

COBOURG & DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME
P.O. Box 45, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 1M8

HONOURED MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

Date Received

Nominee: BEVAN W. JOHN (JACK)
Family Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: [REDACTED]
Postal Code: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]

Birth Place: COBOURG Date of Birth: 11-09-1924
Day Month Year

Place/Date of Death: KINGSTON G.H. 01-08-93

Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: COBOURG 1924-1993

If nominee is deceased, please provide name, address and phone number of next of kin.

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Nomination For: Athlete () Builder () Athlete/Builder (✓)

Sport (s): _____

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE/CAPACITY	DATE
SEE ATTACHED			

Championship Teams: (Please provide dates):

ATTACHED

Individual Awards/Citations: (Please provide dates):

ATTACHED

***Indicate if awards/honours are Local, Provincial, National or International**

Associations/Organizations/Clubs with whom nominee is/was associated with (local, provincial, national, international etc.)

If possible, please provide a summary/description of any other additional information that would describe the nominee's outstanding contribution to sport.

Newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photos or sort memorabilia will assist in supporting the application.

SUBMISSIONS WITH INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE NOMINATION FORM BEING RETURNED TO THE NOMINATOR BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Additional Information/Comments:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE ABOVE FACTS ARE TRUE, AND I ENDORSE THIS APPLICATION FOR INDUCTION INTO THE COBOURG AND DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

"JACK'S CHILDREN"

NOMINATOR: JUDY ELLIOTT, JOHN, JAN BRADFORD, JOY DONCASTER, JAYE

ADDRESS: c

PHONE #: (

DATE: SEPT 4 / 23

Please return completed form to:

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Jack Bevan was born and raised in Cobourg his entire life 1924 - 1993 (only leaving at the age of 18 when he did his stint in the Air Force from 1942-1945). He played some hockey, was an avid bowler and loved his years in high school where he excelled at basketball, and in later years played in an organized league.

Jack's passion was softball, which he played from a young age on makeup teams, and later in organized softball leagues. He was a catcher and was known around the area as one of the best, so we've been told by many an older ball player. One of his teams would travel to Kingston to play against the prisoners at the Kingston Penitentiary...he said it was quite the experience.

Jack got his stationary engineer diploma and worked at the Cobourg Matting & Carpet, where he would spend a lot of his lunch hours catching Sleep Dawe (one of Cobourg's famous pitchers), so Sleep could improve his pitching. Jack and Sleep played ball in Point Anne where they met Bobby Hull, and a big match was planned in Victoria Park, to which Jack hosted Bobby for the day and evening.

Jack married Lorraine McMann in 1950 and continued playing ball even after his first 4 children came along. Lorraine spent many a Saturday night at Victoria Park with all four kids in tow. As his kids got older he would teach them how to play ball on their side lot on the corner of John and James St. (plus any other kids who wanted to play).

Jack (with the help of many others) organized minor softball in Cobourg in 1958 with the Cobourg Royal Canadian Legion as sponsors. At the time he was the squirt governor. He was involved in all aspects of Legion Minor Sports for many years, whether it was coaching, umpiring, looking after equipment or serving on the Executive ... he was always involved. He taught us that working hard, dedication and being a team player were all part of playing ball.

Sport	Team	Role/Capacity	Date
Hockey	Cobourg Matting & Carpet	Player	1950
Basketball	Cobourg West HS	Player	1938 – 1942
Basketball	Legion 133 Cobourg	Player	
Softball	Street ball younger years	Player	
Softball	Homelike Indians	Player	
Softball	Cobourg Orphans	Player	
Softball	Cobourg Mens Jr	Player/Coach	1952
Softball	Cobourg Mens League Peterborough Softball League	Umpire	Late 1950s – Early 1960s
Softball	Legion Minor Softball	Organizer, Governor, Umpire, Executive	1958 -
Baseball	Legion Pee Wee	Coach	1960

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Softball	Girls League	Organizer and Coach	1963 -
Softball	Cobourg Ladies (Korsan, Behans)	Coach	1977 – 1983
Softball	Burnett Men's Team	Coach	1979 -

Coached (with John Ryan) a Legion Peewee Baseball team in 1960 and 1961, where they **won the All Ontario's both years.**

Jack along with Paul Currelly, Max Smith and Ross Burgess were some of the organizers of the Cobourg District Girls Softball League in 1963... where he coached the Central School team and **won the league champions the first 2 years in a row.** Jack coached for a few years before passing the reins to someone else.

In 1977 when the Cobourg Ladies team needed a coach Jack (along with Art Jones and son Jaye Bevan) came back from retirement to coach the team until about 1983. The team was later sponsored by Korsan Const and then Behan Const all thanks to Jack's influence. Down the road he was also asked to coach Burnett Realtors Mens Team in the Cobourg Industrial Fastball League, which he was happy to do. Every night of the week he was at a ball game, not to mention the Grafton Tournaments and Burnetts Tournaments through the years. These were some busy years for Jack, when he should have been slowing down.

Championship Teams

Men's League – Cobourg Orphans

Cobourg Men's Jr Softball – won Eastern Ontario Championship - 1952

Grafton Tournament Ladies Division – no dates

Legion Pee Wee Baseball – won All Ontario's in 1960 and 1961

Jack was on the Executive of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association - OASA

Jack was the District F Sports Chairman who oversaw all Legion Sports

Jack was a Life Member of Legion Minor Sports

Jack was awarded Coach of the Year in the Cobourg Industrial Softball League

Jack was awarded Coach of the Year in the Hamilton Township Ladies League

Jack did all this volunteer work ... while being on call for his jobs as a volunteer fireman for the Town of Cobourg (over 35 years), and foreman of the Water Dept for Cobourg Public Utilities, where he started in 1970.

After Jack's passing the town of Cobourg developed the first-class Legion Fields Park and the middle diamond was named after him, *the man who started it all in 1958.*

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We, Jack's children are going by pictures, information from others, information from Cobourg Yesteryears, etc.... we are sure there are many championships, awards, etc that we don't know about. But because Dad and many of his friends are no longer with us, we have no way of finding out.











Korsan Construction ladies 'C' champs in tournament.



TELEVISION LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP —
Construction was presented with the
Recreation Centre trophy for their 'A'
championship. Accepting the trophy are

coach Jack Bevan, assitant coach Jaye Bevan,
chairman Norm Gray who presented the trophy
and captain Marli Beer. (Dave McIntosh photo)

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Bevan was active in local sports

William John Bevan, better known as Jack, died Aug. 7 in Kingston General Hospital at the age of 68.

Mr. Bevan was born in Cobourg Sept. 11, 1924, to Clarence and Rose Bevan. He was raised on John Street and attended Central Public School and later Cobourg Collegiate Institute. He went on to take engineering courses at the University of Montreal.

Mr. Bevan served in the Royal Canadian Air Force between 1943 and 1946.

He married the daughter of Bill and Gert McMann, Mary Lorraine, on Oct. 21, 1950, at St. Andrew's Church in Cobourg, and they settled down to John Street where they would spend their entire married life with their five children.

Mr. Bevan worked for 25 years at Cobourg Matting and Carpet, then went to work as a water distribution foreman until his September 1989 retirement.

Mr. Bevan was a familiar and smiling face in Cobourg ball parks as player, coach, umpire and fan. One of the founders of the Cobourg Legion softball league in the 1950s, he was later honoured with a lifetime service award.

His love of sport led to other achievements, as well. He coached the Legion pee wee hardball team to Cobourg's first Ontario championship. While his three daughters were young, he spent 20 years coaching girls' softball teams. He went on to coach men's softball and had his last at-bat, a single, at the age of 60 for Burnett's in the Cobourg Industrial Softball League.

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Mr. Bevan joined the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 133 (Cobourg) after he came home from service with the air force. He was a life member, spent two-and-a-half years as branch president, and moved on to become Zone F-2 commander for two years as well as district officer. He was always active in the branch.

He served as a volunteer firefighter for more than 25 years and was also secretary for the Cobourg Fire Department.

Mr. Bevan belonged to St. Peter's Anglican Church

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Bevan was volunteer firefighter for more than 25 years

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and was a member of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen.

He was predeceased by his wife and his brother Bud Bevan.

He was survived by his children who all live in Cobourg: sons John and Jaye and daughters Judy Bunce, Jan Bradford and Joy Gilmour. He was also survived by eight grandchildren and by his siblings Betty Quemby of Cobourg, Bob

Bevan of Calgary and Pat Marshall of Bowmanville.

A Legion service was held Aug. 10 with comrades from Cobourg, Port Hope, Lindsay, Campbellford, Oshawa, Grafton and Trenton branches as well as provincial command officers attending.

The funeral was held Aug. 11 at St. Peter's Church, with Rev. Peter Walker and Legion Padre Leonard Ware officiating and past presidents of the Cobourg Legion branch serv-

ing as honour guard.

His pallbearers were his two sons, his grandson Michael Bradford, his sons-in-law Steve Bradford and Billy Gilmour, and his brother-in-law Bill McMann.

His flower bearers were granddaughters Stacie and Stephanie Bunce.

The service was followed by cremation and burial at St. Peter's Cemetery.



Bevan: familiar face

Bevan, Dodge, Sommerville names of new ball diamonds

By Bill Eekhof

Three residents long associated with the Cobourg sports scene will have their names affixed to the three new ball diamonds being built on D'Arcy Street.

The honour was bestowed on Jack Bevan, Layton Dodge and Clarke Sommerville in a unanimous vote of Cobourg council last night.

Cobourg's parks and recreation co-ordinator Deputy Reeve Bob Spooner said the names were chosen.

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as a whole," he said.

The winning choices were made last week by secret ballot at a parks and recreation advisory committee meeting.

Mr. Spooner said the three men are all worthy recipients, having contributed extensively to the local sports community.

The late Mr. Bevan was one of the founding members in the 1950s of the Legion minor softball league. He served in that capacity until his death a few years ago.

Mr. Dodge has written

Cobourg Daily Star for nearly four decades.

Mr. Sommerville, a local businessman, was honoured for his extensive sponsorship of teams through the years in all areas of sports.

The names will be affixed to the three ball diamonds being built as part of the \$1.2-million softball complex known as Legion Fields.

The other nominees were Cedric Smith, Dick Turpin, Tom Savage, Ross Quigley, Arthur Jones, Paul Currelly, George

George Lucas

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Bevan



Dodge



Sommerville

Diamonds

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Spalding, Stan Williams, Bill O'Neil and Mr.

Spooner himself.

Mr. Spooner and Mr. Jones — both of whom are committee members — withdrew their names from consideration before the selection was made.