



# Newsletter

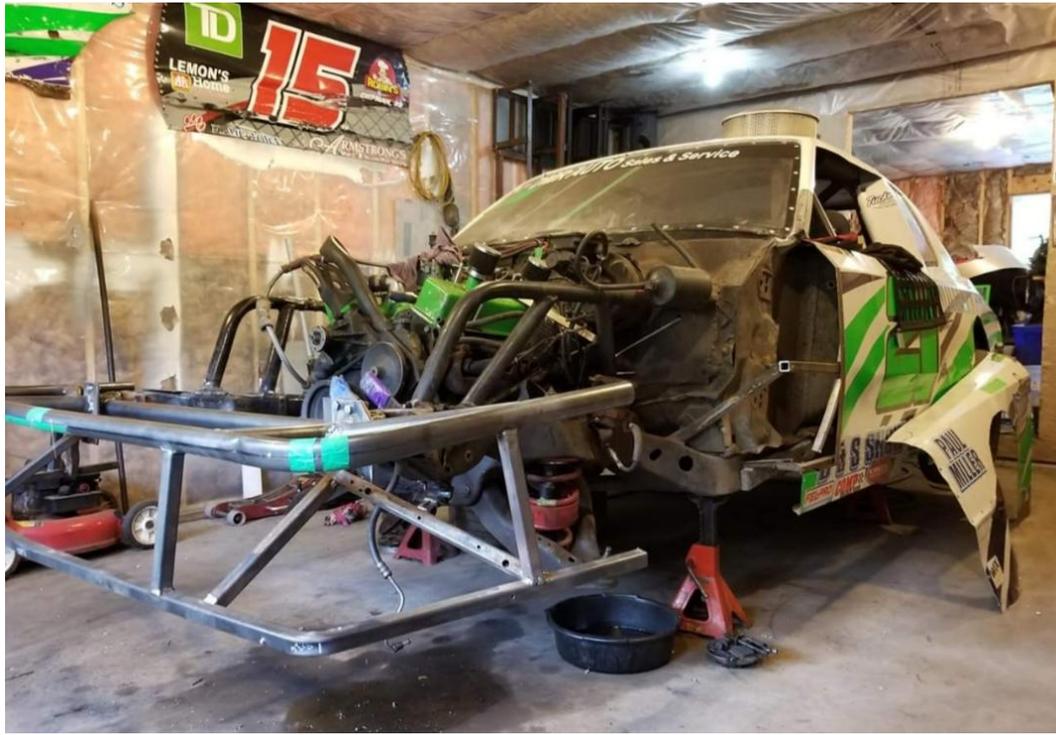
September 2019.

## **Now is the time for 2020 Nominations**

As school returns and summer is over its time again for the Minto Sports Wall of Fame to begin the process of getting nominations and selecting the best of the best from the Grand Lake sporting world. We can use your help. As a small board of volunteers we cannot know every story, so your knowledge of local athletes, teams, builders, sponsors and supporters can be very helpful in getting recognition for achievements by these individuals, teams or groups. We strive to make every years ceremony bigger and better than the previous events, and with your support it will be. So, please put some thought into the Grand Lake sporting history and make a nomination.

## ***One to Watch***





## **Courtney Barton**

Courtney Barton is not your typical competitive sports athlete. Courtney graduated MMHS in 2010. She did participate in the usual sports that the other young people did being on the Volleyball team but her passion was for cars, not just driving them, but everything cars. After spending her co-op student program working with mechanics at Jules Fasquel limited Courtney decided to make a

career out of cars and went to trade school and became a licenced auto mechanic. Courtney used that skill to discover her sporting passion in the form of stock car racing, and began **Enduro** racing which is made up of the best young talent in the Province and this level shows if you have what it takes to move upward. She proved her worth in this class and moved up to compete in the **4 cylinder** level and after a short period she again moved up to the **Street Stock** level. The other drivers thought it would be a novel idea for a “girl” to compete and have some fun. Courtney surprised all of them, and us, quickly becoming confident and competitive, and started to win races and chasing season long championships. Courtney is playing with the big boys now. Over a short period of 4 seasons, Courtney has amasses countless heat wins and weekly events and continues to climb up the season long championship standings. She currently sits fourth out of thirty one drivers for the 2019 season. The novelty has worn off and the drivers beat her bumpers and fenders like she does to them and Courtney said “I can give as good as I get” and as they say, “that’s racing”. You can hear her love of the competition and the desire to go faster. Every weekend you can find Courtney and her Dad Ken at a racetrack near you, looking for an edge to make the car go faster. She has no intention of slowing down any time soon. Her long term desire is to compete in the Pro Stock division but does understand it takes a lot of sponsorship money to get there, but, as success comes so will the opportunity to get there. So, if you a free weekend, stop out at the fastest half mile in New Brunswick, the Geary Speedway 660, and cheer our local star to the finish. Courtney is definitely one to watch...

### **Carter Quigley Memorial Washer Toss Event**

I call this an event rather than a tournament only because it’s one of the few sporting competition that no one is concerned with winning but just getting together with long time friends. The annual event was held August 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of Bob Deap. There are scores kept and winners declared but from this vantage point I see nothing but Champions. Good job Mr. Deap.



### **Did You hear the one About...**

During the first year that Gus became an umpire, he was doing his first game in Minto and Big John Fila came to the plate. The first pitch was knee high and Gus shouted "Strike" to which Big John whirled and said "listen Bub" "get something straight. I know it's your first season "but, you don't

call a strike on me with that pitch, understood". Gus meekly nodded. When the second pitch came in about the same place Gus Shouted "two". John spun around and got right in Gus's face and yelled "two what"?. Gus replied "**too low john**, much too low", 1 and 1.

## **Just Sayin...**

### **Summer Sport is alive and well**

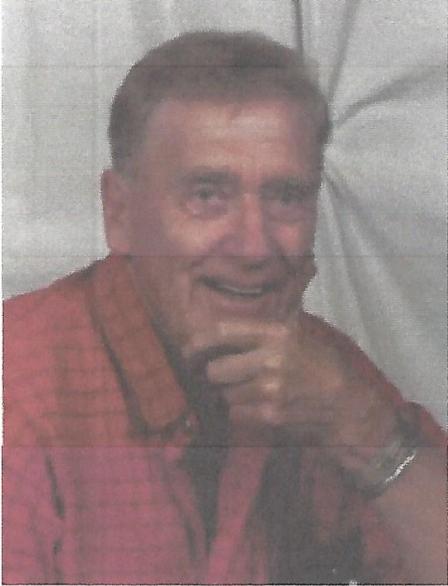
When I see the dwindling populations of small towns and villages I am concerned about the state of sport in these communities. I now believe my fears may be unfounded, I spent time this summer looking for sporting events around small communities, and am pleasantly surprised by what I have seen. A lot of the traditional stuff is missing and I feel badly about that, and on the other hand I have seen the return of fast pitch softball to Minto, joining the 6 team Fredericton District league. I see Dozens of Children playing Soccer at the lake under the guidance of the Glenn Family. I see a minor ball program being run at the same field with people like Bob Deap giving their time to run it. Mountain biking has become a major Activity over some of the most challenging trails in the Maritimes that is drawing people from all over Canada. A Lake fishing derby that is now drawing hundreds of participant from far and wide and has shown 300 % increase in registration in two years. The Grand Lake ATV club has begun expanding trails to connect with the Provincial trail system and every other backyard has a swimming pool while Washer toss has replaced horseshoes. And, although the Ridgeview Greens course is no longer in use Golfers abound with some having joined Old Mill Pond and Kingswood and many others utilize the beautiful Pines course at Grand Lake. I even had an opportunity to speak with George Gillett, which many of you know as the long time operator of Hoyt softball, and he tells me that at 83 years old he is still running a summer softball program with over 100 kids participating in his community, So, although sport and recreation is not what it was when we were kids I believe the sporting spirit in small communities may be as strong as we remember, just different. So, if you get some free time, go out and find a sporting event to enjoy....

## **Minto Sports Wall of Fame loses Distinguished Member**

Paul Gautreau is one of those contributors to the Minto Sporting community that has had a profound effect on so many people. The MSWOF honoured him in 2009 for his building of sport in the area through his many contributions to the youth and Village.

Beyond his talent for sports he had an ability to cross many boundaries with support and council to all that he met. No matter if you knew him as Father, Doctor, Mister or just Paul his legacy as a wonderful human being will be remembered throughout our community for a long time to come.

The MSWOF lost Dr. Gautreau over the summer.

<b>MINTO SPORTS WALL OF FAME</b>	2009 INDUCTEE	<b>DR. PAUL GAUTREAU</b> Coach/ Builder - Baseball
		
<p><b>DR. PAUL GAUTREAU</b> <b>Coach/ Builder - Baseball</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiated the construction of the Holy Rosary Ball fields</li> <li>• Organized Little League, Babe Ruth, and Midget Baseball programs</li> <li>• Coached and instructed players in all categories</li> <li>• Umpired numerous games</li> <li>• Led by example, teaching life skills such as accountability, honesty, dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship</li> </ul>		

## **Past Glory**

Forty years ago the Minto Legion was a major sporting center as you can see in this 1979 banquet piece.

It was wonderful how the veterans supported the sports community and the variety of activities involved.

So please, when you can, remember, and support the veterans and Legion that made and make it possible for us all to play freely throughout the country.

# Minto Legion Sports Awards

by Nancy Rogers

Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 12, Minto recently held a banquet to bring the winter sports season to a very successful conclusion.

Jessie Hawkins was selected as "Sportswoman Of The Year." "Sportsman of the year" was Emile Boucher.

Trophies were presented to successful participants in various sporting events as follows:

**BOWLING:** HI No Mark - Alan Piper, 90, Ella Legere, 91; HI Single - Ken Shirley, Emma West; HI Three - Ken Shirley, Ida Powers; HI Average - Gerald Richard, Ida Powers; 2nd Place - Emma West, Gerald Casey, Eldon Barton and Gerald Ricahrd; 1st place - Rita Cormier, Joe Cormier, Joe Daigle, and Ken Shirley.

The annual trophy was donated by Atlas Construction.

**SHUFFLE BOARD:** Mixed Doubles - 2nd Place - Frank Trzop and Gloria Thibodeau; 1st Place - Euzibe Daigle and Georgina Thibodeau.

**GOLF:** Winners of the Presidents Tournament were: Low Gross - Lorne Briggs; Low Net - John Brown.

**HORSESHOES:** Doubles - 2nd Place - Fred Sypher, John Auld; 1st Place - Harvie Mowat, Emile Boucher. Singles: 2nd Place - Travis Mowat; 1st Place - Harvie Mowat.

**CRIBBAGE:** Mixed Doubles: HI Hand - David Perry; 2nd Place - Gerald Casey, Ruth Casey; 1st Place - Don West, Emma West. Womens Doubles: HI Hand - Tiny Trzop; 2nd Place - Thelda Thurber, Ruth Casey; 1st Place - Peggy Boucher, Tinzy Trzop. Mens Doubles: HI Hand - Gordon Bower; 2nd Place - Danny LeBlanc, Henry Robichaud; 1st Place - Bill Pollick, Gordon Bower. Singles: HI Hand - Ruth Casey; 2nd Place - Emile Boucher; 1st Place - Ken Shirley. Double Skunk - Gerald Casey - 53.

The annual trophy for Mixed Doubles was donated by Henry Daaman. Moosehead Breweries

donated the annual trophy for the Womens Doubles and Branch No. 12 donated the annual trophy for the Mens Doubles.

**DARTS:** Womens Doubles: HI Score - Jessie Hawkins; 2nd place - Lorraine Belliveau, Darlene Smith; 1st Place - Diane McLellan, Jean McFarlane. The annual trophy was donated by Branch No. 12. Mens Doubles: HI Score - Emile Boucher; 2nd Place - Emile Boucher, Garbie Kajarie; 1st Place - Ricky Barton, Roger Boucher.

The annual trophy was donated by the Piper Family. Mixed Doubles: HI Score - Gwen Mills, Morris Farraher; 2nd Place - Ida Powers, Evelyn Smith; 1st Place - Anne Thibodeau, Roger Boucher. Annual trophy donated by the Keg & Kleavor Klub. Womens Singles: HI Score - Peggy Boucher - 152, 2nd Place - Georgina Thibodeau; 1st Place - Tiny Trzop. Trophy donated by Branch No. 12. Mens Singles: HI Score - Brian Richard; 2nd Place - Roger Boucher; 1st Place was won by Emile Boucher for the third year in a row.



(L-R) Ron Bradbury, Vice President of Minto Minor Hockey Association accepts cheque presented by Reg Barton on behalf of Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 12. Photo by Nancy Rogers

The trophy donated by Deco Steps and Railings.

Reg. and Assoc. vs. Affil: HI Score - Frank Trzop - 148; Perfect Score - Emile Boucher - 180.

The annual darts trophy donated by Valentino Enterprises was presented to Captain, Emile Boucher. Winners were Fraternal Affiliates: Emile Boucher,

Hubert Thompson, Ben Boucher, Frank Trzop, Kenny Shirley, Garbie Kajarie, Danny Boucher, Tiny Trzop, Bradley Gallant, Roger Boucher, Lionel Thibodeau, Anne Thibodeau, Harold Molnar, Spud McAllister, Andy Molnar, Phillip Roy, Tim Boucher.

Crier Of The Year Douglas Madore.



Emile Boucher, captured 1st place in the Darts Tournament. He had a perfect 180 score.



(L-R) Roger Boucher and Anne Thibodeau won first place in the Mixed Doubles Darts Competition. Photo by Nancy Rogers

