1941; Fellow of the Royal Society of London, 1946; Kelvin Medal of the Institution of Civil Engineers (U.K.), 1953; Companion of the Order of Canada, 1967; second recipient of the Royal Bank Award, in 1968; nine honorary doctorates, the Engineering Building at Carleton University is named after him.

William Mellors – Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario Engineering Medal of Excellence, 1991.

Doug Milton – Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada; Fellow of the American Physical Society; President of Canadian Association of Physicists 1992; first Researcher Emeritus, AECL.

Ara Mooradian – W.B. Lewis Medal; Fellowships of the Royal Society of Canada and the Chemical Institute of Canada; Centennial Medal; two honorary doctorates.

Harold Newcombe – President of Genetics Society of Canada 1965; President of American Society of Human Genetics; Fellow Royal Society of Canada, 1963; Fellow of Genetics Society of America; Fellow of the Radiation Research Society; Honourary Doctorate of Science, McGill University.

Peter Norton – Alexander Von Humbolt Foundation Scholarship, 1980; Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada; Fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada; Fellow of the American Vacuum Society; Parravano Catalysis Award of the Michigan Catalysis Society; Member of the Boemische Physikalische Gesellschaft; Killam Fellow; Polanyi Lecture Award; Hellmuth Prize.

Richard Osborne – Ella E. Anderson Award of the Health Physics Society, 1975; founder and first President of Canadian Radiation Protection Association, 1979; Vice-President International Radiation Protection Association, 1992–1996; first Canadian to be honoured by the 3,000-member American Society, 2011.

Howard Rae – Fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada, 1978, winner of the R.S. Jane Memorial Lecture Award, 1978.

Archie Robertson – W.B. Lewis Medal 1987, Krill Medal 1993, Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal of 2004, CNS/CNA Nuclear Achievement Award in Education and Communications, 2005.

Martin Smith – *1906 Award* from the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), 2021, Canadian chair of the Subcommittee on Radiation Protection Instrumentation.

Carl Svensson – John Charles Polanyi Prize in Physics, 2001; Ontario Premier's Research Excellence Award, 2002; Herzberg Award, Canadian Association of Physicists, 2008.

Ian Towner – Co-winner with John Hardy of the Tom W Bonner Prize of the American Physical Society, 2000.

Verena Tunnicliffe – Fellow Royal Society of Canada, 1991; NRC Steacie Prize, 1992; BC Research Council Prize, 1993; Honorary Citizen of Victoria, 2015; Vancouver Aquarium Newman Award for Conservation & Research, 2015; University of Victoria Turpin Gold Medal for Career Achievements, 2016; Canadian Council of University Biology Chairs Award for Career Excellence, 2019; founder of the Tunnicliffe Lab at University of Victoria; nine deep-sea species named after her.

Arthur Ward – Fellow Royal Society of Canada, 1957, Fellow of the American Nuclear Society, 1969, W.B. Lewis Medal, 1977.

David Ward – Fellow American Physical Society, 1988.

Leo Yaffe – Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Fellow of the American Physical Society, Fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada, Chair of the CIC Board of Directors, 1961; director of research in nuclear chemistry, AECL.

Numerous other awards and society memberships were garnered by many scientists and engineers. An ongoing list is available through the website of Society for the Preservation of Canada's Nuclear Heritage, www.nuclearheritage.com

E - Tamarack Magazine Interviewees



List of area pioneers and retirees interviewed by Mackenzie School students for inclusion in their annual *Tamarack* magazines. The magazine started the first year of the Tamarack program, 1991.

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The six Valley Talespinners collections appeared each year from 1990 to 1996. They featured short stories, poems, and some illustrations. This is the list of contributors in those collections.

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G - Halls of Fame

Jeff Alderdice – 1985 North Bay Sports Hall of Fame for being the person who did most for basketball in the North Bay area.

Bertram Brockhouse – Nobel Prize-winner in Physics, Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame.

Jac Cropley – 1989 Life Members' and Associates Recreation Hall of Honour of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario

Lorne Gray – among the first inductees into the University of Saskatchewan's Athletic Wall of Fame for his achievements in hockey and soccer

Gib James – January 1991 inducted into the University of Michigan 'Dekers' Hockey Hall of Fame

Paul Jay – Prince Edward Island Sports Hall of Fame, for his 'tremendous' success in PEI sports: hockey, rugby, and track & field.

Linda (Denovan) Kutrowski – May 2011 inducted into the Canadian Wheelchair Hall of Fame

George Laurence – Canadian Science and Technology Hall of Fame posthumously on October 1, 2010.

Brig-Gen Wilson Leach – July 1974, inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame

Chalmers 'Jack' Mackenzie – Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame.

Art McDonald – Nobel Prize-winner in Physics, Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame.

Gerry Ouellette – Canadian Sports Hall of Fame for championship shooting, including an Olympic Game gold medal.

Bud Stewart – of nearby Meilleurs Bay, inducted into the Ontario Loggers Hall of Fame for his 60 years of contributions to the local lumber industry.

Charles (Chuck) Sims – 2005 University of Guelph Athletics Hall of Fame

Jerry Sims – June 1989, of the Deep River Replays Oldtimers team was inducted into the Canadien/Oldtimers Hockey News Hall of Fame, in both player and builder categories.

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