

Arena Family Homecoming

Part 2

Celebrating the building of the AG Ross Arena 1972

Community growth through involvement

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Figure Skating Starts 1972

- First Executive:
President Ruth
Anderson, VP Connie
Goldberg, Sec Treas.
Doreen Berg
- 75 skaters
- First Instructor: Sheila
O'Neal (St Paul)



First Figure Skating Carnival Feb 1973

- Queen Margie Fedechko (sponsored by the Elk Point Lions Club)
- Theme: Sleeping Beauty



Winter of 1973 – 74 Carnival

- Cinderella - Feb 27 with 60 skaters
- Queen Ester Buksa (sponsored by Lions Club)
- President – Marie Buck
- Instructor Debbie Mallet (Lloydminster)
- Skatathon raised \$2,850



Naming of Arena to AG Ross Agri-plex

AG Ross was a pioneering doctor in Elk Point from 1922 to 1968. The Elk Point Hospital started as a private hospital run by Drs FG Miller and Dr AG Ross. It later, in 1926, became a municipal hospital when the municipalities started help fund the care of their residents. The first fifteen years of the partnership had been the pioneer type of practice with Model T Fords in the summer and horses in the winter. Mileage averaged a thousand miles per month for the four or five winter months with the horses.



Mrs Ross cutting ribbon at opening.

A.G. Ross

- As a physician Dr. Ross was a careful and accurate diagnostician and kept himself up to date on treatment. As a surgeon he had quick, sure hands and sound surgical judgment, and he never panicked. As a citizen he served on the school board and later for many years on the town council. He organized the Gas Company which supplies the town of Elk Point from its own gas wells. He was instrumental in having water and sewage facilities made available for the town. He was an elder and strong supporter of the United Church. He was keenly interested in young people's activities, and he taught a Sunday School class for many years.
- During his whole life Sandy Ross was distinguished for absolute integrity, unfailing loyalty, and sheer courage, together with a delightful sense of humor. As a tribute to this fine man in 1974 our modern arena and the Agri-plex was named "A.G. Ross Agri-plex in his honor.



Dr. A.G. Ross



Immediate Community Growth

- Workshops on power skating, refereeing
- Adult hockey formed:
 - Mooswa Mavericks
 - Gopher Chokers (2 teams named by Ron Onusko)
- Senior Hockey: Elk Point Bucs
 - Nov 1972 David Petrosky commits to Senior team in Centennial League. Barry Goldberg Coach of Bucs
- disputes over ice time??



List by Ron Onusko



Paying for the Arena

- Monthly Tickets – 200 tickets half prize money half to make \$6000 annual payment
- Paying lights and operating costs each year

Name	Phone No.
1. Ella Drobot - 724-2241	
2. Gary Popowich - 645-3301	
3. Mabel Dumont - 724-3598	
4. Allan Buck - 724-3928	
5. Donald Conrad - 724-3785	
6. Albert R. Joly - 724-3597	
7. Marilyn Kopyenckuk - 645-2571	
8. Stanley Krakchuk - 623-4200	
9. Rami Van Orbaad - 623-4541	
10. Ray Warren - 623-4350	
11. Josef Bender - 724-3505	
12. Steve Ferrace - 724-2226	
13. Dan Allan - 724-3603	
14. Mel Smith - 724-2145	
15. R. W. Lundgren - 645-2592	
16. Paul Higgins - 724-3843	
17. Jean Skynka - 724-3519	
18. R. Mitchell - 724-3760	
19. Bill & Pearl Suspakko - 724-3544	
20. Mrs. Mary Suspakko - 724-3560	
21. Mrs. B.A. Holliday - 724-3669	
22. Larry Dubock - 724-2102	
23. Steve Shmyr - 724-3853	
24. Lawrence Sumpton - 724-3946	
25. Ron Smith - 724-3961	
26. Ken Adkins - 724-2062	
27. Steve Scribney - 724-2284	
28. Adam Smwicka - 724-3571	
29. R. J. Judger - 724-3866	
30. R. Judger - 724-3866	
31. Max Dorawsky - 724-5972	
32. Wm & Helen Marciniuk - 724-3507	
33. Jim Zaroway - 724-5993	
34. Walter Sarachuk - 724-3606	
35. Norma Berg - 724-2485	
36. John Zajonc - 724-3805	
37. John Dreychuk - 724-2416	
38. J. W. Holliday - 724-3633	
39. Bill Tokar - 724-3685	
40. Nick Bohon - 724-3975	
41. Mike Halruk - 724-3969	
42. James Young - 724-3634	
43. Anae Tokar - 724-3655	
44. Fred Appleton - 724-3576	
45. C. R. McGeinnis - 724-2261	
46. Dave Pilisko - 724-2028	
47. Fred Johnson - Elk Point	
48. David Lawrence - 724-2726	
49. Allan Annette - Florence	

TICKET NO. _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

TICKET NO. _____

FOURTH ELK POINT & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY LOTTERY

1. Three draws per month. 1 for \$300 - 2 for \$100 EACH TICKET IS ELIGIBLE FOR 1 WIN PER MONTH
2. 200 tickets to be sold.
3. \$60.00 per ticket (may be post dated cheques to total \$60.00)
4. Post date cheques to be made for 15th of previous month starting March 15, 1978
5. First draw for this lottery is April 2, 1978
6. If all tickets are not sold we reserve the right to pay 1/2 monthly income.

30.1 Vernon Sharkey Heinsburg



For more information:

- Check out www.elkpointhistory.ca
 - Growth/Sports/ AG Ross Arena
 - Growth/Sports/ Figure Skating
 - Growth/Sports/ Hockey
- Checkout our facebook page:Elk Point Historical Society

