

ROCK TALK

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WHITBY CURLING CLUB

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I've always said "There's never a dull moment at the Whitby Curling Club" and these last few months have not let me down.

During Christmas the Senior Men did their annual donation to the Salvation Army. This year they were able to donate \$6,700.00 !!!

Chris Boers and his crew built our annual Whitby Santa Claus Parade float. Thanks to all that walked in the parade.

We celebrated New Years Eve at the club with 100 friends and family. A special thank you to Magic Man Tom for wowing us all and to the Whelan's for organizing.

An event that had been building up for some time finally came to be. Randy Chew and his All Star WCC Club team took on Erin Macaulay and her Team Wasylkiw Ladies team. After 8 ends the game was tied so it came down to a draw to the button. Team Wasylkiw we're crowned champion by an inch !

The afternoon ladies had their Winexpert Mardi Gras Spiel and the Novice League didn't let a snow storm dampen their Curlings a Beach Party spiel.

We competed in the Continental Cup against Oshawa Golf and Anandale. We won bronze in curling... but I'm pretty sure we won gold for the club having the most fun.

As always our 61 year old building always gives us some challenges. I want to give a huge thank you to Dale Duke, Bruce Pizzolato and Craig Muir. They have put in some overtime this year keeping the building standing. I honestly don't know what we would do without them.

We still have some great Bonspiels coming up. This is your chance to create some great memories. Head to our website to see the upcoming events. I promise you won't regret getting involved in any Bonspiel !

As all the third draws begin it is time to appreciate the work that our league reps and committees do. If you see your league rep or a committee member take a moment to say thanks... and maybe even give them a hug. I'm sure they need it.

Good luck in the last draw heading into the playoffs !

Good curling !

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Rob Phillips

WCC President

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FROM THE MANAGER

I can't believe we're already past the mid-way point of the curling season! This year, things are so busy around the club the time is just flying by!

We have had so many great things going on at the Whitby Curling Club! In addition to our regular league play, we've had the Oktoberfest Bonspiel and Winterspiel – both huge successes! We've also had our Poinsettia Fundraiser before the holidays!

We've had lots of activity from the Beer Companies represented at the club bar – we've had a couple of contests which has increased the awareness to the membership about our products. In addition, Brent Barton's weekly bar highlight has made the membership aware of all the wonderful products we offer.

The staff have enjoyed seeing all the members again and enjoy having that sense of familiarity by serving the same

members each week.

We still have a busy couple of months ahead of us and none of this could be done without all the volunteers who organize, facilitate and help with all the events and fundraisers!

Thank you as well to the Board of Directors and League Coordinators who work tirelessly to ensure the club and leagues run smoothly.

Angela

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FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all members for your on going support though the various fundraising events we have held and will be holding in this current season. It's always great to see the fantastic support that not only our club receives but what we do for our community!

Look forward to having you participate in our variety of upcoming fundraisers!

Past Fundraisers: Poinsettia, Octoberfest, Food Drive, Winterspiel, Superbowl pool and Superbowl Squares all contributing greatly to the club.

Upcoming for Fundraising: Scotties & Brier Pool, Brier Ticket Raffle, Silent Auction, Shamrock, Euchre Tournament, Skate Out Day and possibly an Easter Lily fundraiser



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Curling's a Beach --

On January 18th, the Novice League hosted our Curling's a Beach bonspiel. Despite the snow outside, teams got into beach attire and had a great day at the beach. The day included 3 x 4 end games plus a team challenge. Congratulations to Team Shell Yeah! on winning



Team Hawaii 5-0: Tony, Anita, Shannon & Peter

the event by $\frac{3}{4}$'s of a point. Best team costume was awarded to Team Hang 10. Best individual costume was won by Tony Fisher who curled all day with a mask & snorkel. Friendliest curlers were Team Awkward Tanlines.

Team Son of a Beach - Chris, Chris, Rachel & Sean



Committee Members - Cathy, Sandra, Andrew & Sarah



Team Hang 10 - Stephanie, Paul, Karen & Bill



- - - Novice Bonspiel



Team Seas the Day: Donna, Sheri & Greg



Team Shell Yeah! - Matt, Matt, Darren & Adam

FRIDAY 4:15 MIXED CURLING



The second draw ended on January 31 after playing only six games with eleven teams. Several teams had to have a BYE which changed the total scores for those teams. The usual Pizza night with veggies and dessert occurred after the games.

Before handing out the prizes we pointed out to the league that the season of major awards was upon us. Examples being the Golden Globes, the Grammy's, the Oscars, the Country Music Awards and so on. It had been suggested that we have the WCC 4:15 Friday Night Mixed Curling Awards (now known as the MIXED-UP Awards). We gave out three awards - 1st. place in the 2nd runner up category went to team Ken Noakes, 1st. place in the 1st runner up category went to team Gorecki and the 1st. place winner went to team Winters.

The third draw started on February 14 with a total of seven games with eleven teams again this draw so BYE's will be in order.

Additional surprises should be in store for the MIXED-UP Awards scheduled for April 3, 2020 after we have Pizza.

Day Ladies

Wine, Women and Mardi Gras!

(*The Ladies Winexpert Bonspiel Sponsored by Erroll Gee*)

Why do these ladies look so happy? Because you can't go wrong when Erroll Gee, their amazing sponsor, treats them to a wine tasting after their game. Erroll also graciously presents our winners with a bottle of wine to take home. Thank you Erroll! The ladies appreciate your support. If you ask the ladies, they are sure to recommend that you visit Erroll at his Winexpert store (Rossland & Anderson) to make some of your own wine.

This year the ladies had breakfast before their curling, then played two four-end games, rotating to play a different team after the first four ends. Each four-end game was different and total points were accumulated for both games. One game consisted of no hits and you scored points for every rock you had in the house. That led to some 'full houses'!

Trophy Winners: Sandy Gough, June Boon, Connie Lewis, Wendy Johansen



Mount Lawn Ladies Invitational

After 56 years the Ladies Invitational Bonspiel has a new sponsor - Mount Lawn Funeral Home. The ladies welcomed 24 teams with teams coming from 15 different clubs.

The club was festively decorated for Christmas & our very popular raffle table was a great success again. The ladies enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner provided by the always dependable Cheryl.

The overall winner was Anita Allen (Burley)

Lindsay CC a former WCC member, 2nd. Sue Layton, 3rd. Margaret Chew. Winner of the 1st draw was Donna Morrison from Oshawa CC.

Our thanks go out to all the volunteers who decorated the club for the holidays. I would also like to thank the volunteers who helped out on the day of the spiel. Thank you to Angela, Jamie & Glenn for their help.

Thank you to the dedicated committee who once again out did themselves.



Afternoon Ladies End of Draw Winners

We celebrated the end of our first draws with treats and prizes. Thanks to Sue Coe our social convenor and her dedicated bakers for the wonderful spread. Congratulations to our trophy winners!



Ev McPhadden Trophy winners (Monday Draw):
Carol Kerstens, Dale McLaughlin, Shelley Hunt,
Diane Robertson



Muriel Prosser Trophy Winners (Thursday Draw):
Diane Foley, Terry Turner, Ruth Meaney, Shelley
Hunt(absent)

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Membership Update

As most of you read in the club email a couple weeks back, Annandale Golf and Curling Club has announced the end of their lease on November 30th, 2020. The Annandale Club is still working through their options and nothing has been finalized (that we are aware of), but there is a high likelihood that there will be no curling at Annandale next year.

While it is disappointing to see a local club close its doors, this does open up an opportunity for Whitby and other area clubs to gain new members. However, we don't want to do this at the expense of our current membership.

The board has agreed that registration for the 2020-2021 season will be open to current Whitby Curling Club members first. Anyone

who joins the club after February 10, 2020 will be considered a 'new member' for the 2020-2021 season. The dates for priority registration will be communicated towards the end of this season. In the time between now and then, league reps and the board will be working collaboratively to identify opportunities to increase league numbers and optimize the schedule to more efficiently utilize available ice time in order to accommodate new members.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at pamelamedermid@gmail.com

Pam Woods,
Membership Director.

The Secret of Angles with John Epping

On Sunday December 8th, WCC members had the opportunity to participate in a clinic held by John Epping. He talked about the various configurations of doubles, the advantages of in turn vs. out turn, calculating weight for tap backs, how to split rocks on to the house and a few other secrets and tips.



TD Wealth Winter Spiel

BATTLE OF THE BANDS EDITION

What happens when Rock and Roll music combines with a sport with Rocks and Rolls... You get the Best. Day. Ever. !!!

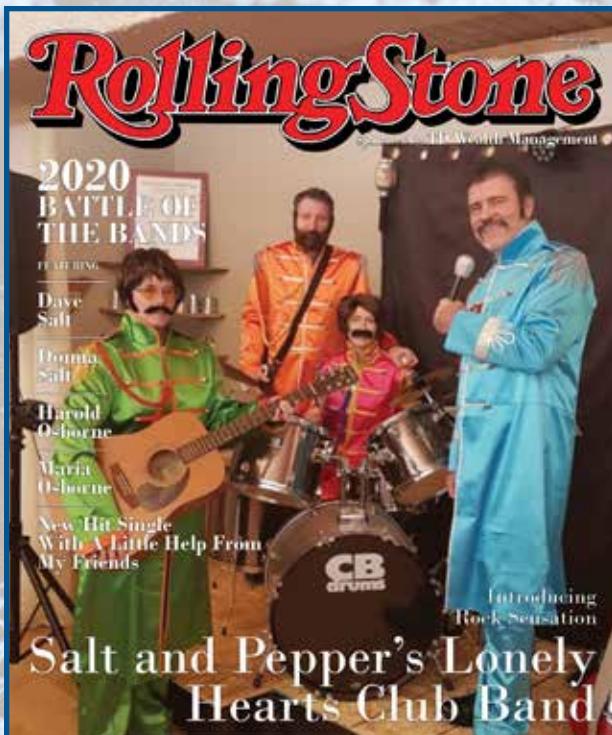
The day kicked off with Skye Wallace performing on the TD Wealth Stage. For her last song she needed a drummer and so she asked if there was anyone in the crowd that could help her out. 13 year old Tait Berlette just happened to be in the audience with his drum sticks. He nailed it.

After that it was up to the members to take to the stage and perform their karaoke songs. This provided entertainment and memories we will never forget. Especially, the rendition of YMCA !

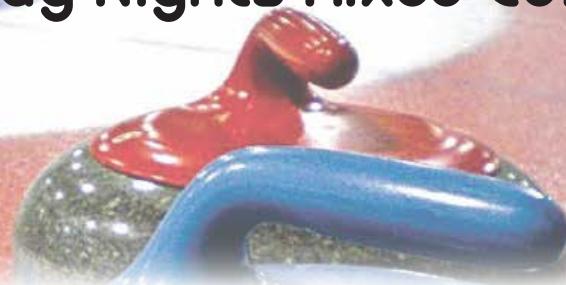
The judges ranked the performances and these scores, combined with the curling results, eventually revealed that The Beach Boys were getting their picture on the cover of The Rolling Stone! Rob Warren, Mark Sheilds, Janet Graham-Davidson and Earl Davidson were the champions. Special thank-you to Chris Boers and Ozzy for creating our giant Ghetto Blaster DJ Booth.

This bonspiel is a fundraiser for the club and we were able to raise \$4800.00 !

Huge thank you to the committee, sponsors and volunteers.



Wednesday And Friday Nights Mixed Curling



Hi Everyone:

This season is rolling right along – we’re hardly out of our Ugly Christmas Sweaters (I voted Donna Matsushita’s as the best one) and we’re preparing the third draw schedule. By the time you read this, we’ll be organizing the Playoffs and then... that’s right – Closing!

Closing is more fun than hypnotizing chickens – if you don’t believe me, check out the YouTube videos. My grandfather had more than one thousand laying hens and we never tried doing anything like that. In fact, watching the youngsters draw the line and mesmerise the birds made me feel like a kid again. The Closing will do that for you too! This year’s theme is Disco so dig out those tight pants, the poofy tops, the big moustaches and tons of makeup – the 70’s are back! For those of you who can’t remember them (either the 60’s addled your brains or you were too young to be there, there’s YouTube when you finish up with the chickens), they were a lot of fun. The vinyl will be spinning, special concoctions commemorating the decade will be at the bar, games and contests will

prepare you for a meal, expect some wild dance moves and, oh yeah, there will be some pretty impressive curling on the ice.

Get your tickets early – if last year is any indication, space is limited and they went awfully fast. Bring a picture of you doing your best Disco moves, the one that used to be on the mantle and maybe we’ll award a prize for the best one. Those chokers, and wooden jewellery stuffed at the back of your collection, it’s time to bring them back to life. Watch a few episodes of Murder She Wrote – see the shorter ties and fat lapels under the large hairdos. And for those of you who are not big fans of the music, grab a Foghat record album and you’ll know what to wear. Maybe we’ll catch a glimpse of a local John Travolta showing off on the dance floor.

Get outta your crib, skitty on to the Club and make your zo there – the Closing is coming!

Dave Simmons

On behalf of the Mixed Committee



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Curling Development

Converting 2 points and the allusion of the Corner Guard: by Erin Macaulay

I want to preface this article with this is my opinion on how to convert two points with hammer based on my experiences and what I've found to be successful, I am NOT saying these are the only ways.

Strategy is a very personal thing and your opinion on what is good strategy might very well be different from every other single curler. However, it is important to remember that there is no such thing as the "wrong" shot, if you make. That is the quint essential component of strategy – execution. So, with human error in mind how do we build the strategy for an end to convert two points?

Senior Men's Highlights

The Senior Men's league continues to flourish. Our membership has reached the maximum of 126 members. For those that may not be aware, we have three tag days each week where you come and are placed on a team by our "draw masters". It's a great opportunity to meet new people and maybe learn a few new jokes. Fun is had by all. Also, a large contingent of curlers regularly participate in "interclub" curling, taking advantage of the opportunities to curl at different locations. Finally, we have the Senior men's competitive league, also well attended.

With respect to our community, since the last issue of Rock Talk, through the generosity of our members, we collected and donated \$6700 to the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper program. An accomplishment we take pride in. We also made an \$85.00 Remembrance Day Memorial contribution.

To assist our curling club, the Senior Men replaced several old broom heads and cleaned the remaining ones, contributing to a clean sweep. When the old fridge gave up the ghost, we unfroze \$500.00 towards the new one.

Our Christmas luncheon was a great success. It was attended by 80 + members and alumni guests. Thanks to the caterer for a very nice meal.

We continue to subsidize both helmets and grippers since safety is the first priority for having fun. A large percentage of our members have taken advantage of these subsidies. We also subsided new jackets with the Whitby Curling Club crest and the individual's name on them. They look sharp and support esprit de corps.

Dave Woodhouse

Past President Whitby Seniors Curling Club



When to throw the Corner Guard:

1. **Do you have Hammer?** *With Hammer your trying to keep the button open and draw play to the wings*
2. **What does the Scoreboard look like?** *If the score is close (1-2-point swing either way), throwing 1 corner guard is a good aggressive strategy decision that can help you generate a multiple score. If you are winning big, limit the number of guards in play – draw play into the house and minimize the amount of coverage you provide your opposition. Reverse being if you are losing by 3 or more you need at minimum 1 guard but more realistically 2.*

Where to throw the corner guard:

1. Tight and near/on the 4-footline (depending on curl)
2. Halfway and wide (mid 8 foot)

Ultimately, placement is important to prevent the guard from interfering with your draw to the button path. If its high and inside the 4-foot line its probably in your way.

Cardinal RULE – If you throw it, USE IT! I see a lot of teams throw a corner guard and then they get sucked into playing to the middle and never get an opportunity to use the guard. All this accomplishes is forfeiting 1 rock per end if you throw the corner guard and never use it. You may need to be patient and wait for a miss or half shot from your opposition before you can go around the corner guard with minimal risk. There are a lot of different ways to utilize the corner guard:

1. Draw (off the centre line)
2. Draw (Wide around – if the ice conditions allow)
3. Hit and Roll
4. Tap – if the ice is straight this might be the only way around a guard
5. Split – if there are no rocks in play on the skips last shot you can split the guard in IF its tight enough to the house

Now that lets walk through a couple different scenarios. Red will have Hammer in all the below Scenarios, and they will try different approaches to playing around the corner guard based on the score.

Scenario 1: 8th end down 2 points with Hammer

Yellow Rock #1: *Draw full top 4 foot*

Red Rock #1: *Corner Guard (tight and on the 4-foot line)*

Yellow Rock #2: *Draw full top 12-foot*

Red Rock #2: *Tap/Hit and Roll off top 12 rock, behind the corner guard – throw a weight that is going to guarantee your rock stays in play somewhere – YOU DO NOT WANT TO ROLL OUT.*

Red is in a good spot now, Yellow cannot peel the guard because of the 5-rock rule and they would have to make 6 perfect guards to protect against giving up two.

Scenario 2: Tied Playing the 6th end

Yellow rock #1: *Tight Centre Guard*

Red Rock #1: *tee-line weight tick shot – hitting the guard into the rings and rolling to a corner guard*

- Now Red has a corner guard, there is no center guard and they can hit the rock in the rings if they so choose on their next shot

Yellow rock #2: *Draw top 4-foot*

Red Rock #2: *Draw around your corner guard or hit the shot rock (make your decision-based teammates ability or the ice conditions)*

This article captures a very small portion of what strategies your team can implement to utilize the corner guard and generate multiple scores. To discuss some of these topics more in depth please attend 1 of the 2 strategy talks I will be hosting on March 3rd. Registration is available on the Club Website, there are two levels of discussions “Advanced” and “Intro 2 Strategy”.

The Ultimate Curling Night

The Ultimate Curling Night – Deserves the Ultimate Thank you!

On January 4th, 2020 the Whitby Curling Club played host to the Ultimate Curling night. It saw the clash of Whitby-based rink comprised of Andrew Brown, Margaret Chew, Randy Chew and Andrea Lawes square off against the Ontario Curling Tour Team of Kate Wasylkiw, Lauren Wasylkiw, Stephanie Thompson and Erin Macaulay. The night was a beer fueled dream that promptly turned into a stunning reality with the end goal of raising funds for a young and upcoming team on the Women's Ontario and World Curling Tour.

The night was launched with theatrics produced by Rob Phillips bringing awe and a slam-level experience into our local club. The heavily "favoured" Wasylkiw rink was slow to start the evening trailing after the first 4 ends. The Girls were able to hang tough and claw their way back to an even keel after eight. Both teams were content to settle the game as a tie. However, the crowd demanded a winner and a sudden death draw to the button quickly occurred.

Team Wasylkiw was quick to apply pressure leaving their draw a mere 5.5 inches short of the pin. They had Team Whitby sweating and unfortunately a slight over sweep lead to Team Whitby's draw coming to rest a whopping 6 inches behind the pin hole. Team Wasylkiw scraped out the win by less than 1 inch. The post-game celebrations and cheque presentation was more than Team W could have ever even imagined.





A Word from Team Wasylkiw:

Team Wasylkiw would like to express their immense thanks and gratitude to Randy Chew, Rob Phillips and the entire Whitby Curling Club Family for the love and support we felt at the event in January. Randy, we cannot put into words how appreciative and thankful we are for all the time and energy you put into hosting such a spectacular event. Rob, your creative mind never disappoints; all your hard work making this event unique and memorable was more than we could have ever asked for. WCC Membership, thank you so much for continually showing your support for one another and welcoming people into the fold as gracefully as you do.

Team Wasylkiw fell just short of its overall goal for 2019-2020 in qualifying for the Ontario Scotties Tournament of Hearts. We are proud to announce that we will be remaining together for the 2020-2021 season and are excited to carry the Club's support into next season!

Cheers!

Team Wasylkiw.