

ROCK TALK



Whitby Curling Club Newsletter

Spring 2017

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the final edition of the Rock Talk for this year. The articles and pictures in the pages that follow only scratch the surface of what was a very busy and successful year for us at the Whitby Curling Club.

Even though the ice has been out for a month, the Board of Director's continues to be active with meetings and making preparations for next season. We just finished our calendar meeting for the 2017-2018 season. It will prove to be as packed with events as the season that has just passed. We hope as many members as possible take in these events. Or, better still, lend a hand in organizing or assisting with these events.

Two special events to be aware of are the Banner Ceremony for Team Enman on June 1, 2017 and the Ontario Scotties in January, 2018.

Please keep posted for notice of the Annual General Meeting that will be held in September. We would like to see as many members attend as possible.

See you in the Fall!



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Another year of good curling. The Friday 4:15 PM mixed has had a successful year. We have three draws each having seven games and after each draw we have pizza and the top three teams get M&M gift cards.

This year winners in draw one were:

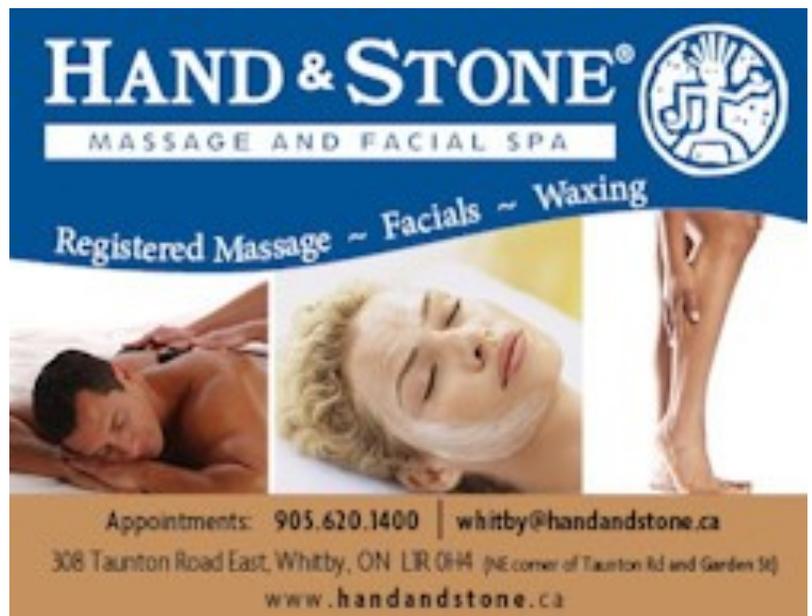
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2nd Draw:

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The other Friday night we have the opinion of having dinner upstairs at the club. There dinners are open to all club members and guest. We encourage you to join us. We welcome new members, experience or novice, to join our league or sign up on the spare list to get a few extra games in.

Mixed Curling!

The Red and White Ball, celebrating 150 years of Canada brought out the Canadian in all of us as the Mixed Season closed with a pinnacle full of surprises and fun. March Madness had nothing on this crowd and no one was able to pick any winner with confidence as excitement and adrenalin surged from the opening piper to the last rock thrown in the championship games. Impressive curling provided by the Mixed Double League and the Mixed League had no end of “where did that come from?”, dark horses everywhere, and a Championship game that had all of us mesmerized requiring an extra end to declare a winner.

Congratulations to Randy and Margaret Chew for their Mixed Doubles Championship;
Team J. Way for the Remax Jazz Mixed Championship trophy;
Team Warnica for the 5 Paddles Cup;
Team Berlette for the Whiners Trophy; and,
Team Brown for the Paul Welch Memorial Cup.

The Mixed Doubles resurrected the Mr and Mrs Trophy and coincidentally, the couple that won in 2017 were the same ones that won it back in the 70's in its inaugural year!

Angel's Catering provided a fabulous meal of chicken and grilled vegetables that you swore came right from your barbeque. Thank you to Wine Experts who provided the wine at all the tables, and which pared well with the meal. Add dessert, coffee and more surprises, and you have a memorable closing dinner.

We were provided a host of sights including throughout the evening including a massive Canadian flag that was the backdrop to Rob and Matt's kick-off speech and a special presentation to our youth. Prime Ministers looked down on us, a large beaver held a rainbow trout which gave people impressive photo ops, and the red and white theme was everywhere to mark the event. During dinner, we learned about what elite curlers do in the back of a Ford Escape and how much we enjoy the great outdoors, and with some dry wit and deadpan delivery we heard Ron Cameron at his best sending all into stiches. Thanks to Doug Maxwell who connected

the history of curling, Canadian identity and a celebration of the true spirit of the game. Also, special thanks to Dave Simmons our master of ceremonies who kept the evening moving and only required some flags to embellish his costume. Rod Bemister DJ'd the evening apres party and found music that appealed to all of us keeping us dancing into the night.

Another Mixed Closing is in the books and like they say on the radio, “If you missed it,... you missed it.” Join the fun next year and curl with us on Wednesday or Friday night. We're sure you'll meet some great people and enjoy some great curling.

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Message from the MANAGER

Another season has come and gone! Whitby Curling Club had many successes this season and it couldn't have been done without you. Thank you to all the members who work tirelessly to ensure their club, events and leagues all run smoothly. To the league representatives, event/bonspiel organizers and Board of Directors, THANK YOU! To all the members who volunteered to help at events and help with facility improvements and maintenance, THANK YOU! A special thank you to Erin Macaulay for putting the Rock Talk Newsletter together each edition.

As we close off the 2016-2017 season, we are already setting our sights on next season! We are hosting a major event next season - the 2018 Scotties Provincial Tournament of Hearts - and that means we will need even more volunteers. Not only for this major event, but for our leagues, fundraisers, bonspiels and facility improvements as well! This club could not run without the assistance of volunteers and we look forward to hearing from our members as volunteer opportunities come up.

2018 is also the club's 60th Birthday which is a huge milestone! We will absolutely keep you posted on the celebratory events we will be planning.

Thank you for making Whitby Curling Club the "House of Hospitality" and I hope you all have a wonderful summer!



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It has been a very exciting year at the Whitby Curling Club with lots of new faces being welcomed to our curling family. Getting new member and filling our leagues continues to be a priority. Last October a number of very enthusiastic members braved a very wet weekend at Heritage Day to promote curling, the ice sport with skill. The following February we hosted a very busy open house where potential new curlers got a chance to try their hand at curling. It was a very successful day due to an awesome team of volunteers!

To continue the success of our club Rob Phillips is chairing a committee made up of Bryce Jordan, Andrew Gray, Glen Walker and Rod Bemister to increase our membership.

We will be focusing on:

1. Filling open sheets of the leagues that have been traditionally full.
2. Proactively seeking new members.
3. Continue supporting the awesome Novice League

In addition, the curling rates for 2017-2018 season have been set and we have only increased the rate for next season by a modest 2%.

I hope to see you all next season and let's all do our part to invite family and friends to join our incredible Club!

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Ladies Best Day Bonspiel

On January 26th the Ladies held their annual Best Day Bonspiel. This year the theme was 'Proud and Happy to be Canadian'. Each team was given a province name and the ladies really got into the spirit of the day!

The ladies played two 7 end games, with a 'twist'. The team winning the end earned more points if lead rocks were counting, and the least amount of points for skip rocks. Points were accumulated throughout the day.

Hazel Best was a long time member of the curling club. Her family sponsors the bonspiel each year. On hand to present the trophy were Hazel's daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughters

Congratulations to our winners Team Alberta.

Skip: Jane Way

Vice: Rose Philipiew

Second: Shelley Hunt

Lead: Christine Conrad





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DIVAS UNLEASHED



The ladies Section unleashed their inner diva at this year's closing celebration. The theme was black and white with a touch of 'diva' and the ladies certainly got into the spirit of the evening. Some of our generous sponsors joined us for the evening and were on hand to present trophies to our draw winners and champions.



A big thanks to the team of ladies who planned and decorated for the evening. Both the upstairs dining tables and downstairs lounge were decorated in the theme colours. There was a

photo booth set up in the corner, complete with 'diva' props and the ladies were encouraged to pose for photos. Thanks to our photographer for the evening, Karen Konoby!



Of course the evening wouldn't be complete without some form of entertainment, and since Match Game has made its return to television, what better game to play with our ladies to allow them to unleash a little naughtiness!



Thanks to all our wonderful sponsors, our caterer Cheryl, and the ladies! A great night to end another great season.



LITTLE ROCKERS

We had another wonderful and busy season with Little Rocks. Our season started in October with 42 curlers, many of them brand new to the sport. Our curlers were taught skills, etiquette, and game play, but also had a lot of fun!

All of our Little Rockers participated in the OCA's 'Hit Draw Tap' Skills Competition here at our club. While many were very successful, none qualified to go to the Provincial Competition. We also held three optional 'Skills Testing Dates' in addition to our regular game play, to allow our curlers to complete levels and earn certificates and pins for Levels 1, 2, and 3 Curling Skills.

We had teams from Whitby participate in bonspiels at Baview CC, East York CC, and Tam Heather CC. One Whitby Team brought home the Championship at the Leaside CC Little Rocks bonspiel! Congratulations to Giancarlo Dorado, Kaspar Pajak, Kate Richards and Andrew Richards.

Our fun days and events included; Jitneys, a Parent/Child game day and Potluck, a Holiday Celebration/Pyjama Day with a visit from Bingo Bob, Bring-a-Friend Day, and our Playoff games and Year End Closing Party and Awards.

Little Rocks is a fun and busy league, and we are very appreciative of volunteers on and off the ice. At this time, as some of our league coordinators are moving on or unable to devote as much time as in the past, we are looking for some fresh faces! If you are able to help out with organization and administration of the league, or even able to take on one aspect of the Little Rocks season (ie. organizing our Whitby Curling Club Annual Little Rocks Bonspiel), we would love your help. Please contact Jessica Berlette at jessica.berlette@gmail.com. Thanks to all of our volunteers and Little Rocks families, and we look forward to another great season in 2017-2018!