



WHITBY CURLING CLUB

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is hard to believe the season is almost over especially considering the weather we have been having. The good thing with a long cold winter is that we are not too anxious to see the last draw finish up because we haven't been teased with spring yet!

The weather has both worked to our advantage this year and created some challenges. We have been fortunate that the weather has helped maintain the ice; however, it has not been overly kind to the compressor. We have had a few instances with ice build-up causing some havoc and are looking at quotes for repairs and possible replacement. The compressor is reaching the end of its anticipated life cycle, so time to discuss the options. Additionally, with the new sidewalk/curbs we had a new challenge of ice and needed to do something we usually avoid....use salt! Thank you to all the members who took their outdoor shoes off in the locker rooms etc.

to avoid tracking slush and salt into the lounge and ultimately onto the ice surface. It is appreciated!

This season has brought with it some sad news to our WCC family as well. We have had to say goodbye to two active members who passed away this season. Christa Loftus and Clif Shepard. It was with sad hearts that we said good-bye and offer our support to their family and friends. We have other members struggling with various health issues and wish them all well as they work towards recovery.

On a positive note, we have had a successful year with many teams advancing to Provincials this year in various events. Thank you to Team Cavanagh, Team Stoner and Team VanHuyse on your representation of the Club!

For those of us who stay within the club, play-off season and league closings are busy being planned! Good luck to all of you and have fun as

we wrap up another great season.

Information regarding next season membership rates etc. will be communicated shortly and we look forward to seeing you all back on the ice next season.

Next season will be fun and exciting as the WCC participates with the hosting of the Grand Slam in November at the General Motors Centre. More information regarding that event will be forthcoming from Rod Bemister, our club representative.

Thank you all for a great season so far. Should you have any questions, comments or ideas, please feel free to contact me!

Tracey Macaulay
President

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- Dirty Ice - See what you are leaving on the Ice
- Business Women's Slumber Rocks Bonspiel
- A thank you from Team Stoner
- Academy Awards Bonspiel
- Curling Jokes
- Remember: In Canada they have two Seasons...six months of winter and six months of poor curling

2014-15 '50-50 and Plus Winners to Date'

Congratulations to everyone that has won to date, and thank you to all our members who participate in the weekly 50-50 and Plus Prize throughout the season. All of the 50% of the funds that remain with the WCC go towards capital projects around our facility.

WEEK	50-50	Amount	Plus Prize Winner
1	no winner		Ted Holman
2	Gary Downs	\$151.50 + \$153.50	Wanda Janes
3	Tracey Macaulay	\$154.50	Sarah Gray
4	no winner		Rebecca Brain
5	Ray Gorecki	\$149.50 + \$158.50	Sandy Giroux
6	Glen Walker	\$155.00	Dave King
7	Cyril Turgeon	\$158.50	Jeff Solly
8	Kevin Canavan	\$157.00	Nancy McConnell
9	Liz Winters	\$161.00	Sarah Gray
10	Phil Law	\$157.50	Peter Dewsbury
11	Steph VanHuyse	\$161.00	Madeleine Riley
12	no winner		Cheryl Hurst
13	Sandra Gough	\$161.50	Sarah Mallette
14	no winner		Roland Mackey
15	Paul Barnett	\$161.50 + \$160	Larry Arbour
16	Thomas Clements	\$161.50	Mark Reid
17	no winner		Don Brewer
18	Bill Miller	\$161.00 + \$160.00	Bill Miller
19	Glenn McKinnon	\$156.50	Roland Mackey
20	Regina Gee	\$160.00	Sarah Mallette

Toronto Senior Curling Week

A Whitby Curling Club team were winners of the Toronto Seniors Major Curling League this week. The Whitby team won the Thornhill Division title by compiling a season record of 10 wins and 2 losses and tied for first place. They went on to be undefeated in the playoffs and capture the championship.

The team members were Jack McCorkell, Dave King, Winston Muschett, George Sonley, Paul Morgan and Ian Jackson.

Congratulations to all.

WHITBY LITTLE ROCKS 2004-15

There was a huge group of kids this year, with about 40 new curlers and we seemed to manage it ok with the help of many volunteers. I want to thank them all because without these following people our program would not have run so smoothly and the kids would not have enjoyed the fun and exciting game of curling. Brent Barton, Chris Berlette, Alex Brodeur, Jennifer Klepadlo, Todd MacNutt, Michelle Martin, Gary Mercer, Colin Quinn, Brian Robinson, John Rodrigue, Kelly Taylor, Glenn and Sandra Walker, and Jeff Whelan. Our student

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DIRTY ICE

This is what the ice looks like after a melt and scrape...yeah its pretty dirty.

So this is a friendly reminder to clean your shoes and brooms before you go out on the ice.

Also, you should get a new gripper at least once a season to prevent debris on getting on the ice and having your rocks pick...

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6th ANNUAL SHAMROCK 'SPIEL

Little Rocks

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The Shamrock Bonsel was held for the 6th time on March 14, 2015. This year's event was sold out in record time. That same level of enthusiasm carried on to the day itself that started at 9am and carried on into the morning of March 15th.

Twenty-Four teams, with two each representing 12 Irish Counties got together for breakfast, games of left-right-centre, dinner and dancing. They were also entertained with a fine exhibition of Irish dancing by 6 young ladies from the Druid School of Irish Dance. And yes, during all this there some great curling as each team played four 4-end games throughout the day interspersed with "Shamrock Shooters", Guinness Stout and Harp Lager.

First place came down to a head-to-head battle between County Antrim and County Kildare. Antrim eked out a 6-5 victory to take home (or back down to the trophy case) the coveted Shamrock 'Spiel Pot of Gold trophy.

Receiving cash prizes for their standings were:

First Place - County Antrim- Ian Cavanagh, Denise McMillan-Cavanagh, Rob Phillips, J.C. Phillips, Rob Chung, Phil Stewart, Dave Bond and Pat Darmon

Second Place - County Kildare- Andrew Gray, Sarah Gray, Joanne Arbour, Larry Arbour, Jeremy Way, Kara

Hayes, Kyle O'Brien and Adam

Third Place - County Mayo - Jeff Whelan, Ana Whelan, Chris Waghorn, Monica Waghorn, Ryan Crowley, Ben Aldridge, Kyle Shulman and Emma Parkes

County Clare, who shall remain anonymous, were recognized as the "friendliest county" by managing to play 8 games without winning one of them.

Also recognized was Nick Farrell of Dublin Ireland. He was a guest of Terri and Brent Barton. Nick was easily the participant who came from furthest way. And from Ireland to boot!

Our lovely dinner of Guinness-braised Beef and Chicken Stew was interrupted by an un-authorized ceremony. The reigning Shamrock Queen, Joanne Arbour, and Shamrock King, Mark Jordan, both abdicated their thrones. They surrendered their robes and crowns to the new Shamrock Queen and King, respectively, J.C. Phillips and Rob Chung of the winning County Antrim. After which lady-in-waiting Denise managed to insult the assembled subjects.

A great day such as the Shamrock Spiel cannot be created without a lot of help from sponsors, staff and volunteers.

The Shamrock Committee would like to thank...

Our Gold Sponsors - Winexperts Whitby (Errol Gee) and C&C Motors Subaru

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Ice Crew - Jamie and Victoria

Bartenders - Taryn and Christa

D J - Rod Bemister

Caterer- Cheryl Topsitch and team

Volunteers and prize donators- countless

They all contributed to a great event that raised well over \$4000.00 for the Club. You won't want to miss out on next year's Shammy. Be sure to register for the 7th annual Shamrock Bonsel as soon as the notice goes out in 2016!

Submitted by your Shamrock Committee:

Sarah and Andrew Gray, Karen Bemister, Jo-Ann and Bryce Jordan, and Janice (Chairperson) and Don Brooks



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helpers, Calleigh Barton, Colin Schnurr, Rebecca Taylor, and Robert Walker. Off ice help Karen Konoby and Ana Whelan. I also want to thank those who donated funds to the Little Rocks this year - the Senior Men, The Sonley Family and the Men's Bonsel. We bought some sliders for all of the kids to use when they graduate from the "tape".

We had a few theme days this year that our kids really enjoyed - Pajama day, Jersey day, the Parent/Child bonsel with a potluck lunch and the very popular Bring a Friend day. Through out the year, we went through many tins of hot chocolate. Some days we all really needed those hot cups of cocoa to warm our hands.

It is so nice to see the kids really enjoying the game and improving with each Sunday. As the season winds down like it does every year we are always a bit sad to see some our older kids move up to bantams the next year. But I know they have a great knowledge and love of the game before they go. I am sure we will see some of these kids make a run for the Brier/Scotties the future.

Terri Barton



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Joke of the Month: An avid curler passed away and is met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter. The man asks, St Peter, curling has been a big part of my life. I hope they have curling in heaven St Peter replies, Yes, we have a fine facility. Let me show you. They walk a little and enter into the curling club where the man sees a lone person practicing. The man is wearing a Canada jersey the red maple leaf - with name Martin. The man says, I didnt know Kevin Martin passed away? St. Peter replied, No, that's God he just thinks he is Kevin Martin!

GRAND SLAM COMES TO OSHAWA

Keep the dates Nov. 11th - 15th open as the Grand Slam of Curling is coming back to the GM Centre in Oshawa. Whitby Curling Club is one of the three hosts (Oshawa Golf and Oshawa Downtown being the other two), and we will have a number of volunteers from the club on hand to officiate, score, sell programs/50-50 tickets and maintain the ice. Thank you to the volunteers that signed up, we were looking for approx. 40 volunteers and we had that within a week of putting up the sign-up sheet.

Full event packages are available now. Tickets are available for the event at: <http://tinyurl.com/gsoc2015>. Weekend packages/flex packages and single game tickets won't be on sale until September. In order to get the best seats available don't wait to get your tickets.

Draw times are as follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 11th - 7 PM

Thursday, Nov.12th - 9 AM, 12:30, 4 and 7:30 PM

Friday, Nov. 13th - 9 AM, 12, 3:30 and 7:30 PM

Saturday, Nov. 14th - 8:30 AM (tiebreaker if necessary), 12 and 3:30 PM

Sunday, Nov. 15th - 3:30 PM Finals

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Over the past few months, the Whitby Curling club have hosted a wide variety of events to fundraise for our Club. Here a few of them:

Academy Awards Spiel raised over \$4000

Shamrock Spiel raised over \$4000

Euchre Tournament over \$1000

Silent Auction over \$5000.

Thank to all the volunteers and coordinators that help make these events so successful.

Ian Cavanagh

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SUNDAY DRAW:

All people who curl instead of going to church meetings will be glad to know that curling is a legitimate religious activity, with scriptural sanction.

For example, the Bible ..

.. speaks to the beginner who is assigned as Lead: "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone." (John 8:7)

.. urges the Second whose Lead has drawn two stones into the house: "Be thou a guard unto them." (Ezekiel 38:7)

.. confirms a Second's personal resolution, as his Skip throws a take-out: "I will sweep with the besom of destruction." (Isaiah 14:23)

.. describes the Vice's shots: "The rocks are thrown down by him." (Nahum 1:6)



OCA UPDATE

OCA Update of events over the past months.

It has been a busy successful year for teams participating in the various OCA events. A huge congratulations to the following teams who have represented Whitby Curling Club. I do apologize to all participants, I have had some difficulty with my e-mails and a lot of my history has gone. I would have included everyone's name if I could locate them.

Fairfield Marriott Challenge - Ian Cavanagh, Jeremy Way, Dave Way, and Matthew Bennett Zone/Region winners

Scotties Tournament of Hearts - Stephanie Van Huyse, B Zone Winner

Bantam Boys - Troy Stoner, A Zone Winner

Tim Hortons Trophy - Stephanie Van Huyse, Jasmin Thurston, Suzanne Miller and Mandy Bennett, A Zone Winners

OCA Junior Mixed - Matt Hill, B Zone Winner

OCA Bantam Mixed - Troy Stoner, A Zone Winner

Senior Winter Games - Ted Birchard, June Boon, Steve Tooze, and Pauline Albert, Silver Medal Winners

Thanks everyone for your support. Enjoy the rest of your season,

Liz Winters, OCA Rep, WCC



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WCC TV RAFFLE

We will be raffling off WCC's nearly-new TV in the lounge (purchased in May 2014). It's a 65 inch Samsung HDTV (valued at \$1500). In addition to the television we will be offering the following prizes:

2nd Prize: 50% discount of base registration membership for 2015-16 season

3rd Prize: Hall Rental at WCC (bartender included) - between July and September 2015 or 2016 (value up to \$530)

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 11th at 7PM. ALL proceeds will go to the Club and will help offset the many projects we will be doing around the exterior of the Club during the off-season (more details to come), and to replace the television being raffled.

We are also looking for volunteers to sell tickets in the club; and, members have the option of selling books of tickets to family and friends. For every member that sells a complete book of 10 tickets, they will be given a \$5 gift certificate, which can be used at either the WCC ProShop or bar (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 11, 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 me know (the gift card offer cannot be used in conjunction with obtaining volunteer hours.)

CURLING ... A SOCIAL SPORT?

A Skip who had played poorly was asked after the game how he had done. His answer:

"I made four friends and three enemies!"



MONDAY MEN'S RATED

The second, third and fourth draws were completed for the Men's Rated League. The winners of each division are as follows:

2nd draw

Division A: Mike Elmhurst (skip), Scott Henderson (vice), Rob Chung (second) and Michael Bertrand (lead)

Division B: Mark Reid (skip), Steve Crabbe (vice), Michel Nadeau (second) and John Rodrigue (lead)

Division C: Jeff Whelan (skip), Ron Zuber (vice), Bert Goodfellow (second) and Robin Slaughter (lead)

3rd draw

Division A: Jamie Dehart (skip), Dale MacDonell (vice), Ryan Slobojan (second) and Ray Lariviere (lead)

Division B: Tom Worsley (skip), Kevin Canavan (vice), spare (second) and Justin Demerchant (lead)

Division C: George Lavigne (skip), Todd Macnutt (vice), Michel Nadeau (second) and Michael Bertrand (lead)

4th draw

Division A: Tom Worsley (skip), Ron Zuber (vice), Doug Schnurr (second) and Robin Slaughter (lead)

Division B: Paul Adair (skip), Todd Macnutt (vice), Paul Bryan (second) and Nico Morin (lead)

Division C: Michael Elmhurst (skip), Brent Collett (vice), Scott Henderson (second) and Bob Costello (lead)

These teams have qualified for playoff spots.

Michael Bertrand is having a great season. He has been on 3 teams that have won draws and qualified for the playoffs. Jeff Whelan, Michael Elmhurst, Paul Adair and Tom Worsley have won 2 draws as skip. Michel Nadeau, Scott Henderson and Robin Slaughter have also been on 2 qualifying teams. They will all be playing for the first team they qualified with for the playoffs.

At the end of each draw the points accumulated throughout the draw are assigned to each player. They are totaled to determine who will win the Glinz Trophy for player with the most accumulated points for the season. The leaders for Glinz points to the end of the third draw are Scott Henderson (178 points), Kevin Canavan (172 points), Michael Bertrand (166 points), Rob Chung (161 points) and Todd Macnutt (151 points). It's a tight race! The trophy will be awarded at the Men's Closing.

Playoffs begin March 23rd. The championship games will be played on Friday, April 17th followed by the Men's Closing ceremonies that evening. It's a great night to watch the final games and have some food and "beverages". There are usually prizes drawn until everyone there has won one. All this for just \$20.00. Tickets are available at the bar.

Best of luck to all teams in the playoffs!

Stan Senkowski

Men's Rated Coordinator





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Tuesday Evening

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Wednesday Morning

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Thursday Evening

6:30 pm ~ 9:30 pm

Club Tournaments

Provincial Tournaments

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TEAM STONER

Our team had a great first year together. We played 39 games in 9 events this year winning 28 games. The team peaked at the right time going 10 and 3 in provincial competition. Our goal at the start of the year was to make it to the provincial championships and with a lot of practice we were able to meet our goal by playing in the Provincial Finals at Oshawa. We were able to exceed our goal by finishing in second place, losing the final game 6-4.

The team consists of Scott Mitchell at lead, Ryan Mitchell playing vice and throwing second rocks and Daniel Van Veghel throwing third rocks. Our experience this year has made us good friends. We always played hard and had fun, whether in games or at practice.

We were lucky this year to have a great coach, Collin Mitchell. This was Collin's first year coaching and I believe we got to the finals because of his dedication to our team. Every one of us learned a lot from Collin this year on and off the ice. We all became better curlers and learned important things such as dedication to the team by practicing, focusing on having fun and whether we won or lost, we did so with class. Thank you Collin for your work in making us better on and off the ice.

We were also lucky to have the support of the club. I want to thank Casey, Jamie, Stephanie and Victoria for making sure we had good ice to practice on and providing us the opportunity to practice often. Scott, Ryan and I started in the Little Rock program and I want to thank Sarah Gray and team for their hard work in running this program for us. I also want to thank the many club coaches we had over the years who taught us our first lessons on how to sweep, aim, throw and strategize. Every coach we had was instrumental in getting us to the final this year and I want to thank you. My dad found it interesting that while we were playing our Provincial Final, the Oshawa Little Rock and Bantam programs were running on the outside sheets. It showed us how far we had come.

Unfortunately our team is breaking up this year. I am aging up to Junior but am lucky to have Daniel joining me. Ryan and Scott are playing Bantam this year with a new team. I wish them all the luck for the coming year and am hopeful we can play together as a team in the coming years.

Thank you again to everyone at the club for your kind words and support!

Good curling!

Troy Stoner

Team Picture for Provincial Competition:



LADIES BEST DAY BONSPIEL

On Thursday February 12th, the Ladies' section held their annual Best Day Bonspiel. This Bonspiel is graciously sponsored by many of the past chairpersons of the Ladies section. We are also fortunate to have the continued generous support of Hazel Best's family. Our theme for the day was 'Mad Hatter' with the emphasis on hats. The ladies were encouraged to wear their hats during lunch and it looked somewhat like the Mad Hatter's Tea Party!

Our format for the day was four ends of curling, then the teams moved left or right to meet another team for the next 4 ends. The scoring for the fourth end of each game had a twist, which often provided some unexpected results, and kept everyone in the game, with no idea of who was winning until the end of the day when the scores were tabulated.

The trophy was presented by Diane Sparrow, the granddaughter of Hazel Best. Diane and her husband joined us for much of the afternoon and they enjoyed hearing stories of Hazel's curling days.

Our trophy winner was 'The Milliners' (Nancy McConnell, Sandy Gough, Sandra Tateishikotack, and Bonnie Stoddart.)

Thank you to my helpers, Lorraine Dixon, Joan Wiseman and Terry Turner as well as all our bakers who provided us with delicious treats in both the morning and afternoon. As an added bonus for the day, some of our Past Chairpersons joined us to watch a few ends of the curling. One very special guest was Helen Boyce who was celebrating a birthday milestone. As a surprise for Helen, the lady curlers came off the ice and all paraded into the lounge, treating Helen to a chorus of Happy Birthday!

AnnMarie Fitzpatrick



THE TROPHY WINNERS

2ND ANNUAL EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

On Saturday March 7th the Whitby Curling Club held its 2nd annual Euchre Tournament hosted by members Ben Aldridge and Kyle Shulman.

The tournament grew in popularity from last year and had 68 players spread out over 17 tables. The fun night lasted nearly 4 hours and after 12 games played a winner was crowned. Two players, in fact, went 12-0 and split the prize money. Congratulations to co-host Ben Aldridge and John Bueckert for winning this year!

The Euchre Tournament brought in \$1000 in ticket sales and 50/50 money and an additional \$1200 in bar sales. Thanks to everyone who came out. See you next year.



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SLUMBER PARTY ROCKS BONSPIEL

February 28th blew in with frigid temperatures and bitter winds. But inside the Whitby Curling Club the Ladies were comfy warm in fuzzy one-zies and PJS as the Tuesday Night League hosted the Slumber Party Rocks Bonspiel. This was our best attended spiel in many years with 20 teams registered.

The gals enjoyed a tasty breakfast, lunch and snacks, had some time to enjoy our vendor tables hosted by Ginette Bellehumeur, Jo-Ann Jordan, Chrissy Gazley and Brittany Coffin. We also loved our wonderful massages from our great RMT Cathy Parish.

The Beauty Queens, Sheryl Tavoularis, Laurie Light, Carolyn MacKay and Corrie Dixon, glowed with good looks and good curling as they came in first place and won the bonspiel. Snuggling up in second place was Team Leone aka Hot Lips with Ruth Leone, Julia Benner, Sandra Tatkishikota and Debra Perry. The third place finish was scooped up by Team Bugg from Toronto: Grace Bugg, Julie Thompson, Leslie Vivian and Elly Caesar. Team Catching Some Zzzzs, including Mandy Bennett, Amy Thurston, Carole Dunn and Marlene Dunn were recognized as having the most fun out on the ice.

Our raffle was amazing with over 25 prizes being donated by the ladies and a profit of over \$750 dollars. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time decorating, baking and donating raffle prizes and those who brought friends into the spiel. You all know who you are! It was a comfy and fun way to spend a winter's day!

Belinda Solly



Top Row: Beauty Queens - Team Tavoularis and 2nd Place Hot Lips - Team Leone
Bottom Row: 3rd Place - Team Bugg and Friendliest Team - Team Bennett

ROCKING THE RED CARPET AT THE ACADEMY AWARDS BONSPIEL

Lights, Camera, Action!

On Feb 7th, The Academy Awards Bonspiel was held to help raise some funds for the Club. We had 22 teams enter the spiel dressing up as their favourite nominated movie (Ok, some were never nominated) and curled the day away. The host committee didn't just have curling in mind but a bunch of activities for teams to keep busy: with Trivia, Dancing competitions, Movie Mash-up, Be the Seat filler and Pin the Actor on the Oscar.

Here are a list of the Winners:

Best Team: Pulp Fiction - Chris and Jessica Berlette and Terri and Brent Barton

Best Original Dance - Julie Barton

Best Costume - Pirates of the Caribbean - Solly, Macaulays, Ways and Parsonsons

Best Dramatic Curler - Alex Brodereau

And the Razzie Award (the Team making the Most Friends) Team Grease - names will be withheld.

The Committee would like to thank Richard Bruton TD Wealth for sponsoring the event and countless donators to make this a huge success and managing to raise over \$4000 for our Club. The Academy Awards committee was Rob and JC Phillips, Mandy and Matthew Bennett, Ian and Denise Cavanagh and Rebecca Brain.



Academy Award Winners: Oscar Girl - Ian Cavanagh, Sponsor - Richard Bruton, Winners - Chris Berlette, Brent Barton, Terri Barton and Jessica Berlette