

OHS Riddell Award Presented to Robert K. Barney and Riley Nowokowski for Article in *Ontario History*

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The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2021-22 OHS Riddell Award, which recognizes the best scholarly article on Ontario history published in the award year, to Robert K. Barney and Riley Nowokowski for their article "[A Canadian Distinction of Note: London, Ontario's Labatt Memorial Park, Baseball History's Oldest, Continuously-Operating Baseball Precinct](#)," which appeared in the Society's journal *Ontario History* in the [Fall 2021 issue](#).

This article details the rich history of London Ontario's Labatt Memorial Park, originally known as Tecumseh Park, and investigates its claim as being the oldest continuously-used baseball grounds in the world. Well-written and logically structured, the authors provide ample evidence to support the long debated claim, and in so doing, reveal the Park's significance to the history of baseball and other organized sports in Ontario, Canada and the world. Such excellent scholarship promotes public understanding and appreciation of this exceptional site as one deserving special recognition through national heritage designation.

The Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to present the Riddell Award to Robert K. Barney and Riley Nowokowski.

Nowokowski & Barney Respond to the Society's Selection



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