

## NORWOOD CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2016

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WELCOME to all new and returning curlers. The Executive 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 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> with a good turn-out of both new and seasoned curlers. Many thanks to Derek Hatfield & others for conducting learn to curl sessions on these dates.

MEMBERSHIP – we currently have 111 members signed up with the club. This is down slightly from last year.

Trillium Application – for your information, the Club submitted an application on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> for funding through the Ontario Trillium Fund to assist with the replacement of our 40 year old de-humidifier and brine pump. Just prior to preparing this newsletter we received notice that our request for funding has been turned down. This is dis-appointing but we will try again next year.

Volunteers needed!! Your club is able to operate because of the efforts of volunteers. A volunteer signup sheet is located on the portable club bulletin board. An hour here and there can make a big difference. Sign up today!

Capital Expenditure Committee – we are in the process of establishing a Capital Spending Committee to assist in the preparation and prioritizing of a capital budget. By email we have asked all members to consider sitting on this committee.

Congratulations to travelling teams as follows:

- On Nov 19/2016 the mixed team of Gord Montgomery, Donna Anderson, Brian Radnor & Karen Radnor came in second in the early draw of the Campbellford Curling Club's Rockin' Boomer Bonspiel
- On Dec 3/2016 the team of Gord Montgomery, Earl Thompson, Brian Radnor & Terry Stephens came in first in the early draw of the Bob Reeve Memorial Stick Bonspiel in Ennismore.

### \*\*\*\*\* 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 18<sup>th</sup> at Salt Creek Golf Course. This best ball tournament generated \$2,435 for the club this year and over \$12,000 in the 7 years that

Eleanor has run this tournament. 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 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 \$6000 from the Fair Board for our efforts.

Ham & Turkey Mixed Spiel – was held Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. This spiel was organized by Derek Hatfield. Eight teams competed. First place winner was the team skipped by John Kajmowicz and his team of Jodi DeJong (vice), Denton Curry (second), and Jan Kajmowicz (lead). Second place went to the team of and Derek Hatfield (skip), Lauren Sharkey (vice), Ian Petreman (second), and Carolyn Vardy (lead). Many thanks to Derek and his helpers for organizing this event.

Men's Turkey Spiel – Norwood Curling Club held its annual Invitational Senior Men's Turkey Bonspiel at the Norwood Club on December 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 Tom Cushing(skip), Malcolm Florence(vice), Dave Shaw(second) and Jim Byrnes(lead) from the Lakefield Curling Club. The winners of the second draw was the team of Dan Deschenes(skip), Dave Hevenor(vice), Colin Jerry(second) and Bill Murney(lead) from the Ennismore Curling Club. Many thanks to Brian Radnor for organizing this event and all the members who helped out. A special thanks to our sponsors Cornergate Foodland and Churchill Cellars.

#### \*\*\*\*\* League Updates \*\*\*\*\*

League Play – began November 1st. Below is an update on all of our leagues:

Monday Morning Sturling – two person teams. Curlers pay \$5 each week to play. This year signup sheets are posted at the entrance to the club and interested members can sign up to attend in advance.

Attendance is up significantly over last year

Monday night Ladies – this league is convened by Eleanor Price. Membership is down slightly from 5 teams last year to 4 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 7 teams. Dan says that he hopes to be back up to 8 teams or more in the second half. He expects there to be room for additional 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 Men's – this league is convened by Steve Harold. The league has welcomed a number of new curlers again 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 – Terry Baker, the convenor of this league for the last six years is unable to curl this year due to an injury. We wish Terry the best and hope that he will be able to return next year,

refreshed and ready to go. Terry did still organize the league for start-up for which we are very appreciative. Brian Radnor is currently convening the league. The league has a full slate of teams once again and everyone enjoys the social time as much as the game. Spots for additional curlers may well be available in the second half and of course, spares are always welcome. Call Brian at 705-639-5151.

Thursday night Mixed - this league is convened by Derek Hatfield. Derek says that "Thursday evening has had a strong start again with eight teams and a fair share of new curlers. Our evening is regarded as the younger amateur night and we are always looking for new curlers. The second half we will be looking for a few extra curlers so if you are interested please let Derek Hatfield know.

Youth Curling -we are still 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. 14/17 - 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.

JJ Stewart Open True Mixed Spiel, Jan. 28/17 - An entry fee of \$140.00 per team includes 2 games and lunch. We are looking for sixteen teams. Signup sheet is on bulletin board. Please sign up early. Contact Ron English for more information at 705-639-5791.

Guys vs. Gals Bonspiel, Feb. 11/17 - 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 22/17 -entries are due March 1/17 and the contact person is Jan Hay at 705-295-6505.

Maplefest Mixed Bonspiel, March 24 & 25/17- 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. We encourage members to invite curlers from other clubs to join their teams, or to enter their own teams in this event.

"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.

New Clock - in addition to their donation for the Jet Ice System, this year Terry & Doris Stephens have purchased a new clock for the North end of the club. In addition to telling us the time, this new clock serves as a timer during bonspiels to help keep curlers on time. Many thanks to Terry & Doris.

Club Rentals - 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 Radnor.

Advertising - we currently have 20 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. New advertisers this year are Havelock Guardian Pharmacy, Townsend Financial Services and Wavelengths Yoga Station

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

Ice-makers Denton Currie and Andy Crowell continue to make the 'perfect' curling ice. If you get a chance, tell them you noticed.

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

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