



# Carleton Heights Curling Club Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been another busy year at Carleton Heights Curling Club and spring will soon be upon us. Most of our leagues have entered their final round and the club championship will follow shortly thereafter.

Our members have been very active club both on and off the ice as indicated by the reports from our various leagues. Congratulations to everyone on their achievements throughout the year.

During the year we overhauled our website and it appears to have been an overwhelming success based on all comments we have received. Thanks Kim!

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.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the members for your involvement in OUR Club. I am proud to be a part of such a great organization where everyone contributes to its success.

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.

On behalf of my staff:

Angus MacLennan, Ann Campbell, Alex Young, Sandra Lusk, Michaela Tuor, Ellie Burleigh, Erin Moncrieff, Nancy Long and Jennifer Gough, 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 running April 20 thru April 29. We are sending out requests to our suppliers for door prizes for Championship night.

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 2015/16 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 April 30th will go on sale in late March. 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 30th for the finals.

The renovations we planned last year before we experienced our Hydro problem are being discussed again for this summer including insulating the East wall of the arena to improve the ability to control the environment in the ice area and renovation of the Women's Washroom. More information on these initiatives will follow.

Don Richardson, Club Manager



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## CHCC 16th Annual Bonspiel for Breast Cancer

We have our 24 teams from across Ottawa, prizes have started to come in and fundraising has begun. We are getting set for another great day!

Raising funds for very important research and education is vital but the bonspiel is not only about fundraising. Breast Cancer is very personal and our bonspiel has grown into a day that provides an open, comfortable forum for women to spend time together, share their experiences and their feelings, and to support each other. The women are inspired by each other and find strength together. We are honoured to be a part of this experience and humbled by everyone's personal reasons for being involved.

Carleton Heights CC is an amazing and supportive club, we thank everyone for their on-going support of this event. The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF) attends our event every year and provides prestigious guest speakers to come and speak to us about where the funds go and to thank us for our efforts - last year we were privileged to have Dr. Angel Arnaout\*\* attend. This year the CBCF has nominated the bonspiel for its Lifetime Achievement Award with a presentation in Toronto on April 19th – we can all be very proud of this accomplishment.

Together we are making a difference in the fight against breast cancer!!



(Leigh Jasmine CBCF, Sue, Dr. Angel Arnaout, Sherry, Sandy, Leona)

Final donation was \$40,000!!!! AMAZING!!!

\*\*Dr. Angel Arnaout – surgical oncologist at the Ottawa Hospital and clinical investigator of cancer therapeutic at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute

Sue MacLatchy, Sandy Mutart, Leona Duncan, Sherry Ostrom and Julia Kelly  
Organizing Committee,  
CHCC Bonspiel for Breast Cancer, Curl for Hope

## DAY LADIES

So much has happened since the last newsletter, all of it exciting and good news! In November, Team Gini Funnell (Regina Blohon, Lynda Kennedy & Orlene Whitlaw) won the Beddoe trophy while Team Dawn Martin (Liz Paveck, Nicole Deschesne & Doreen Rocque) won the Hope trophy. That same month, Team Orlene Whitlaw (Dawn Martin, Rose Moore & Nancy Wortman) won the Richmond bonspiel and Team Regina Blohon (Orlene Whitlaw, Myrna Latham & Nancy Wortman) won the RCMP bonspiel.



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In the fall, Heather McCormack took great care in organizing our side of the day mens/day ladies challenge....I just can't remember who won! Our annual Card Party was organized by Margo Kornaluk. Margo and her team of helpers managed to host 100 bridge players for a lunch and card game. Great job Margo, no wonder our card party sells out every year. Our Christmas party was hosted by Gini Funnell and Vivian Rutherford and what a fabulous job they did organizing our day of festivities and lunch. Donations were collected at the Christmas Party and the Day Ladies donated \$440 in cash along with many boxes of food to the Debra Dynes Family House. Thank you and we look forward to your encore in 2015.

In January, the day ladies continued with their bonspiel successes. Team Liz Curran (Shirley Petrie, Monica McGahey & Patricia Fairbairn) won the City View bonspiel. Team Carolyn Daniels (Orlene Whitlaw, Rose Moore & Patricia Fairbairn) made it to the semi-finals in the Crystal Heart. Catherine Lewis and her helpers had an extremely successful canteen during the Crystal Heart, thank you for all your time and efforts and thanks goes to Judy DiMillo who is always an integral player in organizing Crystal Heart.

In February, we had our second day mens/day ladies challenge and I do remember who won, the ladies! Thank you to Heather again for taking care of our responsibilities for the day.

In March, Team D'Aoust (Liz Paveck, Diane Foss & Helen Pieschke) won the Victory Trophy for winning the second event at the Ottawa Ladies Invitational.

We still have a lot of bonspiels that we are playing in the next couple of months, so hopefully our podium finishes continue, we might have to expand our trophy case to accommodate all of our hardware! Good luck ladies and thank you for

doing such a great job representing CHCC. A second thank you to all of you who helped out at all our events, names are too numerous to mention here.

Nicole Deschesne, President, Day Ladies

## DAY MEN

As we move toward the spring season, a number of highlights come to mind. As always, the day mens' program offered a wide variety of options ranging from "off the board" curling, our "trophy" fixed team events, our competitive "Skip's Choice", and a variety of special events that supplement our day-to-day program. These included:

A mid-winter Day Men/Ladies' Social series of matches, four "friendly" (home and home) bonspiels with the RCMP and the Navy clubs, two Day Men/Day Ladies' challenges in the early and late winter, and our annual invitational bonspiel, bringing teams from across the region to compete with our members, at our club.

Beyond these we offered purely fun events including the Christmas Spiel (crazy rules and Chinese food) and the annual Pizza Spiel to be held with our AGM early in April.

As our season progressed many day men teams participated successfully in regional bonspiels. It was not uncommon for our teams to win (first and second at the Navan over 70's and first at the RCMP seniors, for example) – and there were other solid results, too many to list. But one success stands out – Bob Matheson and his teammates have qualified for the Provincial Grand Master Finals in Thornhill (qualifying for the third year in a row!) and for the Provincial Stick Championships in Collingwood. We



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wish them well as they compete for these banners in March and April.

The most remarkable thing about the day mens' curling program is the number of members who volunteer their time to plan, organize and run these many events; and to make sure that finances are in order, that schedules are made, that results and photos are posted on the website, that trophies are engraved and yes, right down to ensuring that peanuts are on the table after each game. Literally dozens of people take an active involvement in working together and offering a wide range of curling options for our members. Few clubs can match it. This is a big part of what makes CHCC a really special place.

Lee McCormack, President

## **THURSDAY OPEN**

The Thursday Night League is well into the final round of the season. Continue to check on-line to see how your team is ranked in the standings. There are 5 teams in contention to win the Thursday Night Open League championship and it looks like we will not know who will be our league champion until the last week of the season. The races for 1B, 2A and 2B event winners are also too close to call at this point.

I have received lots of favourable comments about the format used this year and I plan to use the same format for the 2015-16 season.

With Don Richardson's help Tom Clarke and I are planning the year end BBQ which will be held on Thursday April 30th. We will be selling tickets for the BBQ which includes a huge steak, baked potato and salads as well and a drink ticket for \$15 (50-50 participants) and \$20 for other curlers and friends

who want to join in the event. We will be having a raffle at the BBQ that you will not want to miss as Tom is lining up some great prizes. We will be sharing more information about the raffle in next few weeks.

Don't forget, if you plan on curling in the Thursday Night Open League next season we require a \$100 deposit from each player to hold your spot in the league payable before May 1st.

Richard Davis, Coordinator

## **FRIDAY MIXED**

The Friday Night Fixed Mixed League completed the 17-game round-robin portion of its schedule on March 6. For the remaining 3 games, teams will play those with whom they are contiguous in the standings, much like our Monday and Thursday Open leagues. This should lead to spirited battle among teams of similar abilities, as well as worthy competition among teams vying for league championship honours.

We very successfully implemented the goal of maximizing the number of 7:05 games each team plays - of the 153 games played through the round-robin portion, 89 were scheduled as early games.

The Friday Night Mixed page of the club website continues to show standings, which are updated weekly. Also, check out over 30 years of champions in the Friday Mixed League. Three seasons of winners are missing - do you know who won? And don't forget the Closing Banquet: mark April 17 on your calendars!

It's hard to believe it's almost time to start thinking about curling next year. There is room for new teams, so if you are interested in putting a team in



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the Friday Mixed League, contact Rob Kanasy at [robjen@bell.net](mailto:robjen@bell.net) for more information.

Kathryne and Rob, Coordinators

## **Club Sparring Policy**

The CHCC club sparring 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. The Website is also an excellent source of information that is kept current on a daily basis for your use by Kim Lauzon.

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.