

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

HONOURRED MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

Date Received

Nominee: Cane Neil
Family Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Email Address: _____

Birth Place: Cobourg Date of Birth: _____
Day Month Year

Place/Date of Death: Cobourg

Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: 78 yrs (Whole life)



SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Nomination For: Athlete Builder

Sport (s): _____

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE/CAPACITY	DATE
See attached list.			

Championship Teams: (Please provide dates):

see attached list

Individual Awards/Citations: (Please provide dates):

see attached list

***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.)

see attached list

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 A
DELAY IN CONSIDERATION BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.**

Additional Information/Comments:

I'm sure there are more teams ~~and~~ that Dad played for or coached, and people that can give more information on ways he helped with sports in the community if you consider inducting him into the Hall of Fame that I can get a more in depth list.

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

NOMINATOR: Cathy Cane (on behalf of my family)

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE #:

DATE: Sept. 28.19

Please return completed form to:
Cobourg & District Sports Hall of Fame
P.O. Box 45
Cobourg, Ontario
K9A 1M8

About my Dad (Neil Cane)

- manager of the Baltimore Recreation Center for 22 years (started 1977)
 - many of the hours he worked at tournaments and events were as a volunteer as it was above and beyond his 40hr work week
- he was on committees for both of the arenas (original has indoor turf / existing ice surface)
- when he started there was only one ball diamond (he helped get the "old" lights from Victoria Park as the first set of lights, 3 more fenced in diamonds (there was a 5th smaller kids diamond, playgrounds, canteen / building, basketball court, volleyball court))
- he volunteered for Baltimore Figure Skating
- he volunteered for Baltimore Minor Hockey
- he was always on hand for Dick Raymond at the Grafton Fastball tournament - player, coach, spectator, scorekeeper, umpire, groundscrew
- Senior of the Year - Hamilton Township - 2007
- Paul Harris fellow - award from the Rotary Club

Dad was always giving back to the community, mostly through sports related things, but many other ways too. I'm sure there are many more things / awards that can be said about Neil Cane, this is just all I have on hand right now. If you consider my Dad for induction, I'm sure I could have more people contribute information.

Thank-you,

Cathy Cane

Coaching:

John 63/64 Peelee hockey league champs (Cobourg)
65/66 Bantam hockey league champs (Cobourg)
66 Peelee Champs District F (Legion softball)
72 Squirt champs (Legion Softball)

Peter - Legion Softball

Cathy - Legion Softball
- Hamilton Township Ladies League
- Ladies Masters tournament 2005

Cody - 2001 Atom Legion Softball

Volunteer / Awards:

- umpire - for many different leagues/tournaments
- referee - for many different ages/leagues/tournaments

* I have a newspaper article in a scrapbook that says "in the 50's he refereed minor hockey games in Cobourg for free" (with Pat Briand)

1982 - Baltimore Minor Hockey Vice President

1973 - Certificate for Outstanding Service to the Cobourg Church Hockey League

Legion Ball Awards: '76 Certificate of Merit

'80 PW Coach of Year

'98 OASA Outstanding Service Award

'95 OASA Outstanding Service Award

1989 - from Baltimore Arena Committee for "Devotion of Duty"

2004 - Cobourg Mens Softball League "Thanks for the Memories"

* We have the certificates/plagues for all of these awards, I'm sure there are more *

Sports Awards (as Player)

- 1948 Cobourg Rotary League Champs Jr. Softball
- 1948/49 CCI Junior Champion (track+field - trophy)
- 1949 Cobourg Labour Day Tournament Juvenile Champs
- 1950 OASA Juvenile B Champs
- 1952 Ontario Police Games 1 mile Relay Winners
(Neil Cane, Art Round, Harry Sirrett, J. Campbell)
- 1959 Mercantile Hockey League MVP (trophy)
- 1972 Hamilton Township Mens League Champs
- 1966/67 Mercantile Hockey Champs
- 1965/66 Mercantile Hockey Champs

* All of the above awards I have trophies, crests or certificates for. I'm sure there are more ball and hockey wins in newspaper articles.

* 1959 MVP - I have scrapbook of whole season articles *

Played for:

- CCI Highschool - track, Rugby quarterback
- Cobourg Comets Juvenile hockey
- Cobourg Meteors Ball team
- 1951 Cane Brothers' hockey team
- 57/58 Cobourg Rockets
- Merchants Hockey team / Mercantile hockey league
- Hamilton Township Mens League - Baltimore
- Baltimore Mens Slo-pitch
- Baltimore Over 35 Mens League-hockey
- Baltimore Clippers (Over 50) - tournament win

* I'm sure there are more teams to list, but this is what I have in family albums / scrapbooks / newspaper articles at my house *

Winston Churchill wrote, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." Others say, "The secret to happiness is helping others." Then I believe what a happy, fulfilling life Neil Cane surely had!

I was blessed to have met Neil nearly 30 years ago. He was then the manager of the Baltimore arena and I was volunteering to help their minor hockey club. It didn't matter what idea or project we came up with to better the club, Neil would help it a reality. While working diligently with the rental groups to mediate ice as part of his day job, he taught us all valuable lessons on working together for the best outcome for all. In his off hours he could be seen doing anything from dressing up in costume for the Figure Skating Carnival, to working the microphone and taking charge of lining up 1000 kids at the Cross Border Annual tournament opening ceremony, to making sure the hall floor was just perfect for the Square Dancers, Neil was always the one you could depend on to help.

After his retirement, Neil continued to share his love of community by sitting on the Arena Board with me. His passion for getting things done was evident at every single meeting. He worked with me on the Baltimore Arena Fundraising Committee as well. Neil selflessly spent countless hours helping at fundraising events often behind the scenes in the setup or teardown stage never ever seeking the "lime light". The saying he was best known for was "You kids just go home and get some rest before the big event, and I will take care of everything here." And he never failed us!!

While I had always known Neil was a great volunteer and community minded person, it didn't become more evident to me until one day when he walked into the rink carrying boxes that he wanted me to have. When I looked inside, I found numerous scrap books that he and his lovely wife Shirley had been working on for years. These books had every single newspaper article ever written over the past 30+ years about Baltimore Minor Hockey teams, baseball teams that used the diamonds, figure skating club and the men's leagues. I was awe-struck to think that they had taken that kind of time and true interest in their community volunteer clubs.

I am so thankful to have so many wonderful memories of Neil Cane and am proud to have called him my friend! His sense of community and his unwavering volunteerism was inspiring to so many, and I believe I can humbly say, made me a better volunteer by attempting to follow his example.

Respectfully,

Anne Quigley

President, Baltimore Minor Hockey

Neil Cane

Where do I begin? I had the privilege to knowing Neil for over 40 years. Neil was a person I could call, ask a favour, and know that he would say yes and get it done.

Everyone in this sporting community knows that Neil Cane, for many years, was the face of the Baltimore Sports Complex. Some will say "Neil was the Manager – it was his job". Yes Neil was a paid employee and a valuable volunteer. Neil was extremely proud of the Baltimore facility and worked tirelessly to maintain and improve the facility to meet the needs of the community. Remember when the facility had bowling, square dancing, numerous social occasions all of which Neil would be involved in.

Neil was involved in the Grafton Fastball Tournament from day one. Neil was a participant the very first year. Over the years he would be a coach, an umpire, groundskeeper, scorekeeper, announcer and any other person we needed him to be. Neil would be in our park on a Sunday morning at 5:00 a.m. to help get the diamonds ready after an all night rain. On the alternative he would be in Baltimore making certain the diamonds there were ready for us to use. One year we expanded the tournament to include the use of the Baltimore facility.

I could continue to shout his praises – all I would be doing was reaffirming what those in this community already know. He was a friend and a mentor to all.

Dick Raymond

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Subject: Fwd: Hall of fame
Date: Sep 28, 2019 at 3:18:32 PM
To: Peter Cane pete.cane.23@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: September 28, 2019 at 10:15:02 AM EDT
To: "cathy.cane14@gmail.com"
<cathy.cane14@gmail.com>
Subject: Hall of fame

The Baltimore Figure Skating Club has been active in the community for 43 years and Neil Cane played an important part of its success until his passing.

Neil was much more than the arena manager at Baltimore, he willingly involved himself with the coaches, skaters and parents. I often consulted him with new ideas about programming for the skaters and appreciated his input as to how we could make things happen successfully.

Each season we had our annual skating show. Neil would

volunteer after hours to help the coaches and parents set up scaffolding for flood lights, decorations, curtains and sound system. His big role each year was volunteering to be our MC and sit in the music room and do all our announcing for dress rehearsal as well as the afternoon and evening shows. He played a key part of making the shows a lot of fun for the skaters and great entertainment for hundreds of community people that would come each season.

Our club often hosted skating competitions for hundreds of skaters that would travel to Baltimore for the two day event. Neil not only supported us with the use of the arena facility, he made sure that the community hall was available for award presentations and meals that we prepared for the visiting skaters, parents and coaches. Everyone could enjoy a comfortable space to hang out between events. Neil would be at the arena all day both Saturday and Sunday right along with our coaches and parents, ready to help where ever we needed a hand.

At the arena in our display case is a group picture of past skaters and coaches that gathered for a reunion that the club organized. Neil is among that group picture. He is

wearing his skating club coat that we had given to him years before that. He was so proud to be considered part of our club. Whenever we had a special event happening Neil was there wearing his club coat.

Neil Cane was like a father figure not only to me but the other coaches and skaters in our club. He was always positive, caring and sincerely interested in the success of the skaters and the future of the skating club. He made coming to the arena a great experience. Thanks to Neil and his many years of support not only to figure skating but minor hockey at Baltimore, we continue to provide a great opportunity to community kids in our community.

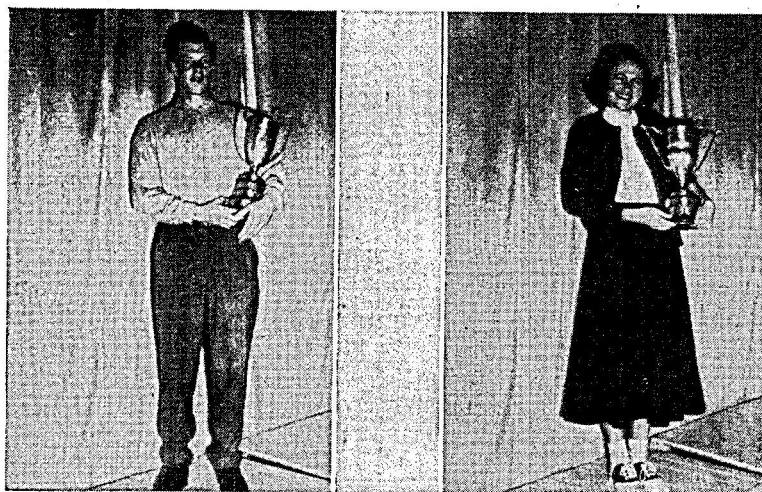
For the Love of Skating

Denine Page , coach

Baltimore Figure Skating Club

SCHOOL HONOURS

Prizes Presented to Students at Commencement Exercises
November 25, 1949.



RAVENSDALE CUP—

Ted Martin

HICKEY MEMORIAL CUP—

Miss Elizabeth Manning

ROTARY CLUB PRIZES—

James Allan, Peter McClelland,
Claudette Garnon, Jean Bryson,
Irene Inch.

KINSMEN CLUB PRIZES—

Joan McCullagh, Shirley Ling
Anne Thompson, Ross Reid, Garth Cane

KIWANIS CLUB PRIZES—

Paul McIntosh, Colleen McGuire,
Wilmer Inch, Ross Beatty,
James Epworth, Loretta Purser.

MRS. F. P. LLOYD PRIZES—

Marie Boswell, Upper School Music
Joan McMillan, Upper School Music
Elaine Reid, Upper School Music.

BRADFORD DYEING ASSOCIATION, Ltd.

Lillian Barker, Upper School Chemistry
Elizabeth Manning, Middle School
Chemistry.

COBOURG MATTING CO. LTD. PRIZES—

Anne Barnes, Penmanship, Commercial
Course
Madeline Brisbin, Rapid Calculation,
Commercial Course

CURTIS PRODUCTS LTD. PRIZES—

Calvin Davey, Industrial Arts, Grade X

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S
CLUB PRIZE—**

Myrna Larke, Home Economics,
Grade XII

FIELD DAY CUPS (June, 1949)—

Neil Cane, Malcolm McMartin, William
Jamieson, Helen Ash, Phyllis Clarke,
Shirley Gibson.

FIELD DAY PINS (September, 1949)—

Denis Calnan, Marie Hart, Margaret
Markle, Isa Reedy, Hubert Cavanaugh,
Malcolm McMartin, Doris Medhurst.

GIRLS' SPORTS (Continued)

Line-up: Captain, Grace Pratt; forwards, Isabel Reedy, Adele McCuaig, Dorothy Taylor, Florian Lawless, Barbara Bates, Grace Pratt; guards, Patsy Roy, Frances Kyte, Martha Riddell, Wilmer Inch, Cynthia Field, Florence Taylor.

Senior Basketball

The Senior Basketball team's first game was staged in Peterborough and was an exciting and foul-packed game. Cobourg was disgraced with a score of 41-18, although Barb. Thompson worked very hard as a scorer. Peterborough returned the challenge a week later and again Cobourg was defeated with a score of 37-19. Cobourg was then engaged in an exhibition game with Hatfield Hall, with Hatfield winning with a score of 29-19. Our girls then visited Lindsay but could not seem to make good enough contact with each other and as a result lost the game to Lindsay, the score being 34-19. Cobourg was visited by Port Hope and both teams were playing at their best, but Port Hope won, making the score 18-16. The final game was played in Cobourg against Lindsay. This game was very tense and excited the spectators throughout. Eleanor Jones was the high scorer of the game, despite the handicap of a sprained ankle. Doris Medhurst sent a ball through the hoop just a split second after the whistle blew to end the game which meant Cobourg lost again with a score of 27-22. The high scorer of the season was Eleanor Jones with a total of 36 points.

Line-up: Captain, Barb Thompson; forwards, Doris Medhurst, Eleanor Jones, Barb Thompson, Kay Tunney, Marg. Stuart, Mary Webb; guards, Yvonne McFadyen, Betty Taylor, Liz Manning, Joan Hogan, Ann Thompson, Barbara Hempstead.

POEME

By Margaret Smith, 9D.

There was a bad boy in nine D,
His homework never did he,
His teacher got cross,
For he was the boss,
And sent him to Mr. McKenzie.



BOYS' SPORTS

By Neil Cane

Track and Field

The field day date has been set to the first of the season, instead of last. This arrangement is satisfactory in every way. The field day was a great success with aid of the teachers and the sportsmen.

The Bantam series was won by Denis Calnan; the Junior series was won by Buzz (Hubert) Cavanaugh; the Senior group was won by Malcolm McMartin.

The sports in the school are organized by Mr. Allan and Mr. Miller. All teachers help in field day. Mr. Miller organizes basketball, and Mr. Allan, rugby and basketball. The teachers are to be commended on their co-operation in making the sports a success. The Student Council is also to be thanked for their financial support.

Rugby

Members: Jon Fisher, Stuart Lingard, Garth Douglas, Don Jewell, Geo. Spalding, Jim Campbell, Art Round, Art McIntosh, Bill Bowen, Jim Dawe, John Butler, Harry Sirett, Joe Godawa, Bob Morris, Charles Delanty, Hubert Cavanaugh, and Neil Cane.

The Cobourg C.C.I. Junior Rugby team played their first game at home with Port Hope, and lost by a score of 15-11. The game was well played by both teams, but Cobourg probably lost because of lack of practice, and also because of the superiority of the Port Hope team.

March 29 1951

Cane Brothers Hockey Team Featured In Toronto Daily



**Pavs Win Bonspiel In
Cakewalk, Take 15-7
Win Over Belleville**

Ranging in age from Buddy, 14 to Bus, 30, the Canes, Cobourg's famous hockey family, are pictured above. Of the 12 players, nine, beginning with Buddy, fourth from the left, are sons of Mrs. William Cane and the late Mr. Cane. The first three are sons of Roy, the

team manager and tenth brother, who is pictured behind in street clothes. Organized early in the fall, the Canes completed a successful season by beating C.G.E. in the final game for the Factory league hockey title. The family squad eliminated Cooney on the way into the

final. From left to right the boys are: Don, Lyle, Ray, Duddy, Neil, Kenny, Allan, Harry, Doug, Bob, Gord and Bus Cane. Born in Cobourg the boys belong to one of the early well known families of the town. The above picture was taken by Win Fisher at the rink.

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The Cane Brothers Hockey

Team - Top row: Doug, Mike, Ken, Bus, Bob, Roy Cane manager (Father); Bottom row 1-r: Lyal, Don, Ray, Buddy, Neil, Allan. Born in Cobourg the boys belong to one of the early well known families of the town. The above picture was taken by Winston Fisher at the rink. The Canes had completed a successful season by beating C.G.E. in the final game

TOP BACK

GORD-Doug
ETC.

Juveniles Win Easily Over Bowmanville 14-1; Midgets Lose

Cobourg juveniles showed smooth skating and power to burn here last Friday night as they romped to an easy 14-1 win over the Bowmanville teenagers of the Lakeshore loop.

The big five, Sleep Dawe, Rolly Campbell, Dutch Boswell, Frank McIvor and Neil Cane were in command throughout, with Mowatt and Douglas as well showing good form.

Dawe led his team with 5 goals and was at top speed all night, producing one of his best games of the year.

Bowmanville, thoroughly outskated and outplayed, had to wait till 18.20 of the final frame before they could dent the twine. Lane scoring for them at that point. The game was clean with only a few scattered penalties by referee Bus Cane.

Midgets Lose

The fast going Cobourg midget club ran into an unexpected snag when Port Hope whipped them in the opening game 8-4. This tussle was a fast, hard-fought battle all the way with the period

scores 2-2 in the first and 3-3 in the second.

It was in the third that Pt. Hope suddenly put on a spurt.

Centremen Dotzko of the Ports was the big push for getting 13 goals and passing for two more. Tozer was next with two counters and single tallies were earned by Montizambert, Williams and Plummer.

Goody, Stewart, Saunders and Gallagher were the Cobourg snipers.

Lineups:

Port Hope: goal, Lenahan; defence, Retallick, Phillips; centre, Dotzko; wings, Williams, Plummer; alternates, Foote, Yearwood, Richards, Lowery, Montizambert, Lonsbury, Tozer; sub-goalie, Strothart.

Cobourg: goal, A. McMann; defence, Pearse, Thompson; centre, Stewart; wings, Patton, G. McMann; alternates, Goody, Hessin, Gallagher, Graham, Saunders, R. McMann, Smoke; sub-goalie, Talbot.

Officials: referee, H.A. Haynes; linesman Bus Cane.

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1980 Legion Ball Awards

Jim Tracey, Bob Robison share McBride award for Legion ball dedication

Veteran secretary Jim Tracey and longtime volunteer worker Bob Robison were 1980 co-winners of the Bill McBride Memorial Trophy for outstanding dedication as the Cobourg Legion Minor Ball Association held its appreciation and awards night Saturday at Branch 133.

Tracey, who has faithfully taken the minutes of meetings, written letters on behalf of the association and kept executive members posted of the next meeting for a number of years, shared the distinction with Bob Robison, who served the organization this past summer as a governor, umpire and coach.

Bob Lafleche presented the McBride Trophy to the two men during presentation ceremonies attended by approximately 200 people.

Two veteran umpires also were recognized for their contribution to Legion minor softball over an extended period of years. Neil Cane of Baltimore and Bruce (Red) Alexander of Cobourg captured the George Spalding Memorial Trophy for umpiring. George Spalding Jr. turned over the trophy to Neil Cane. Red Alexander was absent.

The Rolly Provost Memorial Trophy, given annually to the outstanding pitcher in Legion minor softball ranks, was won by Bantam righthander Mike Bedard. John Provost congratulated the winner.

Certificate of Merit recipients, recognizing a minimum of five years service to Cobourg Legion ball, were awarded to Ross Quigley, Don Horgan, Mike Petruk, Gord Kelly and Gord Oosterhof.

Pitcher Phil Curtis of Baltimore was picked as the most valuable player in the Bantam series. He accepted the Hayden Stevenson Memorial Trophy from Lolly Clapperton (nee Stevenson) and Ken Clapperton.

Glen Curtis, Phil's father, and Nigel Husing, who wasn't on hand, were recognized as Bantam coaches of the year. Bantam governor Bob Robison presented the award.

Audrey Rollings gave out the Ted Rollings Memorial Trophy, symbolic of the Bantam division championship, to coach Paul Herriot who accepted on behalf of the Plainville team. Bisons took the Bantam consolation trophy.

Tony Willett, the Legion ball association's entertainment chairman, stepped forward to present the Peewee coach of the year awards to Neil Cane of Baltimore. Cane's cohorts, John Sanche and Ron McBride, were among the missing.

Scott Cruickshank of Plainville Peewees was

picked as the most valuable peewee player. Jack Herriot accepted the trophy on Cruickshank's behalf.

Lionel (Tut) and Gladys Gutteridge were called upon to present the Peewee consolation team trophy to coaches Morley Montreuil and Rick McEntee of Blue Jays. Jack Herriot received the Peewee championship trophy from governor Ray Provost. The Peewee trophy for finishing first in the regular season was turned over to Expos' Wayne Brooks by Dick Taylor and Ken Petrie.

Pete Davey and Terry Bulger of Indians were cited as Squirt coaches of the year. Pete Davey accepted the award from Tom Savage.

John MacDonald, the fine pitcher of Indians, seized Squirt MVP honors from Jim Tracey.

Squirt governor Doug Hall handed over the Squirt championship team trophy to Owen Cooney and Al Kirby of White Sox. Vice-president Bob Barkhouse gave John Marchand and Dick Taylor of Yankees the Squirt consolation prize.

Bob Watts and Lois Edgerton of Tigers were honored as Atom coaches of the year. Governor Bob Burge was the presenter.

Past president Ross Quigley turned over the Atom MVP trophy to Stephen Weekes of Foxes. Coaches Don Horgan and Bob Weekes of Foxes accepted the Brian Grundy Trophy from Tucky Thomas as Atom consolation winners.

The Lyle Manion Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the Atom championship, went to Lions. Gary Pruden received the trophy from Allen Manion.

Scott McLeod was the 1980 winner of the Gramps Sweet Memorial Trophy, given annually to the member of the Legion peewee baseball team with the highest batting average. Don Sweet made the presentation.

MC Jack Bevan asked that the speeches be short and speakers Ray Bowen (for the town), MPP Russell Rowe, Cobourg Legion 133 president Sam Blower, Legion Ladies Auxiliary president Ruby Brooks, sports officer Stan Jarvis and deputy zone commander Ray Reading complied.

President Norm MacDonald introduced and thanked his executive -- Ross Quigley, Bob Barkhouse, Dick Turpin, Ray Provost, Lionel and Gladys Gutteridge, Jim Tracey, Tony Willett, Bob Burge, Doug Hall, Bob Robison, Tom Savage, Tucky Thomas and Layten Dodge.

Dancing and socializing rounded out an enjoyable evening.

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outstanding pitcher in the Cobourg Legion Minor Ball Association during the 1980 season.

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Cobourg Legion Minor Ball Association.



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(Dodge Photo)

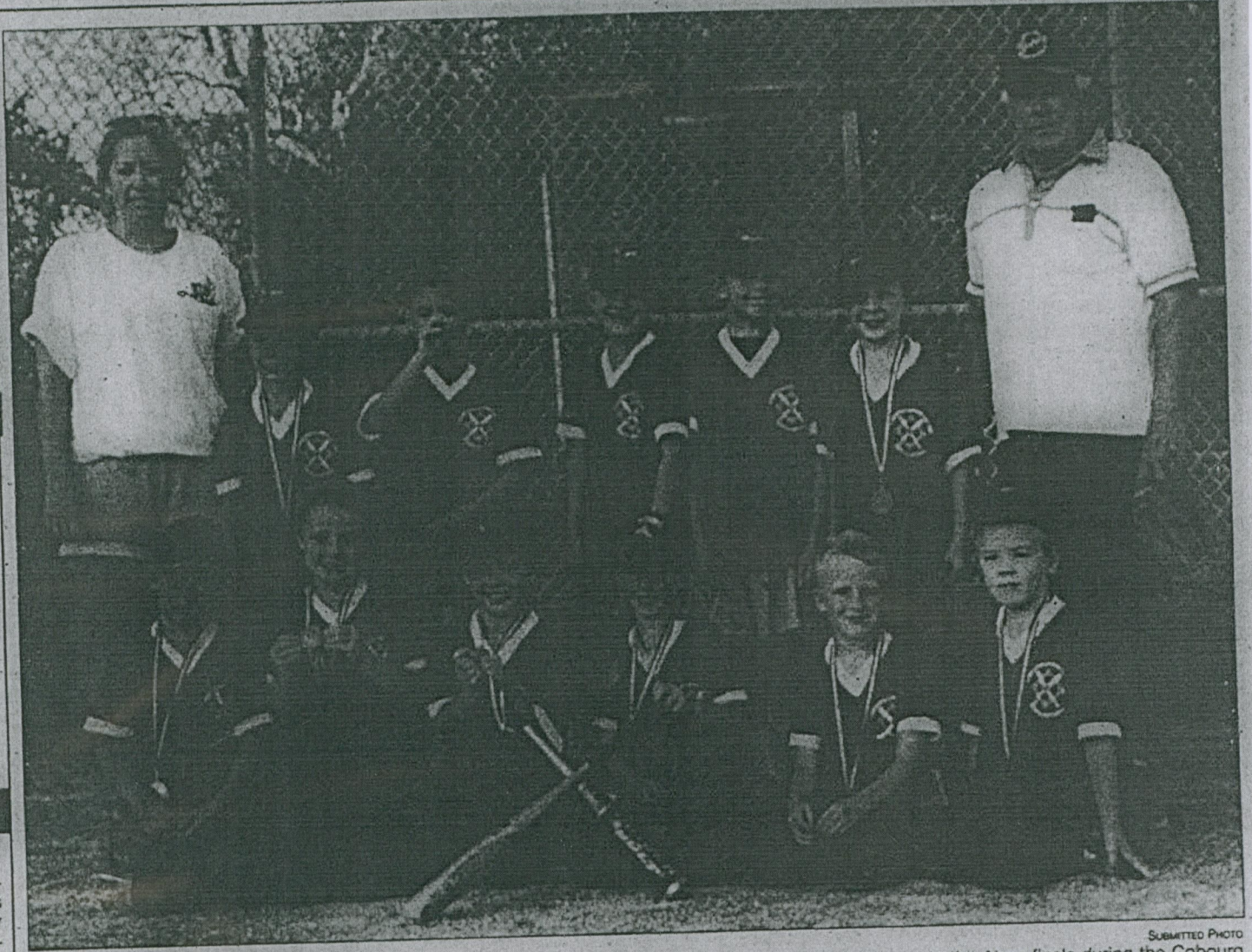
Neil Cane, seen here in the picture, John Sanche and Ron McBride of Baltimore were recognized as Peewee coach of the year in the Cobourg Legion Minor Ball Association. Tony Willett, entertainment chairman of the group, awarded the trophy at Saturday's banquet. Dodge Photo)

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Friday, August 31, 2001

SPORTS

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

ATOM CHAMPS: The Baltimore Falcons concluded their perfect regular season with a perfect performance in the Atom finals during the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Association's Championship Day last weekend. Shown front, left to right, are Kristen Hewey, Emily Gourd, Cody Clark, Erin Ashley, Hayden Arff and Jordan Bovay. Back: Cathy Cane (coach), Shawn Duncan-Winters, Brady Ash, Cody Harrison, Collin Goody, Hunter

Bagshaw, Asst Coach Neil Cane

localnews

OBITUARY

Cane remembered as tireless volunteer

JEFF GARD
Northumberland Today

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP — A big void has been left in the community of Baltimore.

Former arena manager and longtime volunteer Neil Cane died suddenly on Monday. He was 76.

There is no denying the legacy Cane has left in the township of Hamilton, and surrounding areas.

"My sympathies definitely go to the family and friends of Neil," Hamilton Township Mayor Mark Lovshin said when contacted on Tuesday. "Quite an asset for Hamilton Township to lose. He had his heart within the municipality. He was always there when we needed him. He will be sadly missed."

Visitations will be held today from 2 to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at MacCoubrey Funeral Home in Cobourg. A funeral service will take place tomorrow at MacCoubrey at 11 a.m. with interment to follow at Cobourg Union Cemetery.

What George Quigley — who along with his wife Anita (Cane) was always there for you. He would do anything.

Former Hamilton Township mayor Forrest Rowden — who is a current Cobourg councillor — was involved in municipal politics there for 18 years. He was mayor until 2006, several years after Cane had retired but still remained a loyal volunteer. In fact, a lot of the time Cane spent working while as an employee of the municipality for two decades could be considered "volunteer."

"Every 40 hours you gave Neil, you had 80 hours work, and that was a fact," Rowden said. "Neil felt that park was his backyard and he kept it just that way. He was so devoted to the community."

Rowden said Cane — who retired in 2000 — hardly ever used his vacation time.

"He couldn't go on holidays because he figured he would be needed," Rowden said. "When he retired, he was going to travel,

but Neil didn't want to leave the community. He wanted to be there."

"He was kind of like a legend," remarked Byron Marjoram, "and I use that in a serious manner."

"Everybody knew him and everybody knew the work he did," added Marjoram, a retired teacher from Baltimore Public School. "He often did the work anonymously. He wasn't there for the accolades. He just did it because it needed to be done. He was one of those guys who grabbed the bull by the horns and got down to work. He was non-stop. No job was too big, no job was too small."

Marjoram worked closely with Cane on the Baltimore School Millennium Garden project. Some people, Marjoram recalled, complained there was too much of an incline and they couldn't get up the hill.

"So Neil built stairs," Marjoram said. "There was also a semi-circular slant bench that could accommodate 30 children. These projects, he would do many of them by himself."

Both Marjoram and Rowden credited Cane for helping to build Jacob's Ladder, which leads from County Road 45 up to Baltimore United Church.

Close friend Keith Curtis worked on many projects with Cane, especially around the Baltimore Recreation Centre. Curtis said Cane was always quick to lend a hand.

"He was just that kind of guy," Curtis said. "When he was working (for the township), he didn't just work for 40 hours, he worked the times he was needed, it could be midnight, but if something needed to be done, he would be there. He was just a great guy to be with."

Layton Dodge, the former longtime sportswriter for the Cobourg Daily Star, said he always considered Cane to be "Mr. Baltimore" even though his contributions reached other communities such as Cobourg, Graton and Gold Springs as well.



Photo courtesy of PETER CANE

Neil Cane attended a Toronto Blue Jays game in late April with his son Peter. They enjoyed watching Jays' batting practice on the field before the game.

Dodge believes Cane was active in the Baltimore community for six decades. He also remembers Cane coming into Cobourg in the 1950s to referee all the minor hockey games with Lionel (Pat) Briand. They did it for free.

"In addition, he coached just about anything there is to coach," Dodge said. "And he was an excellent umpire; one of the better ones around."

Cane was involved with hockey, lacrosse and figure skating in Baltimore.

In 2002, ball diamond No. 1 in Baltimore was renamed the Neil Cane Diamond, a tribute to his contributions through the years.

"Any time there was rain, Cane was quick to get outside and get the diamonds in shape as soon as possible. Often times, portions of tournaments from other communities would be moved to Baltimore following rain delays, just because the diamonds were ready to go due to Cane's work."

"The sports community is poorer because of his passing," Dodge said. "Everyone appreciated what he did. He was a hard worker. Anything that needed to be done, he would do it. He was a great humanitarian and a real

help change the bulletin boards inside the arena."

"He was always still giving to minor hockey, and any of the clubs here," Quigley said.

Quigley said Cane was known as 'The Boss.'

"He always took charge with whatever he did," she said. "It didn't matter if he was moving tables or chairs, he directed everybody where they should put them and what the easiest way was."

Quigley said Cane earned all the respect that was shown to him. She recalled a time when the arena management board (funded to purchase new fencing for ball parks which Cane wanted and was going to install. The rolls of chain-link fencing were delivered on a Friday night.

By the Monday, Cane returned to find all of the fencing had been stolen. In a newspaper article, Quigley said Cane voiced his disgust that someone had stolen from the community.

"The next night the phone rang and Neil said he had the fencing," said Quigley, noting she asked him "How?"

Ken Goodwin from Fisher's Foodland in Cobourg had read the story and offered to pick up the tab to replace the fencing.

In later conversations, Quigley talked to Goodwin about the gesture.

"(Goodwin) said, 'How do you

not help someone when they have given so much to everybody?'" she said. "That's the kind of respect Neil had."

Neil was the kind of person who was your friend, but he was your mentor, too," Quigley added.

George Quigley said Cane offered his time very generously for minor hockey.

"We have to thank his family because we used him a lot, and he didn't mind," he said. "He was with us a lot of times when he could have been around the house."

Cane will be missed by the entire community, Quigley said.

"That's what it is, a community loss," he said.

Cane was the beloved husband of Shirley, father of John (Lena), Laurie (Craig Dynes), Peter, Cathy and David, and grandfather to Cody, Courtney, Aaron, Joshua, Jason (Tch) and Robyn. He is survived by his sister Ruth Boldersone and predeceased by his brothers, Louie (Bus), Gordon, Bob, Doug, Jarry (Mike), Ken Allen, Percy (Bud) and several half brothers and sisters. He is fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

If desired donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences will be received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

The Town of **Cobourg**

May 24, 2012

The Final Bill for Residential / Farm Taxes were mailed May 10, 2012

The due dates for the final residential tax bills are:

June 1, 2012
September 7, 2012

If you haven't received your bill in the mail or have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at **(905) 372-8944**

Neighbourhoods Community Tree Inventory Pilot Program

Orientation & Training Day, May 26th, 2012
Will be doing its Orientation & Training on Saturday May 25th

Location: St. Peter's Church (Great Hall)
Time: 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in helping or have questions please call or e-mail.

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Sunday May 27th, 2012, 1pm to 4pm
1859 Workman Rd, Cobourg

Speckleback Stone and Shisto
Bespoke one-of-a-kind pieces - 4th floor
4 South with all of the amenities. Full
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NEIL CANE

Neil Cane was a much loved and respected member of this area's sporting community. He was a good athlete in hockey and softball circles. In hockey, he won championships in 1965/66 and 1966/67 in the Cobourg Mercantile Hockey League and won a most valuable player award in 1959. In softball he was a peppercatcher – always hustling and giving his best – every time out. Neil was also an excellent and respected umpire and referee in many leagues throughout our area.

Neil's real calling in life became volunteering and working in the local sporting community. He managed the Baltimore Recreation Complex for 22 years with dedication and skill and volunteering as much as he worked – He just loved the place.

When Neil Cane started at the centre, there was only one ball diamond. He helped acquire the "old lights" from Cobourg's Victoria Park Diamond and had them installed; now there were night games in Baltimore. Three more ball diamonds followed making their park a first-class softball facility. Neil Cane volunteered for the Baltimore Figure Skating Club, Baltimore Minor Hockey, The Grafton Ball Tournament – in many capacities. As well, he coached minor hockey and softball for many years with the C.C.H.L. and Cobourg Legion Minor Softball, winning multiple championships in each.

Over the years, he was the recipient of many awards – The CCHL Outstanding Service Award – The Legion Minor Softball's Certificate of Merit and Pee Wee Coach of the Year the O.A.S.A.'s Outstanding Service award in both 1995 and 1998 – The Baltimore Arena Committee's "Devotion of Duty", the Cobourg Men's Softball League's "Thanks for the Memories" – The Cobourg Rotary Club's Highest Award, "A Paul Harris Fellowship" and finally he was named Hamilton Township's "Senior of the Year" in 2007.

Neil Cane's legacy of volunteerism will last a very long time. He gave much to our sports community. Layton Dodge once wrote – "Neil Cane – Mr. Baltimore"

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August 9, 1995

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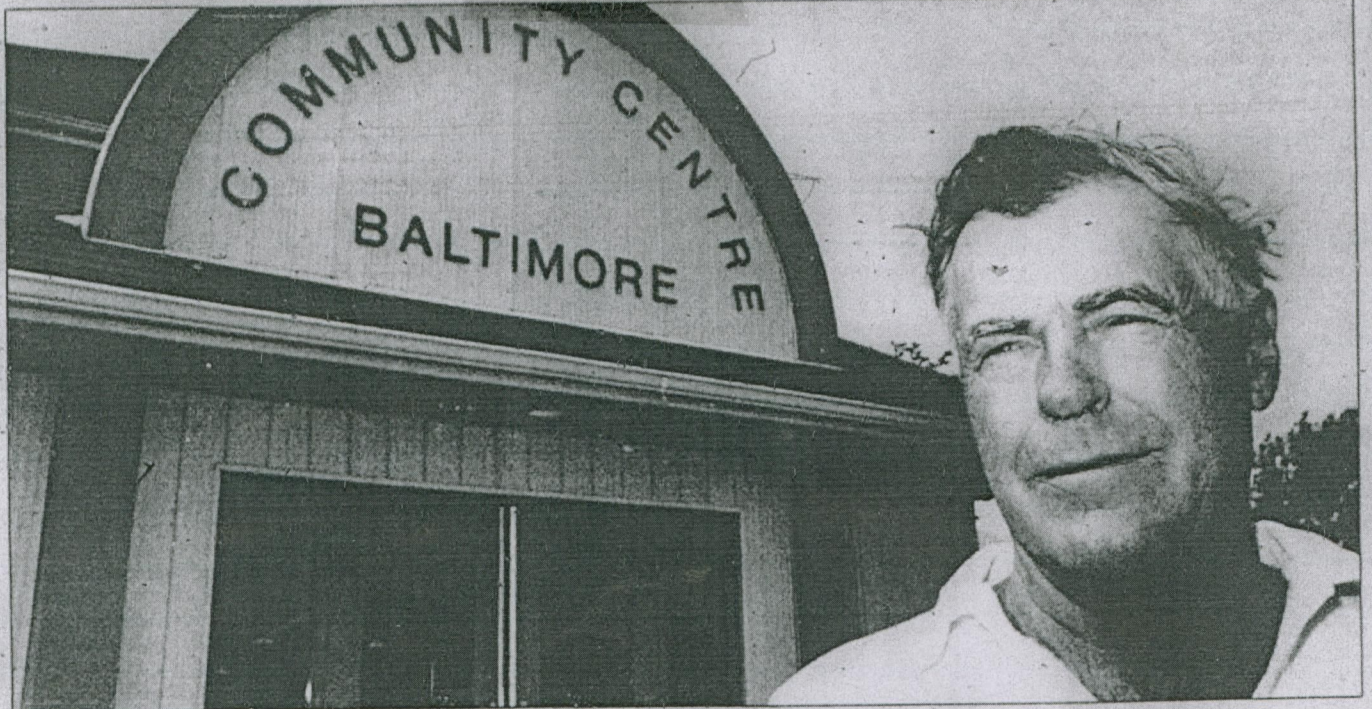
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Manager Neil Cane standing in front of his 'other wife' — the Baltimore Community Centre

Working so others can have fun

By Linda Hunter

Just watch Neil Cane walk and you'll see a man with a mission.

The Baltimore Recreation Centre manager's determined and fast-paced stride emits his strong sense of purpose, as he goes about daily duties he's performed the past 15 years for Hamilton Township.

"It's a different challenge everyday," says the 58-year-old Cane.

"Dealing with — and serving — the public is the most interesting part of the job."

Cane takes great pride in keeping complaints about the park to a minimum. But in order to do so, the facility has become a focal point in his life; a second home of sorts.

"My wife thinks I'm just a boarder at our house," he jokes about spouse Shirley. "She says I'm married to this place."

Though Cane is reluctant to give details, it's a well-known fact in the area that his hours are long and his dedication ceaseless.

"For a lot of events, I'm not here as a manager, I'm here as a community worker, a volunteer."

Cane looks after the park with his assistant manager Dennis Dunn and is awaiting the hiring of a new employee, whose application is currently under review by the recreation centre's board of management.

The hiring of Dunn has made all the difference in making the facility a first-rate one, and in improving Cane's social life.

"It was a tremendous help getting Den-

nis," he explains. "For the first time, I was able to take some time off."

The site has come a long way since two local families, the Van Luvens and the Blakers, donated the land to the township and volunteers poured the concrete foundation for the community centre in the winter of 1952. (Local farmers were too busy to work on the facility in the summer months.)

It now incorporates four ball diamonds — one with lights, a canteen and washroom facility, bowling alley, rink, play area, and soccer field in the 8.8 hectares (22 acres) off Highway 45 on Community Centre Road.

Though Cane played a large role in the early development of the park, he is quick to share any accolades with community-minded volunteers.

"It's unbelievable the amount of work the volunteers have done — from fundraising, to helping with the workload, running tournaments and even picking up garbage," he said. "I bet (other communities) don't do what this group does."

Cane, a small man with a perpetual tan and cool, blue eyes, first came to the job in 1977, having worked 18 years with the federal government as an inspector at the former Cobourg depot, and then for eight years for the consulting firm of Totten Sims Hubicki in the printing shop.

"I knew absolutely nothing about arenas, but the committee decided to give me the job anyway," he says in his non-nonsense manner.

Cane gives much of the credit for his now vast knowledge of park operations to

the managers of the Cobourg and Grafton arenas of the day, Don Gilman and Don Hare.

Despite his learn-as-you-go approach, Cane has become a mainstay at the Baltimore site, not only in his professional capacity but as a member of the community as well.

He is a long-time and much revered coach, umpire, referee and participant in local baseball and hockey leagues.

A Cobourg native, Cane moved to Baltimore 28 years ago, where he and his wife raised five children and now calls the area "home".

"I love this community," he states simply.

"It would be disastrous to live in the city, with all that hustle bustle and wall-to-wall people.

"For me, that would be unbelievable."

So unthinkable, in fact, that Cane has turned down out-of-town job offers for more money in order that he may remain in Baltimore.

For all his dedication, Neil Cane is approaching a new way of life called retirement — in about seven years.

He already has plans to volunteer on the board of management, so he may have a voice in the future of the park he has grown to love so deeply.

And there's a bonus to the plan, Cane explains. "I won't have to do any of the work then."

In the meantime however, keep out of Cane's path. He's a busy man with a job to do.



TOP LEFT:
FORD - DOUG - ETC

The Cane Brothers Hockey Team - Top row: Doug, Mike, Ken, Bus, Bob, Roy Cane manager (Father); Bottom row 1-r: Lyal, Don, Ray, Buddy, Neil, Allan. Born in Cobourg the boys belong to one of the early well known families of the town. The above picture was taken by Winston Fisher at the rink. The Canes had completed a successful season by beating C.G.E. in the final game

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