

Press Release

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Hockey's Nova Scotia DNA: Local Hockey Historian to Talk "Genes"

Forget what you've read, or been told, about the origins of Ice hockey. Most stories miss the goal.

On October 8th, King's-Edgehill School, near famed Long Pond in Windsor, will be the scene of more Hockey history. Mr. David Carter, a heritage researcher and communication design specialist from Brookfield, will unveil new research about the origins of today's Ice hockey, ties to early King's Collegiate, King's College and Loyalist Nova Scotia in the late 1700s.

Windsor and Halifax-Dartmouth are among many places, world wide, claimed as the "Birthplace of Hockey." A Hockey talk sandwiched between the end of the World Hockey Championships and the start of the NHL season is perfect timing to reveal new facts. "This is a fresh, new story. I've found a Nova Scotia tide that ebbs and flows beyond international borders in both time and place." He adds, "Nova Scotia is a significant pivot point for the present day NHL, and, in that sense, very much a birthplace."

Under the guise of "Hockey Holmes," Carter has been directly involved in the study of Ice hockey's roots and Nova Scotia's role for the past 6 years. "I enjoy the challenge of research. Think of it as a very complicated game of hide and seek." Carter often assists with Hockey history inquiries. His own inquiries that have led to the discovery and recovery of historically-significant trophies, now proudly displayed in Windsor Hockey Heritage Centre's exhibits at Haliburton House.

A deep interest grew out of his collaborative Museum work with the Windsor Hockey Heritage Society in planning and creating the group's Haliburton House displays.

Carter ties the story back to, at last count, 12 Nova Scotia Museum sites across the Province. "Hurley-on-the-ice – early Ice hockey history – is the history of Nova Scotia. Ponds, ice, skates, wooden sticks, play, industry, community and family roots." He further notes, "Yes, it's a hockey story, but, equally, it's a relevant story for today: new immigrants and new sparks of innovation."

In addition to solving many mysteries around Hockey's origins, Mr. Carter concludes that this research serves another purpose: a teaching tool. "Imagine understanding our past through the game of Hockey. Teachers and students take note." Carter invites all fans of Hockey to attend the talk. "The details will also appeal to anyone interested in 18th and 19th century Loyalist-era society, politics, religion and military."

The event starts at 3:00 with a Question and Answer session to follow the 45-minute presentation. And, don't be surprised if Carter is asking you questions.

Join Hockey Holmes where Hockey happened:

Kings-Edgehill School (Convocation Hall)
Windsor, Nova Scotia
Saturday, 3:00 pm, October 8

In partnership with:
Windsor Hockey Heritage Centre
Haliburton House Museum

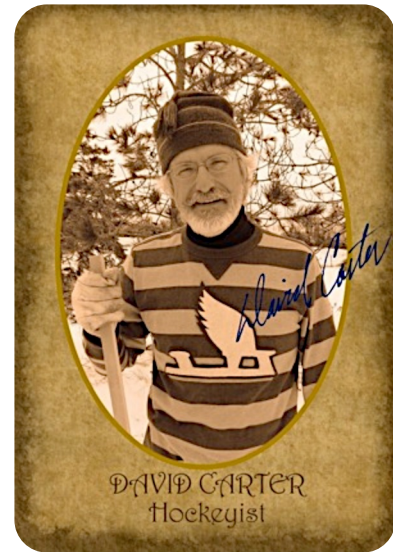
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*Heritage Detective David Carter, aka Hockey Holmes, at King's-Edgehill.
Test out a Hurley/hockey stick at his October 8th talk. Photo: Judy Kelly-Carter*



*Hockey Holmes shares ideas about Long Pond, King's College and early hockey for an Irish-based documentary, January of 2016.
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