

The Rosedale Athletic Club
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An inventory of its records held by the Chilliwack
Archives.

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A group of Rosedale young men formed a Sportsman's Club as early as 1903-04. A baseball league was formed including, Agassiz, Hope, Chilliwack, and Rosedale. The Rosedale games were played in farmer's fields while the other teams had regular ball parks. In 1909 the Rosedale team decided that it was time Rosedale had a park. Charles McCormick offered the Sportman's Club a piece of property, (still the present ball park) for \$800.00. On Februray 24, 1910, a deposit of \$10.00 was paid by Alex Mercer and a bill of sale was made out to the Rosedale Sportsman's Club.

A meeting was held in the Orange Hall in Rosedale on February 24, 1910 and the Rosedale Athletic Club was formed and registered under the Societies Act. The initial officers were: Honorary President, Councillor Robert Mercer; President Alex H. Mercer; and Secretary-Treasurer R. B. Thompson. The purpose of the club, stated in the charter, was "the improvement and development of the mental and physical condition of the young men and women and providing means of recreation, exercise, and amusement by means of an athletic club". They have lived up to that charter to the present day.

In 1928 the club built the Rosedale Community Hall. It continues to be an active force in the social and recreational life of the community.

This fonds was donated by the Rosedale Athletic Club* on August 27, 1990 (Accession no. 990.76). The contents consist of minutes from 1910 to 1983 (with a gap between 1913 to 1922), membership lists from 1929 to 1983 (with gaps throughout), account books from 1930 to 1979, Old Time Dance Club record books from 1947 to 1961, plans of Rosedale Community Hall, pictures of their 60th anniversary (1970), and a few miscellaneous papers.

*File 54, a pamphlet published for the Rosedale Homecoming in 1985, was donated by Fred Bryant on July 10, 1985.

*This inventory is stored on the floppy disk
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