

N.A.P.E. LOCAL 7104 (Carling O'Keefe) Hockey League

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The Newfoundland Government Employees Association Branch 9, later changed to the Newfoundland Association Of Public Employees Local 7104, Hockey league was born at a meeting of interested players held at the Department of Health, East Block, Confederation Building in the Fall of 1971. At that meeting a Committee, picture below, was elected to organize and run the League.



Front Row: L to R: Doug Evans; Cyril Galway; Nick Murphy; Arnold Greene

Back Row: L to R: Leo McCann; Max Osmond; Ron Fardy; Everett Morris; John Boland

The “Provincials”, picture below, hockey team had represented the Confederation Building in the Civil Service (Federal/Provincial/Municipal Employees) Hockey League since its revitalization in 1966-67 and had captured four consecutive league championships from that time through the 1970-71 season. The cost of operating the league, financed by fund-raising activities such as walk-a-thons, ticket sweeps etc, was escalating and it was reasoned that for the same amount of money 60 to 70 players would get a recreational game of hockey instead of the 16 to 17 players in the competitive league.





**PROVINCIALS** captured their third straight Civil Service Hockey League championship Tuesday night. Members of the winning team are, left to right, kneeling: Jim Manuel, Tom Lawlor, Ken Byrne, Mel Strong, Kev Brocklehurst, George Barbour, Fred Goodridge, Don Smith. Standing: John Walsh, Bill Vincent, Jim Hanlon, John Boland, Sam Kean, Wayne Barnable, Eric Penney, Don French, Don Johnson, Ed Hollett, manager; Cyril Galway, coach. (Daily News Photo)

Although the Hockey League bears the name of the Union, eligibility was never restricted to union members. The boundaries of the old Branch 9, now Local 7104 were only used to define the employees eligible to play in the League. All Provincial Government employees within these boundaries may apply to play. Local 7104 supports the league financially with a grant each year based on the number of union members playing at that time. In September of each year a Committee is elected by the players to run the League for the ensuing year.

The League Committee has the authority under the Constitution and By-Laws, first passed at a meeting of October 22, 1974 and revised from time to time, to adopt a Corporate sponsor. From its inception until 1980, Molson Newfoundland Brewery was the sponsor. Since that time Carling O'Keefe Breweries of Canada have taken over sponsorship and have assisted in providing new uniforms and refreshments after each game.

The League not only provides a form of exercise and recreation for Government Employees but also enables them to get to know each other and the jobs they perform day to day. The friendship develops a better relationship in the workplace.



After the completion of the hockey season an annual dinner, dance and presentation of awards is held. This year it will be held at the Holiday Inn on May 9, 1987.

The league, in its 16<sup>th</sup> season, operates with five teams, 70 players, at the Memorial Stadium on Sunday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Feildian gardens on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Come see your fellow employees. It should be noted that this league has provided over 1,000 player years of hockey to Provincial Government employees.

A word of thanks and praise to the people who give their time and effort to coach the teams.



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Back Row: Frank McGrath, John Boland, John Coady, Sandy Mercer (Coach), Wayne Barnable, Mike O'Keefe

Middle Row: John Cochrane, Doug Evans, Kevin Brocklehurst, Fred Goodridge, Peter Boone, Jim Hanlon

Front Row: Gerry Noseworthy, Cyril Galway, Bill Vincent, George Barbour, Mel Strong, Ken Byrne

