



# Carleton Heights Curling Club Newsletter

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I like flying, but even more than flying, I like landing. Gently.

This past year has flown by and we are in final approach for the Annual General Meeting that will be held on Tuesday April 23. The AGM is traditionally the time that the Executive hands off their responsibilities to the next generation of volunteers. This year is no exception and I will soon pass my "President's Pin" to Murray Ballantine, V.P., P.I.W. (Vice President and President-in-Waiting). It's sure to be the emotional highlight of the AGM....but I digress.

It has been my honour to serve as President of Carleton Heights Curling Club - the best little Curling Club in Ottawa. I have the easiest job on the Executive Committee and it has been rewarding to get to know many of you over the past year.

In closing, I want to thank each member of the Executive Committee for their continued effort. I also want to thank Club Manager Don Richardson and his staff for another exceptional year. And as the 2012/13 season winds down, I want to wish each of you "good curling" in your year-end Championships.

See you at the AGM!!

Jim Larocque  
President and Soon-to-be Past President

## CHCC TO THE RESCUE!!

On March 7th, the finals of the Ladies City of Ottawa started at Granite at 9 am. At 9:30, the power went out and hydro estimated it would be 2:00 pm before power was restored. A truck took out a hydro pole on Dovercourt Avenue.

Judy DiMillo happened to be at Granite for another meeting and made a call to Don. There was no ladies curling at our club that day, but Don and Richard said sure!!

So, 32 curlers, trophies, prizes, spectators and food for lunch (with volunteers) convoyed to our Club. I was so pleased that we could accommodate on short notice, although the Club was scheduled for some maintenance work (ice work and carpet cleaning).

**A huge thanks to Don and Richard. Once again, Carleton Heights was the shining star!**

Judy DiMillo

## CARLETON HEIGHTS - Where curling is fun!!

On behalf of my staff: Angus MacLennan, Sandra Lusk, Michele Martin, Brooke Robinson and Mary Valair, I thank you for your cooperation over the year and wish you a good finish to another very busy year at CHCC. I hope you are all ready to sign up for the Club Closing Bonspiel. We have already received some door prizes for Championship night.

I also want to once again thank our Match Chair, Judy DiMillo for her dedication to seeing all the events have run so smoothly again this year. From the September cash spiels, to the Turkey Spiel, the OVCA Mixed Spiel, the upcoming Men's City of Ottawa and many Ladies competitions. Judy continues to exhibit the very positive image of CHCC both inside and outside the club that resulted in her being awarded the OCA Achievement Award last year.



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In late March we will be distributing the Pre-Registration forms for the Monday Open, Thursday Open and Friday Mixed Leagues.

As in other years, returning teams will have until May 1 to Pre-Register their team for the 2013/14 season. We already have enquiries about the availability of space next year so please make sure you register early. Please submit a cheque with your preregistration form or pay at the bar by debit or credit card.

Tickets for the Open Leagues Closing BBQ will go on sale right after the City of Ottawa Bonspiel.

Club Championship night is always a lot of fun and we will have even more door prizes this year, so plan to enter and show up April 24th for the finals.

Spearheaded by Jeff Larocque from our Thursday Night Corporate League the club will again be participating in the Big Bike for Heart & Stroke on Preston Street on June 12. Posters are up in the Women's & Men's change room telling you how to join the Women's or Men's team. Jeff Larocque and Lynn Moncion are the captains of the teams.

Don Richardson, Club Manager

## CLUB SPARING POLICY

The CHCC club sparing policy allows any person to play up to three times at CHCC. Before the fourth time on the ice they must become a member. Each League has a policy on positional play of spares.

## MATCH

This year, the Carleton Heights End of Year Club Championship will start on Monday, April 15, 2013 and wrap –up on Championship Night, Wednesday, April 24th. This event is open to everyone that curls at Carleton Heights in member or rental league curling. There are cash prizes for winners and runners-up in Four Events. We are aiming for 32 teams this year, so please get your teams organized now before the regular curling ends. More details and sign-up sheets will be available once the Men's City of Ottawa Bonspiel has wrapped up.

Carleton Heights was well represented in the 2013 Men's City of Ottawa Bonspiel, March 13th to 17th, 2013. Some of our teams made it to the final events. In the Open Division, Jeff Foss's team was the runner-up in the 11th Event and Rick Weber's team was the winner in the 12th Event. In the Senior Division, Murray Ballantine's team was the runner-up in the 4th Event. In the Senators' Division (65+), Paul Douglas was the winner and Bob Matheson's team was the runner-up in the 3rd Event and Gerald Fallu's team was the runner-up in the 4th Event. Congratulations to all the Carleton Heights players, you represented us well. Good luck next year!

Judy DiMillo, Match Chair

## 2013 AT CHCC

March 19-21 LCA MacDonald-Paterson-Roy  
March 23 Christopher Leadership & Curran rental  
April 6 **CHCC Spiel for Breast Cancer Research**  
April 4 Day Ladies Lunch  
April 9 Day Ladies Closing Dinner  
April 10 Day Men Closing Lunch  
April 10 Business Women Closing Dinner  
April 12 Friday Mixed Banquet



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April 13	Bartenders Bonspiel
April 14	Little Rock Closing Party
April 15 – 24	<b>Club Championship Bonspiel</b>
April 21	Junior Closing Party
April 23	CHCC Annual Meeting
April 24	Club Championship Finals
April 25	Open Leagues Closing BBQ
April 26	Stats Can Closing Banquet
April 27	DARA Closing Banquet
June 12	<b>Big Bike For Heart &amp; Stroke</b>

## DAY LADIES

The words “successful” and “active” have been used often over the last while to describe the Day Ladies.

We had nine teams entered in the Crystal Heart Bonspiel. Congratulations to Ofelia Webster and her team of Shirley Petrie, Shirley Wood and Patricia Fairbairn who made it made it to the seniors’ finals.

Our annual Invitational, held this year on February 13th, had as its theme “For the Love of Curling.” Thanks to Christine Henry and her committee for all their hard work – the compliments from the participating teams were well deserved.

February 20th saw us playing against the Day Men in the annual Spring Challenge. The competition was very spirited and enjoyed by all. As the final score was a tie, there was no winner of the lovely blue BMW convertible (custom made by Mattel), so it will be housed in the garage until the fall.

On February 27th, in the midst of an incredible snowstorm, we hosted City View for the Champagne Challenge. We came out on top, so we will be off to the Hunt Club (date yet to be decided) for the next challenge. Marian Rocque and her committee provided an elegant reception afterwards, complete

with strawberries, chocolate and the requisite champagne. Thanks, ladies!

We were represented by five teams in the Ladies City of Ottawa (March 5th to 7th), with Dawn Martin’s team going as far as the semi-finals. Good job, ladies! Our last bonspiel of the season will be the MacDonald-Patterson-Roy, which starts on March 19th. Good luck to all!

Our year will come to a close with lunch and our Annual General Meeting on April 4th and the Banquet and Awards Ceremony on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Catherine Lewis, President

## DAY MEN

With curling winding down for the season we reflect back on what I consider to be a very successful year. We had about 100 Day Men members participating in the numerous activities.

Our President’s Cup ran Friday afternoons from Oct. 12, 2012 to Nov. 30, 2012 and the Ed Warren team (Dave Scott, George Burbidge and Fred Odoysk) were the proud recipients of the trophy. Our Ed Flowers memorial trophy, played in January, was picked-up by Murray Ballantine’s team (Darrell Barnes, Fred Odoysk and Dave Bowman). The Don Flegel Ladder Trophy was played from February to March with a close battle being fought, the winner yet to be determined. All these games would not have been possible without the organizational skills of John Hunton.

Our Skip’s Choice, a fixed team event, organized and run by Doug Woods, ran from Nov. 21, 2012 to Mar. 6, 2013 with Ed Warren’s team (Dan Cogliati, Steve



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Hall and Gary Attfield) walking away with the winnings.

We enjoyed two mornings, one in November and one in February, of curling, great food & drink and a lot of laughs at our Day Women versus the Day Men Challenge.

Our Christmas Lunch, Chinese food, in early December was well attended. Our caterer from previous years is no longer with us and Don, the Club Manager, was able to find a very good replacement.

The 2013 Invitational Bonspiel was held Wednesday, January 16th, 2013, with a full complement of 16 teams. This year we had more teams wishing to play than there was room for. Our thanks go out to Gerald Fallu for organizing this very successful spiel.

Four of our members: Bob Matheson, Paul Douglas, Brian Overton and Dave Bowman are the "Zone Representatives at the Provincial Championship – Masters Curling" and are on their way to the provincials on Thursday, March 21st – 23rd, at the Thornhill Golf & Country Club.

Gary Mahoney has once again organized our golf tournament on Monday, May 27, 2013, at 8:00AM at the Manderley Golf course.

The title of President will soon be bestowed on Jim Henneberry, our current Vice President and, thanks to his help, made my job very easy. My thanks to all the executive: Bob Walsh who stepped in and took care of our financial needs as Treasurer, Richard Cardiff who monitored our membership, Doug Stafford who spent hours preparing our game schedules and monitoring the group members, Dave Scott who managed our catering needs and so many more that helped out throughout the year.

I encourage you to visit our Day Men's Website for information about all our activities at:

Best wishes for a great summer and look forward to seeing you next fall.

Kim Lauzon, President

## **YOUNG CURLERS LEARNING THE GAME**

The 2012-13 season has once again provided many of our young curlers the opportunity to learn the game of curling and to improve their skills. One thing that needs no improvement is their enthusiasm for the sport, as demonstrated every weekend.

Our Little Rocks program, under the guidance of John Tobin, is one of the largest in the region, with over 35 young curlers out every Sunday afternoon. John has also made sure that every Little Rocker has curled in other clubs' bonspiels to ensure that they are fully exposed to the joys of the game. In addition to the recreational bonspiels, we also recently hosted the zone's Little Rock Championships, in which three of our teams competed. Congratulations to John and his young curlers for another excellent year!

The bantam/Junior program has also done very well under the direction of Steve Cusimano. The over 20 young curlers compete every Sunday afternoon, as well as in competitive play. This year, we had two bantam girls' teams and one bantam boys' team competing in zone play, with one of the girls' team, skipped by Emma Wallingford, moving on to regionals. As well, we entered two bantam mixed teams in zones, with one of them competing in regionals the weekend of March 9-10. Another



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successful competitive year; with more to look forward to in the future.

Finally, none of these curlers would be able to realize their progress without the dedicated assistance of our volunteer coaches and instructors that we are fortunate to have at Carleton Heights. As we close out this year and planning for next season, we are always in need of more volunteers to help instruct on Sunday afternoons and to coach our competitive teams. Anyone interested in these highly satisfying positions should contact me prior to the coming season.

Thanks and good curling.

Dan Cogliati, Youth Coordinator

## **MONDAY OPEN**

### **50/50 Draw**

The 50/50 draw has been well received with 92 participants between the Monday and Thursday night leagues. Participants of the 50/50 draw will benefit with an estimated price of 10\$ for the Monday/Thursday night end of season BBQ. As a result of the success, the 50/50 will be back for the next season.

Keep an eye out for the BBQ tickets as they will be available soon

### **Pace of Play**

Those watching the Scotties and Brier over the winter might have noticed a change in the timing of the games. The new rules now count the thinking time of the teams and no longer the total time of play. This rule change has taken place about the same time that there is a discussion of the slow pace of play during our Monday, Thursday night games.

As a result, I would like to challenge all skips to make an effort and keep track of their own thinking time to see how they fare against 4 minutes of thinking time per end.

If we all make an effort to minimize our thinking time we will be able to more easily complete a full 8 ends per game.

Here's a quick summary of the rules:

Thinking Time allotted to each team to complete an eight (8) end game shall be 32 minutes.

Both teams are clocks are off at the start of the game. Team A delivers first stone in the first end (no clocks are running). The delivering team is allowed a maximum of 1 minute to deliver the first stone of each end. If the delivering team has not delivered its first stone within one minute, their clock will start.

Team B's clock will start when:

- a) all stones have come to rest in play or have crossed the back line, and;
- b) the sweepers and player who has just delivered have moved to the extreme side of the sheet, and;
- c) the delivering team has relinquished control of the house.

Team B's game clock will continue to run until Team B's delivered stone reaches the near tee-line, at which time Team B's game clock will stop and no clock will run until points (a) (b) and (c) above are met. Then Team A's clock will begin.

No clocks are running when a stone is in motion after the near tee-line.

At the conclusion of each end, both game time clocks shall remain stopped for a period of time as



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determined by the rules of the competition or the Chief Umpire. The appropriate game time clock shall be started when points (a) (b) and (c) above are met following the delivery of the first stone of the subsequent end.

Michel Ouellet, Coordinator

## RENTAL LEAGUES

The following rental leagues are part of our curling family:

Carleton Tavern - Sunday morning

Sunday Fun League (Canada Patent Office) - Sunday night

Ottawa Sports & Social Club - Sunday evening

Bill's League - Monday evening

DARA - Tuesday night

DND - Wednesday evening

Nortel - Wednesday night

Corporate League - Thursday evening

StatsCan - Friday evening

## CHCC 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BREAST CANCER BONSPIEL

*Curl for Hope*

**Saturday, April 6, 2013**

*Thank you* everyone for GENEROUSLY supporting this annual event year after year.

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation is very appreciative of our on-going efforts and the funds we raise are making a significant difference in the fight against breast cancer. **Please** give generously when one of your "fellow" curlers asks for your support!!!

Sincerely,

Sherry Ostrom, Sandy Mutart, Leona Duncan, Julia Kelly and Sue MacLatchy

**P.S. We need baking and prizes so please don't be shy – we need your help.**

## MOVING? NEW EMAIL?

Are you moving, getting a new phone number or new email address? Please let Don Richardson, our Club Manager, know so we can keep our files up to date and keep you informed of Club events.

## GOT QUESTIONS???

Our Executive members are always ready, willing and able to answer questions and bring suggestions and inquiries to the Board. Feel free to bring anything to your League Coordinator or President.

However, questions about the day to day operations do not require Board attention so who should you ask?? For anything dealing with the clubhouse, rentals etc. please ask the Manager or if he is not here pass your enquiry on through the bartender. For matters dealing with the Ice Area the contact is the Ice Chair Steve Hall.