



Carleton Heights Curling Club Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Carleton Heights Curling Club for the 2014-2015 curling season. As usual we were the first Ottawa Valley club to have our ice and many member got an early start to the season.

Carleton Heights has a full complement of curling venues to satisfy all curlers, little rocks, bantam, juniors, ladies, men's, seniors, open and fixed mixed leagues as well rental leagues.

Congratulations to our competitive teams who have already advanced in competitions or represented the club in various bonspiels. In particular the team of Gini Funnell, Lynda Kennedy, Sheila Brady and Doreen Rocque who won the Centennial and will advance to the finals against Quebec in Lachine Thursday November 13th 2014, the team of Ed Warren, Brian Prosser, Paul Meyer, and Steve Hall who played in Travelers Men's Club Championship, and the team of Emma Wallingford, Dana Cullen, Hanna Wallingford and Carissa Daly who played in the OVCA Junior Superspiel. Well done everyone. Thanks also to the countless volunteers who helped out at the OVCA Junior Superspiel.

Carleton Heights is fortunate to have a dedicated club management and ice technicians. Don Richardson and his staff always have smiles and cold beverages at the end of each game and Richard Halliburton and his staff insure great ice conditions for each match. Thank you from all members.

The holiday season is quickly approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone, on behalf of the board of directors "Happy Holidays".

Eric Fransky, President

CARLETON HEIGHTS – It's Fun to Curl Here

Rather than listing all the events on this year I refer you to our website. On the first page of the website at the bottom the Calendar for 2014- 2015 is available at all times. It is updated at least weekly.

All leagues are at the same number as last year. The Day Mixed League has picked up new members. The Ex-Nortel rental is growing to three sheets. The Day Men's Skip's Choice Draw which runs on Wednesday afternoon has ten teams.

What's New?

In July we replaced our Hydro Input junction box and upgraded to 600 volt service, as was required by Hydro Ottawa. It was quite costly but we were given no other option.

In the summer we sent the rocks to Canada Curling Stone and had the striking bands narrowed to allow more movement of the rocks in the house.

In October we replaced satellite TV with Fibe TV and at the same time signed up to business bundle our Internet and Telephone services. We expect a considerable monthly saving with the bundle and we have increased the speed of our Internet by at least a factor of 5. Ask for the WIFI password.

A new boot mud cleaner has been installed at the front door to try and keep the floors clean and the Brush head cleaner on the ice has been refurbished to keep them clean.

My Staff

I am very proud of the staff that are here to serve you this year. **Alex Young** works five shifts a week and I have asked him to be the Staff Health & Safety Officer. Alex came up through the Junior program and worked for me a few years ago. He left Ottawa



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for a couple of years and I am pleased to have him back. A lot of members remember his grandfather Jack Young, a former President, Manager and curler after whom we named the Jack Young Memorial Bonspiel. **Sandra Lusk** is working Mondays & Saturday nights and backing up on Sundays. Sandra has been with me for many years now and provides continuity and experience to the staff and she knows the President. Sandra curls with her Dad on Friday nights. **Angus MacLennan** does the inventory of alcohol and juices each week, works some Saturdays and is a trainer, advisor and backup for the rest of us. He has returned to curl with me this year and is adding more fun to Thursday nights. **Michaela Tuor** works Sunday night and fills some day shifts. This is her second year at the bar. She is curling with her mother & sister on Monday night. **Ellie Burleigh** works Sunday and Wednesday day shifts and some Saturdays. Although only in 3rd year at Carleton she brings years of foodservice experience to the club. **Erin Moncrieff** works Friday and Saturday day shifts. She also has worked in foodservice at Camelot Golf & Country Club. **Ann Campbell** is my cleaner. Everyone who comes into the club can see now much she really cares how the club looks every day. Ann also helps out in the kitchen as needed. She curls twice a week. **Nancy Long** can do anything in the kitchen and is called upon frequently to do everything. **Nancy** works major catering events such as the Open House, the Turkey spiel etc., etc. If you have a meal here Nancy will probably be in the kitchen. Nancy curls in several leagues at CHCC.

Pumpkin Contest Winners

The winning Pumpkin was:

#1 Carved by Erin Moncrieff

The winning voter was:

Patrick Dawson

Congratulations to both.

I thank the **Executive**, the Ice Makers, **Richard & Phil** and all members for their assistance and cooperation throughout the year. We all have fun when we work together well.

Don Richardson, Club Manager

JUNIOR SUPERSPIEL

The Junior Superspiel was held the weekend of October 31 – November 2 at 7 clubs around the city with the finals hosted by Carleton Heights. This world class bonspiel had teams from Switzerland (defending world junior men's champion), Scotland (national junior women's champion), the U.S. (both men's and women's national champions), the past 2 Canadian junior men's champions (both from Manitoba) and provincial champions from every province from Manitoba to Newfoundland. With a total prize purse of \$23,500, this was likely the richest junior event in the country if not the world.

The objective of the bonspiel is to bring world-class competition to Ottawa so our local teams can experience playing against the best. Amongst the local qualifiers to this event was Carleton Heights' own junior women's team skipped by Emma Wallingford.

Congratulations to the women's champion, Lauren Horton from Almonte, and to the men's champion, Korey Dropkin from the U.S. Congratulation also go to Emma Wallingford and her Carleton Heights team who, in their first Superspiel, finished with a very respectful record of 3 wins and 3 losses, having lost all three on the last shot, twice to Scotland! A very fine showing by this young women's team.

A HUGE THANK YOU must go out to Murray Ballantine, head official at Carleton Heights, to Gary Attfield, John Tobin and Wayne Attfield as deputy officials, and to the many timers who volunteered



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their time to make this a truly world-class event. Including the finals, Carleton Heights hosted 39 games this year and provided by far the most number of volunteers of any of the 7 clubs participating. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thanks also go to Don Richardson for his exceptional food and friendly service, and to Richard Haliburton for providing some of the best ice these curlers have ever curled on.

The weekend was a tremendous success thanks to all who helped. Plans have already started on next year's Superspiel. Given its success, the Superspiel will continue to attract interest from the top European, U.S. and Canadian junior teams and provide exceptional competitive opportunities to our local curlers.

Dan Cogliati, Youth Coordinator

CHCC Instruction Program

This fall Carleton Heights offered an Instruction Program, for both members and non-members at all curling levels. The program runs for 6 weeks using ice on Tuesday afternoons. There are currently 5 instructors. Five members signed on for the fall session and are improving their curling skills. This includes delivery and sweeping technique, rules, and strategy.

The next session runs from Jan. 6 to Feb. 10, 2015. Applications and fees are arranged with our manager, Don Richardson. The deadline for the next session is Dec. 23. There will be a third session in the spring if there is enough demand.

Nancy Long

CHCC 15th ANNUAL BREAST CANCER BONSPIEL
was a HUGE success!!!!
Thank you everyone!!!!

The CHCC 15th ANNUAL BREAST CANCER BONSPIEL was held Saturday, March 29, 2014 and was another HUGE success - we donated an unbelievable \$40,000 to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, bringing our total donation to \$397,000!!!

Everyone should feel satisfaction in knowing that together we are helping others, that we are truly making a difference. This quote from two young men involved in a fundraiser in memory of their grandmother sums it all up very well:

"This is great opportunity to be part of a worthy initiative and cause. Rain, shine, hail or storm at the end of the day it's knowing that you've done the most with your time, and that someone is better off because of it. You have truly helped make a difference for the future of others", by Aly Hirji

We have been told that it is very unusual for a small, grassroots fundraiser to last more than 5 years. Thank you everyone for GENEROUSLY supporting this annual event year after year for 15 years - we have an amazing club, with amazing members. The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation is very appreciative of our on-going efforts and they want to be sure that all club members know that our efforts are making a significant difference in the fight against breast cancer.

Next year's date has been set – Saturday, March 28, 2015. Plans are already underway for another wonderful day of friendship and fundraising!

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



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ICE

As your Ice Chair, I have two main messages. Firstly, an important part of my job is to act as liaison between the club members and our ice technician Richard Haliburton, so please feel free to talk to me if you have comments (positive or negative) about any aspect of ice maintenance, ice quality, curling stone anomalies, etc. Richard and his crew do major ice maintenance three times a year and re-condition the running surfaces of the stones twice a year, but anomalies can develop in between these activities, and I would like to know about them in the interests of providing the best possible curling conditions. We may not have a solution for every problem, but we will try to address your concerns. Secondly, please do your part to help keep the ice in good condition. Ensure that your brooms, shoes, and grippers are clean and in good shape, and please don't rest your hands or knees on the ice after you have thrown your stone – it only takes a few seconds to create an imprint or a flat spot that could cause a subsequent rock to “pick”.

This past summer we sent our curling stones out to a company near London for “re-profiling” of the striking bands (the area where rocks make contact when they strike each other). You probably haven't noticed, because this doesn't affect how the rocks feel in your hand or how they curl as they go down the ice. However, it is nonetheless important to perform this type of “preventative maintenance” in order to prolong the life of the stones (if the striking bands get too flat from repeated contact, the stones may begin to chip irreparably). We continue to look “down the road” to identify the need for other types of preventative maintenance, as well as scenarios for eventual replacement of our ice plant and equipment as they age.

Steve Hall, Ice Chair

DAY LADIES

We have 62 curlers and 26 social members who have signed up for this season. We are mid-way through our first two draws of the year, the Whitman and the Cribb/Rosebowl. Both will end at Christmas and we will start two new draws in the new year. Our first event of the year was our Welcome Back Lunch and General Meeting which was held on October 23rd. It was well attended as we always like getting together to socialize and a meal. Our next event will be the Day Ladies versus Day Men's challenge. Some of our curlers have been attending the training clinics held at the club, so I suspect we will offer a good challenge to our male counterparts...stay tuned for the results! Our first bonspiel of the year was the November 4-6 Centennial. Four teams participated and team Carolyn Daniels (Ofelia Whitlaw, Nancy Wortman and Mary Ellen Sanderson) made it to the semi-finals and were eliminate. Team Gini Funnell (Lynda Kennedy, Sheila Brady and Doreen Rocque) were flawless and made it to the finals where they won 12-8 making them the Centennial champions. They are off to Lachine Quebec to play the winners of District 1 on November 13th.

Our second bonspiel will be the Hope/Beddoe starting on November 18th. We have seven teams playing so hopefully we will bring home to the club some good news. Our next social event is our annual Christmas Party which will be on December 16th. We are not sure if Santa Claus will visit but there will definitely be music, good food and lots of laughs.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in playing with us, they can join starting in January. Cheers and good curling to everyone!

Nicole Deschesne, President, Day Ladies



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DAY MEN

As we move through the first third of our season, there have been many highlights. We began in early September with series of open practice sessions closely followed by our "off the board" curling, our President's Cup fixed team competition, and the first round of our competitive "Skip's Choice" event. On November 12 we journeyed to the RCMP club for the first round of an annual "friendly" competition. The RCMP teams will be making a return visit to our club on December 5. For those interested in a unique competition, the November Day Men/Day Ladies' challenge is coming up very shortly. The second round will be held near the end of February.

The Day Men's program offers a wide variety of curling options for our members. Today we are planning the Christmas Fun Spiel (complete with Chinese food) and the Fun and Pizza Spiel to be held in co-ordination with our AGM early in April. In early January, we will supplement our "off the board", Skip's Choice and trophy competitions with a Men/Ladies' Social series of 4 matches. In late January, we will host our annual invitational bonspiel, inviting teams from across the region. And as our season progresses many of our day men teams will continue to compete successfully in area and regional bonspiels and in the annual City of Ottawa Bonspiel.

Being day men, we meticulously chart our curling percentages throughout the season. To date our aggregate, all men, shooting percentage on the ice is 60.6%. However this percentage rises slightly to 101.9% once our shots are thoroughly analysed at the bar.

Lee McCormack, President

MONDAY OPEN

The Monday night league 2014-15 season is well under way with a full complement of 20 teams. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the Monday night league especially all the new members that have joined our league for the 2014-15 season. There are several new members joining our league and also a few curlers that have come from other leagues at Carleton heights. Please take the time to welcome them to the Monday night league and hopefully this is the first of many season of curling with us.

For the third year, the Monday and Thursday night leagues will be running the 50/50 draw throughout the season in an effort to help subsidize the Monday and Thursday leagues end of season BBQ & prizes monies. I happy to announce with 61 members signed up, the 50/50 draw will consist of 20 draws of \$61 starting on October 27th until March 23rd, 2015. The draws take place in-between 7 & 9 pm draws on Monday or Thursday evenings with the winning member being advised via email if not present at the time of the draw. Also on the bulletin board next to the kitchen there is a list of all members who have won a 50/50 draw.

On behalf of the Monday night curlers I would like to thank Don, our club manager for again selling grippers at cost to members in an effort to promote a clean ice surface and hope everyone took advantage of this offer.

For information concerning the Monday night league feel free to visit our club's website <http://www.carletonheightscc.ca> to lookup information about the Monday night open league or view the latest updates of events happening at Carleton Heights curling club.



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If you have any other question, require more information about Carleton Height curling do not hesitate to give me a shout.

Michel Ouellet, Coordinator

THURSDAY OPEN

The Thursday Night Open League is well into the first round with Team Ouellet in the lead with 5 wins.

The Monday and Thursday League 50-50 started on October 30th and Steve Piers was our first winner taking home just over \$70. The 50-50 drawn on alternate Monday and Thursday nights for the next 19 weeks between the 7 and 9:15 games. Winners will be posted on the bulletin board and will be advised by e-mail if not present at the time of the draw. The 50-50 plays a significant role for both leagues as it is used to create the prize pool for League champions and divisional winners and helps offset costs for the year end BBQ. All teams are encouraged to participate, it is not too late to enter your name.

Don't forget to check the CHCC website for updated first round standings.

Richard Davis, Coordinator

FRIDAY MIXED

The Friday Night Mixed League is off to great start. We have 18 teams and will be playing a full 20 game schedule – the same number as is played by the Monday and Thursday leagues - for the first time in recent memory. We are also on track with the dual goals of maximizing the number of 7:05 games each team plays and accommodating as many bye requests and scheduling preferences as is possible.

As a part of the impressive renewal of the Club Web-Site undertaken by Kim Lauzon, the Friday Night Mixed page now contains a list of the league's "Past Champions" back to 1981. Only three years are missing: does anyone know who won in 2008-9, 2009-10, or 2010-11? If so, let us know. The web-page also shows standings, updated weekly.

There are a number of new members to Friday Night Mixed this year. To all of our returning members, please take the time to welcome our newcomers and show them Carleton Heights well-known hospitality. And don't forget the X-mas Party: mark December 12 on your calendars!

Kathryne and Rob, Coordinators

YOUTH REPORT

The Little Rocks and Bantam/Junior programs are up and running at Carleton Heights and Sunday afternoons are very busy at the club. With 44 Little Rockers and 29 Bantam/Juniors registered, it is great to see that the sport is growing with such enthusiastic young curlers.

The Little Rocks program, administered by John Tobin, runs Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. To some viewers, it is 'organized chaos' with over 40 curlers on the ice at one time. But under John's capable direction and with the assistance of several NCCP certified instructors and helpers, the young curlers learn the basic concepts of the sport, including delivery, sweeping, strategy, scoring, rules and etiquette. John also encourages these young curlers to experience the joys of bonspieling by arranging for teams to enter various little rock bonspiels in the area. A favourite activity, outside of the hot chocolate, is the "Toonie Toss" competition where curlers win prize money based on the best shot-to-the-button throws. If you want



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to see enthusiasm at its finest, come out and watch a session. It will make you dream of being young again.

The Bantam/Junior program, under the direction of Phil Bellissimo, is an instructional and recreational program where curlers of all experience come together to learn the sport and have fun competing in a relaxed environment. The program runs from 11:30 to 3:00 pm. Instruction is provided by NCCP certified instructors and coaches to ensure that all of the curlers are receiving the same technical advice. These curlers also look forward to the junior "Toonie Toss" competition. Curlers participate in a weekly shot-to-the-button competition with the winners receiving prize money depending upon how close the winning shot is to the pin. The next time you happen to be playing against a junior curler from the club and you wonder how they can consistently draw the 4 foot, now you know!

Alongside the Bantam/Junior program are our competitive youth teams. This year, we have one junior girls team and 4 bantam teams, one boys and three girls. All are engaged in various bonspiels around the city and in the case of the junior team, around the province. Each team has an NCCP Certified Competition Coach who helps guide the competitive development of these young curlers. Carleton Heights is fortunate to have probably the highest number of Certified Competitive coaches of any club in the province. Good luck to all of our competitive teams at the upcoming zone/region/provincial playdowns later this season.

If anyone is interested in helping out with our Sunday programs, we are in need of instructors. With so many competitive teams out bonspieling, we often find ourselves in need of a few more on-ice instructors. Even if you are not a certified

instructor, we will gladly accept your assistance and will help you get your certification.

Dan Cogliati, Youth Coordinator

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.

Suggestions???

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.

Questions about the day to day operations do not require Board attention. 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.

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.