

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

HONOURED MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

Date Received
Rec'd Sept 30/18 *[Signature]*

Nominee: CURRELLY PAUL B.
Family Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: _____

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

Email Address: _____

Birth Place: PORT HOPE. Date of Birth: 03 09 1926.
Day Month Year

Place/Date of Death: COBOURG - NOV. 25, 2004.

Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: 1951 - 2004
PORT HOPE 1926 - 1950.

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

Nomination For: Athlete Builder

Sport (s): WDMENS FASTBALL - COBOURG ANGELS
COBOURG GALLOPING GHOSTS COBOURG JR ANGELS
COBOURG BOYS BASEBALL

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE/CAPACITY	DATE
WDMENS FASTBALL	COBOURG	MANAGER	1963-
	ACES ANGELS	COACH	1990
WDMENS FASTBALL	COBOURG JR. ANGELS	COACH	1987-
		ORGANIZER	2002.
FOOTBALL	COBOURG GALLOPING GHOSTS	PLAYER	1947-1952
BOYS BASEBALL	COBOURG JUVENILE BOYS	COACH	LATE 40'S TO EARLY 50'S
BOYS BASEBALL	COBOURG BLACKSOX	COACH	1995-1999 1961

-CURLING- 1979 INTERMED. ZONE CHAMP. - PH-PLAYER

Player -1947 EAST ONT. BASEBALL CHAMPS -1947. -PH-PLAYER
-1950 INT B ONT CHAMP BASEBALL -PH-PLAYER.

Championship Teams: (Please provide dates):
GALLOPING GHOSTS 1947-52 - WON 3 DOMINION TITLES?
PH HIGH SCHOOL COSSA CHAMPS - '41, '42, '43, '44)
1958 BOYS BASEBALL COACH ONT CHAMPS
1963 - COBOURG ACES - SEE ATTACHED - 1974 COACH
1975 - ONTARIO CHAMPS JUNIOR B - COACH, 1979 JUVENILE - ONT CHAMPS
1976 ONTARIO "JUNIOR B" COACH, 1984, 85 ONTARIO CHAMPS

Individual Awards/Citations: (Please provide dates):
1976 - OUTSTANDING SERVICE PROV. WOMENS SOFTBALL + COBOURG SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR, 1987 - SESQUICENTENIAL PLAQUE TOWN OF COBOURG - OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO COBOURG, 1988 OLYMPIC TORCH COACH AWARD, 1989 - PROV. WOMENS SOFTBALL VOLUNTEER AWARD, 1992 - YMCA RECOGNITION AWARD, 1996 - TOWN OF COBOURG DEDICATION OF VICTORIA PARK DIAMOND + 25 YR APPRECIATION, 2002 - 50 YRS SERVICE TO HARDWARE IND., 2006 - TOWN OF COBOURG VOLUNTEER SERVICE
*Indicate if awards/honours are Local, Provincial, National or International
LEVEL III COACHING CERTIFICATE NATIONAL, 2003 - NAMING OF PAUL CURRELLY WAY + CAIRN

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

COBOURG GALLOPING GHOSTS, COBOURG BOYS BASEBALL, COBOURG ACES ANGELS, COBOURG JR. ANGELS, PROVINCIAL WOMENS SOFTBALL UNION ASSOCIATION, COBOURG PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - RE-SURFACED VICTORIA PARK, DEVELOPED COVERDALE + LEGION FIELDS

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

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FOR FURTHER INFO FROM LETTERS SUBMITTED ON HIS BEHALF FOR PAST NOMINATIONS + LETTERS + NOTES RECEIVED DESCRIBING OUR DAD UPON HIS PASSING.

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:

WE ALSO HAVE MANY NEWSPAPER ARTICLES DOCUMENTING PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS PLUS MANY AWARDS (PLAQUES) PICTURES / UNIFORMS SHOULD PAUL (DAD) BE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE INDUCTED. THANK YOU.

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: CAROL CURRELLY-BURNHAM / PATSY HAWD. | NANCY WILLIAMS



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November 2018

Dear Cobourg and District Sports Hall of Fame Committee,

I would be extremely happy and honored if you would consider Paul Currelly to be inducted in your Sports Hall of Fame. Paul's accolades includes many sporting accomplishments as an athlete but I knew Paul as a wonderful coach and person and a major builder in sports in Cobourg, especially in women's softball.

Many of the memorabilia that you have regarding softball have probably come from Paul's collection. He was instrumental in starting the Coverdale Aces so his daughters and others could play softball. As they got older the team also moved up in divisions and the name changed to the Cobourg Angels. He spent many years coaching, scouring local areas, and molding young women to represent themselves and Cobourg both on and off the field.

I was fortunate enough to be one of those individuals. Paul found sponsors and creative ways to raise money so that players, like myself, who grew feeling that they couldn't afford to financially play the high caliber of softball, that Cobourg played, was not denied that opportunity. And for that I will be forever grateful. Paul didn't just focus on ball for his daughters because as his girls got older and the age category of the Cobourg Angels team increased Paul realized something more needed to be done for the younger girls wanting to play softball. So in the 1980s he help to create the Cobourg Junior Angels Softball Association.

Paul kept tabs on what the players did on and off the field. His collection included articles relating to anyone who played for the Angels. His was truly a community builder in sports but also built players, like myself, who have a love of the game and a life-long connection and pride in the community of Cobourg.

Elaine Devlin



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Paul Currelly

Paul Currelly was born in Port Hope, Ontario on September 3, 1926. He moved to Cobourg in 1951 and resided there until his death in 2004.

Paul was an all round athlete and played basketball, baseball, hockey, football and was a cross country runner.

Paul Currelly was a respected backfielder for Cobourg's renowned football team ~~from~~ 1947 ~~to~~ 1952. The Cobourg Galloping Ghosts from 1947 till 1952. The 1950 Galloping Ghost program described him as a "good - steady football player that can always be counted on for an all-out effort - a good team player all the way" - a philosophy and attitude he was to instill in many players and teams that he went on to coach after his playing days were over.

Paul Currelly became a major founder of ~~the~~ minor girls softball in 1963 when he and a group of others formed the "Cobourg Girls Softball League".

In that same year he was the coach of the Overdale Aces. This team was the prelude to the Cobourg Angels girls softball organization whose teams went on to win 5 Ontario Championships along with

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NUMEROUS TOURNAMENT AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS AGAINST TEAMS FROM MUCH LARGER CENTRES, ALL UNDER PAUL'S ~~PROVINCIAL~~ TUTELAGE.

IN 1958 PAUL WAS A COACH WITH COBOURG'S KIWANIS JUVENILE 'A' ~~TEAM~~ BASEBALL TEAM THAT ^{BRUGHT} AN OUTSTANDING CHAMPIONSHIP TO COBOURG.

PAUL CURRELLY'S LIFE IN THE SPORTING COMMUNITY WAS VERY MUCH ^A 'BLACK AND WHITE' WORLD. THERE WAS A RIGHT AND WRONG WAY TO DO THINGS.. AND WORK - DEDICATION - PERSISTENCE AND A COMMITMENT TO YOUR FELLOW TEAM MATES WAS ESSENTIAL.

IF YOU FOLLOWED THESE RULES - YOU WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL AND HE AND HIS TEAMS WERE.

PAUL CURRELLY RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS ~~OVER THE~~ AND HONOURS OVER THE YEARS BUT PERHAPS HIS PRouDEST MOMENT OCCURRED ^{IN 2003} WHEN THE TOWN OF COBOURG NAMED THE ROADWAY FROM THE BOTTOM OF CHURCH STREET PAST THE OLD VICTORIA PARK BALL DIAMOND TO BAY STREET 'PAUL CURRELLY WAY'

~~HE WAS ONE OF COBOURG'S OUTSTANDING SPORTSMEN.~~

Copy of letter written Apr 1988
Olympic Torch Run Award - Further details for induction

Dear Sirs,

I would like to nominate Mr. Paul Currelly, for the Celebration '88, Coach's Award.

As you may know, Paul has always had a very sincere interest in athletics and the physical development and well being of our community's youth. Having been encouraged to participate in a variety of sports himself, Paul appreciated the self-discipline, commitment and friendships which developed from the opportunity of being a team member. In 1941, he was a member of Port Hope's Junior Rugby Team, they became the first local team to reach provincial finals, finishing 2nd and became COSSA Champions the following year. At this time Paul was also actively involved in hockey and basketball.

In 1945, he attended OAC, presently the University of Guelph and caught berths on both their "Aggies' Big Red Machine" football team and the OAC hockey team. Summers were spent working on the family apple farm and playing baseball for the Port Hope Flyers. Upon completing his course in agriculture, Paul returned to local sports and was a member of Cobourg's renowned "Galloping Ghosts" through the late 40's and early 50's. The 1950-51 Galloping Ghost Program summed up not only his life's philosophy but an attitude which he was to instill in many others when it stated " Paul Currelly...Good steady football player that can always be counted upon for an all-out effort." "...a good team player all the way."

It was then that he began what was to become an endless career of coaching and involvement in minor sports by assisting Jim Walder as a volunteer coach with C.D.C.I's Junior Football Team.

The Town of Cobourg was to gain recognition for his efforts as coach and the high quality teams that were the product of his dedication, beginning in 1958 as his Juvenile Boys won the Ontario Baseball Championship.

In 1963, Paul became a major founder in minor girl's softball as he and a group of others formed the "Cobourg Girls' Softball League". From there momentum built. The following are some of teams' accomplishments under his guidance:

1963- formed the Coverdale Aces as coach. 1965-7 Undefeated seasons in the PeeWee division - 52 consecutive wins 1968- Formed the Juvenile Cobourg Angels- Ontario Juvenile "C" semi-finalists. Durham Ladies League Finalists 1969- Durham Ladies League Champs. 1970- Ontario Juvenile "A" finalists-Durham Ladies Finalists. 1971- 2nd place, Durham Ladies 1972- Formed Lakeshore Juvenile Girls' Softball League and were semi-finalists 1973- PWSU- Ont. Juvenile finalists- Lakeshore Juvenile League Champs. 1974- Grimsby Tournament Consolation Champs- Lakeshore Juv. Champs. 1975- Ontario Junior "B" Champs- Lakeshore Ladies Fastball Champs. 1976- Ontario Junior "B" Champs- Lakeshore Ladies finalists.

* Currelly and O'Neill are awarded the Credit Union Sportsmen of the Year Award.

* Paul Currelly receives the P.W.S.A. Service Citation "for dedication and hard work in the field of Ladies Softball"- the first person from Eastern Ontario to earn such distinction. 1977- formed the Midget Angels team and the Midget Girls' Softball League to win their championship.-Claremont Girls' Softball Tourney Champs. 1978-took team up to Juvenile -North York Juvenile Girls' Tourn. Champs- Grafton Tournament Champions- Ontario Juvenile finalists- Claremont Juvenile Girls' Tournament Champs (2nd conse.yr.)- Lakeshore League Champs. 1979- Barrie Tournament Semi-finalists- Grafton Tourn. Champs- Ontario Juvenile Champions and hosts of the PWSA Regional Tournament.- Lakeshore Juvenile League Champions- Trenton Invitational Ladies Softball Tournament Champions. 1980- team moved up to Junior. London Ladies Fastball Assoc. Tournament, Silver Medalists- Belleville Ladies Invitational Tournament, Bronze medalists--Hosted the PWSA Junior Tournament in Grafton--Lakeshore Ladies Fastball Assn. Champions. 1981- Metro Junior Ladies Softball Tourn.:2nd-- Belleville Ladies Invitational Tournament: 3rd.-Molson Ladies Fastball Tournament: 2nd- Ontario Regionals- Bronze Medalists--Ontario Junior Finalists- Lakeshore Ladies Fastball Assoc. Champs. 1982- Molson Ladies Fastball Tournament Champions.--Oshawa Peacock Invitational Tournament Champs--Lakeshore Ladies Fastball Champions--King's Sports Ladies Softball Tournament in Ottawa "B" Champs. 1983- team moves up to Senior -Lucas VanAllen Memorial Ladies Softball Tourn. (Belleville) Champions--Ontario Tier II Regionals: Bronze Medalists- PWSA Tier II Ontario Finals: Bronze Medalists--Competed in Provincial Tier I, Senior Ontario Finals--Lakeshore Ladies Fastball League Champs.

* During the Belleville Tournament, Mr. Currelly was hospitalized with pneumonia and suffered a heart attack but returned to his duties as coach after a brief rest.

* To this point 16 female athletes have been named by Cobourg's Credit Union as Female Athlete of the Year, the team Cobourg Angels was named once and 12 others were either present or former members of the Angels team.

1984- Currelly underwent Triple By-Pass Heart Surgery in early May. He was released from hospital on Mothers' Day, attended that Tuesday's home game as a spectator and was back on the bench as coach for the following game.

-3rd year Champs of the Lucas VanAllen Memorial Ladies Fastball Tournament.- PWSA Ontario Regional Senior Tier II: Champions - PWSA Senior Tier II Ontario Champions - 6th in the Ontario Tier I Championships - Metro Ladies Softball League Champs. 1985- PWSA Tier II Ontario Champs for second cons. year (the only team to accomplish this)- PWSA Tier I Senior Tourn. 5th place.

* Two Angels, Elaine Devlin and Jackie Oulehan are chosen for Ontario's Junior Fastball Team to compete in the Canada Games and emerge Gold Medalists. Elaine is offered a scholarship at the

University of Texas. - Metro Ladies Softball Playoff Champs.

1986- Currelly retires as coach but continues to support the Angels in their cross-province endeavors and scout the area teams for young talent.

1987- Realizing the need for further organization of competitive quality softball for minor girls, Currelly becomes the driving force behind the Cobourg Girls' Softball Association, introducing four levels of teams to represent Cobourg as The Junior Angels in green and gold, in Provincial Play-offs and possible Lakeshore Leagues. He also returned to the bench as assistant coach for Cobourg's Junior Angel Sophmores.

Although Paul's teams had started Spring Training indoors in April and May for many years, this year along with Cobourg's Family Y he organized a very successful skills clinic for girls from ages 8-18.

Cobourg Star Aug.29,1975: "Currelly- the hardest working volunteer in Cobourg Girls' Softball Circles."

Peterborough Examiner- Interview with Elaine Devlin re: Summer Games '85: "I really owe it to (Currelly) for putting our names in for the tryouts. He will do anything to encourage ball. Paul won't stand in the way of anyone bettering themselves. He is a very caring person."

In 1982, Paul was approached to consider a position on the Executive Board of the Provincial Womens' Softball Association but declined this honour.

As a member of the Angels Team says: " They used to ask where Cobourg was. Now thanks to the efforts of Paul Currelly and his superb quality teams, they know !!"

In closing I would like to add that Paul Currelly taught not only skills but self-confidence, self-discipline, and the importance of working to the best of one's ability, not just on the playing field but in all walks of life.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Carr

Enclosed please find newspaper clippings you may find of interest.

Over the past 40 years, Paul Currelly has volunteered his time to the youth of Cobourg, thereby giving them an opportunity to participate in sports, predominately softball. Some of his substantial efforts are as follows:

- In 1953 and 1954, after playing six years (1947-1952) with the Cobourg Galloping Ghosts Football Team, dad began his coaching career helping the Cobourg D.C.I. East highschool football team.
- In 1958 he turned his attention to boys baseball, coaching them to an Ontario title. He continued with this team until 1961.
- From 1963 - 1994, he coached girls softball, coaching every level from Pee-Wee to Senior at least once. With these teams he brought provincial recognition to the Town of Cobourg. He coached five Ontario Championship teams and competed in "big city" leagues (& winning them) from Belleville to Tonawanda, New York.
- In 1995 he returned to Cobourg boys baseball, coaching a house league team.

His contributions, however, do not "end on the field".

- He was the originator of the Cobourg Junior Angels Softball Organization. Along with a selected committee, he arranged for coaches, playing fields, sponsors, equipment, uniforms and leagues for all levels of teams representing the Town of Cobourg on a province wide scale.
- He was a driving force in implementing Tier II divisions, provincially, in all levels of girls softball allowing smaller centres, such as Cobourg, to participate in and be competitive, at a Provincial level.
- He was instrumental in upgrading the playing surface of Victoria Park and organized work parties to develop Coverdale Park. He has vigorously supported and contributed to the building of the new Legion Park and sat on the Advisory Committee.

He has donated a large portion of his life to developing and nurturing sports in Cobourg. He is highly respected in the sports community and I feel it can only be truly justified to give Paul Currelly the recognition he deserves.

I await your response regarding these concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Hand

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cc. Mrs. Joan Chalovich, Mayor of Cobourg

*Letter further
to Bob Spooner
about naming
of parks.*

Paul Currelly Way honours life-long volunteer

Victoria Park diamond to be removed next year

NEWS Nov 21, 2003 Northumberland News

COBOURG - Paul Currelly has hit many homeruns for Cobourg by developing talented young softball players and his achievements will be recognized with the renaming of a local baseball diamond and portion of Church Street in his honour.

"This is certainly quite an honour and I am pleased," says Mr. Currelly. "However, I am sad to see the Victoria Park and C Diamond at Donegan Park both go. It is very tough to find practice diamonds in town."

Victoria Park's Paul Currelly Diamond will be removed sometime next year to accommodate recent changes to the park set out in the Town's Parks Master Plan. The creation of the Town's new children's splash pad, near the outer rim of the diamond's outfield, is why the diamond has to be removed.

"The diamond could only stay there if pee wee kids were playing," explains Councillor Bill MacDonald, Parks and Recreation co-ordinator. "We still thought it was important to recognize Paul's work so that is why we are renaming the street and park."

The portion of Church Street, between Perry and Bay streets, which runs near the Victoria Park diamond's location will be renamed Paul Currelly Way. Coverdale Park's baseball diamond will be renamed Paul Currelly Diamond. Coverdale Park and Mr. Currelly have a long history, explains Councillor Lloyd Williams.

"Paul is one of those few community neighbours who made that project possible," says Coun. Williams. "It is absolutely appropriate to rename the Coverdale Park diamond in his name."

Coverdale Park used to be a big swampy area in the late 1970's recalls Coun. Williams. When Brook Road North was created the topsoil dug out to make the road was eventually trucked down to Coverdale by Hamilton Township council. Mr. Currelly then borrowed a tractor and spread the topsoil down which was the foundation for the today's Coverdale Park.

"I can still remember Paul Currelly doing hour after hour of wheelies with that borrowed tractor spreading that top soil," says Coun. Williams.

The success of the Cobourg Angels softball program established by Mr. Currelly has been far reaching with players receiving United States college scholarships for softball notes Deputy Mayor Bob Spooner.

Councillor Gail DeVeau, a former softball player who played for Mr. Currelly, says she is thrilled that the Town is still going to recognize her former coach. Mr. Currelly says Coun. DeVeau was a, "darn good second baseman."

"He was so encouraging and he made the game fun," says Coun. DeVeau. "You never saw him mad. Paul has contributed so much to youth in the Town."

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Letters & Notes Written to Family upon
Paul's death.

I'm not sure where to start so I will just say playing for Mr. Currelly and the Angels, being part of the team and knowing his family was definitely one of the most defining times in my life. I credit Mr. Currelly for a lot of my accomplishments not only as an athlete but as a person. Dedication, loyalty and hardwork were some of the qualities he instilled in his players! Qualities you have for a lifetime! Thanks so much coach! Nancy Cronin

P.S I hope they have Cheese Whiz & Onions for your toast in heaven!
N.C

Thank you for all the time & devotion you put into the Angels & this community! Coming here tonight brought back many wonderful memories. May God bless you all & be with you in your time of need. Jackie Dasey

Many, many memories - all good. Paul telling
me how Gueph had done (usually not that good)
the day before) ... in the hardware store -
teaching us to curl. Before Meaghan was born -
back in 1985) ... at Patsy's wedding.

He'll be deeply missed by all. Stuart Macdonald

To the Currelly Family

It is evident with all of your friends
family and the public from both Port Hope
and Cobourg that Paul was a well liked
and respected person, my prayers and
thoughts are with you all

Susan Sturengger

In memory of Cobourg's best baseball
coach! I never got to play ball with
Cobourg's finest, but dreamed of playing
with the best baseball coach, as a little
junior angel. Paul will be sadly missed!

Connie Sturzenegger

PAUL WAS THE COACH OF COACHES
HE WAS WHAT COACHING WAS ALL ABOUT
COBOURG WILL NEVER BE THE SAME WITHOUT HIM
MAY GOD BLESS '58' BALL TEAM
LARRY B

I guess you can consider yourselves lucky that you were his life. To have spent so many wonderful years together as a family is something you will cherish forever.

He was Cobourg's Angel!
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

In Sympathy,
Bryan and Cindy Marjoram.

Dear Marian, Carol, Nancy,
and Patricia and Families,
Paul Currelly - how can you sum up the life of this incredible man in words? He touched the hearts and minds of thousands with his coaching and model citizenship. Cobourg has lost an icon, a real gentleman, and a solid individual. He gave so much of himself and asked for nothing in return. Paul will be sorely missed.

