

Veterans Affairs Recognizes Ron McBurnie

By Maurice Rees

June 29th was another memorable day for Ron McBurnie, Five Islands. He received a special Commendation by the Minister of Veterans Affairs in a ceremony held in Halifax. The 78 year old veteran who enlisted in the 1940's and retired in 1961 has spent thousands of volunteer hours in recognition of fallen veterans.

McBurnie and Beth Poirier, his partner for six years, were invited to Halifax for a June 28th overnight trip which included travel, lodging and meals for a special ceremony held at the Westin Hotel the next day. He was recognized in the Minister of Veterans Affairs

Commendation ceremonies.

Since retiring from the Armed Forces in 1961, McBurnie has volunteered thousands of hours and at his own expense to decorate veteran's graves, raise and lower the flag when soldiers have been killed in action, sell poppies door-to-door each fall, organize Remembrance Day ceremonies in Five Islands and attend as many Legion functions as possible.

For the last couple of years he has designed and built over 550 vinyl crosses as a replacement for metal crosses in an annual veteran's grave decorating initiative of Cobequid Branch # 72, Great Village.

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

There is no place nicer, when the weather is good, than Nova Scotia in the summer time. We certainly have been blessed lately with long, hot days. No matter which direction you travel, the scenery is beautiful and sometimes breathtaking especially along the water. All elements seem perfect for crops, gardening, and cottagers but there doesn't seem to be as many tourists as usual. Many small communities host festivals which bring lots of activity into an area.

For many years we held 'Londonderry Days' and folks from away planned their vacation around that date to come

home and the event is missed by many. It is so difficult now to get people to volunteer their time. We are still asked that familiar question over and over, "How come there isn't Londonderry Day?" The answer is simple - no volunteers to organize and work the event. It really is a loss to a community when volunteering becomes a thing of the past.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of the late Jack Peppard, Londonderry Station. Jack passed away at home after a lengthy illness. A reception was held on July 25 at the Londonderry Community Center after a family burial.

Judy Leeman, Great Village,

hosted a family reunion for the Bird family (her mother's maiden name) at the Community Center on July 17. Approximately sixty people attended and enjoyed family time and supper together. Some family members came from British Columbia and Alberta.

Jack and Evelyn Patriquin, Sutherland's Lake enjoyed a trip in June to Toronto, Fairview, Alberta and Yellowknife, visiting family members along their journey. Greg Richard and children, Dominic and Hana Mae, traveled home by train from Ottawa to visit his parents Dan and Maxine.

Jonathan Richard and family, Oromocto, NB are visiting his parents, Sally and John

while on leave from Kandahar, Afghanistan. Emily Potter, Toronto, is visiting her grandparents Bev and Barbara Potter for several weeks. Emily enjoys summer away from the big city every year. Carl Patriquin, Toronto, is home for the summer months.

Best wishes to Marjorie Hayward, Crowes' Mills, who unfortunately has not been well lately. We know a set back won't dampen Marjorie's spirits to get mobile again. And Cathy, sorry to hear that your 4 days old Passet was side swiped in the hospital parking lot. What a downer!

Community Council meetings and card parties will resume in September. Contact Amanda Langille (668-2300) for hall rental inquiries.

PJ Moore Sole Nova Scotia on National Team

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tournament, and I finally got a call in November, while at school in New Hampshire."

The Assistant Coach for Team Canada called to tell PJ he had been selected for the World Junior Team. He says it felt very special to be selected to represent his country at a world championship.

The team came together for the first time on June 16th in Toronto. Members had been given training routines, game plans and strategies to work on individually. Everyone was expected to show up well prepared, with only 8 team practices before the World Tournament in Austria.

PJ was very excited to be picked as Assistant Captain for the team, after one of the last practices in Austria. He was the only player from Nova Scotia, with only one other from NB, 4 from Alberta

and the rest from Ontario.

Team Canada were hoping to repeat the previous year's gold medal win and to do what no other team had ever done, win back to back championships. They certainly took each game seriously, playing a total of six games and winning every game.

The first game against the Czech Republic was expected to be one of the more challenging but Team Canada came out on top with a score of 5-3. The string of wins continued, even against the strong Slovak Republic team, with Canada earning a 4-2 win.

The Gold Medal match was between Canada and the Czech Republic. Team Canada proved without a doubt that they deserved the gold medal, winning the match 5-0.

PJ's mother Starr Moore went to Austria and attended each of the games. "I wasn't sure I would

be able to go until the last minute, as I didn't want to miss my other son's graduation, but I am so happy I was able to do both," says Starr. "As a mother you hope they do well but I was really just so proud to see him play at a world event. It was very surreal watching the games and thinking "Is that really my kid?"

The "surreal" feeling was felt by PJ as well. "It seemed like a big dream to win gold," he says. "I was sitting on the bench and the guys were counting down the last 10 secs and it felt like I was watching the World Junior's on television. It didn't really sink in until I was back home."

The gold medal win and summer vacation has not given PJ any time to slack off. His training regiment includes either an hour at the gym or track each morning and back at the gym in the evening. He frequently uses

Jacob's Ladder in Victoria Park as a cardio workout. In the fall, once he is back at College, he will continue to lift weights and get to the gym daily, plus attend a 2 hour practice every day. This training time must fit in between his school work and classes, not to mention game times, and all the while he must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA in college to continue to play hockey. A great deal of effort put forth by this talented young man, as he works towards a career as a Physical Education teacher, with hopes to one day play semi-pro hockey.

On the horizon is the Men's Ball Hockey Team Canada tryout this February. PJ hopes he might earn the opportunity to represent Canada at the World Championship in 2011, which will be held in Newfoundland. Congratulations to PJ for bringing home a gold medal to Canada, and especially to his home community of Lower Onslow. We are very proud of you, PJ!

Summer Church Schedule

By Chris Urquhart

Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge Church services for the month of August are as follows, and always at 10am: August 1st -worship at St. James in Great Village - this is a combined service for both the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge and the Great Village Charge and Rev. MacQueen will be preaching this service.

August 8th - Erskine United, Glenholme with Communion; August 15th - Masstown, August 22nd - Debert, August 29th Erskine United, Glenholme.

In September we meet on the 5th, 10am in Masstown and on the 12th in Debert. On September 19th our winter services resume. Everyone is welcome at these services so please come and join us!

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PARRSBORO GOLF CLUB

Bernie Burke Memorial Golf
August 20th

By Patricia Burke

The Bernie Burke Memorial Gold Tournament will be held Friday, August 20 at the picturesque Parrsboro Golf Club. Organizers are looking for players. Price per team of 3 is \$300.00 or 100.00 per person which entitles the team to 18 holes of golf, a steak dinner and awards banquet. All golfers leave with a prize and no doubt have met lots of great new friends.

If you are interested in

golfing, contact Brenda Wheaton at 254-3153. The organizing committee is also looking for prize sponsors, which can be arranged with Patricia Burke at 728-2015. All donors receive recognition at the award banquet.

The hole-in-one prize is a 2010 Ford Focus supplied by C. E. Sargent & Son, Parrsboro and Barnes Insurance Ltd. Parrsboro. Funds raised from this fundraiser will be used for the general operating expenses of the band hall.

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