

**Introducing our latest addition to our  
Community Displays located in the Arena Lobby!**

## **The Barrel Flooder**



The precursor to the modern day 'Zamboni', the original 'barrel flooder' was filled with hot water and manually pushed around the rink by the likes of Reiny McKean, one of the original caretakers in the new arena in 1966. Gravity would force the water from the horizontal 45 gallon barrel, through a series of tubing and valves to the horizontal 'flood bar' that would leave a smooth freshly resurfaced sheet of ice ready for the next game! Left at the arena by an unknown donator, the vessel was built from scratch by long time local fabricator Louis Wine. Once COVID protocols are lifted, and the arena opens to the public, all will be able to enjoy this piece of our past!

The display is also part of a new Arena history initiative. Local sports historians Laverne Anderson and Martin Schneider, along with arena staff, have been piecing together much of the history of the building and are actively seeking any and all memorabilia, pictures, artifacts and articles that may fill in some gaps from the 70's, 80's and 90's. If you have any such material contact arena manager, Graham Parsons at 403-357-9597 or by email at [sylvanlakehockeycamp.com](http://sylvanlakehockeycamp.com)