



# THE COBALT LODGE

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## **“Greetings from the Cobalt Camp”**

**Where we have recently experienced a warm Indian Summer, a busy moose hunt, and many church teas and bazaars.**

### **The Heritage Silver Trail, Phase II**

Completed! On schedule! On Budget!  
A total of 20 sites, complete with signage.  
This project required our total attention this season and we are pleased that our effort was successful. Now our visitors will spend more time exploring the trail and learn a lot more about our rich heritage.

### **The Cobalt Mining Museum**

The summer season brought 6,014 museum visitors and 754 visitors to the Colonial Mine Underground Tour.

On August 2, 2004 the Board inducted four nominees into the “Founders and Mining Partners”: Ernie Tressider, Paul Hermiston, Janet (Nettie) Wallman and H. Arnold Todd. These persons now join Jack Koza, Roger Gareau, and Milt Halstead on our “Wall of Fame”. Family and friends enjoyed this social gathering at the museum.

Winter hours are now in force!

Monday to Friday 1:00 pm – 4:00pm

### **“The City of Temiskaming Shores”**

This is now the official name for the three amalgamated communities of Haileybury, New Liskeard and Dymond Township. The process is still in the formative stage and no postal addresses or codes have changed as of yet.

### **The Haileybury Centennial Celebration**

The week of July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 saw more than 1500 visitors to register at the Haileybury Heritage Museum. The ceremonies began with the unveiling of a statue of C.C. Farr, Haileybury’s founder and his companion “O-Dawg”, sculpted by local artist Ernie Fauvelle.

Highlights included recognition of the first official air mail stamp and service from Haileybury to Rouyn, in 1924; The first ghostwriter of the Hardy Boys, Leslie McFarlane; The great Fire of 1922; and a Royal Canadian Legion Day Remembrance.

More than 900 people sat down to the centennial banquet on Saturday night. On Sunday an inter-denominational church service and community breakfast wrapped up the celebrations.

### **Cobalt Public Library Invitation**

The public are invited to examine photo albums and early newspapers on a new microfilm reader/printer. Library internet website: <http://ca.geocities.com/cobaltlibrary>

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

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## **The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce**

The Cobalt branch of the CIBC opened in 1903 and closed October 30th, 2004. All remaining accounts have now been transferred to C.I.B.C. New Liskeard Branch. The Town of Cobalt and local businesses are continuing their search for an alternative service. One Last Gift – the collection of large framed photographs of early Cobalt landmarks are now the property of the Cobalt Historical Society. These photos are being fitted with identification plates and are available for display at local sites.

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### **Rest in Peace – Borden, Seward, “Bud” Price**

One of our “Old Timers”, Bud Price, who grew up at Cross Lake, Kerr Lake and Giroux Lake, passed away on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the Temiskaming Hospital. Educated at the Cobalt High School he retired as purchasing agent for Agnico-Eagle Mines. He was always a great Cobalt History buff and we will surely miss him. Bud was 88 years old.

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### **Annual General Meeting**

Held November 16, 2004 at the Cobalt Historical Society office (site#14)

All committee reports were reviewed and approved. Presentations were heard from Doug Shearer, manager, Historic Cobalt Mining Camp project; Larry Wiwchar, Nastawgan Trails; and Chris Oslund, Vice President, Ontario Historical Society.

Elections of the Officers: President, Jack Church; Vice President; Vivian Hylands; secretary-treasurer, Peter Blakey. Directors: Gladys Wilcox, Barbara Nagy, Ada Shearer, Merv Lavigne; town of Cobalt Rep, Pat Anderson ; Coleman Township Rep., Ron Beeson.

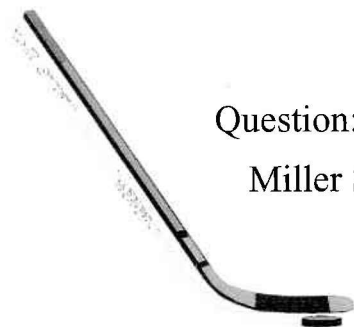
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### **From The President**

2004 was a busy and successful year. The contributions and cooperation we received from the Northern Ontario Heritage Foundation, FedNor, The Town of Cobalt, The Township of Coleman, and our local volunteers, all helped us reach our goals. My Thanks to all of you!

Jack Church

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Question: Does anyone have a picture of the old rink that was located on Miller Street?