



## Whitby Curling Club Member Newsletter

# Rock Talk

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### President's Message

#### Where has the time gone?

It seems like only yesterday that we were trying to figure out the new registration system, anxiously waiting for the ice to be installed, organizing the 'Learn to Curl' week and frantically trying to ensure that everyone got onto teams for their first draws.

As this is the last Rock Talk publication of the curling season I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members for their collective efforts. Without their hard work and commitment none of you would have had the opportunity to enjoy what I believe was a successful season. That does not mean that we didn't have issues, and didn't make mistakes along the way. We are after all simply a group of volunteers who tried our best to look out for the short and long-term interests of the Club, and of the membership at large. Hopefully we lived up to your collective expectations. I also want to pass on special thanks to Bob Winters, who after 4 years (at least on *this* tour of duty) gets to step aside having served as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, President and Past President. As the "elder statesman" of the Board his knowledge of the inner workings of the club, both the physical systems and the day-to-day operations, was invaluable.

I also want to recognize all of our volunteer "organizers", be they league reps, bonspiel organizers or event coordinators. Our club is dependent upon people who step up and take charge, and we all benefit from their efforts. And as we know, behind every organizer is a committee of additional volunteers, be they structured or ad hoc, going the extra mile to ensure that whatever it is that they have committed their time to, they have done so to the best of their abilities. I have maintained the theme throughout the year that this Club could not function without the efforts of our countless volunteers who step up time and again. On behalf of the Board, and I believe I'm speaking for the membership in general when I say, a collective 'thank you' one more time.

Speaking of volunteer organizers, a quick thank you to Malcolm and Tracey Macaulay, Jeff and Belinda Solly and Baob and Janet Bell. After 7 successful

years they have informed me that they are "retiring" the Robbie Burns Bonspiel. For those of you who were introduced to some of the finer traditions of Scotland, be it the pipes, the scotch or the haggis, all wrapped around a fun day of curling, I think you will agree that it was a wonderful event that I know I looked forward to each year.

And I would be remiss if I didn't also recognize our hard working staff. To Jamie and Stephanie for giving us the best damn ice in Durham (except of course when I miss a shot, then it's NOT the best damn ice in Durham, it's just the damn ice!). To Casey for looking after a thousand details a day, big and small, while constantly trying to put the membership first. If there was one thing I learned this year it's how much time and effort Casey puts into our Club, to the benefit of us all. And to our part time staff and bartenders, who are often found working late into the evenings and on weekends, politely waiting for the last good story (or bad dance move) to end. Thanks for all the hard work.

I will leave it to my fellow contributors to bring you up to speed on the comings and goings on in the Club over the past few months. However I do want to thank you all for your support over the year, and I wish all of you the best of luck for the balance of the season, as well as a great summer.

Speaking of summer, one last thought before I sign off. As a Board we will continue to work through the summer to try and improve things here at the Club, be they the equipment, the facilities, our operations or even how we govern ourselves as members. If you have complaints, concerns, ideas, suggestions or even praise with how something functioned (or didn't function as the case might be), I would encourage you to please let us know. We are always interested in your opinions and feedback.

Until then, as always, "good curling".

Andrew Gray  
President

# Benjamin Moore



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## Sunday Women's League

Congratulations to Team Barton (Terri Barton, Angela Krieger, Ana Whelan, and Christy Chrus) for winning the Sunday Night Women's League Championship which wound up its most successful year in quite some time on Sunday March 24. The championship game was followed by a great meal and trophy presentation at the Brock House in Whitby.

The year saw a wide range of players ranging from experienced to not so experienced, all joining together to play in our developing team entry league. For most of the women in this league it is the only chance they get to play with the same people for the entire year (every second Sunday)

and really enjoy the camaraderie and improvements in their game that come as a result.

The teams were quite balanced this year with the calibre of play allowing for no clear cut favourites to win any game. In fact as we neared the end of the short 10 game season, no team had lost more than 3 of their games and no team had won more than 6.

We are all looking forward to another great year, come the 2013-14 curling season and hoping more women will come out and join this developing league.

The ladies would like to say a big thank you to Jo-Ann Jordan for all her work in coordinating this league over the last few years. Welcome to Lori Way who is taking it over!!



In action: Denise McMillan, Gloria Ryan, and Joyce Waterman



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Winning Team: Lead Christy Chrus, Ana Whelan, Angela Krieger, and Terri Barton.

Thanks Jo-Ann!!!

## Curling Humour

### TOP TEN SIGNS YOU'RE HAVING A BAD GAME

10. They start pebbling the ice in the fourth end.
9. Your skip keeps saying, "Nice try!"
8. Your opposition starts hanging its score on the next sheet.
7. While you're in the washroom, your team-mates sneak away to the bar.
6. The Ice-maker starts heckling you.
5. It's only the third end and already you owe your team-mates six drinks.

4. Your opposition is lying four and your skip wants you to throw your rock through the house.
3. You throw out your knee in the first end and your team-mates don't even notice.
2. Your sweepers burst into laughter when you release your rock.
1. You score an eight-ender in the second end and you have to throw your last rock to win 9-8.

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### Mixed Closing an Event You Don't Want to Miss!!

Spring is in the air and soon another curling season will be in the books but not before the annual mixed closing. This year it will take place Saturday April 13th.

This year's theme is not as sophisticated as last's year, Casino Royale, but it's one we can have lots of fun with; **60s' & 70's TV shows**. Lots of inspiration will come from our favorite shows; Get Smart, Happy Days, Gilligan's Island, Charlies Angels, Hawaii 5-0. I can't wait to see Ginger, Max, and possibly some cartoon characters too! Come and join us for dinner, award ceremony and lets not forget the music and dancing. Tickets are \$35 each and available for purchase at the bar.



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- Club Tournaments  
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## Fundraising Update

Fundraising is a big part of how the WCC generates additional revenue without having to increase membership fees. Financial proceeds from these efforts are valuable to the club to assist with the upkeep with upcoming projects such as replacing windows, replacing the carpet on the backboards, upgrades to the ice scraper, etc. Additionally, they are fun, social activities where you can spend some time with your friends from the club off the ice.

### Silent Auction:

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's silent auction for the WCC, whether you donated prizes, bid on prizes, volunteered the night of the event or just cheered everyone on. This year's silent auction, held on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>, was a tremendous success with over 100 donations (101 to be exact!) and thanks to our members we raised a record **\$7394!** A special thank

you to Matt Bennett who acted as an auctioneer at the end of the evening, it certainly added a new dimension of fun to the event.

### Golf Tournament:

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual WCC golf tournament will take place Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> with a 1PM start time at Lakeridge Links Golf Club. The price will remain \$130/person and includes golf, cart and a steak dinner at the club following the golf. Registration is open to singles, doubles or foursomes and the registration form is available from the office or on the WCC website. Please consider donating raffle or silent auction prizes for the event, all donations would be greatly appreciated! Hole and cart sponsorships are also available; please let me know if you're interested in sponsoring the event.

### TV Raffle:

We will be raffling off the nearly-new TV in the lounge. It's a 55 inch Samsung plasma HDTV (valued at \$1200). In addition to the television we will be offering the following prizes:

**2nd Prize:** 50% discount of base registration rate for 2013-14 season

**3rd Prize:** Team Glenn Howard Autographed Juno Jacket and Team Epping Autographed Broom Head

**4th Prize:** Set of Blue Jay Tickets vs Baltimore Orioles (May 25th)

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and may be purchased at the bar. We would like to encourage all members to purchase at least one ticket for themselves and sell another to a friend. The final draw will take place at the mixed closing, Saturday April 13th at 4PM.

We will also have volunteers selling tickets in the club, and members have the option of selling books of 10 tickets. For every member that sells a complete book, they will be given a \$5 gift certificate, which can be used at either the WCC ProShop or bar card (no cash value) – books of tickets may be obtained at the bar (payment due when book of tickets is sold and stubs returned). All ticket stubs, with purchaser's name and contact info, must be submitted to the club by noon on April 13, tickets will still be sold throughout the afternoon in the club.

If you're still in need of volunteer hours and would be willing to sell raffle tickets around the club please let Casey or myself know (the gift card offer cannot be used in conjunction with obtaining volunteer hours.)

### Euchre Night:

The Whitby Curling Club will be hosting a

year-end Euchre Evening on Saturday, April 20, 2013 - start time 730pm, no games will start after 11pm. We will be playing progressive singles, therefore, you will be changing partners after each game. Rules and format will be communicated prior to play. Tickets are \$10 p/p, which will include light snacks and lots of prizes for players of all skill levels. You may purchase tickets at the WCC bar until Saturday, April 13. However, depending on the volume of tickets sold, we may need to conclude sales prior to that date.

Thanks very much for your continued support!  
Terri Hinkley  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



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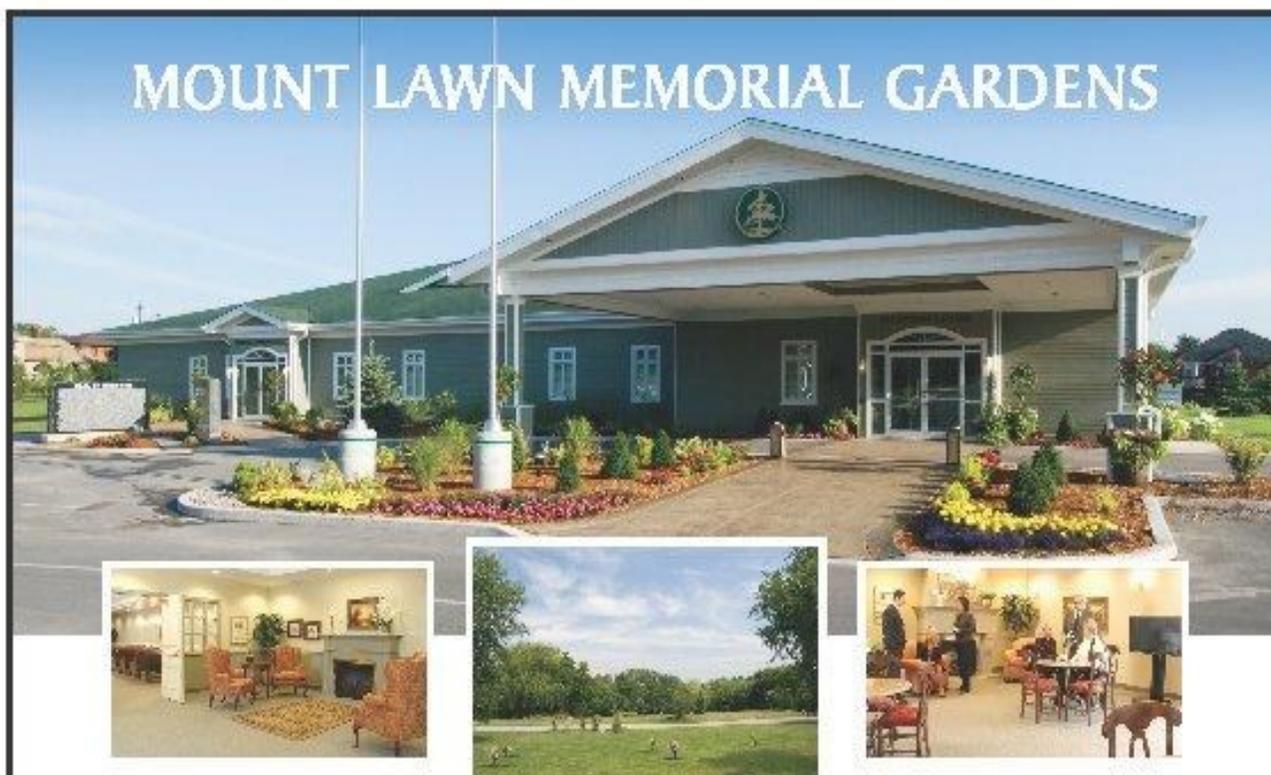
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## Best Day Bonspiel



The annual Best Day Bonspiel was held on February 14, 2013 - Valentines Day!

Sponsored by the late Hazel Best, the family was represented by Hazel's daughter, Marion. She certainly is a live-wire and loves to have fun. Just like Hazel. Marion wore her mother's wig to present the trophy.



The Bonspiel was convened by AnnMarie Fitzpatrick, who along with her volunteers, Dale McLaughlin, Beth McConnell, Lil Stillar, Fay McCorkell and Kathy Robins made sure the day ran smoothly and a good time was had by all. We also thank Bill Fitzpatrick for being on board to keep score.

We had morning coffee, served by the two Helens! Helen Boyce and Helen Collins joined us for a good part of the day. There were lots of baked goodies donated by some of our lady members. Thank you to all who donated!!! Everything was yummmie!



It was certainly a colorful Curling Rink as in honor of Valentines Day, everyone was dressed in red. At the end of the day,

Congratulations to the winners of the Best Day Bonspiel.

First Place to- The Red Hot Mamas team of Margaret Chew, Lynda Mushett, Beth McConnell, Sandra Gough



Second Place to- The Heartthrobs team of Anne Sonley, Joan Wiseman, Terry Turner, Sandra T.K.

Third Place to- The Love Bugs team of Katherine Brown, Judy Haight, Jean Andrus, Linda Doyle

Prize for the team that made the most friends- the Love-sick Lovers, Sherry Howard, Barb Heimstra, Donna Matsushita, Cathy Windover

### Bantam Curling

#### Bantam Recreational League

Our playoffs were held on Sunday March 24th. Forty two curlers vied for coveted prizes..... LINDT CHOCOLATE BARS!!! Talk about motivation!! Congratulations to the winning team of Sunny Lildhar, Scott Mitchell, Laura Meadows and John Bredin. Second place was taken by Troy Stoner, Mitchell Vance, Zach Buchanan and Amy Thompson. Third place honours went to Victoria Lavery, Grant Schnurr, Robert Walker and Kate Briggs. A pizza party was enjoyed by all after the games.

We will be hosting a bantam funspiel on

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Teams from our club as well as Tam Heather, Port Perry, Lakefield and Bayview will be participating. The curlers will be playing 3 x 6 end games with lunch, snacks and prizes for all. It is shaping up to be a great day!!

To all the coaches and parents who helped out with the program this year: Your dedication and involvement really make a difference! *Thank You!!*

#### Competitive Development

It has been a busy year for our seven teams. Whitby CC was represented from Glendale to Minden and all points in between. We had entries in the TCA Development League, OCA & OJCT events as well as various club bonspiels.

Team Whelan (Max Whelan, Nathan Steele, Rachel Steele & Aiden McCulla) had a busy season Team Mitchell (Ben, Ryan, Scott & Noah) represented us at the Bantam Boys Regionals in Newmarket. They won their first game against Dixie CC in a nail biter finish. Although the next two games were well played, they did not find themselves on the winning side of the score board. We are very proud of the boys (who technically are still Little Rockers) for representing our club so well!

Team Stoner (Troy Stoner, Lindsey Macaulay, Andrew Nutt & Laura Meadows) and Team Vance (Mitchell Vance, Victoria Lavery, William Lavery & Hayley Whetham) entered Mixed Zones in Uxbridge. Both teams played well and met up in the B Side final. Team Vance won and moved on to Regionals in Minden. Troy Stoner subbed in for Mitchell Vance who was unable to make the journey to Minden. The team adapted to the change in skip and the Minden ice well. Despite best efforts and some good shot making, they lost out in the



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B Side quarter finals. Congratulations on making it to Regions....there is always next year!!

The TCA Development League Finals are being held on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck & Good Curling to:

Team Mackay (Adam Mackay, Tim Rose, Robert Walker & Liam Windrem)

Team MacMillan (Sophie Macmillan, Calleigh Barton, Alyssa Gauthier & Brooklyn Keats)

Team Meadows (Stephanie Meadows, Sabrina DeSousa, Amy Thompson & Alexandra Szeller)

To all the coaches who volunteered countless hours for practice and sitting behind the glass, your commitment to the kids and the program is wonderful to see and truly appreciated.....Thank You!!

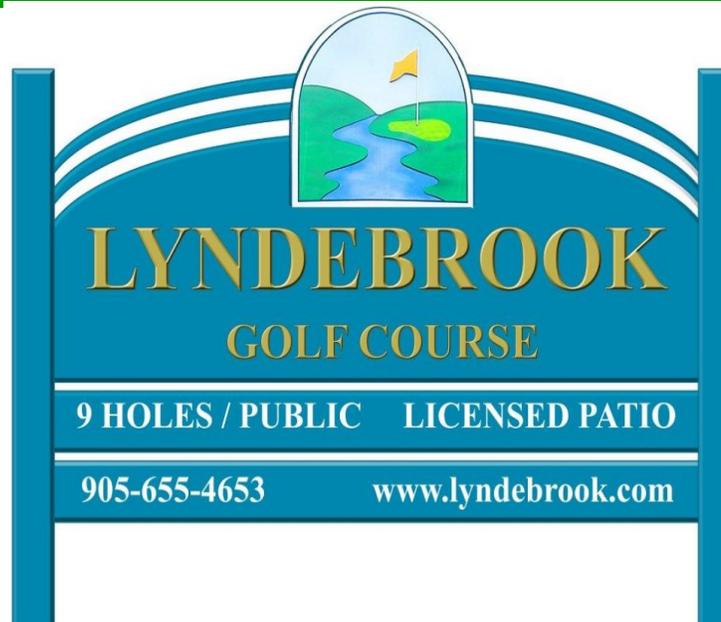


Winning Bantam Rec League Team



### WCC Connections to Scott Tournament of Hearts

Did you know that our very own Andrea Lawes was part of the opening ceremonies opening rock team at the Scott Tournament of Hearts in Kingston in February 2013? Andrea held the broom for sweepers Marilyn Bodogh and Lorraine Lang while the rock was thrown by Trish Dwyer, mother of one of our members, Sheryl Tavoularis and grandmother of one of our little rocker's Tara Tavoularis. The opening ceremonies team was then featured later that evening for the Up Close and Personal interviews at the Heart Stop Lounge. It was great to see such accomplished Ontario and Newfoundland curlers be part of this event which saw a great result, Team Homan of Ontario emerging as champions. Way to represent WCC Andrea!!!



### Don't Forget to Tell Casey.....

If you need to reschedule a game, don't forget to let Casey know the game that won't be happening as well as the new ice time required. Very specific schedules are kept on booking ice and this assists not just in letting the club know of availability but also ensures that Jamie is able to prepare the correct number of sheets. For example if several games are cancelled, he does not need to be preparing all sheets, and in reverse if there will be a lot of extra games taking place, he needs to know to prepare those sheets. Don't just tell your league reps, it is your responsibility to let the club know as well. Thanks so much for your cooperation.



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### Little Rocks

The end of the Sunday Little Rocks Season is sometimes bitter sweet. It is certainly nice to have our Sunday's back but it is sad to say goodbye to everyone till the next curling season. Our final day was on March 24<sup>th</sup> where we had 8 teams (made up from points gathered all year) play off in two - three end games. The winning team was made up of Skip Maxwell Whelan, Vice Harrison Zarzour, Second Jac Yong and Lead Tara Tavoularis. Each team member received a small trophy and a gift card and will have their names engraved on the Big Little Rock Trophy kept in the club. These were handed out while all the kids, coaches and parents enjoyed pizza and cake

Our High Point Trophy was handed out to Christopher Vine with a total of 209 points. No one left empty handed as all received gift cards, even the parent helpers and coaches. The Little Rock Program sends out some BIG THANK YOUS to all the parent volunteers and coaches because the program could not be possible without all their help. We also want to send out some special THANK YOUS to the Whitby Curling Club Senior Men for their cash donation to help fund the program, The Sonely Family for their donation for our Little Rock Bonspiel and to Don and Liz Mitchell for all the wonderful donated items we used for our bonspiel raffle table and prizes. Last but not least we want to say farewell to our Little Rockers that are moving up to Bantams next year. We enjoyed watching you grow and how your game improved. Kick some butt in Bantams.....

Till next season,  
The Little Rock Committee.

And a big thank you to Terri and Brent Barton for everything they have done for Little Rocks. We will miss you next year and hope you enjoy your year in Ireland. Looking forward to your return!!!



Winning Little Rocks Team



Christopher Vine



Amazing cake enjoyed by all!!

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## Robbie Burns Bonspiel

### CURLING –BURNS STYLE !

Three grand clans met on a field of ice for honour and glory at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Robbie Burns Bonspiel. Teams representing clans MacThomas, Macaulay and McMillan came together on January 25<sup>th</sup> to curl, celebrate the birth of the Scottish poet, Robbie Burns, and to raise money for the Club.

This year all curlers played under the banner of one of three grand clans of Scotland – with the outcome of each game being combined to determine the overall clan champion. Congratulations this year goes to clan McMillan. Special recognition was granted to team Wallace from Ottawa, the MVP team on clan McMillan.

In addition to some great curling, players enjoyed traditional Scottish fare for breakfast and lunch, a scotch nosing, bag pipes, the infamous Burns supper, and dancing the night away. This year's toast to the Lads and Lassies was given in very classy and witty style by Don and Liz Mitchell. Bryce Jordan regaled us with the toast to the Immortal Memory of Robbie Burns. Malcolm Macaulay was the genial master of ceremonies.

At the end of the day, \$2,500 was raised for the club. Thanks to our sponsors for their donations to the raffle draw.

The Burns Spiel was organized and hosted by Malcolm and Tracey Macaulay, Jeff and Belinda Solly and Ian Cavanagh and Denise McMillan

Special thanks goes to everyone who contributed to baking and the raffle table. Another thanks to Kevin Berry our piper, and Rod Bemister for rockin' the night as our DJ.

Thanks to every one who participated.

*And there's a hand my trusty fiere,  
And gie's a hand o thine,  
And we'll tak a right guid-willie waught,  
For auld lang syne.*



“Ode to a Wee Rockie”

*I let thee lose with my breast full o' hope  
But, where thou wilt go, alas I canna know*

*T'was to the broom you were intended  
When ae slid forth from the hack  
But yonder Skippee shook his head  
And then he turned his back*

*Be stout of heart wee rockie  
T'is much distance yee must travel  
And the path yee take is fraught  
With immeasurable peril*

*But och, if ye would only pick  
And change handles once or twice  
Ye would save me from much shame  
For I could blame it on the ice!*



## Business Women's Bonspiel

The Business Ladies League hosted the **Musicals on Ice** Bonspiel on Saturday March 2 where 12 “Musical Teams” gathered to show off their best performance on the ice.

Letting the sun shine in was the spiel winner, Team Hair (Stephanie Van Hyse, Melissa Gray, Carol Blackmore and Sandra Tateishi-Kotack.) Team Jersey Boys (Gloria Ryan, Kym Raymond Imrie, Janet Bell and Janet Lindsey) gave a great performance in second place. Locking up third place was Team Jail House Rock (Sheryl Tavoularis, Sarah Gray, Natalie Enge and Joanna Thompson).

Awards were also presented to the best team performances in a supporting role: Team Annie (Jen Lovelock, Julie Bemmer, Rachel Payne and Christy Chrus) after a hard knock morning game and Team Wicked (Laurie Light, Carolyn MacKay, Ginette Bellehumeur, and Aileen Walton) spelling them off in the afternoon game. Team Cats (Tracey MacAulay, Lori Way, Belinda Solly and Tammy Parsonson) purred their way to the best costume award.

The Ladies enjoyed tasty breakfast, lunch and snacks. We also drank steeped tea and bought jewellery from our wonderful vendors, Joanna Thompson, Ginette Bellehumeur and had massages from our great RMT Cathy.

Our raffle was amazing with over 35 prizes being donated by the ladies and a profit of over \$450 dollars. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, baking and raffle prizes and those who brought friends into the spiel. You all know who you are! It was an award winning day!



Winning Team





## The Shamrock Bonspiel

### A Shamrockin Great Time – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Shamrock Bonspiel – March 16, 2013

The King is dead, long live the Queen!



The Shamrock King that is! This year's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Shamrock Bonspiel brought in a new year of royalty to our club. The reigning Shamrock King, Matt Bennett was knocked off his throne by none other than Denise MacMillan-Cavanaugh who took the crown and cape for a one year reign. Matt's Irish county of Clare, was defeated by Denise's Irish county of Mayo.

County Mayo Teams were comprised of:

Draw 1: Denise MacMillan-Cavanaugh; Ian Cavanaugh (2011 Shamrock King); Don and Liz Mitchell

Draw 2: Jo-Ann Jordan; Karen and Rod Bemister; Tina Power

Congratulations Team Mayo!



The Shamrock organizing committee would like to thank everyone who came out to curl. Our event was sold out again and it appeared that everyone enjoyed the day and evening if the bar sales are any indication! Overall we were able to raise just over \$3800 this year from the proceeds of registrations; sponsorships; raffle ticket and Pot of Gold ticket sales.

Spiel attendees enjoyed afternoon entertainment provided by world class Irish Dancers from the Druid Academy in Scarborough. Teams also had some friendly competition off the ice with a few games of Left, Right Center!



Many local businesses also showed their support by providing raffle prizes and excellent Pot of Gold prizes. Our thanks go out to the following businesses for those! We would also like to make an extra special mention of our hard working committee members Sarah and Ana for all of their hard work in hitting the streets of Whitby to get the word out about our club and charm business owners into providing these!

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A very special thanks also goes out to our 2 Event Sponsors this year. Wine Kitz Whitby supported us for the 4<sup>th</sup> year running. Errol Gee also brought out a very special bottle of wine which he auctioned off, thus raising another \$100 for the club! C & C Motors of Whitby also sponsored us, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running. Thanks so much for the support!

Thanks also to our wonderful group of club volunteers who offered valuable support in the way of baking for our breakfast; helping to decorate the club; and helping out on the day of the spiel with ticket sales, leader board postings and clean up. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to the following volunteers:

June Lumber; Fran McKinnon; Jim Knights; Aileen Walton; Angela Krieger; Gian and Janet Deta Colli; Don and Liz Mitchell; Dennis Jay; Laurie Book; Mel Calder; Paul MacDonald; John Bueckert; Bob Harvey; Gary Yates .

The organizing committee included:

Bryce and Jo-Ann Jordan; Karen and Rod Bemister; Janice and Don Brooks; Ana Whelan; and Sarah Gray. Thanks for all the hard work and dedication!

An extra special thanks also goes to Bryce Jordan who was our draw master and Master of Ceremonies for the day and evening. He ensured the spiel ran along smoothly and kept us all pointed in the right direction. No easy task to say the least!

Local newspaper Whitby Snap also came by to capture our day. This will be great advertising for the club. Look for photos and a short article in the April edition in print or on-line at [www.snapwhitby.com](http://www.snapwhitby.com).

For each petal on the shamrock. This brings a wish your way Good health, good luck, and happiness For today and every day.



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