



Carleton Heights Curling Club Newsletter

March 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are in the depths of winter which up until these last few days, has been fairly tame. Our on ice curling season is normally not affected by weather conditions, however this past week resulted in our club shutting down for an evening in consideration of Club staff being able to get home and the inability of scheduled curlers making it to the club due to excess snow. Now that we have dug ourselves out, all is back to normal and our leagues are in full swing moving towards playoff schedules and a variety of other club events all of which are available on our club website.

As I write this message, I am distracted due to the televising of Canada's top tier women's curling event, The Scotties Tournament of Hearts, being held in Alberta. In a couple of weeks we will again be entertained by our top men's teams as part of the Canadian Brier. Some of our club members will be helping out in a volunteer capacity and many of our member's will be spectators for this event which is being held at TD Place here in Ottawa. We are fortunate in Canada to have such accomplished female and male curlers battling it out for recognition as top Canadian curlers. The sport of curling in Canada continues to grow with more and more young people participating.

With the approach of spring, most leagues will be entering their final rounds. Congratulations to all for your achievements

to date and enjoy the rest of the season. I would like to thank all club members for your participation in our club and making it a great success.

Don Raymond, President

CARLETON HEIGHTS – A Friendly Place to Curl!

On behalf of my staff - Angus MacLennan, Ann Campbell, Alex Young, Alyssa Dillinger, 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 18 through April 27**. We are sending out requests to our suppliers for door prizes for Championship night. A Club Championship sign-up sheet will be available at the bar March 7.

In early 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 2016/17 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.



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Tickets for the **Open Leagues Closing BBQ April 28th** 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 27th for the finals.**

We recently had our electrician install new LED lights in the bar to see if we prefer the light they give off. In addition, we also wanted to see if we could save on hydro costs.

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, the assistant manager, or if they are not here pass your enquiry on through the bartender. For matters dealing with the Ice Area the contact is the Ice Chair Steve Hall.

Donald Richardson, Manager

Alexander Young, Assistant Manager

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.

DAY LADIES

In January, we had 7 new CHCC members join the Day Ladies. The Instructional Program has been a great source of new members for us, thank you to all the coaches.

Our big news is the success of the Day Ladies at the Crystal Heart. Team Barker won the main event in the 32 team senior's division!! We are so excited and proud of our day ladies' team. Teams from all over Eastern Ontario and West Quebec participate in this annual event. Congratulations to Tedde Barker, Dawn Blackman Overton, Christine Henry and Myrna Latham.

We continue to have great presence at local bonspiels as far as Vankleek Hill, Perth, Winchester, Russell and city wide. Thank you to all the women for representing CHCC and good luck. Bring us home some more hardware, we have space in our display cabinet!

The Day Ladies have started doing 50/50 draws at our main social events in support of Junior Competitive curling teams here at CHCC. We will be holding three 50/50 draws and will probably generate close to



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\$400 in total annual donations to the Junior teams. We wish them success in their competitions.

In closing, I leave you with a curling grace.

Give me Grace,

Give me Class,

To be the skip.....behind the glass!

Nicole Deschesne

Day Ladies President

DAY MEN

The Day Men have had a busy season to date. The foursome of Bob Matheson, Albert Cole, Dale Campbell and Michel Lalonde were successful in the Regional Stick curling playdowns held the Ottawa Hunt Club in January. They will be travelling to Simcoe, Ontario, March 20 – 23, 2016 for the Provincials – Good Luck from all the Day Men.

Randy Ferby visited Carleton Heights on November 16th, 2015, he was met by our Club President Don Raymond. He was advertising his involvement with the Everest Canadian Senior Curling Championships to be held in Digby, NS March 28 to April 2nd, 2016. List will be put on the Senior Men's notice board – those interested attending can put their names on the list which will be taken down each week. There will be 4 personnel selected to go to the Bonspiel, with spouses, transportation to/from, stay at a hotel, transportation, etc. will be provided for the winners.

The Day Men and Day Ladies Challenge was held on November 25th 2015. Once again, the Day Men were the winners. An excellent job by Terry Perkins who organized the Day Men's teams and kept SCORE?

Our first Day Men Bonspiel, the President's Cup, finished on November 27, 2015. It was won by Richard Davis, Gary Attfield, Lee McCormick and Kim Lauzon.

The Day Men's Annual Invitational Bonspiel was held on January 20th, 2016. Due to a shortage of outside teams, we had 5 Carleton Heights teams to fill out the 16 team list. A Event winners were Richard Davis, Geoff Munroe, Dave Scott and Dave Bowman and the B Event winners were from the Manotick CC - Frank Van Ryckeghem, Pat Catizzone, Ron Knight and Bob Pentland. A good time was had by all participants - another successful day run by Lee McCormick with the able assistance from Jim Henneberry and Wayne.

Our next Bonspiel, the `Ed Flowers` ended on January 27th, 2016. Doug Stafford, Norm Patenaude, Gary Mahoney and Larry Dimillo won the event.

The 2016 Don Flegel Ladder commenced on February 12th to end April 4th, 2016. There were only enough names to make up 7 teams so there will be bye each week for one team.



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The next Day Men and Day Ladies Challenge will held on February 24th, 2016.

As was mentioned in the November Newsletter - there will another Golf tournament at the Hylands Golf Course on June 6th, 2016. It will be a shotgun start commencing at 8:00 AM - don't know which course yet. The cost should be the same as last year - \$80.00 for non-members of Hylands and \$30.00 for Hylands members. The cost includes 18 holes, with power-cart and on completion there will be Hamburgers and Caesar Salad for every one of the participants in the lounge. Also, there will prizes for everyone - some not too big, but still something to remember that you took part in the tournament. All leagues are welcome to golf, lists for names will be put in each locker room by Mid-March. 72 golfers is the number for a shotgun start.

Another successful season for the Day Men. Good curling, good friendships renewed and excellent companionship throughout the year. Thanks to all the curlers for making it very rewarding and worthwhile being the Day Men's President.

Wayne Moore
President - Day Men

MONDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS

The Monday and Thursday Leagues are now in the third and final round of the season. Please check the standings available on the

Carleton Heights Curling Club website to see who is in contention to win the two leagues.

We will be sending details about our third annual Scotch Doubles event and the year-end BBQ to league members in the coming weeks.

Tom and Richard are already starting to plan for the 2016-17 season. There have been a number of teams inquiring about joining the leagues next season.

As always, existing teams have until May 1st to pay a \$100 per player deposit to hold your team's spot in the league(s) for next season. We ask the skips to give us a heads up by e-mail as soon as possible hopefully indicating that you are returning for another season of curling at Carleton Heights.

During the season we have received positive and constructive comments from the membership with respect to issues including league format, speed of play, and ice conditions. We respect the feedback and work with the executive, ice technicians and the club manager to keep you coming back to curl at our club.

Tom Clarke and Richard Davis,
League Coordinators

FRIDAY MIXED

The Friday Mixed League is heading into the final quarter of the season, where everyone will complete the 19-game round-robin and play one extra game against a team with



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whom they are proximate in the standings. Continue to check the web-site each week for updated standings. There are still numerous teams vying to finish in the Top 3, with many key head-to-head matches still to be played.

This is also the time of year to reflect on our league and our club as a whole. If you have any suggestions you think would improve everyone's curling experience, don't hesitate to pass them along.

With Rob covering the roles of both drawmaster and treasurer, my first year as social coordinator has been a breeze. The smooth hand-off from Kathryne Jessup following her 5 years as social coordinator was very useful and welcome - thanks!

It was wonderful that the vast majority of Friday Mixed members (66 of 80) were able to attend our annual Christmas Party. As a new member of this league, it was a great opportunity to meet more people. We enjoyed a yummy Chinese buffet (big thanks to Don for smoothing out several glitches from the caterer....missing utensils, plates, food!), a Christmas trivia game, and a fun gift exchange. As MC, I was personally glad that the gift of fake snowballs was opened near the end, as the gang enjoyed launching them across the room, and at the MC, for the remainder of the evening! The number of side deals and

gift trades was unprecedented. Very impressive!

Our closing banquet and awards night is Friday, April 15. Save that date!

Rob Kanasy, League Coordinator

Debbi Craniford, Social Coordinator

CHCC 17th Annual Bonspiel for Breast Cancer April 6, 2016

Year after year we are fortunate enough to round up 24 teams from across Ottawa, as well as have a waiting list of teams that would like to come. Our club and its members are very special - we want to thank everyone for their on-going support of this event.

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation awarded the bonspiel a Lifetime Achievement Award at a presentation in Toronto on April 19, 2015 – we should all be very proud of this accomplishment. The trophy we received is located in the quilt trophy case near the cloakroom.

Here's our history:

Year 2000 we raised \$6,750 and we've never looked back.....

2001 \$10,000	2006 \$23,000	2011 \$38,550
2002 \$10,300	2007 \$33,560	2012 \$39,000
2003 \$16,300	2008 \$35,000	2013 \$40,000
2004 \$18,000	2009 \$34,250	2014 \$40,000
2005 \$19,000	2010 \$33,500	2015 \$37,000



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Our total over 16 years has been \$434,000
– the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation is very impressed with our all-volunteer-run fundraiser and really appreciates of our annual effort and donation. The CBCF is working very hard to create a future without breast cancer.

Many thanks to everyone for giving so generously!!!! Together we are making a difference in the fight against breast cancer!!

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

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.

