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Bobby Orr etched into Parry Sound hockey permanently

PARRY SOUND - He was once the kid on the makeshift rinks within the community, then he starred as the NHL's best blueliner for years. Now Bobby Orr will be put into a place that he has much deserved, into his very own Hall of Fame in his hometown.



Bobby Orr flies again at the hall of fame that bar.

The Bobby Orr Sports Hall of Fame will hold its grand opening on this Friday, July 18. The hall is decked out with memorabilia and authentic artifacts of Orr and his life in both Parry Sound and as an NHLer.

The hall of fame looks back on everything within his lifetime of hockey, from film footage of him playing in the old Parry Sound Arena, to his days wearing number 27 for the Bruins, in his first appearance in the NHL, all the way to his career finishing years for the Chicago Blackhawks.

Bobby Orr is a legend, not just to Parry Sound, but to anyone who knows hockey.

It's nice to see him honoured as he should be within his own home town.

Much of the memorabilia in the Orr Sports Hall was collected by hall chair John Green and his group of volunteers.

"We are still receiving artifacts from people, more so now that we are close to the grand opening," said Mr. Green.

The question is whether the hall will be able to attract people to come back time and time again.

"We will be constantly looking to update our displays, as new artifacts and memorabilia come in," said Mr. Green. "We are looking at this exhibit here for about a year, then we will look at really changing things up a bit."

While the memorabilia and artifacts that are displayed for viewing are sure to bring people to the hall a first time, it will be all the interactive fun that is offered that is sure to bring many many of them back.

Visitors can be a goalie in an authentic looking mini arena.

Foster Hewitt-wannabes can test their skills in play-by-play simulator.

There is even an interactive centre that allows you to try and beat a virtual goaltender, accuracy shooting and test the velocity of your shot.

The Bobby Orr Sports Hall of Fame is sure to be a lot of fun, whether you are there to view the Bobby Orr memorabilia or even to venture into the lives of other Hall of Fame inductees such as Bill Carson, Alex Eager, Barry 'Hawk' Tabobadung, Terry Crisp, or Gary Sabourin.

No matter what facet of the hockey world you are into, there is something for you to do at the Bobby Orr Sports Hall of Fame.

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