

ROCK TALK

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WHITBY CURLING CLUB

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This season has been a success on many fronts from the beginning to the end.

From the Gord Carroll Classic in October (remember back then?), the Santa Claus Parade in December, the Ontario Scotties in January, to Team Leung winning the Ontario U18 Men's Championship in March, our members organized and participated in many great events. Along the way, there were successful bonspiels, fundraisers and community events that were enthusiastically supported by the Whitby Curling Club. There was also great curling with all of our leagues handing out awards to some very skilled teams.

Through it all, what stands out to me is the spirit of comradeship displayed by our members. It creates

a family atmosphere and makes us truly a club. I hope we continue to strive in the future to continue to make everyone feel at home in our club and live our moto as the "House of Hospitality".

A big "thank-you" in this regard goes out to our Staff. The Manager, Ice Staff and Bartenders set the tone with their attention to their duties, but also doing so with a welcoming smile. You all make us feel comfortable when we come to the club.

The off-season will see lots of work around the building. Please volunteer help with this work if you can.

I look forward to seeing you all when we kick off the new season with the 60th Anniversary celebration in September.

60th Anniversary

On Saturday Sept 8, 2018 the Whitby Curling Club will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary with a huge party!!! If you have anything you believe can help celebrate the 60th Anniversary, please contact

Rob Phillips: r.phillips.0428@gmail.com



Spring/Summer 2018

FROM THE MANAGER



What an amazing season this has been! This is now my 3rd season with the Whitby Curling Club and each year just keeps getting better and better! While we had some challenges this year, they showed me how dedicated you all are to our club!

I want to also say a special thank you to ALL the volunteers this year! Without you all we would not be able to have the organized leagues, amazing events and great reputation we have in the community!

Thank you to the Scotties Organizing committee for all your hard work and dedication to ensure the 2018 Scotties were a huge success! I learned so much about running a high quality curling event from these amazing individuals! I can't wait until the next one.

Thank you to the league reps! These dedicated members work on scheduling, league events, and results! They come to board meetings to communicate their league happenings with the board, as well as address any needs and concerns the league may have. We would not have such a well run curling club if it weren't for these volunteers!

Senior Men's - Richard Van Dusen
Day Ladies - AnnMarie Fitzpatrick and
Margaret Chew

Monday Men's - Todd Macnutt and Kevin Canavan
Tuesday Night Ladies - Terri Barton
Wednesday and Friday Mixed - Dave Simmons
Thursday Men's - Paul Slean
Friday 4:15 Mixed - Winston Dixon
Little Rocks - Chris Berlette
U18/U21 - Sarah Gray
Sunday Novice - Andy Gray
Sunday Women's Competitive - Mandy Bennett

I am aware there are countless volunteers behind the scenes helping with each league but the above individuals were the voice of their leagues at the Board Meetings throughout this season and we thank you!

A HUGE thank you to the Board of Directors this season! The Board of Directors are pivotal for ensuring the Whitby Curling Club is moving in a positive direction and consistently growing! The Board also works to maintain member satisfaction. Thank you to all of you who volunteer countless hours to the club in all capacities!

And last but not least, thank you to the staff! We have an outstanding team here at Whitby CC and I know it doesn't go unnoticed!

I am looking forward to the off-season to work on some projects. We are looking forward to the many facility improvements we'll be working on over the summer, with the help of volunteers.

Our 60th Anniversary is happening in September so please keep an eye out for details about the event we'll be hosting to celebrate.

Thank you for a wonderful season and looking forward to 2018-2019!

Angela
Good curling

MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION



ONLINE REGISTRATION
for the 2018-2019 curling season is
NOW OPEN!!!

Head to:
www.whitbycurlingclub.com
for membership details!

Every year the Whitby Curling Club's Board of Directors juggles many tasks, challenges and improvement plans to provide a facility that is welcoming and functional for our members and guests. I must give credit to the Board as they work very hard to meet the challenges of operating such a heavily used facility.

Each year a sub-committee sharpens their pencils (we really don't use pencils any more) to determine the membership rates for the following year. I am pleased to announce that the rates for the 2018-2019 season will not increase from last year.

So how did we manage to do this? Two main reasons; the hard work and dedication of our members and Board who when asked to volunteer come out in droves, and the welcoming environment that encourages new members.

I encourage everyone to invite a guest or two this season to try one of the greatest sports on ice. Thank you to all for contributing to our success.

Glen M. Walker - Membership Chair



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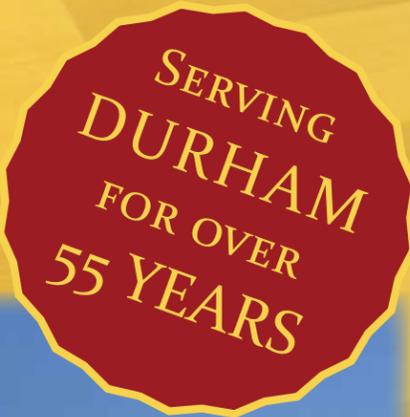
Mon to Wed - 9am to 6pm

Thursday - 9am to 8pm

Friday - 9am to 6pm

Saturday - 9am to 5pm

Sunday - Closed



TEAM LEUNG

Team Leung had what can only be described as an amazing season.

This U18 team is part of the Ontario Curling Council 'Next Generation Program' which supports them with access to mentor coaches such as John Epping and Danielle Inglis as well as sports psychologists, nutritionists and trainers. The hard work both in the off season and during the curling season has certainly paid off. The highlights of their season are included below.

Grant Schurr joined the team as their 5th player for Nationals. He plays second for Team Massey Bayview G&CC. Team Massey also participated in the 2018 U18 Ontario Men's Provincials.

In addition, at the Ontario Junior Curling Tour Championship, Josh and Colin were selected by their peers as skip and lead on the OJCT Men's U18 All Star Team.

Our club, Team Leung and the curling community came together to help fundraise \$4249.50 to help cover the team's costs at Nationals. Teams donated their league winnings. Individual members made donations. The Business Men donated proceeds from their bonspiel. The U18 and Little Rocks held a 50/50 draw at their Funspiel. Competitive curlers such as Sherry Middaugh, Danielle Inglis and Chantal Duhaime donated jerseys for the Silent Auction. In addition to this, a Novice League member, Chris Boers and his family donated the airfare for the team and coach.

A well-attended send-off party was held at the club on April 6th. Team Leung was presented with letters of recognition from the Government of Ontario by club president Bryce Jordan. Their team manager, Rob Steele presented them with Team Ontario jackets and jerseys.

On another note, it has been so rewarding to have young curlers start in our Little Rock Program and eight years later be able to cheer them on at U18 Men's Nationals. Scott Mitchell, Colin Schurr and Grant Schnurr threw their first rocks at the Whitby Curling Club.

We look forward to cheering them on next season as the team competes to represent Ontario at the Canada Winter Games.

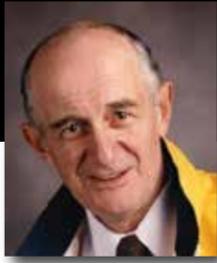


Josh Leung (skip), Scott Mitchell (vice), Nathan Steele (second) Colin Schnurr (lead) and Renee Lalonde (coach)

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- U18 Apollo Slam – Second
- U21 Ontario Men's Provincial Finals – Third
 - Ontario Winter Games – Gold Medal
- U18 Ontario Men's Provincial Finals – Champions
 - U18 Canadian Men's Nationals – Seventh

2018 GORD CARROLL CURLING CLASSIC
presented by Winchester Glen Retirement



The Gord Carrol Curling Classic is set for the weekend of October 26th to 28th. With the generous support of Winchester Glen Retirement, the Whitby Curling Club will be, once again, hosting some of the best women's curling team from across Ontario and around the world. This bonspiel is sanctioned by both the World Curling Tour and the Ontario Curling Tour.

Please plan to attend and watch great curling and to take part in our now famous "Vinyl Nights" on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27. Better still, plan to volunteer and help make this event a great success again this year. Keep a look out for Club e-mails that will announce volunteer opportunities.

U18 GIRLS COMPETITIVE TEAM

Whitby has a newly formed U18 girls competitive team — The Whitby Bulldogs. Calleigh Barton and Nicole Bamrah have been joined by Emma Brown and Stephanie Chen who curled with Team Kay last year. They are being coached by Linda Jones who coached both Calleigh and Nicole last year.

The whole team will be attending the Junior Curling Camp in Ottawa hosted by Team Holman in September. They are excited to get back on the ice and have already registered

for many competitive bonspiels like the Rocktoberfest in Coldwater, Stu Sells U18 Tankard in Etoicoke and a few Junior Slam events around Ontario.

They have all curled competitively for the past few years and are hoping to have a successful year. Calleigh and Nicole have their name on the TCA Interclub Trophy from the 2017-18 season and Emma and Stephanie have their name on the TCA Goldline trophy from the 2016-17 season.



"Curling on Grass!"



**When curling season is over...
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SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE

Another great season has come to an end for the Senior Men's League!

At our AGM in April, Jim Yeates was elected to the position of Vice-President replacing Dave Woodhouse who has moved in to the position of President.

Playoffs were held in both the Day Curling section and the Friday Competitive section of the league. The winners in these two sections are:

DAY CURLING

First place: Paul Morgan, George Lavigne, Steve Crabbe, Peter Watson and Paul McShane

Second place: Gary Yates, Eric Jones, Sandy Carroll, and Rick Winkley

Third place: Murray Nicholson, Peter Fletcher, Dave Trimble, and Bob Leczel

FRIDAY COMPETITIVE

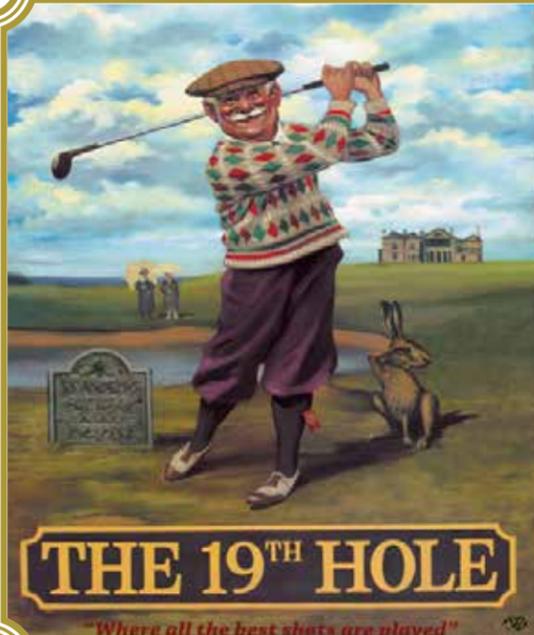
First place: Ron Cameron, Randy Chew, Blayne Pascoe, Bruce Pizzolato, and Ron Fennell

Second place: Jeff Soley, Dave Way, Dave Simmons, Malcolm Macaulay and Gary Downs

Third place: Ted Birchard, Steve Tooze, David Wake, Jay Dennis, Dave King and Gord Carroll

The Senior Men's League will be holding their 31st Senior Men's Golf Tournament will be held at Whispering Ridge Golf Course on September 5th, 2018. There are still spots open for participants, 50 years or older.

That's all for now....



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9TH ANNUAL SHAMROCK BONSPIEL GREAT CRAICH!

This year, the Shamrock Bonspiel fell on St. Patrick's Day itself. That must be why it sold out in only hours! Those who were lucky enough to get in, experienced Irish cheer including a visit from the Druid School of Irish Dance and regaling one another with limericks over a traditional Irish dinner.

The curling trophy was competed for furiously with the two teams representing County Wexford narrowly coming out on top. The winning county consisted of:

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| Jaqueline Millar | Rae Van Gijn |
| Rick LeBlanc | Tyler Van Gijn |
| Alex Liscano | Patricia Wagner |
| Steve Lobel | Francois Collat |

The dinner was capped off with the reigning Shamrock King and Queen (Andrew and Sarah Gray) passing on their crowns and robes to the new Shamrock King – Steve Lobel and Shamrock Queen – Francois Collat. And finally, t-shirts were presented to the survivors of all three funspiels over the year – the Oktoberfest, the Winterspiel and the Shamrock to commemorate their feat.

Make your plans now to join us next year at the 10th Annual Shamrock Bonspiel. It promises to be the best ever!

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NEW DEHUMIDIFIERS

Last curling season we hosted the Ontario Scotties Tournament of Hearts. As a club we came together and volunteered our time and energy and, once again, showed the curling world that we are The House of Hospitality and know how to host a world class party!

We now get to reap the rewards. With the money we raised by hosting the event we are able to finally purchase a high quality dehumidification system for the ice area. This summer we will be installing 2 dehumidifiers that will help control and enhance our ice conditions during the season.

Once again, thank you everyone that supported the Ontario Scotties Tournament of Hearts. It is because of you we get to make improvements like this to our great curling club.




CURLING DEVELOPMENT



Whitby Curling Club will be hosting the NCCP "Club Coach" workshop, offered by Ontario Curling Council, for our members or non-members.

Coaches who take this two-day workshop become "Club Coach Trained". This workshop does not lead to CERTIFICATION.

This is a program designed to enhance the skill set of the coach or instructor who functions primarily at the club level but whose teams are starting their competitive experience.

The Club Coach will be competent in training curlers from youth to masters, with skill levels of beginning to intermediate. The Club Coach will be proficient in planning and designing a practice/clinic, ethical decision-making, teaching correct curling skills, skill analysis, safety and program management.

Prerequisite: Must be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age at the start of the course.

Course content:

- Role of the Coach and Organizational Management
- Game Orientation, Rules & Etiquette
- Safety
- Warm-ups & Cool-downs
- The Curling Delivery
- Introduction to Strategy
- Brushing
- Ethical Coaching
- Practices
- Clinics
- Skill Analysis
- Special Interest Groups

If you have any questions please contact: Perry Marshall 416-540-3661 perry@ontcurl.com

NCCP "CLUB COACH" WORKSHOP

October 20 & 21 2018



8:30am – 5:00pm @ Whitby Curling Club



HOW TO REGISTER

visit:

<http://www.ontariocurlingcouncil.com/blog/national-coaching-certification-program-nccp-training/>

- Scroll down to Club Coach
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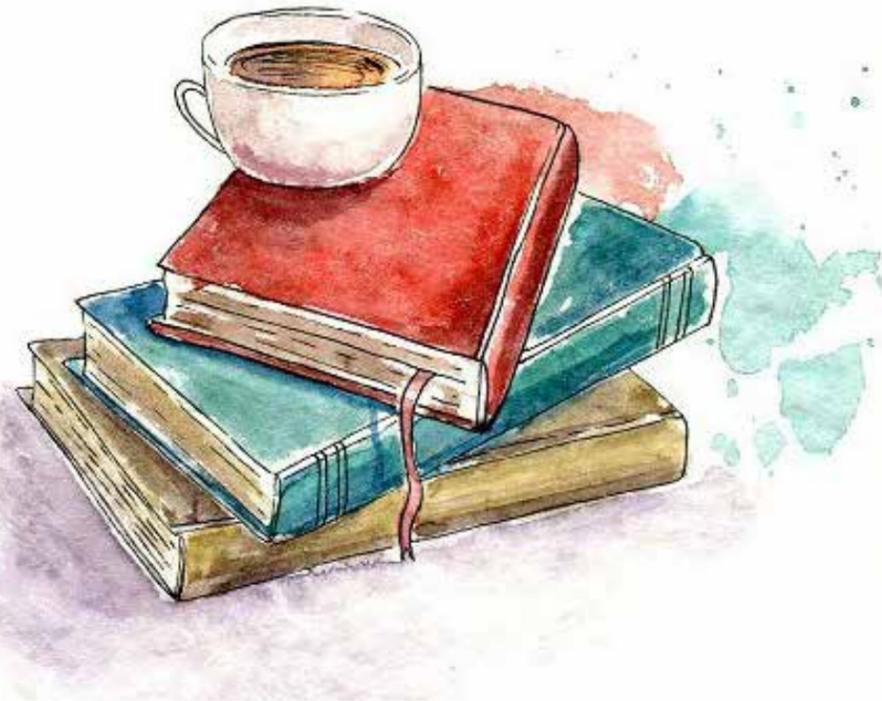
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The Rock of Pages Book Club



Throughout the season the ladies host a book club on Mondays. The meetings take place at 11:00 a.m and are held upstairs in the Bradley Room. At the start of the season the ladies 'brown bag' it, and after the meeting, they head out onto the ice for their game. During the cold winter months, members take turns bringing homemade soups for lunches.



This year we read a wide variety of books, and as always there were differing opinions of the chosen titles. Many books that are read often becomes a movie, so of course the ladies head to the 'movies and dinner' once a month.

This year one of the most popular reads was a book titled *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. The book gives us some insight into the Chinese ethnic minority, the Akha, and the search for the perfect Pu'er tea. It also weaves the story of a mother and daughter separated at birth.



As a culmination to this season's book club, the ladies held a 'high tea' serving and tasting a variety of types of teas. The perfect ending to a great season of books!

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED CURLING

MIXED CURLING

A freak winter ice storm may have kept other people at home but the Mixed Curlers were out in force to the Club. While ice and snow pellets had their say outside, people traded winter boots for sandals and parkas for colourful shirts and flirty island dresses. The Mixed and Mixed Doubles Closing party, A Crazy Caribbean Closing, was on. A Tiki hut with a background that was so well done, people were posing for pictures and making their friends believe that they had landed a Caribbean vacation during our winter blast. Of course, there was plenty of trophy curling on the ice with one brave curler seen in his Bermudas while a sailor completely in white executed his shots a couple of sheets over.

After the dinner as awards were being handed out, we gained incredible insights into some of our top curlers. One senior member of a Mixed Doubles duo explained why he had taught his partner so much during their time together on the ice and how badly he is hoping that she will remember it all because he can't. Another tale drove home the point that if a section of a Caribbean beach is deserted, there's a good reason for it. Searching for your smaller relatives who have been blown aside by a rather too close jet engine exhaust was not the hot time on the beach they were

seeking! A touching ode to a lost friend brought tears to peoples' eyes as one curler pontificated on his memories of his muscle of love. It's amazing how much you can learn about your fellow curlers during a Closing dinner.

The trophy winning teams are as follows:

The **Remax Jazz Mixed Championship Trophy** went to Gary Downs, Laurie Light, Rodger McQueen and Patricia Van Dusen

The **5 Paddles Cup** was won by Ryan Slobojan, George Lavigne, and Kim and Ramiro Liscano

The **Whiners Trophy** went to Jeff and Belinda Solly and Chris and Sonia Coward

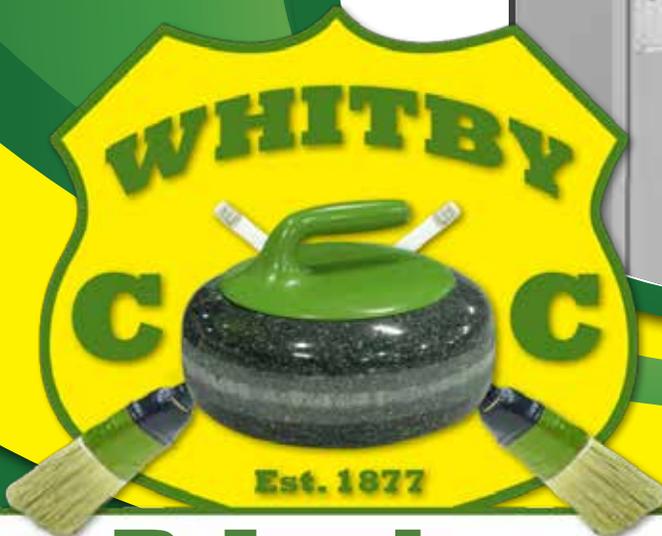
The **Paul Welch Memorial Cup** was won by Rob and J.C. Phillips and Kim and Phil Wake

We're happy that we had such a great turnout in spite of the weather. The Caribbean theme was a wonderful way to close out the Mixed curling season.

Dave Simmons (on behalf of the Mixed Committee)

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