

NORWOOD CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER -MARCH 2015

Recently, we have been enjoying longer days and more sunshine so it appears as though spring is right around the corner. . . . and our curling season will soon be winding down. Hopefully the enthusiasm of our curlers will continue until the last rock is thrown.

LEAGUE PLAY

FIRST HALF WINNERS:

Mon. Night Ladies – Sharon Scott, skip; Sheryn Nelson, vice; Sylvia Sanders, second; Anita Lautenbach, lead

Tues. Night Mixed – a tie between the Cooney and Radnor teams

Ron Cooney, skip; Kathy McGriskin, vice; Joe McGriskin, second; Helen Edmunds, lead

Brian Radnor, skip; Karen Radnor, vice; Diane Pagett, second; Malcolm Pacey, lead

Wed. Night Men – Steve Harold, skip; Pat McGriskin, vice; Lorne Curry, second; Lou English, lead

Thurs. Aft. Mixed – Denton Curry, skip; Dorothy Smooker, vice; Albert Crowley, second; Don Southward, lead

CONVENOR REPORTS:

Mon. Night Ladies – Another year of curling has nearly come to an end and I'd like to thank all the ladies for the support. It was great to have 5 teams in the second half! The "bye team" sparing in when required worked very well. Have a great spring and summer! See you in November.Eleanor

Tues. Night Mixed – is a very popular league and as always there is friendly competition between the teams.

Wed. Night Men – We have the full compliment of eight teams again and the competition is good. Playoffs are in progress now and a winner will be declared April 1st. Steve Harold

Thurs. Afternoon Mixed– is one of the best group of curlers you could ask for and that's why we have a good time. The first half was well matched. It came down to the last rock with a possibility of any of the top 6 teams could win. Denton Curry's team won by 1 point. His team included vice Dorothy Smooker, second Albert Crowley, and lead Don Southward. The Christmas spiel was held Dec. 18th with 2 games and a great luncheon. The winning team was Leo Christl, Eleanor Price, Allen Sheppard and Anne Ward.

The second half is also closely matched with 5 teams on top and 2 more games to play. Our 15th annual Centennial Pharmacy spiel was held Feb. 26 with 2 games and a luncheon. The winning team of Eleanor Price, Marianne Kelly, Dan Pichie and Malcolm Pacey each took home a \$25 gift certificate. Runner up for \$15 each was Sharon Scott, Brian Radnor, Bari Sheppard and Don Southward. A BIG THANKS goes out to all the curlers for their continuous help.

..... Terry Baker

Thurs. Night Mixed – is in a revival with 7 teams. Thanks to all who have participated to bring the league back this year! Hopefully we'll have eight teams for next season. A potluck is planned for our last night of curling.

..... Brian Bolton

INTER-CLUB LADIES:

Even though Norwood did not field a team this year, Jan Hay spared on many occasions in this league. And Keene Ladies use our club because their club has only 2 ices. This league is an excellent way for ladies to get in some extra curling and to meet some of the wonderful ladies from surrounding clubs. If you are interested in this league, talk to Jan for more information. Perhaps with enough interest, we could field a team next year.

KAWARTHA MEN'S LEAGUE:

We send 3 teams each week to play and one or two teams in the bonspiels. Our final game is on March 17th and we are looking forward to the final bonspiel on March 25th. Our teams have had a good season and should end up in the top three. Nine teams in the Kawartha League agree that 'Norwood has the best ice in the area'. It is faster and more true with all sheets being equal. What a compliment to our ice-maker, Denton!

..... Mac Danford

MONDAY MORNING STURLING CURLING:

This is a new activity organized by Gord Montgomery for the men at a cost of \$5/person/game. Each Monday 10 to 16 men enjoyed this unique way of curling with 2 persons on a team. For those of you who are not familiar with Stirling Curling, one member of each team stays at the end of the rink. The 2 delivering players alternately deliver 6 stones each per end, while their teammate skips that end. Then the roles are reversed and their partners deliver the stones back. No stones may be removed from play prior to delivery of the fourth stone of each end. What a great way to "fine tune" your curling skills! Gord is planning to organize this activity again next year.

YOUTH CURLING

KIDS PROGRAM:

Sherry Wilson very capably provided instruction for 35 children for nine weeks starting Jan 5th. It was a successful season ending with a banquet on March 2nd at which awards were presented to the Top Team of Josh Hanley, Silas Hubert, Avery Page and Adriann Fluke. The Runner Up team was Crawford Moore's team.

Outstanding Curlers were: Girls – Sarah Wilson and Avery Page; Boys – Nolan Fluke and Dawson Baptie.

Sincere appreciation to Sherry for her dedication over the past years organizing for and instructing the youth from public school to high school age. She has given them the opportunity of good basic skills and knowledge of the game of curling. These young people are potentially the future of the Norwood Curling Club.

Sherry is retiring from teaching curling due to family and work commitments so if anyone is interested in teaching or helping with next year's youth program, please contact an executive member.

GEORGE CARDWELL MEMORIAL FAMILY FUNSPIEL: was held Sat. February 7th. This bonspiel gives the Junior curlers of the club a chance to practice what they have learned in instructional classes as well as experiencing a bonspiel. Teams comprised of 2 adults (family or friends) and 2 junior curlers competed in two games.

The winning team was skipped by Fred Veldhuyzen and included his daughter Eve and Avery Page and her father Corey. Frances Cardwell (George's wife) and Larry Sullivan (president of the club) presented the trophy. The second place team skipped by Jodi Dejong included her grandson Jackson Burton and Anita Lautenbach and her daughter Haley. Chloe Burton was the team's mascot.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS:

Sherry was also instrumental in getting the Girls and Boys Curling program revived at NDHS. With help from Raeburn and Pat and other members there is a good interest from the students at this time. Recently, Norwood sent a Girls and a Boys team to the Kawartha High School curling championship at Omeme. The girls played their best and the boys earned a berth in the COSSA playdowns by winning the B Division against a team from Cobourg. The Boys travelled to Stirling for COSSA where they played 3 games before they were eliminated. Congrats to the team: Kyle McGriskin, skip; Mike Burt, vice; Jake Bennett, second; and Hayden Baptie, lead. Good luck to you all next year!

PAST EVENTS

CURL FOR KIDS:

This annual bonspiel is organized by Bruce and Marilyn Wharram and Family in memory of Tammy Wharram and hosted by our club. The spiel is held to support Camp Oochigeas which provides "kids with cancer and kids affected by childhood cancer an opportunity for growth through fun and enriching experience".

A total of 16 teams participated in the 2-draw 3-game event with many of our own members participating. Congratulations to the Wharram's on another very successful spiel! Best wishes for the 25th spiel next year!

A Draw Winners: Andy Muir, Wes O'Brien, Kate Clark, Jordan O'Brien

Runners Up A Draw: Andy Crowell, Doris Stephens, Terry Stephens, Sheila Crowell

Winners of B Draw: Paul Cole, Lois McLeod, Glenn McLeod, Ed McGriskin

Runners Up B Draw: Eric Mendum, Jeff Buchanan, Melanie Cannons, Rob Scott

Winner of Closest to the Button was Ron English.

J.J. STEWART OPEN MIXED SPIEL:

On Jan. 31, 2015 14 teams competed in the annual JJ Stewart Motors Mixed bonspiel! A great day was had by all! I would like to thank all of our curlers for participating! We had rinks visiting from Keene, Campbellford and Peterborough as well as our local members.

Special thanks to JJ Stewart Motors for their support of this annual spiel! A delicious lunch was prepared by volunteers and members between draws. Special thanks to Sandy Bruce and Marianne Kelly for their wonderful soups!

Results from the early draw

1st was the rink of Dan Selby, Sandy Bruce, Don Bruce and Amber McGriskin

2nd was Trevor Brewer's rink.

3rd was a tie between Larry Sullivan's rink and Ron Cooney's rink.

Second draw results

1st was the rink of Deb Richardson, Lee Richardson, Paul Cole and Cory Gilmer.

2nd was Nick Nickson's rink.

3rd was Denton Curry's rink.

Again I would like to thank all of our volunteers, cooks, bartenders etc. Who gave up part of their day to make this event such a success!

Sincerely,

Brian Radnor, Spiel Co-ordinator

GUYS vs GALS IN-CLUB SPIEL Feb. 14th:

Thanks to Gord and Eleanor for organizing this competitive funspiel once again! Four men's teams competed against 4 ladies' teams in this annual battle of the sexes. The ladies were allowed 2 'handicap' stones per game if they wished. It made for some challenging curling but in the end the Guys "squeaked" by the Gals in total points.

FARMER'S SPIEL Feb 21st: was hosted by the Norwood club and organized by Paul Cole and Pat McGriskin. The aim of the organizers is to have as many curlers with a connection to agriculture as possible. Many curlers were from Campbellford and Norwood clubs and as far away as Omeme and Lindsay.

First Place went to the team of Wendy Hale, Wayne Warner, Marie Glover and Brad Rylott.

In 2nd place was Wayne McComb's team. Terry McNeely's team was third.

Thanks to Paul and Pat for renting the club facilities for this spiel!

BRIER PARTY Sunday March 8th: began at 3 p.m. with Sturling Curling organized by Gord and Sandy. Twelve teams took part in the 2 man/team games. What a great way to practice 'draw weight' and 'take-outs'. Following the curling a delicious spaghetti dinner (cooked up by President Larry) was enjoyed by all while watching the final Brier game on TV. Thanks to all who supported this event.

LADIES SPRING FEVER OPEN SPIEL March 18th– 16 teams competed in this annual bonspiel. Teams from Peterborough, Lakefield, Marmora, Campbellford, Colborne, Omemee, Ennismore and Norwood participated. The winner of the "B" Draw and Overall Winner was the team of Doris Nickson, Janet Schmidt, Joy Wilson and Helen Davidson from Peterborough Curling Club. The runner-up team in the "B" Draw was the team of JoAnne Graham, Carol Kidd, Sharon Cooper, and Darlene Hockaday from the Lakefield Curling Club. The winner of the "A" Draw was the team of Helen Litvin, Kathy Armstrong, Cathy Sandy and Ginny Ryall from Peterborough Curling Club. The runner-up was the team of Lisa Kannako, Jane Reid, Pat Bennett ad Deb Pollack, also from Peterborough Curling Club. Anita Gutteridge and Jean Croskery won the gift baskets donated by Foodland, and Pat Burnside and Tracey Klompaker won 'the draw to the button' contests. Many Norwood Curling Club members assisted in the success of this bonspiel through contributions of food and generous donations to the Silent Auction Table. Special thanks goes to those who created the decorations, worked in the kitchen, served in the bar and worked cheerfully all day: Lori Sullivan, Ron English, Angela Hook, Sheila Crowell, Doris Stephens, Terry Stephens and Mary Hay. Jan Hay , convenor

COMING EVENTS

MAPLEFEST BONSPIEL March 20th & 21st – will be in progress or completed at the time of you reading this. Thanks to all participants (24 teams) and volunteers who helped to make this final bonspiel a success.

ANNUAL MEETING Wed. April 15th – for the Norwood Curling Club and the Centennial sports Complex will be held at 7 p.m. at the Club Room. All members are cordially welcomed to attend and participate in discussion of business as presented. The election of officers for the 2015 – 2016 executive will take place as well. **All positions** will be open for nominations so please consider becoming involved in the next executive.

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. It's an easy way to raise some extra funds for the club! Contact Mary at 705-295-6505 for more information.

Community Care Diners Dinner – the executive made the decision to cater to the May 12th dinner at the curling club room. Food donations and kitchen help will be required. Please let Wendy know if you are able to help out.

Annual Golf Tournament will be held June 20, 2015 at the Salt Creek Golf Course, Norham. For more information or to enter a team, call Eleanor at 705-696-2833

***** Contact an executive member if you have an idea for a fundraiser. *****

"HEARD IT AT THE HOG LINE"

Gord Montgomery will be heading to the Provincial Stick Championship being held in Collingwood March 29th to April 1st, 2015. He is curling with Tweed's Bob Bateman and two other gentlemen. Best of Luck to the team!

The challenge has been made! The Thurs. night Mixed winning team will compete against the Tues. night Mixed winning team on Thurs. April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Come out to see who is the best.

Have you noticed we've been curling in the "bright lights"? New efficient lighting was installed over the ice surface in mid-February in an effort to reduce hydro usage.

Congratulations! to Joe and Kathy McGriskin who in April will receive their first Master Breeder Award from Holstein Canada in recognition of their fine, well-bred "Riskinbrook" Holstein herd. (I expect that this was originally 'heard by the bull pen')

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