

NORWOOD CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2014

As the curling season "winds down" for another year, it is hoped that all curlers have enjoyed their experience at the club. The executive has attempted to make it a place that not only attracts curlers but also community members by inviting them to events such as progressive euchre, the community fun spiel and the Brier party.

Members are what makes a club. With that in mind, please plan to attend the upcoming **Annual Meetings** of the **Norwood Curling Club** and the **Centennial Sports Complex** on Tuesday **April 22nd** at 7 p.m. at the curling club. It's a great chance to voice your opinion on topics of discussion and to give input to the executive. Why not consider being a part of the executive or helping out with a league or event??

LEAGUE NEWS:

Monday Night Ladies:

First Half Winners - Marje Lunn, skip; Sheryn Nelson, vice; Darline Pomeroy, second; Karen Howson, lead

Second Half Winners - to be determined Mar. 31st.

Well, another season has come to an end. Thanks to all for the support. While we didn't have 8 teams for either session, all had a good time. I ask that everyone try to get new curlers for next season. Have a good summer and take care.
..... Eleanor

Tuesday Night Mixed:

First Half Winners - Ron Cooney, skip; Sandy Bruce, vice; Pat McGriskin, second; Amber McGriskin, lead

Second Half Winners - Dan Selby, skip; Marianne Kelly, vice; Rick Guthrie, second; Aziel McKenna, lead

As usual, we had a full complement of teams for the season making for some great curling.

..... Dan

Wed. Night Men:

First Half Winners - Dan Selby, skip; Brian Clarke, vice; Pat McGriskin, second; Allan Purves, lead

Second Half Winners - Gord Montgomery, skip; Pat McGriskin, vice; Dan Pichie, second; Vern Stockdale, lead

We had a good season playing two 10-week sessions of round robin competition. Our final evening of curling we celebrate with pizza and beverages. Thanks to all who helped make the season a success.

..... Steve

Thurs. Afternoon Mixed:

After the summer break it was nice to see old and new faces back to the club. We managed to fill both rosters with a lot of support from members. The First Half was won by the team of Gord Montgomery, skip; Dorothy Smooker, vice; Albert Crowley, second; and Jodi DeJong, lead.

On Dec. 19th we held our annual Christmas party with 2 games and luncheon with prizes for the top 3 teams. The winners were Brian Radnor, Sandy Bruce, Gary Parker, and Jodi DeJong. Runner up team was

Steve Harold, Alan Sheppard, Mike DeJong, and Janice Laver.

The second half started Jan 30th and we had to have a playoff to determine a winner. The team of Denton Curry, skip; Sharon Scott, vice; Mike DeJong, second and Diana Cronin, lead played the team of Steve Harold, skip, Terry Baker, vice; Linda Harold, second and Jeanette Curry, lead. Denton Curry's team won. On Feb. 27th thanks to our sponsor, we held the 14th Annual Centennial Pharmacy Spiel with 2 games and a luncheon and prizes of gift certificates for the top three teams (1st \$25 each, 2nd \$15 each and 3rd \$10 each). The winning team of Eleanor Price, skip; Sue Ireland, vice; Rick Gurthrie, second, and Allan Purves, lead. The runner up team was Chris Towells, skip; Ron English, vice; Albert Crowley, second; and Anne Parker, lead. The spiel raised \$270.00 for the club and the 50/50 draws made over \$500. Special thanks to all the members for their help over the year. It made my job of convenor duties a lot easier. Have a great summer and hope to see you all back next year.Terry

Thurs Night Mixed:

A huge thank you to Brian Bolton who tried to revive this league. And thanks to those curlers who kept coming back. Let's try it again next year!

Sr. Men's Kawartha League:

It has been a good year for the men who saw their final match on March 26th at Cobourg. It is expected that when the tallies come in, that Norwood Sr. Men will rank in the middle 'third'. On Firday March 28th to end their season, 32 Norwood men participated in a 2-game fun spiel at the club. On April 24th, the men as a group will 'treat' their wives to "dinner out". Thanks to Earl Thompson for his help during the season.
..... Mac Danford

JUNIOR CURLING PROGRAM:

A huge 'Thank you' to Sherry Wilson who very capably organized and instructed the popular 'After School Program' and instruction for students at St. Paul's Catholic Elementary and Norwood District Public schools. According to Sherry, it was a very good season as 35 curlers from grades 3 to 8 participated in the 'after school program'. She also helped with the fledgling varsity team at Norwood District High School. Sherry notes "there are a number of grade eights in the novice program who she hopes will continue curling in high school and the club level. I would put any of them up against the adults ... they could hold their own."

Sherry has been organizing and teaching the junior curlers for several years. Now, because of work commitments and because her daughter is nearing the end of her novice eligibility, Sherry is looking for someone to help out with the school classes which traditionally have taken place on Monday and Tuesday mornings. She will continue to do the 'after school program'.

Anyone who is interested in helping with the Junior Program should contact the President. Don't forgetthese young curlers are potentially the future of our club.

The George Cardwell Memorial Bonspiel was held Feb. 1st. This bonspiel features junior curlers teamed with adults. This year's winner of the Cardwell Cup was the Wilson team skipped by Sarah Wilson with teammates Raeburn Scott, Avery Page, and Cindy Page. Placing second was the Smockum team skipped by Derek Smockum with teammates, Jan Hay, Christine Pichie and Dan Pichie. Third place was taken by the Hubert family team of Owen, Patrick, Silas and Christina Hubert.

At their **Awards Party** in early March, the **league title** was won by the rink skipped by Owen Jordan with Justine Waldox, vice, Austin Murray, second and Avery Page, lead. The **Outstanding curlers** in the 'after school' novice program were Jack Wilson and Megan Fox.

PAST CLUB EVENTS:

Skins Open Mixed Bonspiel – was held Jan. 25th. Despite stormy weather conditions, 12 teams competed in the two draw, 2-game event organized by Brian Radnor.

The first draw winning team from Lakefield was Tyler Jones, skip; Marteen Lortie, vice; Adam Kubovic, second; and Laura Brown, lead.

The second draw winners were: Denton Curry, skip; Ian Laver, vice; Rob Black, second; and Dan Pichie, lead.

Thanks to **J. J. Stewart Motors** of Norwood for their continued sponsorship of this spiel.

'Guys vs. Gals' – in-club competition was held Feb. 9th and was organized by Eleanor Price and Gord Montgomery. Last year's battle of the sexes competition saw the men 'edge out' the women in a fun-filled day of curling. This year after 2 games of good competition, the men earned the higher tally of points once again. A good day was had by all which included pulled pork on a bun for lunch. Any bets on next year's competition???

Community Fun Spiel – was held Feb. 22nd. Families, businesses, co-workers, clubs or organizations were invited to participate with no experience required. One draw of eight teams played two games during the day. Thanks to all who participated. The winning team was skipped by Denton Curry with Terry Stephens as vice, Doris Stephens, second and Wylanne Curry, lead. The club made a \$1000 donation to the Norwood Lions Club in support of their Splash Pad initiative. It is hoped that this spiel will become an annual event as it had been in years past, with proceeds going to a community project or organization.

Brier Party March 9th – organized by the executive, approximately 25 people enjoyed a tasty spaghetti supper before watching the Brier Final on the club's new HD TV. Board games were a popular event for those who needed a "break" from watching the game.

Ladies Open Spring Fever Spiel, March 19th – sponsored by the Havelock TD Bank and organized by Jan Hay, this proved to be a successful day with teams from the area clubs competing in the 2-draw event. Sharon Scott, Sue Ireland, Zita Crowley, and Doris Stephens represented Norwood.

Lori Sullivan's artistic flare gave the club a spring-like atmosphere and Doris Stephens looked after the silent auction. Thanks to all the men (spiffed up for the occasion) who helped serve the lunch.

Maplefest Mixed Bonspiel – held March 21st & 22nd. Thank you to all who participated, organized, volunteered food, gathered prizes/sponsorship or helped out in other ways to make this final bonspiel a success.

Teams included Norwood curlers as well as out-of-club curlers (as far as Napanee and Perth areas) in a competitive three draws with each team playing 3 games.

When the last rock was thrown, a third draw team had accumulated 54 points to win the **Sap Bucket Trophy**. The team was skipped by Colin Brethour with vice, Deb MacEwan; second, Glen Brethour and lead, Judy Brethour.

The second place team with 53 ¼ points was Dan Selby's rink of vice, Patti Giles, second Pat McGriskin, and lead Amber McGriskin.

Third place with 52 points was Brian Radnor's team of Karen Radnor, vice; Don Currior, second; and Deb

Currior, lead.

Winners of Linlor Farms Maple Syrup were: Malcolm Pacey, Carol & Jack Murdoff, and Bill English. Major sponsors for the event included: CDR Youngs Aggregates, Cannon Hill Woodworking, Doug Irvine Automotive, Exterior Home Improvements, GayLea-Ivanhoe Cheese, Investment Planning Counsel, JT Promotions, Linlor Farms, Michael Hook, Oakland Greens Golf, Raeburn Scott, Rick Guthrie, Salt Creek Golf Course, Trackside Interiors, and Winslow Gerolamy Motors. Numerous other local businesses sponsored prizes as well.

Progressive Euchre – in an attempt to bring some non-curlers to the club, the executive organized seven Sunday afternoon euchre games from July 2013 to Feb. 2014. Turn-outs were small at most games so the executive will need to determine whether to try this venture again in the fall.

Bonspiels Hosted by N.C.C.:

Annual Curl for Kids was held Sat. Jan 11th. Organized by Bruce and Marilyn Wharram and family and friends, the proceeds from this spiel goes to support Camp Oochigeas, a camp and recreation program for children with cancer. Marilyn and Bruce are especially pleased that Norwood's Curl for Kids is the second oldest continuous fundraiser for the privately-run and volunteer-driven Camp Ooch.

Each team played three 4-end games.

Winners of Draw "A" was Jason Ferguson's team of Amanda Hare, Dan Weatherup, and Amber Myre.

Winners of Draw "B" was Colin Brethour's rink of Judy Brethour, Rob and Lou Anne Hanes.

Congrats!! to the Wharram's for raising over \$8000 (including proceeds from Curl for Kids) for Camp Ooch.

Famers' Spiel, Feb. 8th was organized by club members Pat McGriskin and Paul Cole. This one-draw, 2-game event attracted teams with a connection to agriculture from Norwood and area. Many of the participants were from the Norwood club. Empire Cheese was a major sponsor and many local businesses supplied prizes for the spiel. This year's winning team was Wayne McComb, Paul Cole, Pat Linton, and Ed McGriskin. Runner-up team was skipped by Wendy Hale and included Bill Merrill, Marie Glover, and Brad Rylott.

Out-of Club Bonspiels – provide a chance for Norwood curlers to see how they 'stack up' against other clubs' teams and also to see how other clubs operate. The following is a list of some spiels that Norwood teams have attended this past season.

- **Campbellford Christmas Shop Spiel** held Nov. 30th saw Sharon Scott's team of Sue Ireland, vice, Sandy Bruce, second, and Doris Stephens lead win one game.
- **Peterborough C. C. Snowflake Spiel** – Sharon Scott's team same as above competed.
- **Ennismore's Chicken Mixed**– Gord Montgomery, Marianne Kelly, Terry Baker, and Diane Pagett
- **Marmora Ladies Invitational, Jan. 22nd** saw Sharon Scott's team of vice, Sue Ireland, second, Sandy Bruce, and lead Doris Stephens win the K.M. Construction Draw.
- **Tweed Senior Mixed** is a popular spiel for two Norwood teams. Skip Gord Montgomery and his team of Marianne Kelly, vice; Brian Radnor, second; and Karen Radnor, lead curled their way to a second place overall win in the 2 draw event. Also competing was Earl Thompson's team of Sharon Scott, Bill English, and Helen McAuley.
- **Campbellford Ladies Valentine Spiel** saw Norwood's rink led by Sharon Scott take top spot as the Overall Winner for the second year in a row. Team vice was Sue Ireland, second was Zita Crowley and the lead was Doris Stephens. Congrats! Ladies.
- **Omeme Shamrock Electric Men's spiel** saw Gord Montgomery's team victorious in two games to win their draw. His team included vice Pat McGriskin; second Dan Pichie; and lead Rick Lochhead.

Also competing was Colin Brethour, a friend of Colin's, Rob Hanes, and Paul Cole.

- **Omeme Ladies Flamingo Spiel** – Sharon Scott, skip; Sue Ireland, vice; Dorothy Smooker, second; Doris Stephens, lead.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Norwood Curling Club Annual Meeting – Tuesday April 22nd at 7 p.m. at the curling club.

5th Annual Golf Tournament – Sat. June 7, 2014 Salt Creek Golf Course, Norham
Shot-gun Start at 9 a.m. 4 person best ball
\$50.00/person includes 18 holes, golf cart & lunch
Contact Eleanor 705-696-2833 for more info.

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! For more info. Contact Mary at 705-295-6505.

Have an idea for a Fund-raiser??? Contact an executive member.

"HEARD IT AT THE HOG LINE"

We're on Facebook! Check us out at <https://www.facebook.com/norwoodcurlingclub>
Lori Sullivan is the administrator.

And don't forget, the club's website has been up and running for over a year. Check it out at www.norwoodcurling.ca

Ice-maker Denton has been testing some 'Brier techniques' for pebbling the ice since the Maplefest. It seems to be working as curlers have noticed "more curl".

An 8-ender was scored during the Maplefest bonspiel by Chris Towells' team of Bari & Alan Sheppard and Dorothy Smooker.

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