

JHSSA DESCRIPTIVE LEVEL RECORD

TITLE: Meadowlark Athletic Association (Meadowlark Curling Club) fonds **No.:** MCC

DATE RANGE: 1958-1965, 2003

EXTENT: 1.5 cm of textual records

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

The Meadowlark Athletic Association was referred to as the Meadowlark Athletic Syndicate in its earliest incarnation, but was generally known as the Meadowlark Curling Club. Curling rink rental in Calgary was in high demand, and in 1954 a group of avid Jewish curlers decided to form a syndicate to build their own facility. Ted Riback, Al Polsky, Bill Polsky, A.B. Blumes, Hy Sheinin and M. Smith were the original trustees, and by early they had purchased six acres of land on 58th Ave SW, between Elbow Drive and Macleod Trail. The original plans were for a building that would house an 8-sheet artificial ice curling rink, as well as a social club with a lounge, dining room and other gathering spaces. Community membership shares were offered at \$100 each, and the hope was that revenues from the rink would fund the later addition of a swimming pool, gymnasium and other athletic facilities.

The initial offering was well received and the facility was extensively used for many years, but the project never received the larger support that was needed for its continuation. At a meeting of shareholders in 1963, it was decided to accept an Offer to Purchase that had been received through a trust company. The sale was completed by December 1964 and the Association was liquidated. The shareholders were paid out in October, 1965.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The fonds consists of original and photocopied letters, memos, building updates, bulletins and financial statements regarding the Meadowlark Athletic Association (Meadowlark Curling Club). Also included are Al Rubin's handwritten notebook (no cover) recording cash and other donations for an early 1960s bonspiel, two pages of handwritten notes regarding the bonspiel (written by Al Rubin in 2003), and Ted Riback's typewritten notes (c2000) regarding the early establishment of the club.

The fonds has been arranged chronologically by the archives, with the notebook and notes at the front of the folder.

SOURCE OF TITLE: title from content of fonds

SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Ted Riback, Al Rubin

ACCESS CONDITIONS: no restrictions on access

ACCRUALS: no further accruals expected

RELATED GROUPS OF RECORDS: JHSSA Photo Collection

GENERAL NOTE: Includes the following accessions: 2003-017, 2004-011