



# UNITY

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Welcome to our newest member

**DANA MURCH**  
Belfast ME

### Next Meeting

October 25th

**Chris Marshall  
and Students**

### Unity's "Big Dig"

Meeting begins at 7:00pm  
Refreshments follow



**FINAL**

**2011 Meeting**

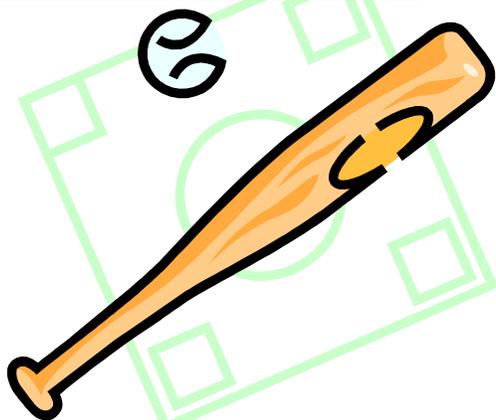
Thirty-one years after the invention of the game baseball, there appeared the first organized athletic club in this town. In the spring and summer of 1870 a group of Unity youths organized the Una Baseball club. They played games with neighboring towns and had a creditable season.

By 1890 the Unity fans had caught "baseball fever" and another later team was winning renown of the diamond. This team was made up of Foss, Myrick, Harmon, Whitehouse, Roberts, Grant, Jones, Whitney and Pilley. The height of the season came when the Unity nine played Dixmont on a Saturday afternoon. The Unity lads won the day with a 16-13 run game, John Van Deets, umpire. In the evening the young ladies got up a party in honor of the team, where they entertained the boys with readings, harmonica solos, a special tableau, and the rendition of an original poem (composed by Mrs. Mary W Lawrence and Mrs. Fuller), a part of which is quoted:

This dear little town of Unity, Maine  
Is suffering badly baseball on the brain,  
They are a splendid lot, the brave Winnecooks,  
In point of good looks.

And when they are dressed in their uniforms smart  
They please the eye, and capture the heart.  
Whitney for captain, and Harmon first base,  
Connor and Roberts each in his place.  
Right field, Mitchell, left field, Jones,  
When they get started look out for your bones.  
Short stop Smith, and center field Chase,  
With pitcher Grant so full of grace.

*A History of Unity, Maine (James B. Vickery III, 1954)*



**Mission:** The Unity Historical Society is dedicated to the collection and preservation of historical materials related to the Town of Unity, Maine. The Society makes this information available to individuals and/or organizations interested in historical and genealogical research.

# September 2011 Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** President **Pat Clark** called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**MINUTES:** A motion from **Anni Roming**, seconded by **Dot Quimby**, to accept the August meeting minutes was unanimously accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** **Anni Roming** provided the Treasurer's report, which was accepted with no questions.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- **Jackie** reported that UHS had visitors from Illinois who were looking for Kelly and Vickery information
- Jim Kenney and his guest visited looking for Winters family information.
- **Mahlon** has the calendar proof for review and the calendars will be available at the October meeting. Jackie wants calendar sales tracked for 2012.
- The index now contains about 35,000 names.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- **Pat** reported that two classes from the College would be visiting UHS later in September.
- UHS had a good number of visitors during the summer and most weeks received donations; 20 people toured the building during the CommUnity Block Party in late August.
- **Dot Quimby** suggested that the building be open for Common Ground Fair/Alumni/Parents Weekend in September.

## **GIFTS/DONATIONS**

- Philip & Janet Dowe from Albion Historical Society joined us for the meeting and presented three diaries found in a house in Thorndike that they obtained at an antiques mall in Detroit. The diaries are from 1908, 1910 and 1914; and written by Percy Crosby and Daniel Gordon.
- A nail-shaped pencil—promotional item from Unity Hardware — was presented.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Pat will convene a nominating committee charged with presenting a slate of officers at the October meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Game Loft newsletter had a story about their visit to UHS.

Thanks to member and speaker **Kevin Spigel** for the delicious 'samples' following his presentation; along with the yummy homemade pepper jelly!.



We were pleased to once again welcome **Kevin Spigel**, UHS member and Associate Professor of Geosciences at Unity College, as our guest for September. He wasn't there to talk about core samples, but samples of another kind. Kevin is a home-brewer and was happy to share his enthusiasm.

Beer is one of the world's oldest beverages, with the history of beer dating back to the 6th millennium BC, and being recorded in the written history of Ancient Iraq. As almost any substance containing carbohydrates, mainly sugar or starch, can naturally undergo fermentation, it is likely that beer-like beverages were



independently invented among various cultures throughout the world. The invention of bread and beer has been argued to be responsible for humanity's ability to develop technology and build civilization. The earliest chemically confirmed barley beer to date was discovered at Godin Tepe in the central Zagros Mountains of Iran, ca. 3400-3000 B.C.

The modern process is an all-grain process and starts with four basic ingredients — water, barley, hops and yeast. From there, brewers are always willing to try additional flavors or additions to bring depth and other properties (smoothness, bitterness, etc.) to the finished product. These include citrus, coffee, distilled spirits, pumpkin, licorice, berries, oysters and spice mixtures. Smoking the grains used can also add flavor. And the type of barley also adds to the flavor and depth.

As for the process, it takes several hours to go through the steps necessary to mix, cook, filter and prepare the beer for fermentation. Then the storage/fermenting takes anywhere from 7 to 10 days to several months depending on the final product desired.

Kevin estimates that it costs less than \$1 a pint to produce his 'delightful beverage'. **Thank you Kevin** for a terrific presentation and the opportunity to sample the nectar of your labor.



## WORD OF THE MONTH

**WIDDERSHINS**

### PREVIOUS MOLIMINOUS

Laborious; taking great effort



**What happened  
in Unity on  
October 18, 1928?**

PREVIOUS: What is "rum raising"? **A:** A barn raising



Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the  
Fourth Tuesday each month  
from April through October

**NEXT MEETING:  
OCTOBER 25, 2011**

UHS building open by appointment  
~ please call 207-948-5610

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Annual dues: \$10/person  
(April 1 ~ March 31)  
Life Membership: \$100/person

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[www.unityhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.unityhistoricalsociety.org)

Or link from: [www.UnityMaine.org](http://www.UnityMaine.org)



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**2011 Officers**

President	Pat Clark
Vice President	Jackie Bradeen
Treasurer	Anni Roming
Secretary	Lori Roming

**COMMITTEES**

Development/Finance  
Clothing  
Programs/Refreshments



**Book Store**

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Vickery History	\$15.00	\$20.00
Tabor History	\$15.00	\$20.00
Set	\$25.00	\$35.00

***Ordinary, Yet Extraordinary: Six Decades in  
the Life of Unity, ME*** (Freeman/Simeone) ~ \$20.00