

NORWOOD CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2015

WELCOME to all new and returning curlers. The Executive, staff and convenors all want to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and rewarding curling season. Hope the season is up to your expectations. "Have Fun & Good Curling" and remember "Curling Rocks in Norwood"!!

Our season 'kicked' off with an open house and practise session on October 31st and November 1st with what may well have been a record turn-out of both new and seasoned curlers. Many thanks to Derek Hatfield for conducting learn to curl sessions on these dates.

MEMBERSHIP IS UP!! Thanks to the club's recruiting programs and the efforts of several of our members, we are proud to report that membership is up approximately 12% over last year.

Volunteers needed!! Your club is able to operate because of the efforts of volunteers. Volunteer signup sheets are located on club bulletin boards. An hour here and there can make a big difference. Sign up today!

***** PAST EVENTS *****

Annual Golf Tournament Organized by Eleanor Price- Eleanor once again organized another successful golf tournament and donated all profits to the club. The event was held June 18th at Salt Creek Golf Course. This best ball tournament generated \$2,338 for the club this year and over \$10,000 in the 6 years that Eleanor has run this tournament. THANKS to Eleanor and her friends, family, and club members who helped make the day a success.

The Clubhouse was the site of a wedding reception in September - this was a major undertaking for the club. Many thanks to Jan Hay, Mary Hay, Ron Cooney, Wendy Hale, Brian Radnor and Ron English for staffing this event on behalf of the club

Norwood Fair Gates - a huge thank you to Raeburn Scott for once again scheduling approximately 80 volunteers for working the fair gates on Thanksgiving weekend. 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 - Thanks to Mary and Jan hay who organized, set up and 'manned' the booth and to all others who helped to 'man' the booth. The booth helps to 'spread the word' about N.C.C. and we feel this year is responsible for attracting at least two new members.

"CURLING ROCKS IN NORWOOD" - this is a theme that the club has tried to promote over the last few years. Tee shirts with this logo are available. 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)

Congrats - to the team of Jan Hay, Donna Anderson, Wendy Hale & Christine Pichie who won the first draw at the recent Campbellford "Rock'n Shop" bonspiel. Our ladies "rock"!

Ham & Turkey Mixed Spiel – was held Nov. 28th. Organized by Derek Hatfield, Sandy Bruce, Marianne Kelly, and Brian Radnor. Eight teams competed. The winning team was skipped by Dan Selby, joined by vice, Sandy Bruce; Al Curtis at second and Helen Edmunds as lead. The second place team was Curtis Townsend's team of Bonnie Townsend, Pat McGriskin & Kathy McGriskin.

Men's Turkey Spiel – Norwood Curling Club held its annual Senior Men's Turkey Bonspiel at the Norwood Club on December 1st. The spiel attracted teams from many area clubs, including Lakefield, Omeme, Campbellford, Peterborough, Ennismore, Tweed and Cobourg. Winners of the first draw was the team of Dave Clark(skip), Malcolm Florence, Dave Shaw and Jim Byrnes from the Lakefield Curling Club. The winners of the second draw was the team of Dave Martz, Glenn Brubacher (skip), Michael Real and Kevin Huestis from the Campbellford Curling Club. Many thanks to Brian Radnor for organizing this event and all the members who helped out.

***** **League Updates** *****

League Play – began November 2nd. Below is an update on all of our leagues:

Monday Morning Sturling – two man teams. Curlers pay \$5 each week to play. Come on out and give it a try.

Monday night Ladies – this league is convened by Eleanor Price. Membership has increased from 4 teams last year to 5 this year. Ladies if you are looking for a night of curling with friendly faces and a lot of fun, call Eleanor (705-696-2833 in the evenings) about second half play either as a regular or as a spare.

Tuesday night Mixed – this league is convened by Dan Selby. Currently, the league has 9 teams. Dan indicates that there may well be room for two to three regular curlers in the second half and he is always looking for spares. If you have an interest give Dan a call (705-639-5785).

Wednesday night Mens – this league is convened by Steve Harold. The league has welcomed a number of new curlers this year and currently consists of 8 full teams. There may well be several openings for regular curlers in this league in the second half. Contact Steve (705-745-9566) if you have an interest. Steve is always interested in curlers willing to spare.

Thursday afternoon Mixed – this league is convened by Terry Baker. The league has a full slate of teams once again and everyone enjoys the social time as much as the game.

Thursday night Mixed – this league is convened by Derek Hatfield. The league has grown from 6 teams last year to a full slate of 8 teams this year. Derek indicates that he may have openings for both full-time and spare curlers in the second half. Contact Derek (derek@norwoodcurling.ca) if you have an interest.

Youth Curling – Sherry Wilson has stepped down after years of co-ordinating this program for us. Accordingly, we are currently looking for a new co-ordinator. Anybody having an interest in assisting please contact Brian Radnor (705-639-5151)

***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

Curl for Kids Bonspiel, Jan. 9/16 - 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.

Open Mixed Spiel, Jan. 30/16 - An 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. 13/16 - a day of friendly competition and a fun day. This is the ladies chance to "get even". Details to come.

Ladies Spring Fever Bonspiel, Wed. March 16/16 - will be sponsord by the TD Bank, Havelock branch. Entries are due March 1/16 and the contact person is Jan Hay at 705-295-6505.

Maplefest Mixed Bonspiel, March 18 & 19/16- Start getting your teams together and mark your calendars for Maplefest, our final spiel of the curling season and an important fundraiser for the club. The three draw, 3 game event which attracts curlers from other clubs in the area begins on Friday and concludes on Saturday.

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.

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 Brian Bolton.

Advertising - we currently have more than 18 local businesses advertising on the walls of our club. This is a nice revenue source for the club. When shopping at these 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.

Ice-maker Denton Currie continues to make the 'perfect' curling ice. If you get a chance tell him you noticed

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

.....Executive & staff