



Out of the Hack

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Bonspiel "Hi-Lites"

Ladies Winter Warmup

Wednesday, November 11th

Another major success story!

Our Ennismore C.C. can be proud of skips Myrle Jopling (Susan Clark, Susan Jerry, Mardi Ayotte) and Debi LaPointe (Alva Wakeford, Sharon Stafford, Verlie McLaren). Both won second place in their respective draws. In fact we were the only club to place winners in both draws. (Not to forget Gail Turk who placed third in her P.G.C.C. team as well). The overall winner was the Lakefield team skipped by Sharon Yale.

Credit goes to all who helped make this a success: Susan Plant and Kathy Reid, who not only planned and executed the event, but also managed to get new sponsors on board. Added to our usual, much appreciated sponsors, Winnie Norman from ReMax & Hellwinkies were Garden Style and Valu-Mart. Thanks also to Joan Brownlow & Lorrie Gaborie (kitchen management), Brian Barry, Ken Murphy, Glen Bilton (Bar Hands).

Alert! There are rumors that Paris and Italy have been scouting our Hellwinkie's models (Syrie Gardner, Jane Malagutti, Winnie Norman, Cara Peterman & Maggie VanSickle) for their upcoming Spring Fashion Shows. This is a major concern. Our club can't afford to lose that many paying members!

Can-Am Games - Friday, November 13th

Forty-four years later and the Can/Am Games are still going strong. This is truly amazing considering many Americans think of curling as a way to "unstraighten" the hair.

Thirty-two teams from the Eastern United States and Ontario met at the Ennismore C. C. This is the first time we have ever hosted this event. Reg Sinclair, Dave Carne, Dave Hevenor and Trevor Sinclair did their usual outstanding job of representing our club. (It was certainly a lot closer for them to drive than last year when they had to travel to Boston for the games.)

This is strictly a friendly gathering of the two Nations, culminating in a great social. Since many of these curlers have been competing against each other for quite a few years, it becomes a reunion of old friends as well as a curling competition.

Canadians and Ennismorons can be proud this year, since we won the whole event by 12 points.

Next year the rematch will be in Connecticut.

Glen Fiddich Tournament of Scots

The purpose of the Glen Fiddich Bonspiel is to give new curlers, those with less than five years on the ice, a chance to experience the fun and competitiveness of a Bonspiel. New curlers are paired up with those with more experience. This year's Glen Fiddich on

Saturday, November 27th, was all of that and more. Thirty-two teams were divided into two draws, each draw playing two, 6 end games. At the conclusion of the second draw, depending on total team points, you either got to play a second, 4 end game, or you got to socialize and be a spectator.

In between, Scottish Piper, Rose Post, piped the haggis in. Everyone waved his or her "linen" napkins and then Peter "Mc"Gardner gave the "Ode to the Haggis". The piper then piped the eight finalists onto the ice for their final game.

Dinner was a typical Ron Hawthorn feast with roast beef, roast pork and all of the extras. At the end of the day, the overall winner was the team of Reg Sinclair, Pam Sinclair, Steve Robinson and Andrew Lucko. In truth, though, we were all winners. Everyone had lots of fun and went home with two steaks each.

Special thanks to Roger & Carol McLean, Wayne & Sharon Stafford for all of their hard work. They sure know how to run a Bonspiel. Also thanks to the kitchen staff headed by Cathy Camiot, the bar staff, and to all who donated the prizes. **GREAT JOB!**

Robert Reeve Stick Bonspiel

Saturday, November 28th

This bonspiel is named after our good friend and fellow curler, Bob Reeve, who died last year. He started the bonspiel three years ago and they are still "sticking" to it.

This year there were twelve teams from Port Perry, Norwood, Bobcageon and Ennismore.

We are proud to announce that the overall winner was the team of Betty Sanders (a skip from the Peterborough C.C., Les Crouse, Alva

& Jack Wakeford. They each went home with four steaks and twenty-five dollars.

Thanks to Ed Hill for providing a gourmet lunch of chicken, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad and his specialty, Beans, the magical fruit, the more you eat the more...well you get the point). In fact, rumor has it that all of the participants in the bonspiel had to sleep alone that night.

Jitney #1 - Saturday, November 7th

Approximately 24 first time curlers came out to learn what most of us already know!

Curling is fun! For two hours they learned how to keep their balance, slide out of the hack, keep their balance, throw a rock, keep their balance - we all know what that's like.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening, especially the pizza at the end.

Special thanks to Roy VanSickle and Syrie Gardner for organizing and advertising the event. Thanks also to the "pros", who helped teach. Gayle White, Sharon & Wayne Stafford, Chris Loughry, Wendy Clark-Spalding (who took one for the team when she pulled a muscle), Joan Brownlow, Doug & Mary Smith.

The Little League that's Growing:

Our league held a "Curl & Dine" on Friday, November 27th at 4:00. Thirty-two curlers came out and played a fun game, and then dined on chicken pies, salad, garlic bread and Black Forest cake. It was a fun way to spend an otherwise dull, November day. We are still looking for more players. Think about it when it's time to sign up for the second draw.

Leads and Seconds

This is a developmental program for the lady curler who would like to gain experience in a non-intimidating environment, improve her game and try curling in a new position.

There are currently four clubs involved in the Leads & Seconds program with each one visiting and hosting the other clubs once.

If you need further information, or are interested in playing, contact either Mardi Ayotte (745-9835) or Dianne Beausoleil (292=9769)

Keep the following dates open if interested and sign up in the Ladies Locker Room.

Wed. Jan. 13th 1:00 p.m. Lakefield C.C.

Wed. Jan 20th 9:30 a.m. Ennismore C.C.

Wed. Feb. 10th 9:30 a.m. Ennismore C.C.

Wed. Feb. 24th 1:00 p.m Peterborough

Fri. March 12th Final Bonspiel (more details to follow) P.G.& C.C.

Sunday, November 29, 2010

This was an important curling event for four of our lady curlers. Susan Clarke, Debi Lapointe, Myrle Jopling and Sharon Stafford put up a good effort representing our club at the Ladies' Zones held in Bobcageon. They did really well considering they don't always get the chance to curl together as a team.

Great Job!

Up and Coming Events!

Keep these dates available!

Jitney #2 - Saturday, January 2, 2010 (7:00 p.m.)

Another fun night to come out and curl.

Practise those turns, take-outs and draws to your hearts content with your friends who need to practise as badly as you do.

Pizza will follow. Only \$10.00

Curl for a Cause Bonspiel

Saturday, January 30, 2010

This year's charity - Community Care

Enter as an individual, a couple or a full team
100% of raffle ticket sales & a portion of curling fee will be given to Community Care
\$35/person includes lunch, dinner, 2 - 8 end games, prizes for all.

Sign up sheets will be up in early January.

(We would welcome any donations that could be used for our prize table or the draw table. Please see Sharon Stafford.)

Candlelight and Wine Bonspiel

The 12th annual Candlelight & Wine Mixed Bonspiel is being held on February 13th this year. It is \$180.00 team or \$45 per person, which includes 3, 6 end games, lunch, dinner prepared by the Old Smoke House & many great prizes - not to mention a fun-filled day. Teams must have two ladies and two gents.

Sign up as a team.

More details will follow.

(See Mike or Linda Bosilijevac)

Grippers and Sliders

If you plan on replacing your existing gripper, and it is still in reasonably good shape, we were hoping you would consider donating it back to the club. It is much easier to teach sweeping and walking/running on the ice to new curlers when they have grippers on their feet. We have a box we put them in and they

are well used when new curlers come to a "Jitney".

Similarly, if you have a slider you could donate, we would appreciate that as well.

Please give to Brian Cathcart or Mary Smith.

Humour – What are the top ten signs you're having a bad Game?

10. They start pebbling the ice in the fourth end.
9. Your skip keeps saying, "Nice Try"
8. Your opposition starts hanging its score on the next sheet.
7. While you're in the washroom, you're team sneaks away to the bar.
6. The icemaker starts heckling you.
5. It's only the third end and already you owe your teammates six drinks.
4. Your opposition is lying four and your skip wants you to throw your rock through the house.
3. You throw out your knee in the first end and your teammates don't even notice.
2. Your sweepers burst into laughter when you throw your rock.
1. You score an eight-ender in the second end and you have to throw your last rock to win 9-8.



Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
See you in January.