

MJ-106

Moose Jaw Aquatic Club fonds. - [textual record, object, graphic material]. - 1939-1951. - 5.00 cm of textual records. - 2 photographs.

Boxes V-110, A-1

### **Administrative history**

By 1907 the Moose Jaw River had become a heavily used recreational centre. The Moose Jaw aquatic Club was formed as a non-profit organization with the prime interest to foster aquatic sports and a place where the young people of the city could meet in wholesome and worthwhile athletic and social activities.

In 1912 the Club hired local architect Sholto Smith to design a club house on the riverbank. The official opening was held on August 7, 1913. During the 1920's and 1930's the Club thrived, hosting swimming and boating events, regattas, and dances. It became affiliated with the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association. In 1934, Phyllis Dewar, a Club member won 4 gold medals in swimming at the British Commonwealth Games.

In 1948 the club house sustained damage due to vandalism and flooding. In the late 1950's the building was moved south from the river up the bank to its present location of 276 Home Street East and was altered. It is now the home of the South Saskatchewan Wildlife Club, known as the Sportsman's Centre.

It is unclear what happened to the members of the Aquatic Club. There is no documentation in the Library Archives as to when the Club ceased. Other swim clubs were formed and probably absorbed the members of the Aquatic Club.

### **Scope and content**

This fonds consists of material primarily from the 1940's. Included are the Memorandum of Association, insurance policy of the mid 1940's and blueprints of the Club drawn up in 1949. There are lists of shareholders and members, financial statements and correspondence. There are 2 black and white undated photographs, probably from the 1950's, and photocopies of photographs. Also there are swim meet schedules, programs, and results, as well as blank membership application forms, membership cards, newspaper clippings and a sheet of letterhead. There are minutes of meetings of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association in 1949 and minutes of the Saskatchewan Section of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association in 1949. National results and records are also included for 1947.

### **Conservation note**

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2005.

### **Note of immediate source of acquisition**

Donated to the Archives by Mrs. Rhoda Freiden.

### **Accruals**

No further accruals expected.

### **Finding aids**

See file list.

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#### File List

001 - Memorandum of Association 1943

002 - List of Shareholders 1945, 1947

003 - Directors, Membership, Committee Lists, undated

004 - Membership Forms and Cards 1948, 1951

005 - Insurance Policy 1944

006 - Financial Statements 1946, 1950

007 - Correspondence 1946-1950

008 - Swim Meet Schedules and Programs 1939, 1946-1948

009 - Blueprints 1949

010 - Letterhead

011 - Photographs [195?]

012 - Photocopies of Photographs

013 - Newspaper Clippings 1946-1949, 1951, undated

014 - Canadian Amateur Swimming Association, Saskatchewan Section - Minutes 1949

015 - Canadian Amateur Swimming Association, Saskatchewan Section - Swimming Records 1948

016 - Canadian Amateur Swimming Association, Minutes 1949

017 - Canadian Amateur Swimming Association - Championship Results 1947

018 - Canadian Amateur Swimming Association - National Records 1947

Artifacts - Located in Artifact Box 1

-7 felt fabric crests "MJAC Aquatic Club"