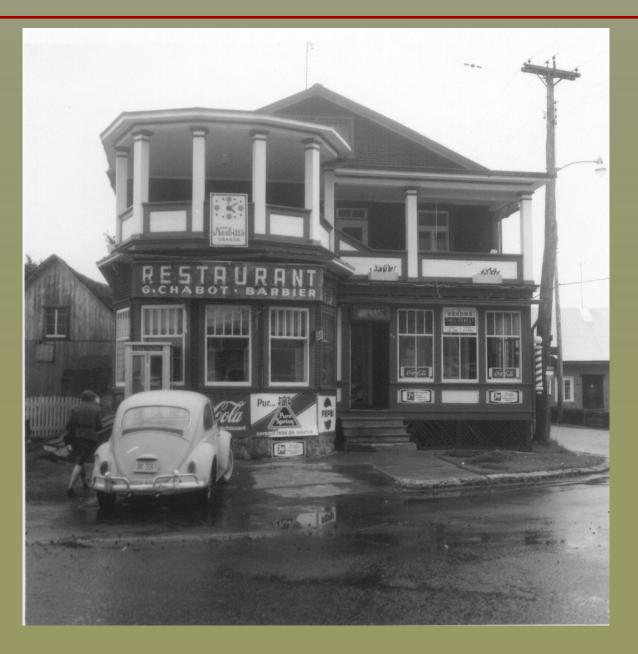


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### President's message



Dear Members,

We're recovering progressively of the pandemic and other viruses; that was about time for us to be able to resume normal life.

I hope that you didn't have too much of problems because of them.

We hope you have had Happy Holidays with your family and friends. The gifts and good meals must have been very appreciated. Perhaps, you have even made new encounters.

New Board of Directors continue working to improve our website. Lately, we created a new secure space reserved to active members; you must ask for your password to have access to it.

We have also placed on the site the following new spaces: "Indispensables" and "Our Presidents" and several other information are there to find. It would be a good idea to visit the "Promotional items" area. You will find interesting objects and by the way, some manners to help financially the Chabot Association in buying some items. There is also a space dedicated to our deceased members.

To be able to offer you beautiful magazines (Les Chabotteries), we would need your collaboration to provide us with texts or stories about the Chabot. Our bank of texts is very low. We also need you to warn us of all that is connected to the Chabot families. Be our Detectives "Columbos".

We have good news, the number of members of the association surpassed 200. We must continue on our momentum.

The printing of our magazine is increasingly

expensive. There is a way to reduce printing and postage costs. Anyone who has the opportunity could simply ask to receive it by email. This would avoid to have to increase the subscription price. Which we wouldn't want to do. Those who can could also give a donation to the association.

Another way to support your association is to talk about it and solicit others Chabot to become member. We will soon be seeking those members whose membership status is not active anymore.

It is very important to inform us of any change in your postal and email addresses. This would avoid unnecessary costs for the association and would also avoid mistakes such as denying you to receive your magazine.

Please note that we have been advised that the postal code of the association has been changed. The right postal code is: G6V 8S3. The address mentioned in page 2 has been corrected.

In this issue of the magazine, we inaugurate a new chronicle about the young generation of Chabot, with an article about one of the young Chabot playing hockey. There is much to say about other Chabot athletes and other young Chabot who shine in their field. Send us suggestions of topics. Also you could subscribe a membership to the Association for your children and doing so, interest them in history of many generations of our family.

Maryo Chabot Tremblay member nº 275

### Barber of the village of Sainte-Croix de Lotbinière



Barber of the village of Sainte-Croix de Lotbinière Here is the story of Gérard Chabot, the Barber.

Son of Théodore Chabot (carpenter) and Albertine Roy de Beaumont (Bellechasse), he was born in1910, on March 10 in the same village, fifth of a family of fifteen children. To learn the barber skills he moved to Saint-Roch, a district of Quebec city, at his sister Jeannette's place, She was married to Lorenzo Turgeon who took him under his wing and showed him the profession of hairdresser. At this moment, he was only 14.

A few years later, having caught tuberculosis, he spent a year at the Laval Sanatorium which later became Laval Hospital. He regained his health and returned to Saint-Roch to work.

One of his clients, the parish priest Couture, pastor of Sainte-Croix, did suggest him to replace the old barber of this parish.

At 27, he has many dreams and a new life is open to him. So he accepts the invitation of the pastor and moves to Sainte-Croix where he meet Irene Richard born in1919, on December 14 in the town of Fall River, Massachusetts, USA. With the death of her mother shaking her destiny at a young age, Irene was raised at Sainte-Croix by her aunt Maria Richard, wife of Séraphin Garneau.



Irene and Gérard decide to unite their lives, but their project is precipitated; because of the war raging in Europe, the government has decreted conscription. The parish priest Couture summons therefore urgently the young couple and unites them by marriage, in the evening of July 14, 1940, in the chapel of the presbytery of Sainte-Croix.

Maria Richard, Irene's aunt and foster mother, sells her house and, with them, invests the money in the purchase of a three floors that will serve at the same time to house the livelihood (living room and restaurant) and the family of Gerard and Irene. The

Aunt Maria will live with them for several years. Over the years, the family grew by eight children: Lise, Nicole, Diane, Richard, Claire, Johanne, Danielle and one more, Marie-Josée.

Like many households, Gérard bought a cottage on the edge of the Saint-Lawrence river, in Sainte-Croix, which will help create beautiful memories for the whole family for several years. However, after the death of their parents, the children have decided to transfer the lot to the municipality to make it a park: Parc Gérard Chabot, a place to welcome river lovers like Gerard.

#### Here is what life has in store for us



I would be remiss if I did not tip a hat to two descendants of Gérard and Irène: Lise and Richard, who produced a very interesting and abundant document family. I believe that this is one of our missions of the Chabot association to encourage all families to imitate them. It is a duty of remembrance.

Claude Chabot Member# 1

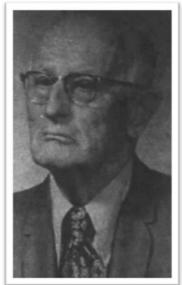
## Sanford Diary



Antonio Chabot was born on September 30, 1903 in St-Isidore de Beauce, he is seventh in a family of seventeen children and he is the son of Arthur and Marie-Louise Bilodeau Chabot. He crossed the border in March 1923 at Island Pond, Vermont and, shortly thereafter, he met Lumina Richard, which will become his wife in August 1926 and five children will be born from this union.

It was in 1926 that Antonio Chabot acquired the dairy Sanford purchased from his predecessor Douglas Newell who had it founded in 1915. At that time, the company had two buggys in which milk was delivered door to door. Approximately 100 gallons of milk per day were processed in 1927. In 1957, the dairy Sanford had 12 trucks, one refrigerated and one that was to be delivered shortly, and she was processing twenty times as much milk.

Today's milk is pasteurized and homogenized, contrary to what happened there a few years ago, when most of the milk sold was not. Sanford Dairy was the first to use electropure pasteurization, which only takes fifteen seconds to kill the bacteria in the milk, as opposed to more than an hour for the old process using steam.







André Chabot



Paul Chabot

Over time, Antonio Chabot was fortunate to have two of his sons, André and Paul, who helped to carry out the business, When Antonio arrived at the time where he wanted to retire, he passed the reins to André, who became Director, and Paul held the position of Treasurer

Despite the work required to drive this company, all were involved in different community based organizations or others serving the well-being of their region

In the late 1970s and after being a family business for more than 50 years, the Sanford Dairy made the decision to merge with the biggest diary of the state of Maine (Oakhurst). The reason of the decision being the impact of inflation and technology evolution, It would have been increasingly difficult for Sandford Dairy, with its market share relatively small and its limited volume, to modernize its facilities while maintaining the high quality standards to which its clients were accustomed.

Sanford Dairy employed 22 workers at the time of amalgamation, of whom will work for

Oakhurst, directly or indirectly. The others, who chose not to work for Oakhurst, will continue to work at the local plant until they find another job.

"Most employees were very happy with this merger," said André Chabot. "He added that even if he and his brother "lose control," it will be for the best of all and including ours." It's not just us who will benefit from this merger, even the Oakhurst's consumers will be able to realize savings with a bigger volume of milk, while allowing continued sale of premium dairy products quality to Sanford customers at the lowest possible prices.

Antonio Chabot had a very loaded life until his death on November 1st 1971 after a brief illness. To this day, André is the only one still in this world with his 92 years and

and their many descendants.

P.S. Interesting fact, Mr. Claude Chabot, founding president of the Chabot Association contacted Mr. Paul Chabot in 2009. He was glad to hear that despite the fact that Paul had spent his entire life in the United States, knowing the French language of his parents had certainly been useful for him, since he still spoke fluently the French language.

Diane Chabot Fard Member # 09



The Board of Directors wishes a very happy birthday to all their members, their spouses and parents, who have aged (or become younger!) by one year during the last quarter. Good health and long life to you!

The Board of Directors also offers its deepest condolences to those who have lost a loved one.

## Success story of a veteran: Roger Chabot

When Roger Chabot retired from the Canadian Armed Forces, he had the opportunity to exercise his passion full-time, while remaining connected to his military family.



#### «The assault of Courcelette» by Roger Chabot»

The work is huge: the canvas is two and a half meters high and seven meters wide, showing images of the four operational commands

Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in action.

The author is a retired imaging technician, Sgt (ret'd) Roger Chabot. Entitled "Mont Everest", this is the biggest painting he's never done, but it's by no means the only project keeping him busy during the pandemic.

#### First steps in acrylic paint

Roger Chabot began painting with acrylic in high school and continued to paint with acrylic whilw service in the Canadian Armed Forces. "I have left some work behind in many countries in the world: Somalia, Croatia and all of Canada." he said.

Born in Beloeil, Quebec, on the south shore of Montreal, Roger had always wanted to be a soldier. He joined the Air Cadets at 13 and at 21 he went to the Recruiting Centre of Montreal to register with the Royal 22e Régiment, the VanDoos. Within the airborne regiment, he was involved in missions in Cyprus and Somalia. After joining the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in 1994, he also served in Croatia and made another tour in Kosovo in 1999.

Roger continued to paint whenever he could. "My passion is art and my interest is the army," he says.

An accident during his training in 1998 forced him to take six months of

leave, which gave him the opportunity to paint, a lot. The result was a breakthrough in his skills and the quality of his images. His works during this period include Night Drop and Airborne Sunrise.



« Night Drop » by Roger Chabot »



#### « The Great Adventure by Roger Chabot »

"Painting is a way for me to do my part, which allows me to be in an environment where I feel appreciated," says Roger.

Roger's paintings are now featured at the War Museum in Ottawa, at The Citadelle of Québec and the Military Museums of Calgary.

#### Is that what retirement is?

In 2018, Roger travelled to Normandy to make some research in ordre to realise two paintings commemorating the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The Governor General unveiled them in front of Canada House at Juno Beach: "The Liberators" and "Out of the Clouds".

"It was organised only 48 hours in advance," says Roger.

Recently, Roger began making videos about his paintings, with financial subsidies from organizations supporting veterans and the military community. Her first, "In Search of Pegasus", was published on YouTube and attracted the attention of more veterans. Now Roger has his own YouTube channel, where he publishes his video series, entitled "Bravery in battle".



« The Liberators » by Roger Chabot



« Out of the Clouds" by Roger Chabot

The support of his peers allowed Roger to start working on a major video project about "Canadian D-Day Dodgers". He plans to bring a team to Italy and to follow in the footsteps of the 1st Canadian Corps during the Second World War throughout Sicily and the Italian Peninsula. "We need to tell this story. We are all keepers of memory.", says Roger.

And in the midst of the pandemic, Roger has embarked on his biggest project to date, his "Mount Everest", a two-and-a-half-by-seven mural of eight paintings to be displayed in the Hall of Honour of the new Department of National Defence headquarters in Ottawa. Painted on canvas, the eight panels will represent the four operational commands of the Canadian Army in their current equipment, and will be complemented by large video screens.

From painting to events, video projects and series, Roger Chabot's life and work after service keep him in touch with the military community in Canada and abroad.

"It's as if he never retired," says his wife, Isabel Paré.

"We are all custodians of memory, when we undertake commemoration activities. If I can inform Canadians about our history, I will have preserved the memory.", says Roger.

#### Note:

The Respect Campaign has helped to support the commemoration projects of Roger Chabot. The organization received financial support under the Welfare Fund for veterans and their families.

We would like to thank Roger Chabot for having allowed us to publish this text and the photos.



## Chronicle "The young generation of Chabot": A hockey player globetrotter



Gabriel Chabot no 7

#### A globetrotter hockey player

I interviewed Gabriel Chabot (remotely) on December 14, 2022. He is playing for the last few months for the Scottish hockey team, the GLASGOW CLAN, part of the Elite Ice Hockey League (EIHL) which covers the entire U.K. It's the highest level of ice hockey competition in the U.K. Ten teams from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are part of it.

Gabriel wears number 7 and plays in the front, as right winger. In his last 16 games before December 14<sup>th</sup>, he scored 5 goals and 14 assists, for 19 points, ranking as the 3rd best player on the team, behind two other players from Canada.

Gabriel is Frédéric Chabot's son (former goalie and now goaltender coach of the Minnesota Wild). He was born on December 15, 1995 in Cincinnati, Ohio, while his father played for the Cyclones. Skating started early for him, around

the age of 3 or 4. As they say: He fell into it when he was little. He says: "My dad used to take me to the players' room with him a lot. I was captivated by it. At home, too, with my mother Suzanne, we talked about it all the time. Sport took up a lot of space. Then, as I had a lot of energy, a chance that I had the sport to keep me busy because otherwise it could have been difficult for them».

His first hockey apprenticeship took place in Nuremberg, Germany, while his father was saving goals for the Nürnberg Ice Tigers (2001-2004). The first team he played with, worth noting, was the Lévis Commandeurs, when he was a high school student at the time his father was transitioning to goalie coaching (between 2006 and 2009). According to Gabriel, the time of the Collège de Lévis allowed him to acquire a fine academic rigour and to have a lot of time on the ice, a helpful situation to discover himself as a player. At the same time, he, who had lived in the USA, Germany and Austria until then and thus heard more English and German than anything else outside home, needed to consolidate his written and spoken French, which he was able to do at that school.

His father confirmed that time at Collège Lévis was a milestone in Gabriel's development. According to the latter, during this period, he flourished as a disciplined and performing young person at school level, where he kept an average above 80%, and hockey level because he played bantam hockey at the same time as school hockey. He played nearly 80 games per season while keeping very good grades. As Frédéric was very busy at the time, his mother Suzanne carried him to all his practices and games, while also having a job herself. Mother and wife of a hockey player, it's also sport!



Gabriel launches and counts

Speaking of the Nuremberg era and learning foreign languages, he said: "Some people think it's confusing, but at that age (5 to 10 years old), we're sponges and it didn't take long for me to help my parents ask for things in German at the grocery store."

Although at first, there was talk of developing him as a goalie as well, his father preferred that at least until the age of 10, he played at the front to develop his skating. Both because he does not exceed 5 feet 7 inches and especially because he fell in love

with the fact of counting goals, he remained a forward player. He only played defense for two short periods to serve his team, but quickly returned to his natural position.

After Collège de Lévis, the family moved to Edmonton, Alberta (2009-2014), as Frédéric was hired as a goaltender coach for the Oilers. There, Gabriel finished high school and played Midget Espoir and Midget AAA in Edmonton. Then he chose to go play for a year for a hockey team in Atlanta, Georgia. He wanted to get closer to the American university market, because he wanted to evolve later at a professional level, transitioning through university hockey.

After Atlanta, he played junior hockey with a Calgary team while his parents were still

in Edmonton. Then, in 2014, he played in Portland (Maine), then in Rochester (NY), in American preuniversity leagues. His success on the ice led University (Division 1) coaches to notice him. Thus, in 2016, even though he was 20 years old, while they usually recruit players at 16 ou 17, he was recruited by the Boston University Terriers team where he played for 4 years while completing his undergraduate studies in Finance and Business Administration. He says he is very happy to have these keys to a great profession when his hockey career is behind him.



After completing his studies for the the Boston University Terriers



Gabriel can also excel on defense

After Boston and before Glasgow, he played two years, from 2020 to 2022 in the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) with the Rush of Rapid City, South Dakota. During this step of his career, he was named Ironman of the Year in 2021-2022 because he played each and every of the 83 games of the season, without being absent. In addition, he counted 22 goals and made 28 assists during the regular season.

As his experience led him through several levels of hockey, I invited Gabriel to compare the level of the teams he played on. Here is how he explains it. The Terriers (University Division 1) level lies between junior hockey and the ECHL league. There are more forward players in the lineup and the players are both older and stronger. It makes games faster, more physical and very strategic. As for the ECHL league (which includes Trois-Rivières Lions and the Rapid City Rush), that's just below

the American League. It's a league designed to promote young talent. The players are more experienced than in Division 1. They have completed their studies and are dedicated to hockey only. Each team has only 10 forward players. It's faster and more robust.

According to Gabriel, the league level that Glasgow Clan is a part of is not the same as ECHL, but it is still difficult to make a comparison because the style of play is different and the rink is much larger than the ones we are used to in Canada and the USA. In America, skating rinks measure 60 meters by 26 meters (200 feet by 85). In Scotland, the vast majority of arenas are 61 meters by 30 meters (200 feet by 98.5), according to the rules of the International Ice Hockey Federation. In this league, only Manchester has a rink the size of those we have in America.

When asked how he was recruited by Scotland's team, he says it's word of mouth. In particular, he showed his interest and one of his friends from Quebec who was drafted by the Glasgow team hooked him up to the people recruiting. From one thing to another, the contacts worked. After the coaches saw his recent performances on video, they offered him a contract.

As for why he was interested in playing in Europe, he explains that having lived in Europe when he was a child, through his father's career, he enjoyed the cultural experience and wanted to relive it as an adult. More particularly with regard to Scotland, he adds that he appreciates it all the more because it is the paradise of golf and you can play there all year round. He and his wife are golf lovers. They brought their clubs and play them as often as possible. Incidentally, in addition to his interest in hockey, Gabriel is also an excellent amateur golfer. He started hitting balls around the age of four. His father brought him with him. He says, "I was hitting my basket of balls in five minutes while Fred took half an hour to hit them! It must have been discouraging!"



Gabriel when he was playing with the Rapid City Rush

#### Les Chahotteries



Funny story. According to his contract with the Glasgow Clan, they were supposed to provide him with a car with automatic transmission, but at first, they were short. They flipped a coin between two players and he lost. So, for two months, he had to get used to driving on the left side of the road and with a manual transmission. Quite a challenge!

His team has 12 Canadian players including several from Quebec, 6 from the United States, 7 from Britain and 1 from Hungary. His roommate is Scottish, and that's a big advantage in many ways, since he's a big help in adapting.

Gabriel wants to play hockey and live in Europe for another two or three years. Later, when the time comes to choose a place to settle and start a family, he is convinced that it will be around Quebec City, a privileged place for him and his spouse who plans her career in the region.

Speaking of adapting, I pointed out to Gabriel that he had a lot to do by changing countries and languages often, through his father's career. He confirmed that he had to integrate new school groups, almost every year. His 4-year stay at Boston University was the only experience of his life where he didn't have to move every other year. According to Gabriel, his adaptability and sociability have helped him a lot in the past and should still help him in his future life, both professionally and personally. He believes that communication is fundamental to everything.

He recognizes himself as having the quality of perseverance. On the other hand, if he were to improve one aspect of his personality, he believes he must learn to say no when something does not really suit him. Taking his father's career as a model, he retains from him: his perseverance, his courage and his constant desire to improve.

Invited to say what it means for him to be a Chabot, he says that for him the Chabot are generous, warm people who have a strong sense of family, who work hard, who are passionate, ambitious and successful. He says he is proud to be a part of it.

## By Marie-France Chabot, proud sister of Frederic Chabot and aunt of Gabriel Chabot

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