

**Heritage/Archives
Newsletter
January, 2010**

Well, the first month of the new decade is over and what a month it was – weather wise, that is – it has certainly shortened up the winter for everyone. Sadly, not enough snow for the cross country ski enthusiasts in the county and also for Ski Cape Smokey, however, great for people who must drive each day.

The Baddeck and Area Historical Society met as usual on the third Wednesday in January at 4:00 p.m. in the Court House. At this meeting, a number of proposed projects with regard to preserving historical information were discussed for the upcoming months.

The Heritage and Archives along with assistance from the Historical Society will, once again, be hosting an open house in the Court House to recognize National Heritage Day. The theme this year is Sport and Recreation – this theme was chosen as Canada is hosting the Olympic Games in February. The Heritage and Archives Department along with members of the Historical Society will be endeavouring to gather materials pertaining to sports and sports venues throughout the county. If anyone has a photo with regard to the foregoing, it would be greatly appreciated. The e-mail at the archives is as follows:
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The date for the Open House will be on Wednesday, 17th February between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Along with a display for sports and recreation, there will be afternoon tea and coffee throughout the two hours. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

The number of visitors during the month were in keeping with December – a few people in person and the rest via e-mail and telephone. Whatever the time of year, there are always people who are looking for historical information.

The article on old buildings which appeared in “The Victoria Standard” in January featured the old jail which was built in the village of Baddeck along with the original court house both of which were completed by 1856 at a cost of 600 pounds. There are several photos in existence of this building, however, to date, I have not uncovered a picture depicting the first court house. The jail served the county up until 1889 when the present court house was constructed which made accommodation for both a jail and jailors’ quarters.

Well, that is the news from the archives for January – I look forward to reporting back at the end of next month. Don’t forget the Heritage Day Open House on Feb. 17th!!