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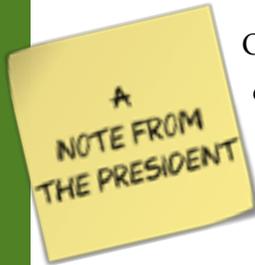
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On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to welcome back our returning members. I would also like to extend a warm “Welcome” to the new members of the Whitby Curling Club.

This year the Cub is positioned to move forward on many fronts. We have already heard many positive comments on the new LED lighting in the arena and the refinished floors in the clubhouse. Looking forward we have the privilege of hosting the Ontario Scotties in January and the opportunity to meet many new members throughout the season.

The new members have increased our total membership from an average over the last five years of 515 to over 550 this season. I am asking all of our returning members to help make the new members, many of whom are new to our sport, feel comfortable and at home in our “House of Hospitality”. To the new members, please feel free to ask advice on “how things are done around here” and take the opportunity to participate in events around the

club; including, clinics, bonspiels, social activities and fundraising events throughout the season.

I also wish to welcome back our staff whose goal is to make your experience, on and off the ice, as enjoyable as possible. Our Manager Angela and our head Ice Maker Jamie have signed on for at least three more years. The bar staff; Julie, Kara, Karen and Glenn have all returned. On the ice staff side, we will miss Dave Ralston who was forced to retire due to health reasons. We are very fortunate that Victoria Lavery was qualified and available to move into his role as Ice Technician. She and Jamie will be assisted by Grant Schnurr and Adam MacKay who carry on the tradition of member-family participation as ice assistants. Please feel free to approach our staff with questions or concerns.

Similarly, please feel free to approach me or any of the Board of Directors with, comments, concerns or compliments.

Bryce Jordan,
President

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FROM THE MANAGER

It's hard to believe we're already a month in to the 2017-2018 Season! I'd like to thank the League Representatives who are all volunteers, for getting the schedules done and teams organized! We couldn't do it without you!

As returning members may have noticed, we did some upgrades to the facility over the summer! We had the floors in the hall and lounge refinished, as well as brand

new LED Lighting in the arena! These facility improvements (as well as any on going repairs) are possible because of the Capital Fund Fee each member pays annually.

We are looking forward to this upcoming season as we're hosting a major event! The 2018 Ontario Scotties will be held at the Whitby Curling Club! Our volunteers have been working tirelessly to get this event going. If you

want to help out with this event, volunteer applications are on the Whitby Curling Club website.

Welcome to all the new members we have this season! We hope you are all enjoying the game of curling here at the Whitby Curling Club - The House of Hospitality!

Thank you!
Angela Feurstein
Club Manager

60th Anniversary

On Saturday Sept 8, 2018 the Whitby Curling Club will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary with a huge party!!! There will an organizing committee formed in February 2018 (after we host the Ontario Scottie's). In the meantime... we are looking for archives and photos.

We have a lack of photos for the following:

- ~ 8 Enders*
- ~ Mr. and Mrs. Bonspiel*
- ~ Mixed closing pictures prior to 2005*
- ~ Any pictures taken between 1958 - 1978*



If you have anything you believe can help celebrate the 60th Anniversary, please contact Rob Phillips

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FROM THE ICE



We certainly had an eventful start to our season as summer arrived right as we started our install.

My typical game plan is about 3 weeks for ice install which this year got stretched a couple extra days due to the crazy weather. One flood usually takes 12-16 hours to freeze and we need 10-15 floods to get level. Well this year the average freeze time was upwards of 20-26 hours. We had crazy humidity due to massive temperature variances inside and outside and well you all saw the effects.

The big plus was that we stayed running! The upgrades and investments we made in our plant and particularly our condenser, paid off huge in our ability to re-ridgerate at all. There were many clubs around southern Ontario that had to shut down and start over after the heat wave and many many more that opened days late (even in 1 case a month late!). We did well and our money has been well spent so far.

Good curling



WHERE'S THE BELL?



Those of you who are used to "playing to the bell" will notice that there is no bell right now. Our timing bell gave out just before league play began.

In its place, a timing computer screen, generously donated by Bob Winters, has been installed inside the glass looking out on to Sheet 5. Here is how it works; At

the start of your game, the screen turns green. If you are early, you will have already started your game. If not, get started because the clock on the screen is

counting down from 1 hour and forty minutes to zero. That means you have 100 minutes to "get off"



the first rock of the seventh end if you are to get in a full eight ends. With ten minutes left, the screen will turn yellow. This is only a

warning that the screen will turn red soon. When the screen turns red the clock will be at zero; and you are allowed to finish the end you are in and play one more end.

For all of us who are used to the bell or forget to look out for the screen, an audio cue (perhaps the sound of a bell) that will go off when the screen turns red will be added as soon as we get a speaker connected to the computer and installed in the arena.

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NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

(located beside the south doors to the ice)

Thank you to Randy & Margaret Chew for donating a new defibrillator for the club. The former defibrillator expired and a new one was required. We hope that we never have to use it, however, in case someone is suffering from sudden cardiac arrest this defibrillator is simple to operate, can be used by anyone and talks you through the process.



WCC FUNDRAISING



Curlers were welcomed back to the 2017-18 season with a Yuk Yuk's Fundraising night in September. It was a fun night with headliner Pete Johansson.

The second event for the season was the Oktoberfest bonspiel. The Oktoberfest biergarten was a blast as always. The Oktoberfest spiel was the first of the mixed bospiels. Mixed bonspiels are some of our clubs largest fundraiser contributors and are a lot of fun! Make sure you get out and participate and join in on the fun! The Winterspiel will be held on February 3, 2018 and the Shamrock Spiel will be on March 17, 2018.

There will be lots going on at the club before the New Year. The Poinsettia Fundraiser is next, make sure to place your orders by November 15th. The Holiday Food Drive, Men of Curling Calendar and TV raffle will all be held in November through December too.

If you have any new fundraising ideas or would like to volunteer for any of these events please contact Mandy Bennett.

Thank you for your supporting WCC Fundraising!
Mandy Bennett
Fundraising Director

MIXED

FRIDAY 4:15 MIXED CURLING

We are well into our 1st Draw with 5 sheets. Many former 4:15 curlers have returned and it's great to see some new curlers join our league. The 1st Draw ends December 8th with Pizza following our final game.

Many curlers are joining us for dinner every Friday night at 7 pm. Dinner is open to everyone in the Bradley Room. The cost is \$20.00 per person (Taxes & Tip included).

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Oktoberfest



We were delighted to have been able to celebrate our Fifth Annual Oktoberfest this past weekend on Saturday November 4th. The day started off with a great turnout for our first draw with excellent ice conditions and great attitudes despite the 9am start. All curlers were treated to some excitement at 11am when the official opening of Oktoberfest began with a ceremonial keg tapping. We were proud to have had present for this ceremony the Honourable Don Mitchell and the FLOW “first lady of Whitby” Liz Mitchell on hand to open the ceremony. In a spirited impromptu election Liz Mitchell was the overwhelming favourite to receive the honour of the first Glass of Beer supplied to us by our friends at Hacker Pschorr.

After the foam settled the Oktoberfest Biergarten started in full swing as only the members of the WCC can do it. The biergarten was full of song, dice and much merriment while we were entertained by the accordion excellence of Mr. Robert Macerollo. The delicious food, there to keep the “bierdamons” at bay, was provided

by Cheryl of Well Seasoned Catering who always puts a special German influence into her Oktoberfest menu. With a hearty portion of wurst and soft pretzels competitors had the fuel necessary to properly contest the WCC Oktoberfest Curling Championship.

Hotly contested this year’s championship battle was. We needed not one but two draw to the button tiebreakers to decide this year’s winner. In the first tie breaker team Gordon (from Oshawa golf) faced WCC’s own team Collat. The Collat team consisting of 3 players who were introduced to the ice for the first time that morning managed to prevail against a seasoned skip from team Gordon. The final tiebreaker was between WCC novice league alumni team Heaslip and team Collat. It was this contest that would ultimately decide the 2017 Oktoberfest Curling Championship. The tie was broken when Izabelle Fracz was able to squeeze her draw by a notable effort from Francois Collat.

Once the rocks stopped sliding the alarm bells went

off...literally. The “red hot” catering crew were figuratively “on fire” while upstairs preparing their now famous “five alarm” schnitzel. Truth be told I am sure it was only really one alarm but the crackerjack staff and members of the WCC executed the EAP (Emergency Action Plan) flawlessly. All bonspiel competitors were efficiently and expeditiously escorted outside for a brief hiatus. Once the alarm bells were silenced and the club was deemed safe we were ushered inside to have the biergarten resume and to get the banquet preparations back on track. Truth be told it may have taken the firefighters a little longer than usual with some of their attention on our lovely bar staff Victoria and Julie.

The Oktoberfest Banquet disappointed no one with amazing skits particularly by “Bottom of the Barrel” winners team Phillips and the awarding of our many prizes. Special congratulations go out to Karen “big money” Bemister who won everything that was not nailed down, Sarah “cool hand” Gray who won a cooler the size of a coffin (filled with beer from our friends at

Brock Street Brewery) and of course condolences to Colleen and Kevin Beirness for winning the leaf tickets and having to subject themselves to that. And finally the awarding of the coolest trophy in sports (thanks Dave Simmons) the WCC Oktoberfest Trophy to team Heaslip: Grant Heaslip, Chris Storey, Izabelle Fracz and Steve Lavoie.

Post banquet we danced the night away in true WCC fashion to the musical stylings of WCC’s own DJ “Jazzy” Rod Bemister where many new friendships and memories were made. I would like to say a quick thank you to everyone who came together to make this event possible. For those of you who were not able to make it this article really just scratches the surface of the time we had that day. We look forward to hosting this event for many years to come. Judging by the event this year it is in very good hands. We look forward to seeing you all back again at next year’s Sixth Annual WCC Oktoberfest.

“Bestes Oktoberfest aller Zeiten”





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Sunday - Closed



2017 GORD CARROLL CURLING CLASSIC

This year was the 9th rendition of the club's high level competitive bonspiel. The intent is always to have both Men and Women compete in the 'Gordie', however due to scheduling conflicts the majority of men's teams were committed to other events, including a Slam. The Ladies side however had many teams entered, including teams from as far as Japan, Sweden, Quebec, Northern Ontario and 3 teams from the United States, 2 of them will be competing to represent the US later this year at the Olympics.



Wrana of Sweden. After winning their respective ¼ final games. Team Fleury faced off against Team Ogasarawa and Team Wasylkiw battled Team Wrana. Both Semis were very competitive and came down to the skips having to make their last shots.

The finals featured Team Fleury and Team Wrana, I should note that Team Fleury has been to the Canadian Ladies championship on two occasions and is competing in the 2017 Road to the Roar Canadian Olympic Trials and Team Wrana are the current World Junior

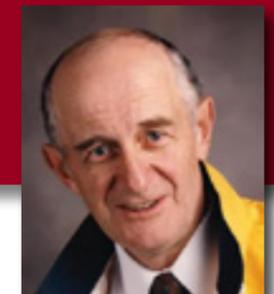
All teams played 4 round robin games which saw Team Fleury from Sudbury earn the bye to the semifinals with an undefeated record, Team Wasylkiw was also undefeated but was ranked 2nd based on their draw to the button scores over the weekend. Finishing the round robin with 3-1 records were Team Ogasawara of Japan and Team

Champions. In the end experience prevailed with Team Fleury taking the victory.

I would like to thank everyone who assisted in making this event possible,

Malcolm Macaulay

DID YOU KNOW...



1. Gord Carroll was hired as Whitby Curling Club's Ice Maker in 1979 and has since taught Ice Making to people around the world?
2. Gord believed that getting young players involved in Curling would help bring new life and longevity to the game and has taught hundreds of kids to curl?
3. Gord was a member of the Canadian Air Force?
4. Gord is an Honourary Life Member of both the Whitby Curling Club (2002) and the Ontario Curling Association (2005)?



“Curling on Grass!”



**When curling season is over...
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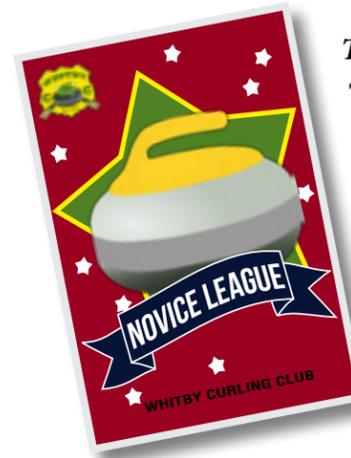
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The Whitby Curling Club is a rocking place. We have 18 different leagues that happen weekly in our club. Over the next few issues of The Rock Talk we are going to feature some of these leagues. In this issue we will spotlight The Novice League, The Senior Morning Men and The Sunday Night Ladies.

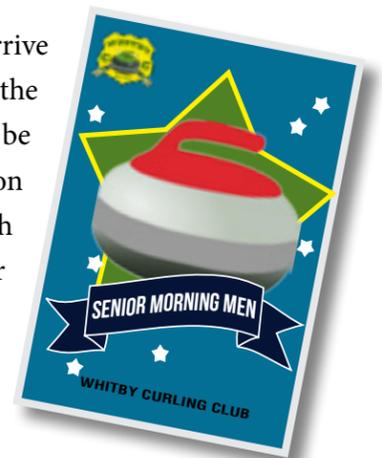


The Novice League

This league was formed after curling was featured in the Olympics. After it was aired on TV people's curiosity for the sport of curling spiked and they began to drop into the club wanting to try and throw some rocks. They only free ice time available was Sunday evenings. It began with a few sheets of novice curlers and has grown over the years. This year the Novice Curling League boasts 81 members! Under the novice league rules you are only allowed to play for three years in the league allowing room for new novices to join. The Novice League players are full members of the club and are great resource when looking for spares or filling a bonspiel.

The Senior Morning Men

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings the Senior Men (over 50 years old) arrive at the club. They use a “tag” system where you pull your name off the board and the teams are made up that morning. Different teams each day allows this league to be very social. They have special events on the first Thursday of each month and on Wednesdays they travel to other clubs to compete in the “Inter-Club”. Along with curling, the Senior Men's League is very active within the club and community. Over the last few years they donated \$3,000.00 towards the lighting improvements within the club, sponsored a junior curling team, bought new hacks for the club and raised \$5,000.00 for the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Program. As you can tell this is a very active and generous league!



The Sunday Night Ladies

This league was formed out of the need for ladies to play together on the same team for the season. Many of these teams represent our club in different curling events throughout the year. This year we have 8 teams in the league. There are two divisions of 4 teams and in March they will begin their playoffs. They play for a cash prize at the end of the year.

This is a look at three of our leagues that are offered at the club. We will look at three more leagues in the next issue of the Rock Talk.

Wednesday And Friday Nights Mixed Curling



Welcome to a new season for mixed curling! Although we have navigated a few scheduling bumps, I hope everyone is enjoying another season of curling with the “Mixed Nation”. Our league has reached numbers we haven’t seen for a while – obviously word about the fun in Mixed Curling has spread. We welcome all the new curlers to the league and hope that you will enjoy curling with us.

Introduced this year is “The Mixed Curling League Guide” that we hope will be useful to everyone. It’s based on a few of the committee members asking ourselves “what questions do people ask us?” The Guide is a result of that query. Don’t hesitate to ask new questions! We can incorporate those answers into future versions of the Guide.

Mixed Curling has come a long way since women were actually allowed to curl (yes, the curling

history books document curling as a male bastion!) and many of us can remember in the not so distant past that a Mixed team had to consist of two men and two women in specific positions with the men always taking the role as skip. Today, the emphasis is on participation and having fun and that shows not only in the way we put the teams together, but in the events that we build into the season. Let us know what you like and don’t like and we will continue to evolve the League into a fun-for-all!

Next week, November 15th and 17th, we will be sponsoring “Card Night” and encourage people to join in a game of cards before or after your curling. Decks will be available, or you can certainly bring your own, and we encourage you to sit and enjoy the camaraderie off the ice.

There are opportunities to get involved and the “Mixed Nation”

is looking for a volunteer who would like to co-ordinate the bringing of snacks at certain times during the season. In the past, we have done hot snacks on special occasions and during the playoffs and munchies at the end of each draw and over the course of the playoffs. You might be a closet Cordon Bleu chef or be good at organizing people who can procure the snacks and bring them to the Club to present them to the curlers coming off the ice. Our Mixed fees cover the expenses but we need a point person to co-ordinate the volunteers. Please let myself or any member of the Mixed Committee know you are interested.

We hope you are enjoying this year’s Mixed Nation curling season so far.

See you on the ice!

Dave Simmons – on behalf of the Mixed Committee



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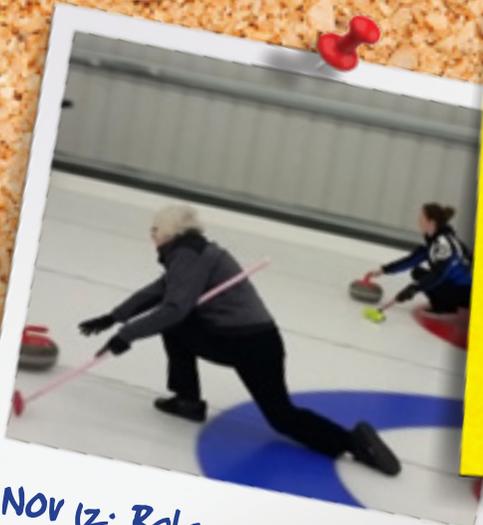
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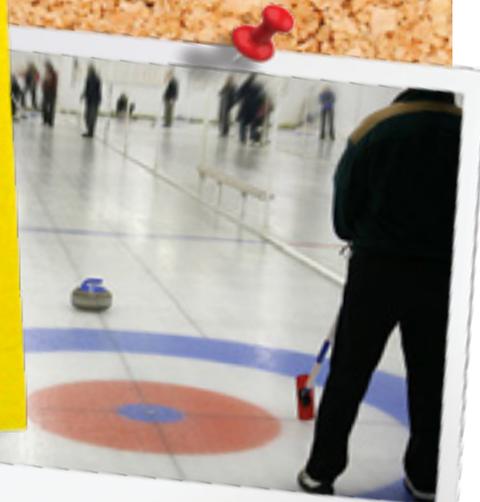
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Jan 21: Strategy



Mar 4: Open Session