



Whitby Curling Club Member Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome to 2013 at the Whitby Curling Club

And a belated Happy New Year to all!

I hope that everyone enjoyed quality time-off with family and friends over the holidays and are excited to be back, invigorated and raring to curl. For those like me who possibly overindulged in a little too much good food and drink, I'm sure that all the upcoming sweeping will help shed those unwanted pounds..... oh wait, I play skip. Forget that thought.

Things at the Club have been going *relatively* smoothly since we last chatted. This is thanks primarily to Casey, Jamie, Stephanie, our illustrious support staff and an army of volunteers. I can never say 'thank you' enough to those who continue to support the Club. Participation in events or volunteering in support of them, our members really do step up. As always I encourage all of you to look for opportunities in the coming months to get in your volunteer hours. Please check the notice boards for upcoming events. If you are interested in helping contact the organizers.

Following closely on the heels of John Wheeler's 8-ender (as reported in the last Rock Talk) congratulations to my fellow Board members Bob and Liz Winters, along with their teammates Fred and Susan Layton for accomplishing the same feat only 10 days later! I'm sure that most of you have heard the details of this accomplishment by now, so I won't go into it much further. But I wonder how many of you heard of a 3rd "8-ender" that was achieved merely days after this one? Yup, seems a team of Little Rockers was playing in a jitney the following Sunday. For those who aren't familiar with jitneys, they are fun games where the scoring is not known until after all the rocks are thrown. Well, it turns out that if you throw all of your rocks through the house, and the end is scored based on how many rocks you DON'T have in play, then you too can get an 8-ender! Wonder if Bob and Liz jumped as high in the air as the Little Rockers when they learned what they had done?

I also wanted to give a special shout-out to Brent Barton, who along with a couple of his firefighter buddies and some of you, managed to organize and run a sold-out Firefighter's Bonspiel just before Christmas. Over \$6,000 was raised for Camp Bucko, a charity group that runs a summer camp for child burn victims. And it probably comes as no surprise that we had a lot of volunteer interest in this one, albeit heavily weighted to the female membership. My wife Sarah, who somehow managed to spend most of the day there, suggested that perhaps we could put "Volunteer Shifts at the Fireman's Bonspiel" in the Silent Auction.

Speaking of the Silent Auction (which by the way occurs in February), as most of you are aware there are numerous different events scheduled over the next few months that are designed to foster an atmosphere of good friends, good times and, in some instances, good curling (all things we value here at the Club). In addition, hopefully we raise some much needed funds for the Club.

If you are new to the club and are curious about bonspiels, I would encourage you to check out the Robbie Burns Bonspiel on January 26th or the Shamrock Bonspiel on March 16th. Both have become favourites of the membership over the years and are a great way to get initiated into the fun of non-competitive bonspiel-ing. We are also hosting the Strathcona Cup on January 20th (see Bob Winter's article on this one) and the Canada Gold Whisky Senior Mixed Bonspiel on February 2nd and 3rd. Come out and see some great curling. Finally there are also numerous in league events that will be rolled out in the coming months. Again, please continue to check the notice boards, follow up with your league reps and join in.

I previously mentioned that things were running *relatively* smoothly. Unfortunately, as some of you are aware, we had a minor mechanical failure during the traditional Christmas holiday shut-down that required us to temporarily disconnect the condenser pump and set up an emergency by-pass using City water. However, thanks to the quick actions of Jamie and Stephanie, they were able to fix things in time for another holiday tradition, the Skins Bonspiel (once again a sold out event ably hosted by Joan and Jim Cushnie!).

Ultimately we had to replace the pump, which was installed the week of the 8th. As circumstances would have it, we quickly discovered that the new pump was incompatible with some of our older, existing systems, tripping a breaker and causing us to lose a day of curling. On behalf of management and all of us on the Board our apologies to the leagues affected.

I mention this incident to reinforce two things. First and foremost, we have excellent staff working for us here at the Club. Thanks to their skills and dedication, including identifying some creative temporary measures and working through the wee hours of the morning on the ice itself, we are able to enjoy our curling with only minimal disruption. Second to reiterate a theme that I raised in my last article, we cannot ignore the fact that we have an older facility with a lot of older equipment. It is instances like this that continue to reinforce the need for us to be diligent in the management of our facility and to be prepared for the future. That is something that we must continue to focus on going forward, and remains a priority of the Board.

But as I said last time, that's an ongoing topic of discussion. For now, enjoy the rest of the season and "good curling"!

Andrew Gray
President

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Bonspiels

A New Year means Bonspiel Time at the Whitby Curling Club

A *Bonspiel* is the term used to describe a curling tournament. Bon has been known to mean "good" as in *bon* for French or a shortened *bonnie* in Scottish. Spiel being the German/Dutch word for "play". It is traditionally known to mean good play or a good time. What it means to a WCC member is a GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL!!

Saturday January 26th will see the renewal of **The Robbie Burns spiel**. This year we are having a "Battle of the Clans". Curlers will sign up to represent one of the 3 fine Scottish clans and will do battle on the ice in a variety of curling formats for the yearlong bragging rights that will come with victory. What better way to celebrate your on ice battles then with fun behind the glass including men in kilts, an official Scotch Nosing followed by a traditional Burn's supper. I can hear the pipes now and taste the whisky and the Haggis.....yeah, yeah, if you've eaten a hot dog you've already eaten everything that goes into Haggis. The Burns Spiel is one of my favorite events of the winter and definitely a bucket-list item for those that have not tried this terrific event.

For our more "experienced" curlers we have a great event in **The Gus Brown Senior Men's Bonspiel** on February 1st. Being south of 50 years old I cannot tell you personally what are the goings on here but suffice to say that it is a very popular event. For roughly 30 years this event has been a pinnacle of senior men's

curling at the WCC. With 96 curlers forming 24 teams, competitors gather from all over eastern Ontario representing towns from Brighton through to Peterborough, and Scarborough through to our very own Whitby. So c'mon lads sign up and defend the honor of the WCC against curlers from all over eastern Ontario.

OK ladies hold on to your hats because March Madness will soon be taking over the WCC starting with **The Business Women's Bonspiel** on March 2nd. My wife is usually quite mum about the goings on at this spiel too which leads me to believe the ladies have a great time at this event. Every year these gals outdo themselves with a raucous theme and even wilder attitudes that transform the WCC into "no-man's land". Since my wife uses her one night out a year to attend this bonspiel one must conclude that it is a great time. This year's theme is Musicals on Ice.

Get yer Green on. On March 16th our WCC is transformed into the coolest pub west of Dublin for the one day extravaganza **The Shamrock Spiel**. Every year the organizers outdo themselves and put on a spectacular event. Join an 8 person team and represent your Irish county on the ice while in the lounge enjoy Irish music, live Irish dancers, genuine Irish libations and great times. After curling you will enjoy an old world Irish Ceili (party) including dinner, dancing and many good times.

With the arrival of spring comes the time when urges of all men young and old are drawn to.... **The Businessmen's Bonspiel**. If you have never experienced this event before then you owe it to yourself to join us and find out just what you are missing. This event has everything a gentleman would expect from the "Superbowl of Curling". Unlike the ladies we only have one theme each year....**MALE BONDING**. We have curling for all skill levels, cold libations, games of chance, an abundance of finger food, sports on the telly, a blind Calcutta, raffle and ca\$h prizes, with a bit of eye candy thrown in. Simply put it is good old-fashioned impeccable male fun. Trust me you do not want to be on the outside looking in at this event. If you don't attend you will be reminded how much fun it was for the entire year until we do it again.

So please accept my warmest invitation...look around the club for the sign-up sheets...get yourselves and your friends involved (no previous experience is usually necessary)...bring your "good-time" attitudes and experience firsthand what the Whitby Curling Club is all about.



Just Being "Punny"

Q: How do you stop the bacon from curling in the pan?

A: Take away their little brooms.

Q: Why are curlers such good artists?

A: Because they know how to draw!

Q: What's a curlers favorite kind of food?

A: Take-out!

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Monday Night Men



We have just completed the second draw of the Monday Night Men's League and the winners of the various divisions are:

A Division: Team Adair
B Division: Team Tooze
C Division: Team Whelan

A special congratulation to Jeff Whelan's team. Jeff's team defaulted their first game when they did not have enough players (including Jeff) and even lost their second game. They came back strong and went on to win the last three games to finish 2 points more than the second place teams (there was a tie)!

Paul Adair's team also had a great draw winning 67.5 points. They marched through it with straight wins. We can't leave Steve Tooze out. He just won his second draw! Good for you Steve! Well done everyone!

Going back to the first draw, the winners were the following:

A Division: Team DeHart
B Division: Team Tooze
C Division: Team Lavigne

Jamie DeHart's team had straight wins through the draw and finished with 67 points. Paul Adair's team must have been motivated by this score going into the second draw. They finished a half point ahead of Jamie's team. Can any team beat 67.5 in the last 2 draws?

Each of the above teams are now qualified to enter the playoffs as a team. If a team member was on a winning team in a previous draw then they must play for that team.

The overall individual point leader with 116.5 points is Jacques Leblanc! Glen did not play on a divisional winning team in the first draw but played with Steve Tooze in the second draw. We still have 2 draws left and there are many players in the hunt so anyone can become the new leader.

Good luck in the third draw! Stan Senkowski & Steve Crabbe

Movember

I would like to thank everyone that donated to the Movember cause. Together we raised \$112 which all goes directly to Prostate Cancer Research. Now for the moment we have been waiting for... the winner of the Best Moustache is none other than **Ian Cavanagh**, and the recipient of a bottle of Crown Royal! There were also many very honourable mentions.

Congratulations and thank you to all that entered the competition.

Laura Arbour



11-30-2012

Friday 4:30 League and Senior Winter Games

FRDAY 430 MIXED FIRST DRAW WINNERS

1st Ian Jackson, Gayle Jackson, Debbie Addie, Rob Addie
2nd Ed Gostlin, Pauline Albert, Jacques Leblanc, Marlene Gostlin
3rd John Gale, Shirley Wozniak, Judy Haight, Dale McLaughlin

DURHAM WINTER SENIOR GAMES - Curling

Ted Birchard, Pauline Albert, Winston Dixon, and Lorraine Dixon will go on to represent Durham Region at the Provincial Senior Winter Games in Huntsville on February 26,27,28

Good luck at the Durham Senior Winter Games Team Birchard!!!



Things to Note!

Thank you to Tracey Macaulay and team of volunteers for all their efforts with the Poinsettia fundraiser - the Club raised just over \$1,500, and everyone was thrilled with the plants.

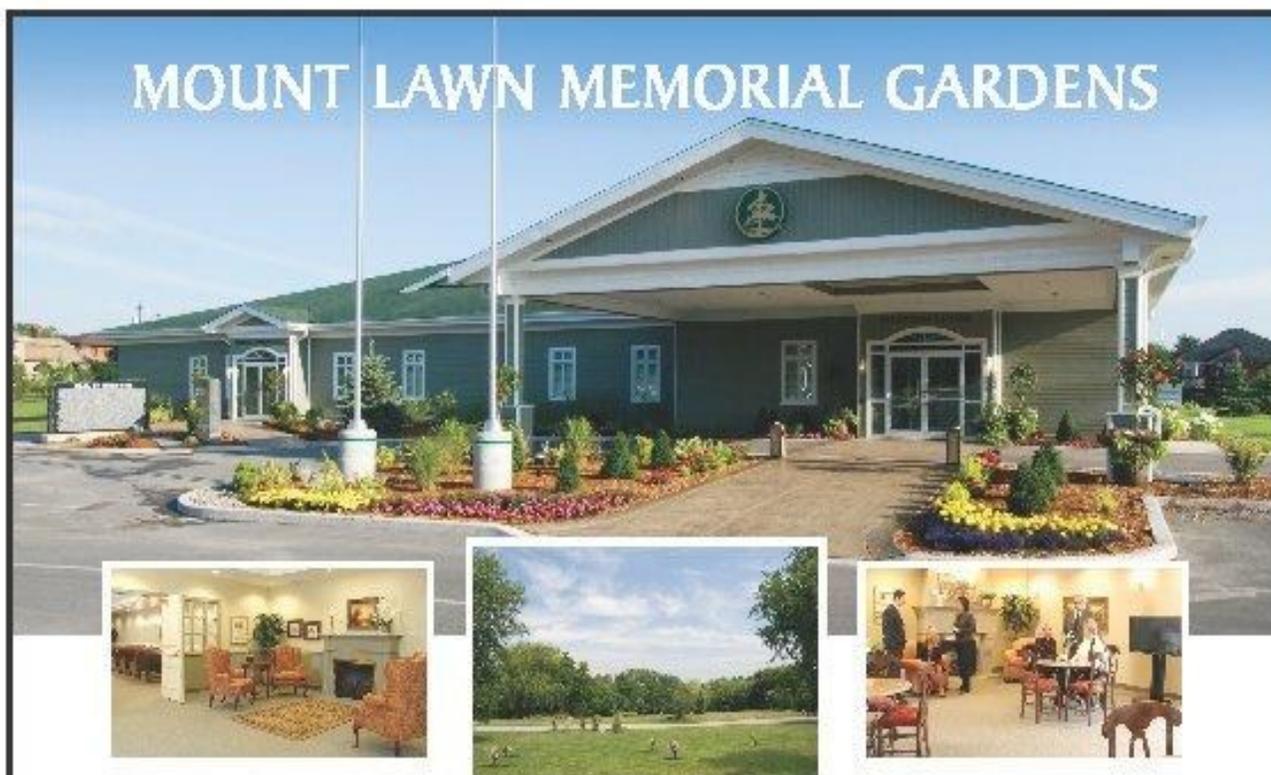
50-50+ Winners

We started off the year with 4 weeks of cash carry overs - Peter Warnica was the first winner - \$518. Additionally Dave Taylor, Gail King, Ian Jackson, Doug MacKay and Julie Barton have all won 50-50 - congratulations. This year we implemented a weekly bonus prize - many which have been donated by local businesses and members --

Wine Rack (Ian Cavanagh), Bob Evans (sleigh), WCC ProShop (Jamie), Frame by Frame, etc. Winners of these great prizes include Malcolm Macaulay, Pauline Albert, Karen Konoby, Donald Fletcher, Jack McCorkell. A reminder that the proceeds of this fundraiser assist in a number of capital projects around the Club.

Thank you and much appreciation to the Senior Men for the purchase and installation of the new First Aid Cabinet at the ice level.

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Another 8 Ender!



Congrats to Bob Winters, Liz Winters, Fred Layton and Sue Layton on achieving an 8 ender on Wednesday November 21st!

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Strathcona Cup 2013



We are happy to announce that we will be hosting a group of curlers all the way from Scotland. They arrived in Canada on Jan 10 to start their tour. The last time they were here was in January 2003 and we were a part of the host clubs at that time as well. Apparently they are talking tough and are ready to win back the trophy that was won by Canada on the last tour. It's a tradition that started in 1902, when a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Caledonia Curling Club supported sending 25 Scottish curlers to Canada for a friendly competition. The tour was

such a success that the Canadians made a return visit in 1909, and the ongoing battle for the Strathcona Cup began. The Scots will be playing at 21 host clubs in the Central and South Western Ontario part of the Tour. They will be at Whitby on Sunday January 20 to play against 4 teams that we have put together to do our part to try and keep the trophy in Canada. It promises to be a fun afternoon. There will be 5 teams, one will sit out and be hosted by a group of volunteers while the other 4 teams are on the ice. After the games we will be hosting our guests to a dinner before we wish them well and send them off to their hotel for the evening. If you wish to find out more about the Strathcona Cup Tour 2013 simply Google the Strathcona Cup Tour 2013.

The Schedule for the day is:

- Arrival at Whitby will be approximately 2:00 pm, they will be coming by bus from Ux-bridge
- Game time: 2:30 pm
- Reception and Dinner for the teams will be at 5:00 pm
- Departure: 7:00 pm

COME ON OUT AND CHEER ON YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS.

Bob Winters



Fall Draw Mixed Results

Wednesday Night

- Bob Winters
- Liz Winters
- Susan Layton
- Fred Layton

Friday Night A:

- Paul Elliott
- Dave Way
- Lori Way
- Stuart Way

Friday Night B:

- Ken Scriver
- Gary McConnell
- Beth McConnell
- Rhonda Comeau



Next theme night will be the week of February 6th and will be **Valentines!** Wear your red, white, and pink. Snacks will be provided by the seconds.



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From left to right: Ray O'Toole, Peter Watson, Charlie Burns (Salvation Army) and George Bilo-deau

50th Annual Attersley Family Bonspiel



Joan Attersley, far right, with Trophy winners, Linda Parcels (skip), Jan Dutcher, Jayne Gilhuly, Helen O'Donnell from the Lakefield CC



Joan Attersley, far right, with Whitby team, June Boon (skip), Gayle Jackson, Lynda Muschett, Faye McCorkell, who were 2nd draw one game high winners

On Wed Dec 5, 2012, the WCC Ladies Section hosted the 50th anniversary of the Attersley Family bonspiel. Twenty four teams from 14 different clubs celebrated with a great day of curling and camaraderie. The day had both a festive and nostalgic feel as many returning teams reminisced about past Attersley bonspiels.

As this spiel marked the 50th, this event was extra special and this was well reflected in all the details that went into making this a successful day. Compliments abounded as the curlers commented on the beautiful decorations, the snacks, the raffle table and the wonderful turkey dinner. Kudos to all who helped make this a great day. A very special thank you goes to the committee members for all their hard work before and during the day of the spiel. Thank you, Joan Ellis, Barb Hiemstra, Gayle Jackson, Lynda Muschett, Shirley O'Mara, Mary Parks, Lorna Ravary, Madeleine Riley, and Gloria Ryan.

The WCC Ladies are very thankful for 50 generous years of support from Bob and Joan

Attersley. In acknowledgement of their support, the WCC Ladies had WCC member Madeline Simpson create a painting to remember and honour their contributions. This painting was revealed by an exuberant Joan Attersley following the dinner. She also awarded the trophy and prizes to the winners.

This spiel is also fortunate to have the backing of many other individuals and organizations, like Durham Dodge and Sharon Munroe. These supporters made contributions towards the prizes and the 'loot bags'.

Thank you to Jamie, Stephanie, Casey, Malcolm and Brad for great ice, office support and excellent bar service.

Thank you to Helen Collins and Ev McPhadden for pouring coffee and tea. Thanks for the stories Helen.

Thank you to Winston Muschett and Jack McCorkell who again joined us to tabulate the scores.

Thank you to Pelican Catering and to Dorothy and her crew for the wonderful turkey dinner.

The results of the spiel are as follows:

Trophy Winner: Linda Parcels, Jayne Gilhuly, Helen O'Donnell and Jan Dutcher - Lakefield CC

2nd Place Overall Points: Peggy Cleminson, Louise Haugen, Joyce Daffern, Carol Gifford - Port Perry CC

3rd Place Overall Points: Diane Ranken, Mel Crossley, Loraine Lalonde, Shirley Miller- Tam Heather CC

4th Place Overall Points: Joan Hogan, Gloria Morley, Chick MacLoghlin, Donna Kimball - Peterborough CC

5th Place Overall Points: Nancy Prout, Lynn Pikul, Coleen Wraith, Monica Thomson - Oshawa Golf CC

Curling Development

What's New in Curling Development at the WCC

The last couple of months you may have noticed some sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in front of Casey's office. Over the past 10 weeks we have been inviting members of our club to take advantage of the knowledge possessed by some of our more competitive curlers. We were truly blessed to have WORLD Class curler Andrea Lawes facilitating an advanced concepts in the curling delivery. I know some of our more experienced skips took advantage of the feedback from this clinic. I was also fortunate to be joined by WCC's own "Mistress of Tactics" Laura Arbour in a very well received seminar on curling strat-

egy and communication principles. And not to be out-done one lucky member had a 90 minute private coaching session with Andrea Lawes which to me seems like winning the lottery.

We are hoping to build on the recent success of the past seminars and keep the stone sliding so to speak. I am planning to revamp the sign-up sheet posted outside Casey's office and I will be mindful of those interested members who have already signed up. The list of topics provided will be modified and additions made to reflect the needs of you the member.

I would like to invite all new members and novices, curlers who have curled awhile and feel they would like to improve, and even

budding curling teams who would like as a team to take advantage of some of the experience that we have right here in the club.

To sign up for one of the existing topics on the sign-up sheets e-mail me at whelan_jeff@hotmail.com. I would welcome any ideas that WCC members have on topics that would improve their performance on the sheets. You know what I mean....The Sheets of ICE at the WCC.

Jeff Whelan
Director of Curling Development



Member Guest Night

Do you have a friend or co-worker who has wanted to try curling but hasn't had a chance? Do you know a member of another club to whom you have wanted to show off our "shockingly good ice"? Well, here is your chance. On February 16th at 7:30 pm, the WCC is hosting a Member-Guest night. If you bring out a non-member(s), for \$10.00 a person, we will provide the instruction, ice time for a short game and great munchies. And, as always, the bar will be open.

Is this an opportunity to attract new members? The primary motivation is simply to introduce people to our club. However, the WCC is always open to welcoming new members at any time. For those guests who attend the member-guest evening, we will be offering very reasonable fees to join any of our leagues for the final draw of the 2012-2013 season. This is an informal event so you and your guest(s) are invited to attend even as a last minute decision. Or you can send your friends along even if you can't attend yourself. However, in order to give us a rough indication of numbers, we ask that you sign up on the sheet posted next to the office or advise Casey of your intention to attend. And don't forget to advise your guests to have pants appropriate for curling and clean running shoes to wear. We hope to be able show others the hospitality which our club is well known.

Cheers and Good Curling, Bryce Jordan, Director of Membership

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Coming Up!!

You will soon be receiving information about two great and fun fundraisers for the club

- The 2013 Silent Auction will take place on Friday, March 1st at the club
- The 2013 Whitby Curling Club Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 7th at Lakeridge Links Golf Course with dinner to follow at the club

Updates and details for these events will be coming to you soon via email and the bulletin boards at the club. If you have any questions or would like to make any donations please contact Terri Hinkley

OCA Update

Happy New Year everyone.

It has been a busy first part of the season with all the OCA events happening. Thank everyone for participating and representing the Whitby Curling Club at the events. The following are the events and teams that have entered.

Dominion Club Championship

Men's Representative: Tom Steen, Paul Barnett, Jim Gibson, and Bob Winters

Women's Representative: Liz Winters, Lynne Plamondon-Long, Joan Cushnie and Jen Allan

Junior Women

Erin Macaulay, Hailey Procak, Danielle Breedon and Christina Walters

Master Men:

Tom Steen, Bob Winters, Jim Gibson and Steve Greening

Ron Cameron, Ted Birchard, Jim Nicol, and Doug Penziwol

Blair McKague

Fairfield Marriott Challenge

Ian Cavanagh and team

Jamie Dehart and team

Andrew Gray and team

Scotties Tournament of Hearts

Stephanie Van Huyse, Laura Arbour, Sheryl Tavoularis and Jennifer Allan

Dominion Senior Men:

Gary Downs, Tom Worsley, Malcolm Macaulay and Blayne Pascoe

Bob Winters, Steve Tooze, Steve Smith and Jim Nicol

Best Western Intermediate Men

Gary Downs, Tom Worsley, Malcolm Macaulay and Blayne Pascoe

OCA Bantam Girls

Victoria Lavery, Lindsey Macaulay, Melissa Gray and Laura Meadows

OCA Bantam Boys

Ben Mitchell, Ryan Mitchell, Scott Mitchell and Noah Mitchell
Troy Stoner, Brendan Ireland, Andrew Nutt and Spencer Fairbairn

We have the OCA Senior Mixed and John Shea Insurance Mixed Zones coming to our club February 2 and 3rd. Come out and watch some good curling. I will post the teams and times of games as soon as they are available from the OCA. Good Curling all, Liz Winters, Club OCA Rep

Monday/Thursday Day Ladies Draw Winners

MONDAY

1st Place went to Patricia McCarthy's and her team of Gail King Myrrhl Shepherd and Sandy Giroux

2nd Place went to Shirley Wozniak and her team of Terry Pinkey, Terry Turner and Betty O'Toole

3rd Place went to Katharine Brown and her team of Sharyn Cooper, Joan Ellis and Dale McLaughlin

THURSDAY

1st Place went to Kathy Robbins and her team of Jo Lintner, Connie Young and Sandy Giroux
2nd Place went to Pauline Albert and her team of Joan Wiseman, Jane Way and Shirley O'Mara

3rd Place went to Nancy VanDuyn and her team of Katherine Brown, Beth McConnell and Cathy Windover.

Holiday Skins

The 2012 Holiday Skins bonspiel was held on Saturday December 29. We had a full draw and 3 teams on the waiting list. Teams played 3 games and divided up a record \$1650 in cash.

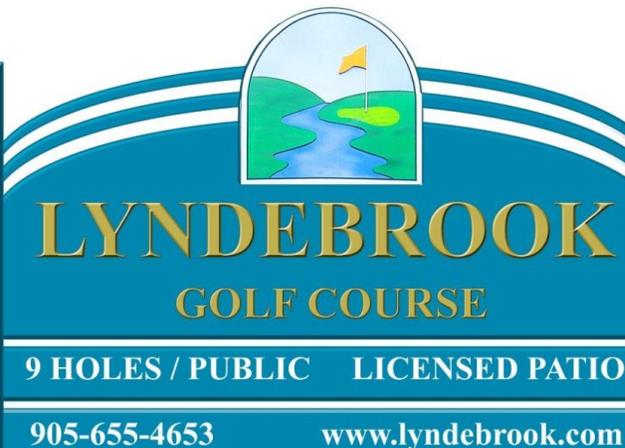
The competition level was very high as a number of teams saw this as an opportunity to get some playing time in advance of zone and regional play downs in January.

Stephanie Van Huysse ladie's team took on Sean Turiffe men's team in the main event final, taking half of the skins but on the wrong side of the dollar value. She ended up third in dollar winnings behind Sean Turiffe (\$255) and the veteran Bob Turcotte's (former world champion) senior men's team (\$231) with his

wife Kristin (former Canadian Champion) filling in.

Thanks go to Jamie and crew for getting the ice in great shape after the break, Janice Brooks for score keeping with help from Karen Bemister and of course, Brad for keeping the competitors well oiled!

Joan and Jim Cushnie, Co-Chairs



Competitive Development Program

This season has been busy for our teams!

Whitby has been proudly represented at numerous club bonspiels, the TCA league and Bantam Zones. There have been some bonspiel wins and top place finishers, but with seven teams it is hard to keep everyone's record straight!! A complete season recap will be published in a future issue. The most important thing is the kids are having a blast and improving with every shot!

Bantam Zones were held on Jan 12 & 13 at Oshawa Golf & Country Club. Whitby CC had three teams entered, one girl's & two boys.

Our girls, Team Lavery had a record of 1-2, losing in the B semifinals. They achieved their first year goal of winning a game at zones! Well done Victoria Lavery, Lindsey Macaulay, Laura Meadows, Melissa Gray & Hayley Whetham.

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Recreational Program

The Bantam Cashspiel was held on Nov 10/12 with a full draw of 12 teams. We had teams from as far away as Peterborough, Kitchener & Bobcaygeon! The kids enjoyed 3 games (6 ends) and a skills competition. We received great feedback about the ice, food and how well our spiel was run. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this happen....especially Tom Rolfe & Val Elmhurst for the on ice officiating! The A side winner was Team Greenwood from KW Granite. The B side winner was Team Ranton from KW Granite. Team Lavery represented Whitby, going 1-2 and earning \$50 for their win! Don't spend it all in one place girls!!

The Lloyd Sonley Little Rocks Bonspiel was held on Dec 1/12. The overall winner was from Uxbridge. The Whitby team of Robert Walker, Brooklyn Keats, Alyssa Gauthier, and Ella Barton place 2nd in the early draw. The Whitby team of Calleigh Barton, Jonah Acheson, Matthew Szeller, and Owen McMillan placed 2nd in the late draw.

Our boys, Team Mitchell & Team Stoner met in the first game of the event, with Team Stoner emerging as the victor. They went straight to the A Finals while Team Mitchell headed to the B side. The teams met up again in the B side finals and all we could hope for was a good game! Both teams played to win and at the end of the game, Team Mitchell earned a hard fought win!

Congratulations to Ben, Ryan, Scott & Noah Mitchell! Good Luck as they head to Bantam Regionals at York CC on Jan 19 & 20.

Team Stoner also achieved their first year goal of winning a game at zones! Making it to the A finals was an experience many first year teams do not achieve. Well done Troy Stoner, Brendan Ireland, Andrew Nutt & Spencer Fairbairn.



Speeding Up Play

You are down by 6, and in the 5th end you get your 2 and feel the tide turning. Suddenly your opposition's skip has lost their draw weight and one of their players can no longer hit the broom if their life depended on it and you feel it, that wonderful hope and then BUZZZZZZ the buzzer sounds!! Oh no, how can the team possibly come back when the opposition has hammer this end and it looks like there is a good chance that they will get at least 1 more and there is only one more end to play. Then you start to think... why didn't we start on time? Why is it taking so long to get the end started? Why? Why? Why?... You feel there should be an asterisk next to your score that says: we were getting hot but ran out of time and didn't get to finish the game.

You have the late game, and it is in the middle of the week. Bad luck with the scheduling but everyone has their turn with this. The game is scheduled to start at 9 pm so you should be done by 11pm. You get to the club ready to go but something has happened. The sheet you are scheduled to play on has not finished their game, it is a close game, and ends up being delayed by 30 minutes, so much for getting to sleep before midnight. Frustrating isn't it?

Did you know that in an 8 end game, if there is a 30 second delay on every shot it will create a delay of one hour?

Luckily there is a lot that everyone on the team can do to avoid this. These tips are not just for new curlers, they are for everyone. Sometimes we develop habits that we don't realize are affecting the pace of play and don't always realize the cumulative effect these can have. Let's take a look and try out some of these tips so we can enjoy a full 8 ends of play within the allotted 2 hours. Perhaps we could make this a club-wide New Year resolution to do all we can to speed up play while still enjoying our time on the ice!

FOR EVERYONE

- Be at the club ready to play at least 15 minutes before game time in order to stretch
- Go to your sheet 5 minutes prior to the start time in order to shake hands with the other team, do the coin toss and have your practice slides. If you are waiting for another game to finish on your sheet consider doing the handshakes and coin toss before you go out to the sheet so that you are not delayed further
- Do not set up the rocks for the opponents. If they are not throwing their rocks sequentially, they will just have to change them out which will delay the game. It can also be a tripping hazard and will take time for the other person to move that rock out of the way.
- As soon as the opposition has delivered their stone, the next thrower should immediately prepare their rock and be ready to shoot

SWEEPERS

- When you have finished sweeping your rock, please head immediately for the side of the sheet and walk down so that there is a clear line of site for the opposing skip to show their next thrower their call



SKIPS

- Please be ready to start the end right away. If your lead has prepared themselves in the hack be ready to show them the call
- If your opposition is taking some time to decide on a call, this is a great time to sort any of your stones that are no longer in play so that your players do not have to do this at the start of the next end
- Skips can do their part to keep the game moving by minimizing the delay while deciding upon a shot. Certainly take the time you need, but lengthy conferences should be avoided.

THIRDS

- Pick an appropriate time to put up the score that will not delay you returning to sweep one of your rocks or for you to throw.
- Be ready at the other end of the ice to hold the broom for your skip when it is your skip's turn to throw

FRONT END

- Please set up the skips stone in front of the hack while they are making the call with the third.

LEADS

- You know you are the most important member of the team so it only stands that you can have a real impact on the speed of play.
- Let the seconds and thirds on your team put the rocks away at the end of an end. You can use this time to prepare yourself in the hack and be ready to start the next end immediately.

Hopefully if we all follow these tips we can get our full 8 ends in every game. This is another way that curling and golf are so similar. Think of the buzzer as the course marshal who keeps things running on time for the enjoyment of everyone playing!





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Advertising & Sponsorship at our Club—How Does it Work?

I have been asked by a few of our members to explain how advertising and sponsorships work at our club. Aren't they the same thing? The simple answer to this is no, they are not the same. I thought I would provide this article to help shed some light as well as to highlight some opportunities to support and enhance our club. Anyone can offer to advertise or sponsor at our club, they do not have to be a member.

We now have 3 distinct programs, those being; 1. Ice Cap Advertising; 2. League and Bonsel Sponsorships; 3. On Ice Camera Program (NEW). Let's take a quick look at each of these.

Ice Cap Advertising Partnerships: - We offer many options for our advertisers from something as simple as an ad in our membership directory or newsletter, to these comprehensive packages. All funds from this program go to club improvements or support ongoing running of the club. As a member of our club, you receive a 25% discount on all Ice Cap Advertising.

GOLD Ice Cap Partnership: - Total Value \$2,125 – Only 3 spots left! Book early!

Price = \$1,500 for one year or \$3,375 for three years

As a Gold partner, you will be a sheet sponsor, which includes:

- Your company logo is put into 1 sheet of ice (4 logos: 2 beside each of the hacks) for the curling season
- Your company logo is displayed on the scoreboard of 1 sheet of ice
- Your company logo/sign on the interior sidewall of the ice rink area
- Advertisement on our exterior electronic sign for 3 weeks during the curling season
- A full page ad in our annual membership directory
- A full page ad in each of our club newsletters (4 publications per curling season)
- Your company logo or ad on our website with a link to your website

SILVER Ice Cap Partnership: - Total Value \$1,375 –

Only 9 spots left! Great value!

Price = \$1,000 for one year or \$2,250 for three years

As a Silver partner, your package includes:

- Your company logo is put into 1 sheet of ice (2 logos at hog line) for the curling season
- Your company logo/sign on the interior sidewall of the ice rink area
- Advertisement on our exterior electronic sign for 2 weeks during the curling season
- A full page ad in our annual membership directory
- A full page ad in each of our club newsletters (4 publications per curling season)
- Your company logo or ad on our website with a link to your website

BRONZE Ice Cap Partnership:- Total Value \$775 – Great advertising exposure!

Price = \$500 for one year or \$1,125 for three years

As a Bronze partner, your package includes:

- Your company logo/sign on the interior sidewall of the ice rink area
- Advertisement on our exterior electronic sign for 1 week during the curling season
- A half page ad in our annual membership directory
- A business card ad in each of our club newsletters (4 publications per curling season)
- Your company logo or ad on our website with a link to your website

League and Bonsel Sponsorships – These sponsorships are handled directly through the leagues and bonsel organizing committees. All funds from these sponsorships go directly to the league or bonsel to support prizes, trophies and anything else required to run them. Each league or bonsel manages their own sponsorships as long as they comply with the clubs sponsorship requirements overall.

On-Ice Camera Program – This is a new opportunity for individuals or businesses to support improving the viewing of games. You may have noticed that we now have cameras and lounge monitors on sheets 3 and 4. The cameras are placed over the house at each end of the rink, the monitors can toggle between ends using the remote controls found by each monitor. We have a need to purchase and install 4 more monitors and 8 more on-ice cameras. Anyone can sponsor a monitor and 2 cameras, or you can choose to sponsor half a sheet. The costs are for the equipment only and no funds are retained by the club. The costs are as follows:

- Onetime fee for 2 cameras and one monitor is \$1375 plus HST
- Onetime fee for 1 camera and one monitor is \$915 plus HST
- If a sheet is split between 2 sponsors there would be a onetime fee of \$687.50 plus HST each

Sponsors will be recognized by their name/logo being placed on the button of the end(s) having the cameras as well as a name plate on the lounge monitor. (The cost of the artwork on the button is at the sponsor's expense). Sponsors names will remain for 5 years or for the life of the camera/monitors, whichever is less. Should you have any questions regarding any of our advertising or sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to contact Janice Brooks at janiceb143@gmail.com or tap me on shoulder if you see me at the club! Good curling!