

**A History of Recreation and Leisure in Canada – How we Used our Spare Time
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Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 in Moncton Lions Centre

6 weeks starting on April 20, 2011

No maximum

Storm Policy: No classes when schools are closed in Moncton

A history of recreation and leisure in Canada. What people do in their leisure time explains a great deal about how they see the world, the roles we are assumed to have according to gender, income, religion and race.

Recreation and leisure refer to those activities and times when we do something not for pay or responsibility, but for the sheer joy of it. It includes sport, reading, drinking, prohibiting drinking, and our attitude to nature.

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Ever wonder why the Olympics were for amateurs only until quite recently? It was for a reason that had nothing to do with sport.

Sometimes, sport is used to control people. Ever wonder why the evil sheriff of Nottingham used to sponsor archery contests? And what's the real story behind Alice in Wonderland? And why were all the prohibition songs about drinking men? Were there no drinking women? And how did those songs actually change your world?

Instructor Bio:

Office clerk, public school teacher. University prof. Journalist (radio, TV, print)

Some people are very sensitive to perfumes and other scents. Please respect a scent free environment by not using scented products. Thank you.

A note to seniors about class attendance and absenteeism....

As you know, our instructors are all volunteers, who work very hard at putting courses together. Your cooperation is appreciated in letting them know if you are unable to attend any of the classes as most instructors plan weekly classes that are appropriate to the number of registered students in the course.

If circumstances change between registration and the first class, or if you decide to withdraw after the first or second class, please email tsccordinator@nbnet.nb.ca or call 364-2780. Many courses have a wait list and this could allow someone else to take your place. Sometimes, seniors have travel plans or medical appointments made in advance. It would help instructors to know this at registration, if possible, so that class material may be adjusted accordingly. Illness, as well as other unanticipated and unavoidable conflicts can occur. If you are able, please let your instructor know as soon as possible if you will miss a class.

Thank you!