

## Happy Handicap Club Fonds

Original and photocopy, 21cm, 1949-2000

### Scope and content:

The Happy Handicap Club fonds are a collection of records, newsletters and newspaper clippings that document the membership and activities of the Happy Handicap Club in Thunder Bay. This collection is arranged chronologically

**Series E 74/1/1:** Newsletters, 2cm, 1985-1990 (original)

1) 1985-1990, "Happy Handicap Newsletter"; Contains eleven newsletters that contain event information, memorials, poetry and pictures of the Happy Handicap Club, 2cm

**Series E 74/2/1-2:** Membership information, 8cm, 1977-1999 (original)

Contains a list of members and other membership related documents

1) 1977-1999, Membership lists contained within one binder, one folder, one bound group of papers and a stapled group of papers, 8cm

2) 1995, Two membership cards. One is blank and the other one was filled out by the Secretary Treasurer - Margaret Maurstad, 2pgs.

**Series E 74/3/1-2:** Financial statements and records, 3cm, 1977-1998 (original)

1) 1977-1998, Year end financial statements including one handwritten statement from 1977 and one blank cheque with donation receipt, 1cm

2) 1977-1998, Ledger containing information on purchases and disbursements of the Happy Handicap Club. Also contained within is a charity registration form, 2cm

**Series E 74/4/1-4:** Minutes and constitution, 2cm, 1950-1998, (original and photocopy). These documents log the activities, growth and eventual demise of the Happy Handicap Club. They are organised chronologically.

1) 1950, Constitution; Two copies of the Happy Handicap Club constitution, 8pgs.

2) 1963-1998, Minute book; This minute book documents the activities, functions and meetings of the Happy Handicap Club. Most entries are signed by Margaret Maurstad, 2cm

3) 1998, Official statement; This statement was released by the Happy Handicap Club stating their unanimous desire to disband. The statement is signed by the: president, secretary treasurer, financial secretary and programmer, 1pg.

4) 1999, Minute log; One minute log of a special meeting that was held on September 27, 1999, regarding the final actions of the Happy Handicap Club, 1pg.

**Series E 74/5/1:** Transportation records, 4cm, 1972-2000 (original)

1) 1972-2000, Transportation logs contained within a binder that document the names, phone numbers and vehicle type of volunteer drivers as well as the dates on which they drove. Also contained within is a brief history of the Happy Handicap Club, 4cm

**Series E 74/6/1:** Miscellaneous, 10cm, 1951-2000 (original and photocopy)

1) 1951-2000, Newspaper clippings; These clippings make reference to the Happy Handicap Club. They include mention of events, members and obituaries. 1cm, (original and photocopy)

2) 1962, 1990; Twelve various documents that include: schedules, advertisements, letterhead, prayers, correspondence and a memoriam list, 12pgs. (original)

3) Map and building specifications for the Moose Meadows Resort located on Cloud Lake, Ontario. 7pgs. (original)

**Series E 74/7/1:** Correspondence, 2cm, 1951-1991 (original and photocopy)

1) Correspondence between members of the Happy Handicap Club, Auxiliary, donors and event co-ordinators. Receipts for some events and supplies also included.

**Biographical Sketch:**

The Happy Handicap Club was founded at Trinity United Church in Thunder Bay on October 21, 1949. Many of its original founders were religious figures and included: Reverend K. MacMillan, reverend R. Pedan, reverend V. Whatley, W Hewitt and majors Bolten and Brunsen. The stated purpose of the Happy Handicap Club was to organise, transport and supervise social events in order to entertain "shut-ins". They would host monthly events that would consist of diner, music and entertainment for locally disabled persons. The Happy Handicap Club operated within Thunder Bay from 1949-1999 when it was forced to dissolve as a result of financial hardships and redundancy. Although they officially dissolved in 1999 the Happy Handicap Club continued to transport locally disabled people until 2000.

**Additional Information:**

Associated material: See photo catalogue 2006.13.1