

# ROCK TALK



Whitby Curling Club Newsletter

Spring 2017

## Message from the President!

It is hard to believe that two thirds of the season have come and gone. I can tell because the Winter H.A.C.K.S. bonspiel has passed and we are looking forward to the Shamrock Spiel which is just around the corner.

So far, it has been a very busy and productive year. In the pages that follow, you will read about many of the activities our members and leagues have been involved in to date and some very exciting events to come. As always, these events are the result of the hard work of you, the members of the Whitby Curling Club.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of the volunteers for making these events a success. I would also like to thank those members who have brought issues and concerns to the attention of the Board and ask you to continue to do so.

We hope that the remainder of this season is as successful as the first two thirds.

Good luck in the playoffs!

# AUCTION

## WHITBY CURLING CLUB LOUNGE

SILENT AUCTION MARCH 19 – 24 | REGULAR AUCTION BEGINS MARCH 24 @ 9PM

Items will be on display in the lounge the week prior to March 24<sup>th</sup> for silent auction. A live auction will begin March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm. Items will be closed out in random order throughout the evening. Proxy bids are available.



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# The Denise Pascoe 5th Bartender

## Silver Mugs

Denise Pascoe was the first to arrive on a Friday night and would be the last to leave. She would sit on a stool by the bar and greet everyone that walked into the lounge. Once there were enough people... a tray of shooters would appear for all to enjoy !

Sadly we lost Denise in 2003 but her spirit of hospitality and fun off the ice lives on !

Every year we honour those that live up to the Whitby Curling Club motto "The House of Hospitality" and create a fun and enjoyable atmosphere off the ice with Silver Mugs.

Throughout the year the bartenders are watching all members and look for those that may put a little more effort on the lounge side of the glass than they do out on the ice.

How do you know you may become a 5th Bartender?

1. Your monthly bar bill is bigger than your electric bill.
2. You can sit at work and write down all the names of the draught beer we sell in alphabetical order.
3. You have carried a keg in from the ice.
4. The bartenders are already pouring your drink and you are the 4th person in line.
5. The day after a bonspiel you dread seeing the pictures on Facebook.

DRUMROLL!!!!!!

Here are the Top 5 people in the running for the 2017 5th Bartender Award...  
(But with 2 months to go anything can happen)!

1. Winston and Loraine Dixon
2. Dave and Julie Barton
3. Christy and Dylan Chrus
4. Brent Collett and Chantel O'Sullivan
5. Kevin and Colleen Beirness



**#curlersfeedfamilies**

**Whitby Curling Club gives back!**

**The Holiday Food Drive for the Whitby Salvation Army was successful in bringing happiness and feeding those less fortunate over the holiday season.**

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## "Whitby Curling Club - Heritage" Facebook Page

A Facebook page has been created to show the history of the Whitby Curling Club. It is called "Whitby Curling Club - Heritage"

We have begun the process of collecting all the archives, newspaper articles, pictures and trophies from over the years and putting them onto the page.

If you have any pictures, articles or memorabilia that you would like to be included please contact Rob Phillips - [r.phillips.0428@gmail.com](mailto:r.phillips.0428@gmail.com)

# Mixed Curling!



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The Closing begins in the afternoon with a Piper bringing on the eight final teams playing for four trophies complete with an opening ceremony officiated by an executive member of the Board. Watch the skills of our Mixed competitors on the ice while you're soaking up various challenges posted around the Lounge that will seek out the most knowledgeable Canadian amongst us. Mix and mingle with your fellow celebratories and head up to The Bradley Lounge for a delicious theme-based dinner. There will be commentary to get you thinking and contests that will be talked about well into the next year. Congratulate the winners of events of the season and of course, that evening's trophy winners as we recognize their proclivities for our favourite sport. After dinner, head back to the Lounge to round out the evening with a DJ dance party and mingling with all of the Mixed Curlers and their friends. That's right – you don't need to be a Mixed League member to get a ticket – anyone who wants to have fun with us is invited.

See you there, eh?

The highlight of the Mixed season – The Closing, is almost upon us. Preparations are underway, schedules have been set and the hundreds of details that it takes to bring this party to you are unfolding as you read this. Mark the date on your calendar: April 8<sup>th</sup> and get your tickets when they come out – you won't want to miss this event!

This year's theme is "Red and White Celebration". Express the Canadian in you – play the part of an historic Prime Minister in full formal period attire; talk like... and act like... William Shatner... for an evening, bring back Monty Python's Lumberjack skit; let your imagination run wild and be as red and white as you dare!



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# Message from the MANAGER

The Whitby Curling Club has hosted many successful events this season so far!

The Oktoberfest and Winterspiel's raised a lot of money for the club and our Open House saw 70 new people try curling! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make all these events a huge success!

We were excited to find out we'll be hosting the 2018 Ontario Women's Scotties Championships! Thank you to Bob Winters for putting together the successful bid.

Members will be notified as volunteer opportunities come up! Thank you to those who have already expressed interest in helping out!

Whitby just had the annual Business Women's Bonspiel which was a "League of their own" theme this year. We also still have lots of events to look forward too, the SOLD OUT Shamrock Bonspiel, Business Men's Bonspiel and Mixed Closing.

We are already beginning playoffs and closing preparations. This season seems to have flown by!

I'm looking forward to what's in store for the remainder of the season!



The OCA has a new logo and name as you can see above

Whitby Curling Club has been selected to host the 2018 Provincial STOH. The event will be held in the club January 10 to 14, 2018. We are looking forward to a very exciting fun filled week with the top 8 teams from the province setting the ice on fire in their bid to reach the Canadian Scotties. Stay tuned for more information to follow about committees and volunteer opportunities as we receive more information from CurlON about the event.

I can't believe the season is coming to an end with some of the leagues about to start playoffs. All of the championships are going into Provincials.

It has been a busy quarter with all of the entries to events. We have a very active bunch of youth entering all of the events as well as members going to other events. Over the past couple of months we have registered the following teams for events.

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## U18 Men

Skip: Hazen Enman, Daniel VanVeghel, Scott Mitchell and Ryan Mitchell

Skip: Adam MacKay, Alex Dafoe, Robert Walker and Liam Windrem

Skip: Josh Leung, Andrew Morra, Nathan Steele, Colin Schnurr

## U18 Women

Skip: Rachel Snelgrove, Nicole Massey, Melissa Gray and Alexandra Szeller

## Brokerlinked Mixed

Skip: Mike Aprile, Erin Macaulay, Jeremy Way and Rebecca Wisher-Scheurs

## OCA Senior Mixed

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Skip: Malcolm Macaulay, Lori Way, Dave Way and Tracey Macaulay

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# 54th Annual Attersley Cash Bonspiel



Trophy Winners were Linda Parcels (skip), Lois Cole, Kerry Schumacher, Jane Brown - Lakefield CC



1<sup>st</sup> Draw 1st Place Winners: Sandy Gough (skip), Shirley O'Mara, Dale McLaughlin, Ruth Middleton, With MC Madeleine Riley (l)– Whitby CC



1<sup>st</sup> Draw 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners: Margaret Chew, Liz Winters (skip), Ann Marie Fitzpatrick, Carol Kerstens, Nancy Ginman (absent) – Whitby CC



2<sup>nd</sup> Draw One Game High Winners: Lynda Muschett, Donna Taylor, Gayle Jackson, June Boon – Whitby CC

On Wed Dec 7, 2016, the WCC Ladies Section hosted the 54th annual Attersley cash bonspiel. Twenty two teams from 11 different clubs enjoyed a great day of curling, camaraderie and great food.

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 Madeleine Riley, Lynda Muschett, Joan Ellis, Gayle Jackson, Mary Parks and Shirley O'Mara,. Thank you to all the Whitby curling club ladies who decorated the club – the Christmas trees were gorgeous as usual. Thank you to all the ladies who helped us throughout the day of the spiel.

The WCC Ladies are very thankful for the support of our sponsor, Mike Mackey of Attersley Tire Services. Mike could not join us that evening, however, his generosity was acknowledged by all participants. Thank you Mike, we look forward to seeing you next year.

This spiel is also fortunate to have the backing of Sharon Munroe, a past member of the Whitby curling club.

Thank you to Jamie, Dave, Angela and Glenn for great ice, office support and excellent bar service.

Thank you to Winston Muschett and Ian Jackson who joined us to tabulate the scores.

Thank you to Angel's Catering for the wonderful turkey meal at lunch. Thank goodness the desserts were held off until after the curling. Angele, compliments to you and your crew on your wonderful food and service.

The results of the spiel are as follows:

**Trophy Winner:** Linda Parcels (skip), Lois Cole, Kerry Schumacher, Jane Brown - Lakefield CC

**8:45am Draw**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sandy Gough (skip), Shirley O'Mara, Dale McLaughlin, Ruth Middleton – Whitby CC

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Liz Winters (skip), Margaret Chew, Nancy Ginman, Carol Kerstens, Ann Marie Fitzpatrick – Whitby CC

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Pam McPhail (skip), Doris Arseneau, Alicia Coventry, Lenore Coulson – Oshawa CC

One Game High: Sandi McDonald (skip), Ariane Macdonald, Chris Penney, Donna Henderson– West Northumberland CC

**11:45am Draw**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Linda Parcels (skip), Lois Cole, Kerry Schumacher, Jane Brown - Lakefield CC

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Megan Endicott (skip), Anne Vaughan, Patty MacDonald, Christine Brown - Peterborough Golf

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Bonnie Lougheed (skip), Linda Cooney, Mary Tambosso, Nancy Fattore - Richmond Hill CC

One Game High: June Boon (skip), Gayle Jackson, Donna Taylor, Lynda Muschett – Whitby CC



# PROPERTY AND ICE UPDATES

We have been busy this year with some significant upgrades around to club. Over the fall we replaced the lighting through most of the club to LED lighting. This change provides us with more reliable lighting and the energy savings will help offset the increasing hydro rates. Along with the lighting changes we replaced a few of the emergency lighting and exit signs with new LED units. Thank you again to all of the volunteers that helped install the lighting. It ended up being a much larger job than we envisioned.

When the cold weather hit our furnace broke down and being old could not be repaired any further. The air conditioner also had died at the end of the summer so it was on the list to be replaced before next summer. We have replaced the furnace and air conditioner with a brand new system so we will have heat and better cooling in the summer. Also the new unit is smaller and more energy efficient than the old one.

There was an issue in the fall that the north half of the club was very cold, especially upstairs in the dining room. It turns out that the company that had been servicing our heating system and boiler for many years did not come out as in other years to certify and turn on the boiler for the winter. Needless to say we now have a new company to look after our boiler and furnace. Now you might be asking yourself how come we have a furnace and a boiler. Well a bit of history. The original curling club was only the south half up to the bar area where the post is in the middle of the room. That section was heated with a furnace. When the club was expanded in the seventies someone in their infinite wisdom decided to install a separate boiler system with radiators to heat the new addition. Hence we have two systems.

Our Canada 150 grant application (old Trillium Grant) has been denied so the insulation, ceiling and siding improvements to the rink have been put on hold. This work has been estimated in the \$100,000 to \$150,000 range. Our Capital Fund does not have anywhere near those dollars to contemplate this work without grant help.

The Board has decided to go ahead with the LED lighting replacement on the ice as the existing fluorescent lighting is becoming problematic with constant repairs and maintenance issues. The new lighting will be high bay LED fixtures. All of the hanging existing fixtures will be removed and there will be no sight line issues for upstairs viewing. Brooklin Electric will be installing the units at the end of the season and the lights will be in place prior to start up in September. Brooklin Electric will also rehang the cameras on each sheet and install brackets and conduit for camera expansion for the sheets that do not have cameras while they have their equipment on site.

We will be compiling a list shortly of repairs and cosmetic things to be looked at before the start of next season and in advance of the Scotties. A good chance to get your volunteer hours in.



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# BONSPIELS!

The Annual Winterspiel sponsored by Richard Bruton Investment Group was held on Feb 4.

This year the Whitby Curling Club was being attacked by aliens wanting to harvest our curlers to help sweep the streets of their planet clean. A call went out to all Superheroes to come and defend our curling way of life. The response was overwhelming. Along with curling a couple games teams also had to train with off ice super skills competitions.

The Committee didn't want the teams going into battle without being fully equipped so all teams were able to bid on a Super Power. The Power of the Shooter (being able to hand out 8 shooters) was obviously the most popular power.

After the all the points were tabulated the team of Pam Woods, Kevin Woods, Amanda Sydney and their lead, who had just immigrated from Ireland and had never touched a curling rock before, Ciaran Carrol were crowned the champions.

Rod Bemister, The Two Faced Bastard, had everyone freaked out with his makeup done by our bartender Victoria.

The bonspiel is a fundraiser for the Whitby Curling Club and we are proud to announce that we raised \$4,700.00.



## Ladies Annual Janet Zimmerman Seniors Bonspiel

On October 26th, the Ladies Section held their annual Zimmerman Bonspiel. We had 10 teams in total this year, with teams travelling from Peterborough, Lindsay as well as two of our former members Marilyn Wood & Ross Fulton, returning with teams from their present clubs.



## Ladies Winexpert Bonspiel

How fortunate the ladies are to have Erroll Gee of Winexpert to sponsor this in-club bonspiel! Not only does Erroll bring wine for our winners, he generously holds a wine tasting for the ladies after our last game. Thank you Erroll! The ladies appreciate your support.

This year we were treated to some extraordinary wines and even an award winning Port. You can't go wrong with a combination of raspberry and chocolate! If you ask the ladies, they are sure to recommend that you visit Erroll at his store and make some of this great sipping wine.

You must admit, these ladies look happy!



# THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERING

In 1961, John F. Kennedy uttered the words....”Ask not what your country can do for you....ask what you can do for your country. To paraphrase those words.....volunteering at the club asks not what the club can do for you...but what you can do for your club.

Here we are two-thirds of the way through another curling season. Pretty soon the playoffs will start, champions will be crowned and league closings will happen. The one thing we haven’t done yet is to thank the volunteers that have helped out around the club. Thank you, without your help our club wouldn’t be the club it is.

Every year, volunteers are needed for various activities around the club and every year our curling community answers the call. We have hundreds, if not thousands of hours of work put in every year by members volunteering to do various things.

In the fast paced, commuter driven world....our time and energies are used up a lot of the time going from one place to another, demands on our time are great and let’s face it, we could all use a few more hours every day to get things done.

14 or so years ago when I first walked across the street, walked into the club and had my shoes taped for a Learn To Curl session, I had no idea how the curling club was a little community on its own. I came in week after week, threw some rocks (not many of them very good rocks)....had the obligatory drink and then went home. Not once did I think about what it took to make the club run.

I kept seeing the notices looking for people to help on Learn to Curl nights, to do some sort of maintenance or maybe to bake something for a bonspiel. I wouldn’t call myself a handyman (my carpenter name is “Lightning” (I couldn’t hit a nail with a hammer in the same place twice), so wasn’t going to fix anything... I wasn’t a technically sound curler (take a look at my delivery sometime), so I wasn’t going to help show people how to curl and I wasn’t going to bake, because quite frankly I’m still trying to figure out what that square white box in the kitchen does, so I paid my \$25 volunteer fee and went on with life. I suspect many of you may think the same thing, that you don’t have a skill or knowledge base that can help the club.

I’m here to tell you, you are wrong and how much your non-skill or knowledge actually does make to the club. You just need to look around to see what needs to be done.

Volunteers run our leagues, they put together teams, they make the schedules, they post the schedules. Volunteers run our bonspiels...Octoberfest, the Winter Spiel and the Shamrock, they get sponsors, sell raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets, they greet people as they come in for the spiel. Volunteers do minor maintenance things like painting, changing light bulbs, and things like that. Volunteers run Learn To Curl, they greet people, they tape shoes, they go out onto the ice to show them the basics of curling. Volunteers sit on the Board of Directors and help to plan the direction the curling club is going. You name it and we have a volunteer job for it.

The good news is it’s not too late to put in your volunteer hours, there are still plenty of opportunities to arise the rest of this season. I also want to remind those that have put in their hours....make sure it has been recorded and signed off on. One of my jobs at the end of the season is to go through the membership list and keep track of the volunteer hours.

Once again, on behalf of all the curlers at the club, we’d like to thank you for your time and dedication to making the Whitby Curling Club, a true “house of hospitality”.