

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

HONoured MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

Date Received

Nominee: Gutteridge Lionel "Tut" J  
Family Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Place: Cobourg Date of Birth: 19 / 10 / 1915  
Day Month Year

Place/Date of Death: Cobourg February 15, 1991

Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: 75 years

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

Janice Gervais (granddaughter) Anita, Jane, John, Michael &  
Paul (d) Carol children

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

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

Sport (s): Legion minor Softball, Hockey, Golf

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE/CAPACITY	DATE
<u>Legion minor Softball</u>	<u>all</u>	<u>1st president</u>	<u>1960</u>
		<u>founding member</u>	<u>1957</u>
		<u>equipment manager</u>	<u>1960-1980's</u>
<u>CCHL</u>	<u>all</u>	<u>executive</u>	
<u>Cobourg Cougars</u>		<u>Gate Keeper</u>	
<u>Golf</u>		<u>Golfer</u>	<u>1980's</u>
<u>Hockey</u>		<u>referee</u>	<u>well into his 60's</u>

**Championship Teams:** (Please provide dates):

6 time Senior Champion at Dalewood golf club. 1978-1982

**Individual Awards/Citations:** (Please provide dates):

Certificate of merit (30 years service to minor sport) Br. 133 Canadian Legion  
Lionel "Tut" Gutteridge Trophy for Coach of the year CCHL house league hockey.  
Lifetime member Cobourg Legion minor softball 1986  
Lionel "Tut" Gutteridge memorial Plaque 1991

\*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.)

Cobourg Legion minor softball Lifetime member  
Cobourg Community Hockey League Lifetime member.  
Dalewood Golf Club  
Cobourg Bowling League.

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

Stuart Street Park was renamed Lionel "Tut" Gutteridge memorial Park for the contributions and dedication shown to the Cobourg minor Sports community  
please see article "Sports legend will be missed" attached.

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:**

- First chairman of Legion minor softball, founding member. Often referred to as the "Granddaddy" of Legion Softball.
- Washed, maintained, repaired, distributed and stored all equipment and uniforms of Legion minor softball for over 20 years. (all volunteer/unpaid)

See Attachments

I was approaching my first birthday when my family moved to Cobourg in the late fall of 1975. At the time my father worked here in town at United Tire, whereas my mother stayed at home to help raise me and my brother who was born in November 1976.

In those days before video games, and when cartoons were only shown on Saturday mornings, keeping two young boys occupied on a daily basis was often a chore ... but a couple of streets over was Stuart Street Park, which would not only become a sort of refuge for my mom, but also the primary playground for myself, my brother, and a whole generation of youngsters.

Made up of a swing set, a rather high slide, and a softball diamond, Stuart Street Park, kept us physically active, as we spent hour after hour running through the park, improvising games, and making new friends. And right next door to that park was the Gutteridge house, and to say that Lionel "Tut" and his wife Gladys took an active interest in the park would be an understatement, from helping to maintain the park but also in the well-being of those using the park. I can still remember times where some of the kids would get a little rambunctious, and perhaps get a little scraped up, and it was the Gutteridge's who would come rushing out with band aids and such to make sure that we were okay.

They didn't do this for no other reason than their love of the community, and in particular the youth of our town. For anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Lionel Gutteridge this was par for the course, a man who spent his lifetime in service, for his country in World War II, and as a lifelong volunteer for his community.

Referred to by no less than Layton Dodge as the "granddaddy of Legion Softball", Lionel "Tut" Gutteridge's list of accomplishments and contributions to our community as a volunteer is immense.

- Founding member of Cobourg Legion Minor Softball (1957)
- First President of Cobourg Legion Minor Softball (1960)
- Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Equipment Manager (1960's to 1980's)
- Cobourg Community Hockey League President
- Cobourg Community Hockey League Executive Member
- Cobourg Community Hockey League (House League) Referee
- Cobourg Cougars Gate Keeper

In addition, is his list of awards and commendations.

- Cobourg Legion Branch 133 Certificate of Merit (for 30 years of service to Minor Sport)
- Lionel (Tut) Gutteridge Trophy for CCHL Coach-of-the-Year (House League)
- Lifetime Member Cobourg Community Hockey League
- Lifetime Member Cobourg Legion Minor Softball
- Renaming of Stuart Street Park in 1991 to the Lionel "Tut" Gutteridge Memorial Park

It should also be noted that "Tut" was no slouch on the golf course, claiming the Dalewood Golf and Country Club's Senior Championship six times, in the first nine years of the event

A lifelong Cobourg resident, upon his death in 1991, Layton Dodge memorialized him in the pages of the Cobourg Daily Star ...



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*To the very end, we respected "Tut" Gutteridge for all he accomplished and what he stood for. We were proud to consider him a friend. We shall miss him.*

*Cobourg will seem a little poorer, a little emptier now that he has gone to a better place – but his legacy will live on here forever".*

Layton concluded his memorial tribute with a suggestion than building a ballpark in his memory for use by Cobourg kids.

A month later, at the suggestion of the Cobourg Legion, Branch 133, Cobourg Council voted to change the name of Stuart Street Park to the Lionel "Tut" Gutteridge Memorial Park ... a more than fitting tribute.

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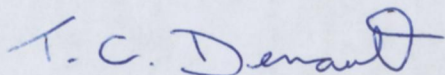
What makes an individual deserving of enshrinement in the Cobourg and District Sports Hall of Fame ?

For me, the Hall of Fame should reserve a special place for those people who have had a tremendous impact on our community.

Lionel "Tut" Gutteridge was one of those special people, who over the course of his life made a significant contribution to our community through his volunteer work with youth sports ... and laid out a path for all those that followed in his large footsteps ... a path characterized by a love of his community and a passion for those youngsters in our community ... and above all a legacy of volunteer service that has positively impacted generations of people in our community.

I cannot think of a more worthy contribution to our town than that.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T.C. Denault". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "D" at the end.

Todd Denault







**Ribbon cutters** —Representatives of the many ball divisions help long time Legion ball supporter Lionel (Tut) Gutteridge to cut the ribbon officially opening the 1987 ball season Saturday at Victoria Park. Gutteridge was involved in minor ball in Cobourg for over 30 years. Ball players and

coaches marched downtown to the park under the leadership of the Cobourg Concert Band and Branch 133 Royal Canadian Legion Pipe Band.

Photo by Layton Dodge



# 'Tut' Gutteridge senior champion for a sixth time

Lionel (Tut) Gutteridge of Cobourg and Lawrence Cotgrave of Port Hope captured top honors in Dalewood's annual Senior-Intermediate Golf Tournament this past Sunday.

Gutteridge became Seniors' champion for the sixth time in the nine-year history of the event while Cotgrave won his first-ever Intermediate title.

Retired from Robson Lang Leathers Ltd. but still very active on golf links, Gutteridge showed he still hasn't lost the touch as he fired a five-over-par 76 to lead the Senior Division.

Moon Wootton had the second low gross with 81. Bill Rowden was third with 83.

Low net for the Senior players was Glen Harris with 63. Lew Dewall and Gord Colborne followed with 65 and 68 nets respectively.

Only other senior champions Dalewood has had besides Gutteridge are Art O'Neil, Ted Hogan and Ralph Harrison.

Cotgrave topped the Intermediate Division by shooting a 74, just 3 over par. He edged Ted Rowden Sr. and Bob Finkle Jr. by a single stroke.

Chuck Beamish posted the low net for the Intermediates with 65. Jack Davey was second at 67 while Vern Lees and Al Ward tied for third, also with 67.

## Sport shorts

### ANGELS IN TOURNEY

Harnden & King Angels are entered in the Oshawa Shamrocks' Open Ladies' Softball Tournament this weekend. They play Agincourt Bo-Peeops tonight at 9 o'clock at Durham Fields in their first game.

### PEEWEE TOURNAMENT

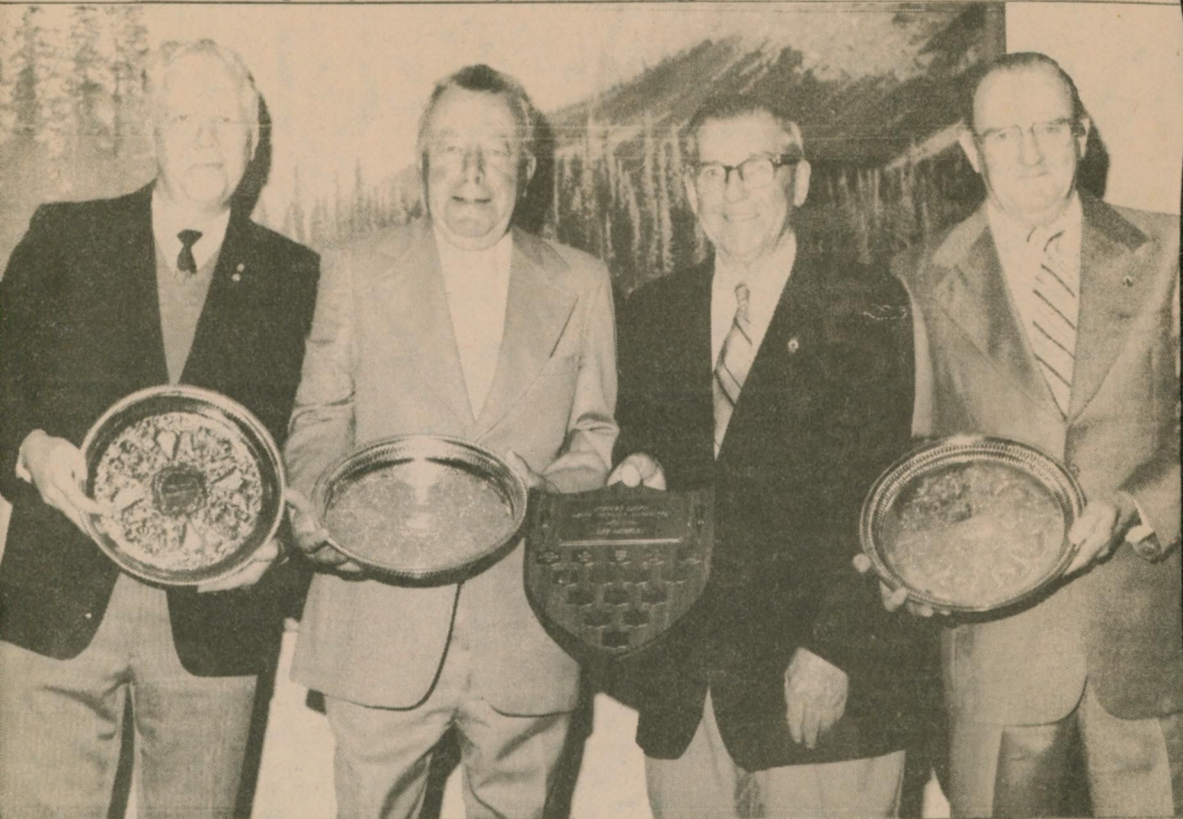
Cobourg Legion Jets meet Gananoque in the first round of the Softball Napanee Pee wee Tournament on Saturday.



**Veteran Legion softball volunteers Lionel and Gladys Gutteridge rode in the back seat of the Red Baron in Saturday's parade. Ross Quigley, a past chairman of Legion softball is at the wheel. Bob Robison, the current chairman is closest to the camera.**

(Layton Dodge Photo)





**Softball silver** — The Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Association gave three veteran volunteers silver trays in appreciation of their contribution to the organization over a number of years at last Saturday's banquet. Lionel (Tut) Gutteridge, the granddaddy of Legion softball, congratulated the surprised winners Layton Dodge, Jack Bevan and Tom Savage.

Photo by Rose Timlin



**Thirty years** — The first chairman of the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Association, Lionel (Tut) Gutteridge, and current chairman Linda Bevan provided a 30-year bridge of the organization as they ride in the Red Baron during the 9th annual Summer Sports Parade. Accompanying them were league secretary Deb Robison, Branch 133 sports officer Bob Robison and vice-president Steve Sleeper.

Photo by Layton Dodge



President Art Jones of Branch 133 Royal Canadian Legion, Cobourg, made several Certificate of Merit presentations recently. The first was to Gladys Guttridge for more than 30 years service in minor sports.



A similar presentation went to Lionel (Tut) Guttridge who had also served in minor sports for more than 30 years.

Bring a double.



(Intelligencer Photo)

Oshawa's Doug McLaurin, low net winner in the Bay of Quinte seniors' tournament embraces Cobourg's 'Tut' Gutteridge, low gross winner.

## SPORT SHORTS

### TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL

Harwood goes to Cold Springs, Garden Hill visits Plainville and Baltimore travels to Bewdley for Hamilton Township Men's Softball League games tonight.

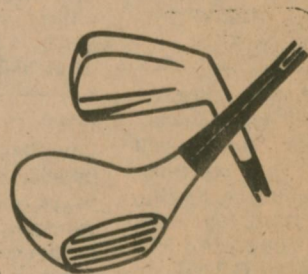
### OLDTIMERS' SOCCER

Legion Rangers and Stag Shop Shooters meet tonight in a Cobourg Oldtimers Soccer League fixture at CDCI East.

## Gutteridge tops senior golf tourney

Veteran Cobourg golfer Lionel (Tut) Gutteridge walked off with top honors in the fifth annual Corby's Seniors Tournament at the Bay of Quinte Country Club in Belleville last Friday.

Gutteridge, who finished second in the 1979 event when he last



participated in it, led the field of 120 players with a 78 over the par-72 layout to take low gross. "Tut" golfs out of Dalewood.

Bill Rowden Sr., also of Dalewood, won the 50-59 age group by shooting a 79.





**Atta boy, Jimmy!** — Jimmy Tracey, in recognition of 14 years of dedicated service to the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Association as its secretary, was presented with an engraved silver tray on his retirement at the annual awards and appreciation banquet Saturday. Lionel (Tut) Gutteridge made the presentation. Both men, along with Cedric Smith, were made life members of the association at the year-end function.

Photo by Layton Dodge



# Legion softball honors Jimmy, Tut and Cedric

## First life memberships bestowed on three golden oldies at banquet



**Squirt MVP** — The Dennis Lake Memorial Trophy to the Squirt MVP in Cobourg Legion softball went to pitcher Jason Wellwood. The presenter at Saturday's banquet was association treasurer Gus Bambridge.

Photo by Layton Dodge

Three esteemed gentlemen who epitomize what gallantry and service to country, community and youth are all about received the highest honor the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Association can bestow at its annual awards and appreciation banquet Saturday night at Cobourg Legion Branch 133.

Octogenarian Jimmy Tracey, retiring as secretary of the CMSLA after 14 years, and two of the softball group's founders, Lionel (Tut) Gutteridge and Cedric Smith, were made the organization's first life members.

Just before Tracey accepted an engraved silver tray in recognition of his dedication and contribution, chairman Norm MacDonald revealed that the life memberships were being bestowed.

Appropriately, Gutteridge, on the eve of his 71st birthday and the man generally regarded as the granddaddy of Legion softball because of his active involvement from its origin to the present, was called upon to present Tracey with the tray.

Smith, himself a distinguished Legionnaire and octogenarian who has championed the Legion softball cause all 30 of its seasons and helped out in various capacities over three decades, was supposed to be a co-presenter but was somewhere else in the hall when the surprise was unveiled. Regardless, the fitting finale to the formal presentations drew a

standing ovation from the gathering of 160.

### PLAYERS, COACHES CITED

Several players and coaches were recipients of awards at the last official function of the 1986 campaign.

For the second year in a row, lefthander Mark Macklin was named the winner of the Rollie Provost Memorial Trophy as the outstanding pitcher in Legion softball. Ross Quigley, a past chairman of the association, congratulated Macklin.

Ramon Jones and Norm Hall, who arbitrated countless games this past summer, shared the George Spalding Memorial Trophy for outstanding contribution to umpiring. Tom Savage, a Legion softball volunteer with a long track record, handled the presentation.

Roseneath's Shawn Rock, who played for Baltimore Bantams, claimed the Hayden Stevenson Memorial Trophy from Gord Stevenson as the Bantam MVP.

Sean Davey accepted the Wes French Memorial Trophy from Sally McGimpsey as the Bantam player best exemplifying sportsmanship and dedication.

Chris Bell, with assistance from Pete Lorenz, got the nod as Bantam coach of the year. Governor Andy Dingler turned over the trophy to Bell.

Audrey Rollings was on hand this year to give the Ted Rollings Memorial Trophy to Steve Herriot of Gore's Landing.

Herriot, who toiled for the Plainville team, was picked as



**Mighty Mite** — Derek Coyle, pitcher for Roseneath Mites, gained the nod as the Mite MVP in the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Association. Al Manion did his annual duty of presenting the Lyle Manion Memorial Trophy to the winner.

Photo by Layton Dodge





# Sports legend will be missed

*'Tut' Gutteridge dies at 75*

*By Layton Dodge*

The Cobourg sports community today is mourning the loss of a legend with the passing of Lionel (Tut) Gutteridge Friday night. He was 75.

Gutteridge succumbed to cancer after a gallant fight lasting close to five years. When his illness first was diagnosed back in 1986, Tut was given approximately six months to live but he defied the odds and the estimation by a long shot. That typified Tut, though, always battling for the little guy and giving it everything he had.

Gutteridge leaves an indelible mark on the fabric of sports in our town. While he was an avid and an excellent golfer, as well as a keen student of playing the horses, it was his efforts as a volunteer administrator that set him apart from the crowd and led to his touching a lot of people.

After serving in World War II, Gutteridge returned to Cobourg and over a period of years spanning four decades he proved to be a real doer especially when it came to organizing something for children.

Gutteridge was one of the founding fathers of Cobourg Legion softball back in 1957, a past president of that group and, together with his overshadowed but not unappreciated wife Gladys, the equipment manager for Legion minor ball for many, many years.

Even at an advanced age when most people want to put their feet up, sit back and relax, Gutteridge continued to help that organization be it as an umpire, governor or virtually whatever other task he was asked to perform. In his later years, when the existing Legion softball executive purposely avoided assigning him any specific duties because of his personal health problems, Tut was miffed. Even then, he still wanted to contribute. That's the kind of doer he truly was.

There was a time in Gutteridge's life when he was a man for all seasons. In the cold weather months, he served as president of the Cobourg Community Hockey League and refereed house-league games well into his sixties.

As if that weren't enough, he and Gladys looked after the gate at home games of the Cobourg Junior Cougars Hockey Club for a number of years.

A life member of both the Cobourg Legion Minor Softball Association and the Cobourg Community Hockey League, Lionel Gutteridge was a straight shooter who backed up what he believed in by speaking his mind. While that endeared him to many, yours truly included, it occasionally alienated him from some.

To the very end, we respected Tut Gutteridge for all he accomplished and what he stood for. We were proud to consider him a friend. We shall miss him.

Cobourg will seem a little poorer, a little emptier now that he has gone to a better place — but his legacy will live on here forever.

**P.S. — We can think of no greater testimonial that Cobourg Legion Br. 133 could pay to this renowned veteran than to build a ballpark in his memory for use by Cobourg kids.**

## Park will be renamed for 'Tut' Gutteridge

*By Jeff White*

Cobourg council has voted to change the name of Stuart Street Park to Lionel "Tut" Gutteridge Memorial Park.

The Cobourg Legion requested the name change to acknowledge Gutteridge's "numerous years of dedicated service to the youth of Cobourg in minor sports . . ."

Gutteridge died last month, aged 75. In 1957 he helped start legion minor softball, and was involved for years in capacities ranging from chairperson to equipment manager. He was an umpire into his 60s.

He was also past president of the Cobourg Community Hockey League and a life member of both organizations.

The choice is appropriate because Gutteridge lived right next door to the park and spent a great deal of time there, Mayor Angus Read told council this week.

In a later interview, parks and recreation co-ordinator Coun. Gil Brocanier said Gutteridge told him the park was originally named Veterans Park, "so it just seemed appropriate to be renamed, because he was a veteran himself."

Gutteridge also led a fight to preserve the Five Corners — now Duke of York Square — as a recreation area.

Reeve Ray Bowen told council this week Gutteridge fought hard on the issue. He advised that it would have been more appropriate to rename the square after Gutteridge.

The square is the site of the planned Cobourg community resource centre.

The Legion has volunteered to pay for a new sign in the Stuart Street Park.

LIONEL (TUT) GUTTERIDGE



