



Carleton Heights Curling Club Newsletter

November 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Curlers,
Welcome back to the 2016-2017 curling season. Hope everyone enjoyed our great summer weather with spending time by the pool or out on the golf course. So far Mother Nature has been kind to us still kind of warm and sunny. Hopefully she will hold off on the snow for a while.

I would like to congratulate Team Wallingford for their win in the OVCA Junior Superspiel and also to Team McNamara, a Bantam team for qualifying. I am sure we will hear good things from these teams in the future. They are truly and inspiration to all young curlers here at Carleton Height Curling Club.

I would also like to send my wishes out to a speedy recovery for Don Richardson. Keep getting stronger; you are missed by all of us.

I would also like to welcome our new Manager Alex Young. He has big shoes to fill but it looks to me like he is filling them.

As you know Ottawa held the Brier last March at the TD Place. It was a great success. Congratulations to all of the volunteers, without you it would have not been as much fun. I especially want to thank any volunteers who worked in the Brier Patch – thanks for keeping the drinks flowing. With ticket sales and 50/50 tickets the Ottawa area was able to raise a significant amount of money that will be put back into the curling community.

Please feel free to talk to any member of the executive. We are here for you so please let us hear from you

Marilyn Kelly, President

CARLETON HEIGHTS – A Friendly Place to Curl!

Greetings!

I hope you are all having a wonderful start to your curling season. Early fall is always a busy time here at Carleton Heights. Having our ice prior to other clubs provides us with the opportunity to have a broad range of curlers walk in our doors. You may even see a few very well-known curlers practicing here at our club! We have hosted a variety of bonspiels within the first several months of our operations. Events such as the Rideau Ice Breaker, Women's OCT, and Junior Superspiel provide great exposure for curling here at Carleton Heights.

I specifically would like to congratulate team Wallingford and their coach Dan Cogliati who recently won the Ladies side of the Junior Superspiel. This is the first time that a Carleton Heights team has won the Superspiel. Team McNamara and their coach Phil Bellissimo have also been quite successful so far this season. Having such competitive young teams at our club shows the strength of our youth program. I also would like to thank Team Davis and Team Mutart who entered the Travelers competition to represent the club.



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A special thanks to my staff that do a wonderful job here at the club. Angus MacLennan, Ann Campbell, Nancy Long, Andrew Denny, Michaela Tuor, Alyssa Dillinger, and Emma Coulter make my efforts here much more simple thanks to their strong work ethic. I hope that each and every one of you is having a fantastic start to your season. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event that you have any comments or concerns. As always, happy curling and enjoy your time here at Carleton Heights.

Alexander Young, Manager

Team Wallingford Claims Superspiel Title



Carleton Heights' own junior women's team made history as being the first team from the club to win the OVCA Junior Superspiel. Team Wallingford, with Emma Wallingford as skip, Dayna Cullen at third, Hannah Wallingford at second and lead Jillian Page, won the women's title on October 30th along with \$4,000 in prize money.

The team started slowly, with a loss in game 1 to the team from Switzerland early Friday morning, but then went on a 7-game winning streak which included victories over teams from Northern Ontario (2 teams), Newfoundland and Labrador, Switzerland, Ontario, Manitoba, and finally Team Little, another OVCA qualifying team.

Congratulations to Team Wallingford, and to Team McNamara, the bantam boys team from the club, on representing the club in tremendous fashion at the highest levels of junior curling. Team McNamara, made up of Jordan McNamara as skip, Lucas Houle at third, Alex Cousineau at second and Brenden Laframboise at lead, also qualified for the Superspiel, and while the team did not have the same success as Team Wallingford, it nevertheless showed exceptional talent, skill and deportment throughout the weekend

The 2016 OVCA Junior Superspiel was made up of provincial champion or representative teams from every province except Alberta and Saskatchewan, and included national representative teams from Switzerland, the U.S. and China. The Superspiel field is the strongest grouping of junior teams outside of possibly the Canadian junior championships or the junior worlds, and the over \$24,000 in prize money is the largest for any junior event anywhere.

CHCC Junior Superspiel Volunteers - 2016

Many thanks to the Carleton Heights Curling Club for co-hosting the annual bonspiel and



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especially to Judy DiMillo and her group of officials for the exceptionally well-run event which included hosting the finals Sunday afternoon. Also, special thanks go to the 21 timers for their work in timing each of the 38 games that the club hosted this year. Carleton Heights once again demonstrated that it continues to be the best club in the region and the province for its support to youth curling.

The following are the people who contributed to the successful running of this event at Carleton Heights:

Officials

Judy DiMillo - Head Official
Murray Ballantine, Wayne Attfield, Gary Attfield, John Tobin

Timers (# games timed)

Terry Kuzma (4), Andy Baldwin (3), Paul Julien (3), Kathryne Jessup (3), Mark Bodnar (3), Ted Thexton (2), John Tobin (2), Earl Hartwig (2), Liz Curran (2), Doug Woods (2), Harold Campbell (2), Gerald Fallu (1), Terry Perkins (1), Richard Davis (1), Monica McGahey (1), Tom Hayward (1), Jim Henneberry (1), Maria L'Orfano (1), Sandy Douglas (1), Paul Douglas (1), Marilyn Kelly (1)

Data Entry

Cindy Jackson and Chad Vandermade

Display Boards and Timing Display System

Rowenna Moore and Dan Cogliati

Ice

Richard Haliburton

Administration

Tom Sinclair - Chair of OVCA Junior
Superspiel

ICE

Curling on our ice began in the third week of August this year, so we are rapidly approaching the half-way point of our season. In September you received a communication from me talking about the performance criteria that was put into the new ice tech contract, governing our requirements for the minimum amount of curl and the minimum speed of the ice. I have been monitoring this constantly as the season has progressed, and so far the performance criteria has been consistently met by Richard Haliburton and his crew. There has been the odd anomaly, and there was a period in the latter part of October when some of the rocks on some of the sheets were starting to run a little straighter. However, the rocks were re-conditioned in the last week of October, and we are getting more than the required 3.5 feet of curl on draw shots on locations on all of the sheets. As well, the speed of the ice has consistently exceeded the minimum performance criteria.

The one complaint that I have heard from time to time is associated with rocks "picking". In this respect, I have three



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comments. Firstly, one of the corollaries of having rocks that are “textured” so that they bite into the pebble and curl more is that curlers need to be sure that they are putting a very positive handle on the rock as it is released – rocks with weak or slow handles will tend to pick more than rocks that are thrown with a good strong rotation. Secondly, I still see a few people that like to kneel down and watch their rocks slide down the ice. Please remember that it takes only a few seconds to create a flat spot from the body heat of a hand or knee resting on the ice. If a rock later hits one of these flat spots, chances are good that it will pick. Thirdly, as I mention every year, please check your equipment for wear – especially your gripper. Small bits of rubber (or bits of lint or cloth from a worn jacket or pants) are prime causes of rocks picking. As a general rule of thumb, you should replace your gripper(s) after 40-50 games, so if you are curling twice a week you should get new grippers every year.

Lastly, I want to remind people that they can provide me with comments on the ice, the rocks, or anything else related to the “cold side of the glass” via the link on the CHCC website. This has not been used very much so far, and I would very much like to get more feedback (positive or negative) from all members. For example, how do you like the new hacks? Are you using the center hacks? Are the directional lines emanating from the hacks a good feature? Do you feel that the rocks you used in a recent game are not well

matched? Let me know – your opinions and input will help to provide the best possible curling environment.

Steve Hall

Ice Chair

DAY LADIES

On October 20th, the Day Ladies had their opening brunch, and Fall Annual Meeting. It was a pleasure to welcome all of our members both active and social back to Carleton Heights. This year we have 59 curling, including 6 ladies new to the club, and 34 social members. There is a lot of talent in our social members, as most of them have held executive positions at the club, and have seen Carleton Heights grow over many years.

We began our curling year on October 4th, with 13 drawn teams all trying to win the Barker Trophy. While on Thursday, there are 11 teams, 9 fixed and 2 drawn, competing for the Cribb Trophy. The Day Ladies league has initiated a trial year for the fixed teams, to try to attract more curlers to the club, as well as, to become a little more competitive in outside bonspiels.

November brings, the Centennial, and Hope Bedoe, as well as many different club invitational bonspiels. Carleton Heights Ladies have always been very active in these spiels, and this year is no exception. I hope to be able to brag about some trophies coming our way in the next newsletter.



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Our Card Party is slated for December 1st, which is already sold out. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Many thanks to all of our volunteers, both for this event, and helping out in the kitchen, when we host games for the various bonspiels.

Lynda Kennedy
President - Day Ladies

DAY MEN

Welcome to the new curling season to the approximately 100 day men's curlers. All regular day men's activities are off to a roaring start. Special events this fall include the President's Cup played most Fridays, the Monday November 21 RCMP Friendly, Wednesday November 23 Day Ladies/Mens Challenge, Wednesday December 7 RA Friendly and the Xmas lunch Wednesday December 21.

Congratulations to Team Wallingford, Coach Cogliati and Grampy Tobin for a stellar win at the Junior Superspiel. Good luck to Teams Warren and Davis at the Masters zone playdowns. We are wishing for a full recovery for Murray Ballantyne, hoping to see him back on the ice sometime soon.

Terry Perkins
President - Day Men

Skip's Choice

The first round of the Skip's Choice fixed Day Men's League is well underway (5 games played), with only one point separating 5

teams out of 11. The competition is fierce but friendly with a first year team leading the pack. It would appear that we have reached the optimum as far as the number of teams able to participate with one bye a week providing sufficient spares for the other teams. However, if any other curlers are interested in being considered as spares for this league, please don't hesitate to let Doug Woods know. This round will be complete before Christmas with another to commence on January 4th.

Doug Woods

MONDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS

The Monday and Thursday Open Leagues each have 20 teams playing a 25 week schedule through the course of the 2016-17 curling season. The Leagues will again be offering a doubles event prior to the start of the Club Championship bonspiel next April. Tom and Richard are always looking for feedback that can be incorporated into the formatting of the 2017-18 season.

Tom Clarke and Richard Davis,
League Coordinators

FRIDAY MIXED

The Friday Night Mixed League season is underway with 18 teams this year, playing a 20 game schedule for the third consecutive year – the same number as is played by the Monday and Thursday leagues. With 18 teams, we can maximize the number of 7:05 games each team plays and we have the



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flexibility to accommodate almost all bye requests and scheduling preferences. As of the end of October, a newcomer team skipped by Richard Barrie is leading the way. Standings are updated weekly on the club website and the league schedule shows all of the byes already conferred for the rest of the season. Please consider entering the OVCA Mixed Bonspiel running January 19-22.

New this season, to make our games even more interesting, there is now a graduated system for the Friday Mixed Piggy Fund, as approved by members at April's year-end awards banquet. Instead of a flat 25 cents per hogged rock as in the past, if the lead hogs a rock, it is still 25 cents, but for the second it is 50 cents, for the third it is 75 cents, and for the skip, it is a loonie. We will then spread the wealth by giving away the Piggy money via a draw at our year-end banquet.

Don't forget to mark your calendars: the Friday Mixed Holiday Banquet is December 16 and the year end Awards Banquet is April 7, 2017.

Rob Kanasy, League Coordinator

Debbi Craniford, Social Coordinator

YOUTH REPORT

It is hard to believe that we are already into our 4th month of curling at the club for some of our young curlers. The competitive season started the last week of August and has been going strong since then. This season we have a U-21 (formally called

junior) women's team (Team Wallingford) and a U-18 (formally called bantam) boys team (Team McNamara) curling out of Carleton Heights. They have been competing in bonspiels all over Ontario and have experienced considerable success so far this season - see article on the OVCA Junior Superspiel. Best wishes to these teams as they make their way towards provincial play downs and beyond.

The regular Sunday afternoon recreational program is once again experiencing strong participation. There are 40 curlers registered in the Little Rocks program and 25 in the bantam/junior program. Many thanks to Phil Bellissimo, Mark Bodnar and John Tobin for their continued management of these youth programs. As well, thanks to the many parent volunteers who come out week after week to help with on-ice instruction of these enthusiastic and energized curlers. As always, there is a critical need for on-ice instructors to help guide the development of our young curlers. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know.

On the weekend of October 28-30, the club co-hosted the OVCA Junior Superspiel. The field included representatives from 8 provinces as well as Switzerland, the U.S. and China. Many thanks go out to the tireless volunteers who helped provide this exceptional event for youth curling (see article on Superspiel Volunteers). Also, special thanks to Alex Young and his kitchen staff for opening the kitchen during the



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weekend and to Richard Haliburton for the tremendous ice provided throughout the bonspiel.

We are off to another extremely busy season and look forward to the rest of the curling season for our young curlers.

Dan Cogliati, Youth Coordinator

CHCC 17th Annual Bonspiel for Breast Cancer March 2016

THANK YOU everyone!!!!

The CHCC 17th Annual Breast Cancer Bonspiel held in March 2016 was another HUGE success - we donated a record breaking \$55,000 to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, bringing our total donation to \$487,000!!!

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.

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation is the largest volunteer-led organization dedicated to creating a future without breast cancer in Canada; they count on volunteers to provide vital support to the Foundation. Remarkable people unite in a common goal and dedication to make a difference.

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

- we have a remarkable club, with very dedicated members.

Next year's date has been set – Saturday, April 1st, 2017. Plans are already underway for another wonderful day of friendship and fundraising!

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



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 Michaela Tuor.

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



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matters dealing with the Ice Area the contact is the Ice Chair Steve Hall.

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.

MOVING? NEW EMAIL?

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