

ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

February 2011

NOW YOU CAN BUILD YOUR OWN BRIER!

With just over a month to go before the 2011 Tim Hortons Brier makes its first-ever appearance at the John Labatt Centre March 5 -13, the Host Committee has announced the launch of single draw tickets.

Tickets for all 22 draws are on sale January 29 at 10:00 am - starting at just \$14 – for one of the most prestigious events in curling. With the option to pick the draws and times that work best for their personal schedule - from opening day to the championship final – fans can now build their own Brier ticket package.

“We’ve been working hard to make sure everyone understands the significance of the Brier and how much it means to our community,” said Peter Inch, Host Committee Chair. “Our volunteers have been taking the Brier Tankard to Tim Hortons restaurants in the London/St.Thomas region for the past several weeks and the reception has been great... we’re looking forward to filling the house at the John Labatt Centre. When they build it, they will come!”

Tickets can be purchased online at seasonofchampions.ca, by phone at 866.455.2849 or in person at the John Labatt Centre Box Office.

Every same day ticket also includes complimentary admission to Keith’s Patch at the London Convention Centre... Canada’s party place. It’s where fans and competitors alike share an amazing selection of food and beverages, and an outstanding lineup of Canadian bands.

The feature act at the Patch is Lighthouse - the four-time Juno award-winning band - performing their iconic hits from the 70’s, Saturday, March 5 at 11:00 pm. The schedule for the week also includes Blind River Band, Murray Snelgrove, Coral Buffett Band, Brad James Band, Ronnie and the Jets (Elton John Tribute), Gerry Finn, Superfreak, the Carpet Frogs, Paul James Band and the Chevelles.



SPIRIT OF CURLING AWARD

It is that time of year again to nominate deserving candidates for the **Spirit of Curling Award**. Annually, a Spirit of Curling Award is presented to one man and one woman for “**good sportsmanship, honorable conduct, and one who contributes to members’ enjoyment of the sport.**”

All active members of London Curling Club, with the exception of the Board of Directors, are eligible for this award. **The nominations must be received by March 27, 2011.** A person may be recognized with this award once only.

The awards have been given annually since 1981. Recent recipients of the award have been Don Agnew, Pam Harrison, Bruce Cooper, Jean Walmsley, Rick Battson, Pat Bell, Dave Shaw, Maureen Cloghesy, Mark Flynn, Lil Richardson, Dan McInnes, and Joyce Hetherington.

Club members are encouraged to nominate individuals who they believe meet the criteria and who add to the enjoyment of the sport at the London Curling Club.

Nomination forms may be found in the Main Lounge or be obtained at the office. We have a significant number of people at the club who, week in and week out, really make this a great place. We urge you to talk over possible nominees with your curling colleagues and to submit a nomination by the March 27 deadline.

HELP US IDENTIFY AND HONOUR THESE DESERVING MEMBERS!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT--

After many months of planning, it is hard to believe that The Brier is less than five weeks away. A big thank you to the 36 LCC members who have volunteered to serve on the various organizing committees. Without your hard work, The Brier would never be the success we want it to be,



Secondly, I want to thank all the members who supported our BRIER TICKET RAFFLE by purchasing a \$2 ticket (or several) during the weekly league games. Thanks as well to Don Agnew for acting as raffle organizer and to the board members and convenors who assisted with ticket sales. The response was very positive, so we hope we have achieved our goal of creating some 'Brier excitement', as well as selling a few tickets (72 to be exact).

We are still waiting to hear back about the Brier 50/50 licence, but we will let members know as soon as we do.

On another note, congratulations to Laura Murphy, convenor of the UWO Student League. With a lot of determined promotional effort, she succeeded in attracting close to 20 new curlers in January. The league now uses five sheets of ice.

Congratulations too, to convenor Steve Hobbs, who managed to fill two draws for the January 22nd Spring Thaw Bonspiel. I understand that Mark Flynn really "talked up" the Spiel to his 'Learn-to-Curlers' and that several signed up for their first bonspiel experience. Well done, Mark!

On a final note, have a look at the January/February issue of SportsXpress on the small table in the main lounge (our ad is on page 24).

Connie Weir, President

50/50 DRAW



NEXT SEASON, THE JAR WILL DISAPPEAR!

Beginning with the 2011-2012 season, you must prepay for the 50/50 draw when you submit your membership application, to be eligible for the weekly draws. For those who join later in the season, they may prepay on a prorated basis, dependant on the number of weeks left in the season.

Each member will still be assigned a number, even if they have not signed up for the 50/50 draw, as is now the case. Draws will continue to be made on Mondays.

Watch for a highlighted 50/50 draw item on your membership application form this summer, and ensure you prepay to get in on the draw(s).

PLANNED CHANGES TO THE BOARD---

Next year we are planning to make some changes to the Board of Directors structure with the aim to improve productivity and effectiveness and not over burden volunteers. We will still have between 10 and 12 Board Members but we will divide the Board between Executive Members and Directors. The Executive will have a President, Vice President plus two other Executive positions, a Treasurer and Secretary. They will attend a minimum of 6 formal meetings through the year and serve a three to five year term. Directors will Chair major committees and will attend meetings as they see fit. There will be no limit on their term.

The Executive responsibilities will include:

- Staffing and contracts
- Nominate and support Directors
- Property Maintenance and Housekeeping
- Planning and Property Management
- Financial Management of the Club


Director Positions will include responsibilities for:

- Advertising Revenue
- Curling Leagues and OCA
- Member Services/Membership
- Pro Shoppe
- Skills and Development
- Volunteer Management

We believe a benefit of these changes will make it easier to recruit Committees Chairs and committee members to areas that they have an interest in. These committees are vital in the successful operation of the Club. There will be fewer formal Board meetings with faster decisions from a more experienced executive. Both Executive and Directors will vote on major items and motions. All positions will be approved and voted on by the membership at the AGM.

Your Board is pleased to be able to report that over the past few years, we have been able to grow both our membership and revenue at a time when many other clubs in the area have experienced declines.

Our Club is run by member volunteers for the benefit of all members and it is vital that we are able to recruit curlers to fill Committee, Director and Executive positions. If you have an interest in doing more than just Curling, please make your interest known to one of our current Board Members.

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GAME STRATEGY

A number of members new to the club have requested information about "game strategy". We have asked six skips to share some of their thoughts on their approach to the game with two skips featured each month. For February we have focused on the positioning of rocks for guards.

In the March issue of Rock Talk, we will let you know who the contributors have been.

What is a "corner guard"? When or why is it used?

•A corner guard is to set up the end when you have last rock; you want to keep the play to the outside and hopefully leave the centre open for your skip's rocks.

•A corner guard is a rock that ends up being about 4 to 6 feet out front of the ring positioned to the left or right of the house.

•With the introduction of the free guard zone play, the corner guard is not used that often, especially when the score is close.

•If you are down in score by 2 or more points, play a corner guard on your 1st rock of the end when your team has last rock, then draw behind it.

•If the game is close & the opponent's rocks are guarded, (and you are permitted to hit their guard), hit it and roll to create your own corner guard.

What are the advantages or disadvantages of having a lead throw a long guard (i.e. close to the hog line)?

•It depends on the score and what end you are playing if a long guard is an advantage or disadvantage.

•It's an advantage if it is the last end, the game is tied and you need to steal, then a long guard could be played on your first or second shot, so you end up having 2 rocks in the free guard zone. If the opposition decides to peel your guards on their 3rd rock, the opposition will most likely hit your long guard first. Then you draw behind your close guard into the 4 foot and protect this rock for the win.

•The disadvantage to a long guard is that your opposition may decide to draw around your two free zone guards first, which you may have trouble outscoring to steal the end.

- I find that a long guard is a disadvantage because
- it is easier for the opposing team to come around
- that rock first.



If you are sitting shot in the house behind cover, and your opposition has last rock, where would you try to place your final rock? Why?

•I would generally place the rock in front fairly close to the house and keep the four foot as closed up as possible to prevent the opposing last rock from coming in or bumping out shot rock.

•It depends on the score and what end you are playing, and how close the rock behind cover is to the button and if it is in front of the tee line.

•Assuming the rock behind cover is close to the 4 foot or button area in front of the tee line, and you are down one in score, you can draw behind the guard again and sit two buried to steal the win, so long as the opposition does not have an easy way to outscore your shot rock.

DAYTIME MEN'S SECTION

We are pleased to welcome 3 new members – Peter Bailey, Paul Roth and Jack Sharpe. You've joined a good friendly group!

The event of the month was the Tier 55 bonspiel held on January 14, convened once again by Garry Thompson with assistance from Peter Jackson. Each of the 12 teams curled two draws. The winning rink was one of "ours", Jim Lone with his cohort of Paul Pergau (third), Doug Wilson (second) and Gord Browne (lead). Bob Esseltine and his team of Henry Mulders, Ron Vanzanten and Dennis Lafontaine from the St. Thomas Curling Club placed second, followed by Chuck Townsend with Ken Walmsley, Laurie McKenna and Bob Wakefield. Tickets to the Brier were raffled.



The LCC will host the second half of the Highland Friendly on February 1. Following the November session of 11 games at the Highland, the LCC is down by 10 points.

The Daytime Men's wind-up event with a curling draw followed by a luncheon/business meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22. Having heard of no lasting illnesses after the Christmas event, the Executive again will be the cooks.



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THE BRIER HISTORY



The name 'BRIER' was the root of a type of plant that is used in the production of smoking pipes. It is a smoking-related term.



BIRTH OF THE BRIER

Although the name The Roaring Twenties had nothing to do with curling, it could have. As Canada began its long recovery from the haunting horrors of the Great War, as it moved from economic distress to staid society and then to the flapper era, curling began its expansion into becoming a national sport. The Roaring Twenties loved the roaring game.



1947 Winners

By now Winnipeg had established itself as the centre of curling, nationally. The annual Manitoba Bonspiel became the dominant event of the sport, and one company, the W. C. Macdonald Tobacco Company of Montreal, became a major benefactor and catalyst of the game.

In 1924, George J. Cameron, an enthusiastic Winnipeg curler, dreamed aloud his idea of uniting the east and west of Canada through curling. Cameron was president of W. L. Mackenzie and Company, the western representative of the Macdonald Tobacco Company since 1880. Two of his friends, Walter Payne, known as Manitoba's "thane of curling," and John T. Haig, a past president of the Manitoba Curling Association, encouraged his thinking. On his next trip to Montreal he placed his idea before the tobacco company. His proposal to cement the two islands of curling-east and west, irons and granites-was accepted by the company. While the theory was easily agreed, translating theory into practice was another matter altogether.

The Macdonald Company agreed to support the establishment of the Macdonald Brier trophy, as a key part of the 1925 Manitoba Bonspiel. In addition to receiving the honour of having their names engraved on a magnificent silver trophy (later rechristened the British Consols trophy) the winners would receive an all-expense trip to eastern Canada for a series of friendly games against eastern teams. In 1925, the winner was Howard Wood of Winnipeg, whose rink of Johnny Erzinger, Vic Wood (brother) and Lionel Wood (son) traveled east in the spring of 1925.

In 1926, the winners of the Macdonald Trophy event-the George Sherwood rink-were sent east to participate in the famed Quebec Bonspiel, where they won the Holt Renfrew Trophy. This second visit attracted greater attention, and subsequent conversations between Cameron and Thomas Rennie of Toronto (and others) led to the concept of a national event, with inaugural play to be held at the Granite Club in Toronto in 1927. And so the Brier (a Macdonald Tobacco trademark name) as the national curling championship of Canada, was born.


Eight teams took part that first year. There was one rink from western Canada, skipped by Ossie Barkwell of Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan. There were provincial teams from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario. City champions from Toronto and Montreal were on hand, plus an eighth team from Northern Ontario. Earlier it had been agreed that the fairest method of determining a winner was for each team to play each of the others-a round-robin series. The only time a playoff would be needed would be if two or more teams tied for first place.

The first winner was a foursome from Halifax, skipped by Professor Murray Macneill. When Macneill's original Nova Scotian team was unable to travel, he recruited three other skips to join him. The move paid off as Macneill, Al MacInnes, Cliff Torey, and Jim Donahue finished the round-robin series with six wins and only one loss. It is now a part of Brier lore that the Atlantic Canada quartet of four skips who won that first Brier never played together as a team again.

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THE BRIER HISTORY (cont'd)

In 1928, it was decided to expand the event to ten teams, with the addition of two more teams from the West, and in 1932, city teams were discontinued, bringing the number of competing teams back to eight. In 1936, with the inclusion of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island, the number of competing entries returned to ten. Newfoundland entered the fray in 1951, and in 1975 a combined entry from Yukon and the Northwest Territories brought the total number of teams to 12, its current number.

The Brier continued to be played at the Granite Club in Toronto until 1940, when action was shifted to the Amphitheatre in Winnipeg. For the first time, matched stones, with coloured tops (for easier identification), were used, and a movie of the event was made. Play continued into the early forties, but from 1943-45, World War II travel restrictions forced a halt to Brier play.

During the initial decades of its existence, the Brier was known mainly just to curlers. But in the years after World War II, the event took a quantum leap in the eyes of the public, and it soon became as important a national-and public-event as the Stanley Cup or Grey Cup.

Two reasons stand out for the transformation.

The first was the involvement of a pair of advertising and public relations executives, Reg Geary and Frank O'Brien of Montreal. As employees of the tobacco company's advertising agency, they were given the task of making the Brier into a major event in the Canadian sporting parade. They did so by enlisting the help of the media, who found ideal working conditions when they arrived at each Brier site. And through the radio broadcasts, newspaper stories, and photographs, the public soon found the daily reports, akin to a soap opera, to their liking.

The second reason grew out of the first. In 1946, Geary convinced the CBC to provide full-network, live radio coverage of the Brier in Saskatoon. It fell to Doug Smith of Montreal and "Breathless" Bill Good of Winnipeg (later Vancouver) to provide the commentary. As luck would have it, the competition that year ended in a three-way tie, involving Alberta (Billy Rose), Manitoba (Leo Johnson), and Northern Ontario (Tom Ramsay).

Good and Smith brought the full drama of each day's games, and then the playoffs (Rose won), to every corner of the country. Suddenly newspapers everywhere, in an attempt to match the radio reports, kept asking for stories on "that crazy curling thing going on in Saskatoon." Each succeeding year, the thirst for coverage escalated. Much of the credit for that is due to Frank O'Brien, the unfailingly good-natured and highly capable PR man.

When television came to the party, suddenly people at home were able to watch their heroes in action, and they loved it. The ratings increased year by year and, today, the Brier is one of the most avidly watched sporting events in Canada. At first, the coverage consisted of a daily half-hour report late at night. In 1962, on the spur of the moment, the CBC provided live coverage of the final playoff game between Ernie Richardson and Hector Gervais.

In 1973, the CBC decided to move to scheduled live coverage of the final draw. The move backfired. The network had scheduled such coverage, convinced that the final round of games would determine the Brier champion, as had happened in most years. That year, however, Harvey Mazinke's Regina foursome so dominated the Brier that they clinched the title the night before the final draw. The Friday games turned out to be meaningless, but even so were given the full majesty of live television coverage!

In 1977, fifty years after the first Brier, the Macdonald Tobacco Company announced that it would discontinue its support of the Brier (it always disdained the term "sponsorship") in 1979. That year, with the playing of the final Macdonald Brier in Ottawa, there was an electric moment when every living Brier Championship skip was introduced and honoured. It was a moment of spell-binding curling history.



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WESTERN'S MIXED CURLING CLUB

We started off a bit slow at the beginning of the year, with 16 curlers. A mix of students and a few people from the learn to curl league. This was a bit disappointing as I had big plans to fill up a draw right from the beginning, but we were a brand new club, both at the LCC and at UWO. We had to be patient, and let word spread. However, we continued to market to friends, family, and other students (as well as updating our information on the UWO Campus Recreation website: www.westernmustangs.ca/curling and were up to 28 curlers by the end of 2010

Clubs week at UWO (held in the sports and rec center) in the second week of January really kicked us off. Over a two week span, we had 12 curlers one week, and 14 the next (of primarily different curlers) These new curlers joined us to give the club a go. Currently, we have 40 registered curlers, and many others interested.

We are also hosting a one day open funspiel at the club Saturday March 19. Anyone interested may contact Stacey Hallman (shallma@uwo.ca)

This year has largely been a success, due to the support of Connie, Peter, and the rest of the LCC. What has really allowed us to attract brand new curlers (which make up around 60% of our current membership) has been the support and patience of all of the instructors who have volunteered their Sunday afternoons at the beginning of each semester, to spend 2-3 sessions with our new curlers. On behalf of our club, and executive, I would like to thank everyone who has helped! Next week, we are anticipating an even bigger turn out!

Laura Murphy, Convenor



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OCA

The Men's Fairfield Merriott and Women's Best Western Challenge Competition Zone 16 Playdowns were held at the Glencoe and District Curling Club January 8 & 9, 2011.

Representing the London Curling Club was Team Lawrence (Skip Sue Lawrence, Third Linda McFayden, Second Deanna Dougan and Lead Rhonda Persichilli) with Coach Warren Brooke, Team Beckett (Skip David Beckett, Third Tom Zavitz, Second Paul Reily and Lead Greg Lewis) and Team Mann (Skip Dave Mann, Third Kirk Massey, Second Chris Sherman and Lead Bruce Thom). None of our teams made it past the Zones but we (LCC) are proud of their efforts.

January 29, 2011 is the OCA Women's Tankard (double team entry) Zone 16 Playdowns held in Detroit. Representing the London Curling Club is Team Rochefort (Skip Eileen Rochefort, Third Wendy Foster, Second Rhonda Persichilli and Lead Dayna Dann) and Team Lawrence (Skip Susan Lawrence, Third Linda McFayden, Second Deanna Dougan and Lead Roxanna Petten).

February 5 & 6, 2011 is the Best Western Intermediate Women's and Men's Zone 16 Playdowns being held at the Highland Country Club February 5 - 6, 2011. Representing the London Curling Club is Team Lawrence (Skip Susan Lawrence, Third Linda McFayden, Second Deanna Dougan and Lead Rhonda Persichilli) and Team Mann (Skip Dave Mann, Third Bob Mckinley, Second Kirk Massey and Lead Bob Bourdeau).

You can check out the results of these and all other playdowns through the OCA Web Site www.ontcurl.com.

GREAT TURNOUT FOR THE JANUARY 15TH SKILLS CLINIC

The club's third skills development clinic of the year took place on Saturday evening, January 15th, with 48 members and guests in attendance. There were approximately 30 guests, the vast majority of whom were new to the sport of curling. The evening included a 90 minute clinic, pizza break and a mini-game.

This is the third time that the evening skills clinic has been combined with bring a guest and once again registration was completely full. It is hoped that many of the guests will become club members next season.

Appreciation is extended to the volunteer instructors for their enthusiasm and support: Jack Nichol (head instructor), Hailey Hopkins, Joyce Hetherington, Sue Lawrence, Jim Russell, Steve Hobbs, Dan McInnes and Peter Askey.

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WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION NEWS

"GRAMMAS IN THE GARDEN" - GRANDMOTHERS AND OVER 50 BONSPIEL (Pam Harrison, Convenor and Bonny Shawyer, Co-Convenor) Eighty eight curlers from the Aylmer, Chatham, Exeter, Highland, Ilderton, Ingersoll, London, Norwich and Sun Parlour Curling Clubs participated in the 47th Annual Grandmothers' Bonspiel on Wednesday, January 12th. Unfortunately, a team from Sarnia was unable to attend, as a result of a snow storm. Thanks to our Standby Team for filling in for the snowbound team. Our theme "Grammas in the Garden" proved to be popular, with the front lobby converted to a garden patio and floral pictures with gardening wisdom posted throughout the Club. Table decorations included flowers, seeds, garden tools and gloves, as well as bright spring-coloured napkins. All prizes were also garden-related. For our entertainment, each team developed a song or poem related to our garden theme. Congratulations to Carolyn Sheppard's team from Ilderton and LCC's Marj Dudley and her team for their prize-winning entertainment!



The Trophy was presented to an LCC team, winner of the First Draw - Dianne McKenna (Skip), Penny Brown (Vice), Joyce Hetherington (Second) and Linda Peeling (Lead)(Photo). The winner of the Second Draw was a team from Aylmer – Christa Brouwer (Skip), Ferne Taggart (Vice), Jane Hoba (Second) and Mae Legg (Lead).

Many thanks to Co-Convenor, Bonny Shawyer, Drawmaster, Fay Weiler and Decorator, Karen Lowry. Many thanks also to our volunteers Jane Cassino, Nancy Dampier, Joanne Diehl, Eleanor Fair, Marianne LaRose, Ruth Prentice, Sheila McSwiggan and Jean Walmsley, who provided tremendous assistance during the day to help make our Grandmothers' Bonspiel a very successful event. Finally, a very special thank you to our Event Sponsor and Club Member, Heather Greenfield, CFP Financial Advisor of Dundee Private Investors, Inc.

MARSHALL'S PASTA MILL AND BAKERY (Dale McIntyre Convenor, Joan Bidinosti Co-convenor)

This seven week event ran Thursday mornings from December 2nd to January 27th. We had 40 curlers enjoying this fun event. Doreen Stacey's team consisting of Mardi McLachlan, Marilynne VanBuskirk, and Bev McDonald took first place honours. Second place went to Carolyn Petley and her team of Joyce Hetherington, Dale McIntyre and Isabel Lynch. Third place went to Betty Burrows, Penny Brown, Michelle Guenette and Carole Durowski. All the winners received gift certificates from Marshall's Pasta Mill and Bakery. Following the last game, the curlers enjoyed a delicious lunch of pasta, salad and rolls from Marshall's Pasta Mill and Bakery. Thanks to Joan for being a great co-convenor and to Karen Shearer, Linda Karl, Fay Weiler and Sharon Sivak for their help in the kitchen.

BERNIE'S: (Jan Murray, convenor & Brenda Thompson co-convenor)

BERNIES BAR & GRILL once again sponsored six weeks of Tuesday afternoon WDS curling. The tradition of lunch following the final game was BERNIES saucy chicken wings, veggies and squares. The winners were Janet Stenson skip, with Linda Peeling, Kathie Leigh, and Sheila McSwiggan. Marlene Benny's team came second with Judy Rolston, Fay Weiler, and Donna Millar. Third was Dot MacRae skipping with Jean Cameron, Linda Bailey and Liz Oehm. Pat Bell and Jan Murray curled. Many thanks to the curlers participating, and to BERNIES BAR & GRILL. We recommend you support our generous sponsors and inform them that you are members of LCC and appreciate their sponsorship.

JANUARY CARD PARTY: (Deanne Fitzpatrick, Convenor & Marilynne VanBuskirk Co-Convenor)

On Wednesday, January 26, 2011 eighteen tables, 72 women enjoyed lunch and an afternoon of cards at the LCC in support of the Women's Daytime Section fundraising activities. A total of \$533.00 was raised. This event could not take place without the generosity of the women in our club, who provide the lunch, card tables, ticket selling, prizes and all the necessary help to set-up, serve and clean-up. Your convenors sincerely appreciate everyone's help and their contributions. Thank you to all!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WOMEN'S SECTION

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| February 1st | Nash (Penny Brown & Barb Gordon) |
| February 3rd | Skins Game (Pat Bell & Marj Dudley) |
| February 16 th | Curl for a Cause (Jean Cameron) |
| February 10 th | Subway (Joyce Hetherington & Sheila McSwiggan) |
| February 28 th & March 1 st | Sheila Betkus 2 Day (Joan Dickie's Team) |



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**UPCOMING EVENTS—
FEBRUARY—**

1	Highland Friendly 2011
12	UWO Staff Bonspiel
16	WDS Curl for a Cause
19	Shriners Bonspiel 2011
21	Family Day & Bring a Friend Day
22-23	Club Closed for Maintenance
26	TVCL Bonspiel 2011
28-March 1	WDS Sheila Betkus2 Day Bonspiel
MARCH—	
5	Curl Mania Bonspiel
7-13	Brier Week Club Closed
19	UWO Sunday Mixed Spiel
26	Elementary Bonspiel

SUNDAY KNIGHT OUT!

Another successful Sunday Knight Out commenced January 23rd. I wish to extend a huge thank you to all who supported this club fundraiser. Special thanks to Larry Round, Fay Weiler, Don Agnew, Bruce Cooper, Theresa Walsh, Deb Pullen, and Gwen Crossman for their aid as ticket sellers. My appreciation is also extended to Karen Lowry for printing the tickets.

Our total profit is \$1,510.00.

The lucky recipient of First prize; 4 tickets & parking pass plus \$100, courtesy of Longo Food Service & Equipment was Marnie Dickout.

Second prize; 2 tickets plus &75, courtesy of Scotia McLeod was won by Phil Bondy. Congratulations!

Linda Round – Chair of the Women's Daytime Section



THAW MIXED BONSPIEL

On Saturday, January 22, 22 teams gathered at our club for the 2011 Spring Thaw Mixed Bonspiel. There was spirited competition, as well as some good times had, during the two draws. At the end of the two games played by each team, total points earned were added up and the winners determined. In the first draw, the team skipped by Geoff Corfield emerged victorious. In the second draw, team Sawyer prevailed

Thanks to Chef Les Cooks for catering the lunch, and Fay Weiler for looking after the draw/registration/KP duty.



Gord Lammers, Nancy Myers, Geoff Corfield, Marshall Myers



Lynda Neil Scott Sawyer, Louise Sawyer, Tom Sawyer,

FAMILY DAY- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011

Check the easel in the main lounge for the sign-up sheets for the daytime activities that will be held on Monday, February 21st as part of the provincial "Family Day".



The activities include morning ice times for family members and friends and an afternoon skills clinic and mini-games.

MORNING ACTIVITIES (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.)

Stop in for hot chocolate and cookies and some fun on the ice. We'll have some sheets set aside with "Little Rocks" stones for children 8-13 to try their hand at curling under the direction of our team of instructors. Parents can assist or enjoy some curling on a nearby sheet of ice.

We'll have some sheets set aside for families to play or practice amongst themselves or with other club members.

STAY FOR A SHORT TIME OR A LONG TIME.

If you are not here at the start, no worries.....we'll fit you in.

For those that have six or more curlers as a group, we will set aside a sheet for you.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (1:30 - 4:00 P.M.)


A one-hour clinic will be offered at beginner, intermediate and more advanced levels by our team of instructors for adults and teens. This will be followed by a mini-game of 4-6 ends



Bring your family and friends along for an afternoon of learning and fun. Stay for some social time in the lounge. The bar will open at 4:00 p.m.

SOME SPECIAL NOTES:

- Please be sure your guests are familiar with the club expectations for clean shoes
- For children who are first time first year curlers, helmets are required (bicycle helmets are fine)
- Parents bringing their children under age 8 will be responsible for their supervision in the lounge area



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