

## NORWOOD CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2014

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WELCOME to all curlers. The Executive and other 'key' volunteers as well as paid personnel endeavour to make your curling experience an enjoyable one. Hope the season is up to your expectations. "Have Fun & Good Curling."

Our season 'kicked' off with an open house and practise session on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with a good turn-out of both new and seasoned curlers. Thanks to Brian McMillan Sports for attending with curling supplies.

### \*\*\*\*\* PAST EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

Annual Golf Tournament - was held June 7th at Salt Creek Golf Course, Norham. This 4 person, best ball tournament was organized by Eleanor Price and was a big success once again providing \$2000.00 for the club coffers. This fun-filled social day is a key fundraiser for the club. THANKS to Eleanor and her friends, family, and club members who helped make the day a success.

Norwood Fair Gates - a huge thank you to Raeburn Scott for scheduling approximately 80 volunteers for working the fair gates on Thanksgiving weekend. (Raeburn, you certainly have it "down to a science") An equal thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. We received a cheque for approximately \$6000 from the Fairboard for our efforts.

Information Booth at Norwood Fair - this year the booth space was twice as big as the previous year. It proved to be advantageous as we acquired several new curlers from this promotion of our club. Thanks to Mary and Jan hay who organized, set up and 'manned' the booth and to all others who helped to 'man' the booth. It was a great chance to 'spread the word' about N.C.C. and provide details on leagues, bonspiels, regular events, and the facilities.

"CURLING ROCKS IN NORWOOD" - neon coloured T-shirts could be seen at Norwood Fair again this year at the gates and our information booth. Let's try to live up to this slogan by making a concerted effort to promote our small club in and around the community. The more often that members are involved in the club and the community, then the more we will be known as a "club that rocks". If curlers wish to borrow shirts to go to a spiel or an event outside the club, please contact Mary Hay at 705-295-6505. T-shirts are also for sale (\$10/shirt incl. tax)

Ham & Turkey Mixed Spiel - was held Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. Organized by Sandy Bruce, Marianne Kelly, and Brian Radnor. Eight teams competed in this one-draw event playing 2 8-end games. At the end of the day the winning team was skipped by Derek Hatfield, joined by vice, Carolyn Vardy; Ian Petreman, 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Lauren Sharkey as lead. The second place team was Dan Selby, skip; Sandy Bruce, vice; Don Bruce, second; Amber McGriskin, lead.

Men's Turkey Spiel, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> was sponsored by Norwood Cornergate Foodland and Churchill Cellars. There were two draws with each team playing 2 8-end games. Teams from Ennismore, Omemee, Peterborough Golf & Country Club, Lakefield, Peterborough Curling Club, Campbellford, West Northumberland, Trenton,

Tweed, and Norwood competed in this popular spiel. Each draw had turkeys for the top three teams as well as for one other team from each draw as consolation winners, making this an anticipated event year after year. When all rocks were thrown and sweeping ceased, the winning teams were:

Draw #1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Burnside's Campbellford team of Dave McDougall, Barry Brown, & Fred Thomson;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Boyce Orr's Peterborough team; 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Little's rink from Peterborough.

Consolation Draw winner – Vince Brennan's team from Trenton.

Draw #2 – Rob Eastman's West Northumberland rink of Paul Desormeaux, Rene Germain, & Ross Robertson;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Marv McKee's Omemee team; 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg Sinclair's team from Ennismore;

Consolation Draw Winner – Ron English's Norwood rink.

Organizer, Brian Radnor reported a great time was had by all with thanks to the club members for their assistance with kitchen and other duties. Special thanks to Bruce Brett of Trillium Catering for the delicious soup.

League Play – began November 3<sup>rd</sup> and the first half continues until January 22, 2015. With the leagues at 'full steam' now there should be lots of competitive games from now until then.

*Monday night Ladies report* – Many thanks to the ladies for sticking with me. While we only have four teams for the first half, a great time is being had by all. It would be nice if we could have six teams in the second half, so if anyone knows someone wanting to curl, let me know. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. Take care and best wishes for the New Year!  
..... Eleanor

*Tuesday night Mixed* – is an ever popular league with good competition making for some great curling.

*Wednesday night Mens report* – the Wed. Night league is pleased to welcome Barry Walsh and Brad Lockhead. League play is progressing along well with the Christmas break preceded by a night of snacks and beverages planned for Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to 2015 and as always, new curlers are always welcome. Thanks to all who have helped with a special thanks to Ron English. Best of the season to all and happy curling in 2015!  
..... Steve

*Thursday afternoon Mixed* – has a full slate of teams once again and everyone enjoys the social time as much as the game.

*Thursday night Mixed* – we have six enthusiastic teams and Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> we are having a theme night and potluck snack. 90 percent of our league are new members and 50 percent of them have never curled before. In the next half we are hoping for 7 teams. Thank you to Amber and Virginia McGriskin for filling in when we were short curlers.  
..... Brian Bolton

Youth Curling – Sherry Wilson will be conducting the Kids Curling League starting Monday January 5, 2015 for nine weeks. The cost is \$50 cash or cheque to Norwood Curling Club. CLEAN indoor running shoes and gloves are required; brooms and sliders are provided by the club. For more information or sign up a child for this league, call 705-639-5376.

The George Cardwell memorial bonspiel will be held Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 with an adult and a child paired on the teams. They will play two 4-end games. Monday March 9, 2015 will be the Awards Night. This is the last year Sherry will be co-ordinating and teaching the Kids League and after seven years of

instructing school age children from St. Paul's and Norwood Public schools, Sherry regrets that she was unable to instruct them this fall due to work commitments.

\*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

Curl for Kids Bonspiel, Jan. 10/15 – the club will be host to this popular fun spiel organized by Bruce and Marilyn Wharram and family in memory of their daughter who passed away after a battle with cancer. This spiel is a fundraiser for Camp Oochigeas, a camp for young cancer patients. There will be three 4–end games. Sign–up sheets for team entries and food donations are posted in the club room. Non–curlers are most welcome to participate. Contact Bruce & Marilyn at 705–696–2157 for more information.

J.J. Stewart Mixed Spiel, Jan. 31/15 – is being organized by Brian Radnor. This spiel was formerly a “Skins” spiel but Brian is going with a “Mixed” spiel this year with the format yet to be determined. As in the past, the entry fee of \$140.00 per team includes 2 games and lunch. Contact Brian for more information at 705–639–5151.

Guys vs. Gals Bonspiel, Feb. 14/15 – this will be the third year for this in–club bonspiel organized by Eleanor Price and Gord Montgomery. As in the past, this is bound to be a friendly competition and fun day. There are rumours that the ladies will be having secret practices after Christmas in an attempt to obtain “bragging rights” that day.

Senior Men Kawartha League Bonspiel, Wed. Feb. 25/15 – will be hosted by our club. For details contact Mac Danford at 705–639–5863

Ladies Spring Fever Bonspiel, Wed. March 18/15 – will be sponsord by the TD Bank, Havelock branch. Entries are due March 1/15 and the contact person is Jan Hay at 705–295–6505.

Maplefest Mixed Bonspiel, March 20 & 21/15 – is our final spiel of the curling season and an important fundraiser for the club. The three draw, 3 game event attracting curlers from other clubs in the area begins on Friday evening and concludes with the presentation of winners on Sat. evening following a delicious home–cooked meal. The top 3 teams will receive cash prizes. More details will follow in the new year.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS:

FundScrip Gift Card Program is an on–going project to raise money for the club. When individuals purchase gift cards, 2% to 10% of the purchase value of the cards can be earned for the club. What a painless way to fund–raise! Contact Mary at 705–295–6505 for more information.

*Have an Idea for a Fund–raiser????* Contact an executive member.

"HEARD IT AT THE HOG LINE" .....

Since the installation of the Jet Ice System, Terry and Doris Stephens have made a yearly donation towards its maintenance. Thanks to the Stephens for their generous donation again this season.

If you have helped out in the kitchen, you will have noticed a brand new stove. Thanks to Brian Radnor for acquiring it when the previous one became unreliable.

Vern Stockdale and Brian Radnor showed their cleaning talents again after the Fair by cleaning the club room and re-finishing the floor. Thanks! Guys.

Did you know that NCC members can get 50% off the regular rental rates for the facilities? It's true. More information on rentals is available from Larry Sullivan 705-639-2850

Hey! There's more "awesome looking" ad signs on the walls of the ice surface. Thanks to Sandy Bruce for her continued efforts in promoting this form of advertising to local businesses. Thanks to Brian Radnor for co-ordinating the printing of the signs. When shopping at the businesses be sure to tell them you saw their sign at the curling club.

Need Curling Equipment?? Contact Brian Radnor at 705-639-5151 for orders from McMillan Sports.

President, Larry Sullivan attended a meeting and brainstorming session Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> (promoted by Norwood-Asphodel) with community recreation groups to discuss ways to improve access to recreation programs and services in our community. Larry reported that there will be future meetings on this topic and hopes there is potential for the curling club to benefit.

Ice-maker Denton is still trying to make the 'perfect' curling ice. Koodos for his continued efforts!

A lady by the name of Brenda quietly works in the background to keep our facility clean and tidy. Next time you see her doing a dirty job, thank her for caring for our club.

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*MAY YOU and YOUR FAMILIES have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!*

.....Wendy