

# ARGYLE'S OUTDOOR SKATING RINK

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*Argylites have been skating for  
about 140 years!*

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In pioneer times, of course, it was mostly on farm ponds or sloughs. In the 1920's, the first flooded skating rink was created within Argyle, and locations varied. Sometime in the 1930's, Argyle's Social Club started a rink at the present location, and skating was organized by different community groups over the years. Hockey was a really big community activity for a long time, with fierce competition between neighbouring clubs. The warm-up shack was added in 1967 as a centennial project. But eventually there were so many other activities competing for people's time that the skating rink fell into disrepair.

In 1993 – just a few years ago – a Skating Club was formed to re-build the rink. Organizers of the project were Ron Watson, Ken Nunn, Russ Snell, and Reg Amy, with many helpers.

**The ice surface is now NHL-size, with a good fence, lighting, and a heated skating shack.** Caretaking, flooding, snow removal and all maintenance is 100% volunteer.

Repairs and maintenance are financed by membership fees, so all users of the rink are required to pay an annual fee – \$20 per individual and \$35 for a family, payable at Meridian Trail General Store, and there is also a sign-up sheet where volunteers can choose their week(s) for rink maintenance. **Have fun skating!**