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George Hamilton Day August Holiday Monday

In honour of the city's founder George Hamilton, City Council has proclaimed that August Civic Holiday be named George Hamilton Day across the City.

Each municipality is free to celebrate and name the August Civic Holiday Monday as they wish.

Toronto celebrates Simcoe Day and Burlington celebrates Joseph Brant Day.

We celebrate George Hamilton Day.



George Hamilton

Greatest Hamiltonian of the Year!

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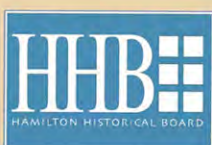


Each year on George Hamilton Day the City celebrates the contribution of a notable local historical figure as voted by the citizens of Hamilton.

On these boards you will find six individuals of distinction, nominated in honour of this year's Pan Am Games, for their outstanding achievements in the world of athletics.

You may vote for one of these six nominees, or you can choose to vote for a different famous Hamiltonian sportsman or sportswoman by writing in the name of a person of your own choosing.

The winner of the Greatest Hamiltonian of the Year Contest will be announced at Heritage Day Ceremonies held each year in February.



Hamilton Historical Board
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Greatest Hamiltonians

Jackie Callura - 1917-1993 Featherweight Boxing

As a boy, Jackie Callura learned to fight other kids on Hamilton streets to keep his prime location downtown to sell the Hamilton Spectator. At only 5-foot-6 and 126 pounds Callura captured the national featherweight title in 1931 and was an Olympic team member the following year. Known for his punching power and rock-like stance, Callura had a professional ring record of 57-33-10 including 13 victories by knockout. The high point of Callura's career came in 1943 when he beat Jackie Wilson in 15 rounds to bring the World Featherweight crown home to the Hamilton. He successfully defended the title twice. Callura later became a steelworker in Buffalo before returning to Hamilton.



Florence Harvey 1878 – 1968 Golf



Florence Harvey is the first Life Member of Hamilton Golf and Country Club and was the first golfer inducted into the Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame. In 1913 she founded the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, now part of Golf Canada. Harvey started golfing around 1900 and would go on to win six club championships. She won the Ontario Ladies' Championship in 1904, 1906, 1913 and 1914, as well as the Canadian Ladies' Open Championship in 1903 and 1904. At the 1910 US Women's Amateur Championship, Harvey reached the semi-finals and was defeated by fellow Hamiltonian - Dorothy Campbell, who repeated as champion. In World War I, Florence worked in the Convalescent Hospital in Hamilton run by Mrs. Peter Crerar. During the World War II she served with the Canadian Red Cross in England. In 1954, she returned home to Ancaster, and lived there until her death in 1968.

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Ray “Rapid Ray” Lewis 1910 – 2003 Track and Field

Ray Lewis was the first Canadian-born, African-American athlete to represent Canada at the Olympics. At the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, he won a bronze medal in the 4x400 relay. Lewis began his track and field career at Central Collegiate where he set four Canadian high school records in one day in 1929. In all, he would claim 17 national championships. He set new marks in the 100, 200, and 440-yard dashes, as well for his anchor performance in the one-mile relay. Despite such success, Lewis was forced to endure racism from onlookers, coaches and teachers. After briefly attending Marquette University on an athletic scholarship in the United States, Lewis returned to Canada, during the Great Depression, working for the Canadian Pacific Railway as a porter. He kept in shape by training along the railway, running up and down the track while trains were stopped.



Irene MacDonald 1931 - 2002 Diving

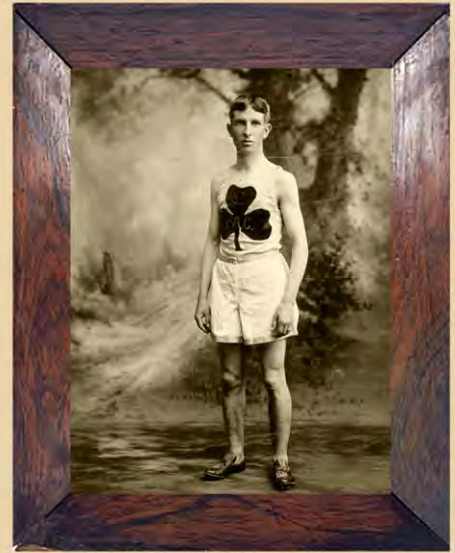


Irene held 15 Canadian Championships, 6 U.S. National Championships, and 2 Mexican Championships from 1951-61. She won a bronze and a silver medal in springboard diving at the 1954 and 1958 British Empire & Commonwealth Games respectively. A member of the 1955 and 1959 Pan Am Games teams, placing 4th in both years, she won a bronze in the 3m springboard at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, the first Canadian ever to medal in diving. She also competed for Canada in the 1960 Olympics. MacDonald was chair of diving for Canada (1962-66) and Technical Director for the Canadian Diving Association (1967-69). She was a long-time coach, and CBC commentator on diving.

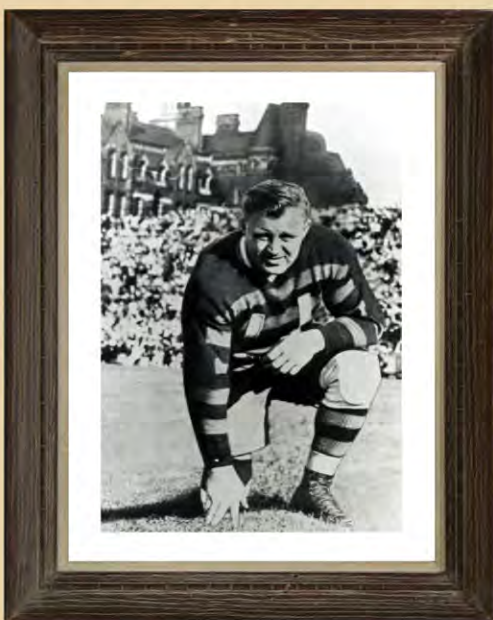
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William “Billy” Sherring 1877–1964 Distance Running

Billy Sherring, from Hamilton, won the marathon race at the 1906 Olympic Games, and was a two-time winner of Hamilton’s own 30km Around the Bay Road Race, the oldest road race in North America. He placed second at the 1900 Boston Marathon. Sherring had to finance his own transportation to the Athens Olympics of 1906. He collected a sum of money which was insufficient, so he bet it all on a horse at long odds and won. He arrived in Athens seven weeks early, and worked as a porter at the Athens railway station. Upon his triumph in Athens, Sherring was presented with a sheep and a statue of Athena. Once back in Hamilton, City Council awarded him \$5000.



Brian Timmis 1899–1971 Football



Brian ‘Old Man of the Mountains’ Timmis is best known for his football career in Hamilton. Known for a battering ram style of running, Timmis could always be relied upon to smash through opposing lines, grinding out the necessary yardage. He career in the Canadian Football League spanned 20 years. He won multiple Grey Cups, both as a player, and in 1943 as a Coach, when he led the Hamilton Flying Wildcats past the Winnipeg RCAF Bombers. He was in the inaugural Canadian Football Hall of Fame class and is in the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame

HAMILTON TIGERS: 1924–1938

GREY CUPS: 1927, 1928, 1929, 1932, 1935, 1943

GREY CUP WINS : 1928, 1929 , 1932, 1943

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