



NWT MINING HERITAGE

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The NWT Mining Heritage Society is a group dedicated to building a mining museum in Yellowknife. It was officially incorporated in July 2002.

The group owns several buildings at the old Giant Mine and plans on renovating the recreation hall first, followed by buildings at the A-shaft area.

The society has also begun development of outdoor displays at Giant, surrounding the public boat launch site.



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Membership



We currently have seventy-two individual members. If you know of anyone who would like to join our Society, there is a 2008 membership form on our website.

2008 Corporate Members

- ❖ **Sub-Arctic Surveys (SAS)**
(<http://www.sub-arctic.ca>)
- ❖ **Weaver and Devore Trading**
(www.weaverdevore.ca)



Gordon Graydon and Yvonne Quick volunteering at our Arctic Winter Games booth.

Special Events



A big thank you for those volunteers who worked at our *Arctic Winter Games* booth and to various companies for providing us with additional pins and merchandise.

Thank you to:

- ❖ **Gordon Graydon**
- ❖ **Walt Humphries**
- ❖ **Yvonne Quick**
- ❖ **Joy Watt**
- ❖ **The NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines**, for providing us with additional souvenirs.
- ❖ **Great Slave Helicopters** for providing their popular pins and hats.
- ❖ **The Northern Frontier Visitors Centre** for providing Yellowknife pins.

This event was to increase the community awareness regarding mining heritage and, as a bonus, we

raised \$400 selling merchandise and received three more members.

We completed our first 'Stones in Motion' curling demonstration on the Snow King's outside rink on March 22 and 23, 12 – 5 p.m. daily. Thank you for the *Yellowknife Curling Club* for providing the rocks, brooms, and additional volunteers. Thank you to the following volunteers:

- ❖ **Larry & Cappy Elkin**
- ❖ **Dave Kellett**
- ❖ **Louise & Lionel Marcinkoski**
- ❖ **Barb MacDonald**
- ❖ **Jim Poulsen**
- ❖ **Ryan Silke**
- ❖ **Peter Verstraaten**
- ❖ **Cathy and Peter Comeau**

Only in Yellowknife could you have a hovering helicopter clean the snow off your curling rink and that's exactly what happened Saturday! Through

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“Stones in Motion”

The Society co-hosted a curling event at the Snow King Castle on March 22-23. These photos were captured by Ryan Silke during the event:



donations, \$140 was raised and split with the *Yellowknife Curling Club*. Over one hundred individuals, young and old, enjoyed this outdoor curling opportunity. One enthusiastic Japanese tourist curled for over an hour, playing games with Jim Poulsen whenever there was a lull in participation level.



Early Giant Mine curlers 1947.

Approved Grants



The *City of Yellowknife* has approved our 2008 Special Grant application of \$9,800. We are currently seeking quotes for \$2,000,000 in liability insurance as this insurance is a prerequisite to receiving the grant from the City of Yellowknife. We also have an agreement in principal with the

Mineral and Petroleum Resources Directorate (INAC) for \$53,000 for the complete set of architectural drawings. *Wayne Guy*, of *Guy Architects*, attended our March board meeting to review the current floor plan and incorporate changes as required.

Walter Gibbins Trust Fund



On March 20th, a celebration of the \$25,000 donated to the new *Walter Gibbins Memorial Fund* took place at the Greenstone building, which currently houses the *Walter Gibbins Mineral Display*. The photo below includes Board members of the *NWT Mining Heritage Society* and the *Yellowknife Community Foundation*.



From left to right, *Denie Olmstead*, *Lorne Schollar*, *Mike Vaydik*, *Yvonne Quick Tom Hall* (President of the *Yellowknife Community Foundation*), *Walt Humphries*, *Ryan Silke* and *Daryl Dolynny* (Board member of *Yellowknife Community Foundation*).

This newsletter is published periodically as events are planned and organized. Please contact Ryan Silke at info@nwtminingheritage.com if you'd like to contribute photos or stories.

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Upcoming Board Meeting



When: Monday, April 28, 2008

Time: 12:00

Where: AD Williams Engineering Ltd. Boardroom* (4903 – 47th Street)

**AD Williams Engineering Ltd.* is generously providing their boardroom as an in-kind donation. Thank you!