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## Mother's Day goal remembered at Bobby Orr museum

The many exploits of NHL legend on display in his hometown of Parry Sound

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Pat Brennan Special to the Star

PARRY SOUND-In hockey circles it's known simply as "the goal".

It was on Mother's Day 40 years ago that Bobby Orr scored the mother of all NHL goals to win the Stanley Cup for the Boston Bruins.

And on May 10 a life-size bronze statue of Orr will be unveiled in front of Boston Garden showing him flying with his arms outstretched



The famous Mother's Day goal by Bobby Orr still fascinates fans at the museum named for him in Parry Sound.

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in triumph as he sails past St. Louis Blues goaltender Glen Hall.

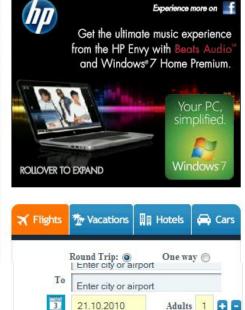
If you can't get to Boston, you can marvel at a similar sculpture of that famous goal in the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame in his hometown of Parry Sound. The museum tells the story of a local lad who grew up to become what many fans claim is the finest hockey player ever to lace on

In the hall you can watch past hockey stars on video marvel at how Orr's grace and speed on skates changed hockey forever.

Among the displays is a series of photographs by photographer Ray Lussier of Orr's historic goal scored in overtime in the fourth game of the 1970 Stanley Cup series against the St. Louis Blues. Orr was tripped as he fired the puck past Hall.

Canadian astronaut Robert Thirsk repeated that scene wearing Bobby Orr's sweater while he floated weightless in space during his Space Shuttle mission in 1996. You can watch him do it via video at the Orr museum.

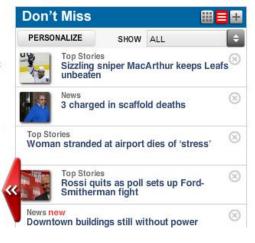
And if you were at the museum on May 1 this year you could talk live to Thirsk about his Orr impression in space. The astronaut joined with Orr at the Parry Sound museum to induct four new members into the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame.



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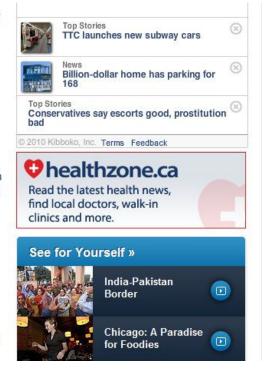
The hall, overlooking Parry Sound harbour, isn't merely a shrine to Orr. It salutes a wide variety of people who have made contributions to athletics in this Georgian Bay town.

Last year Thirsk spent 188 days in space as a crew member aboard the Russian-American space station. On May 1 he helped Orr induct 78-year-old Pete Conacher Jr. into the hall. Conacher played NHL hockey for New York, Chicago and Toronto Maple Leafs, but has been spending summers in Parry Sound for decades, where he was very involved in community events. Conacher's father Charlie is in the Hockey Hall of Fame, as is his uncle Lionel Conacher.

Roger Galipeau, Bob Beaumont and Rick Thomas were also inducted into the hall of fame with Conacher. They are among 35 other fine athletes and sports organizers from the Parry Sound area whose stories are up on the walls, including the girls' bantam hockey team that won the Ontario championship in 2004. They play their home games, of course, in the Bobby Orr Community Centre.

The Bobby Orr Hall of Fame is a wing of the Charles W. Stockey Centre, a theatre for the performing arts and the home of the Parry Sound Festival of the Sound, Ontario's oldest festival of classical music, which runs from July 21 to Aug. 13.

More details are available at www.bobbyorrhalloffame.com and at www.stockeycentre.com for information on theatre performances.



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