

NORWOOD CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2013

WELCOME to all new and returning curlers. It is hoped that you enjoy your curling experience at Norwood Curling Club!

The Club extends a WELCOME to Brenda Wilce who began custodian duties Nov. 4th.

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

Annual Golf Tournament –was held June 22nd at Salt Creek Golf Course, Norham. This 4 person, best ball tournament was organized by Eleanor Price and was a successful fundraiser for the club netting over \$2200. Twenty three teams competed in a ‘fun-filled’ day with the top team being the David Larcome team. THANKS to Eleanor and her friends, family, and club members who helped make the day a success.

MARK your calendar for next year’s tournament Saturday June 28th.

Progressive Euchre – the club has hosted five (July to Nov.) Progressive Euchre tournaments on Sunday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The club will continue to host euchre on the 3rd Sunday of the month from January to March in 2014. Cost is \$5/person which includes refreshments. Prizes are given out for high scores. Anyone is welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun.

Norwood Fair Weekend

- As in the past, Raeburn Scott organized almost 80 curlers, family and friends to “work” the fair gates during the fair weekend. This venture is a major fundraiser for the club so it is important that we continue to do this. This year we received \$7000 from the Norwood Agricultural Society for our efforts. THANKS to Raeburn and all others who volunteered their time!
- New this year was an Information Booth at the fair. Organized by Mary and Jan Hay, it was a great chance to ‘spread the word’ about N.C.C. and provide details on leagues, bonspiels, regular events, and the facilities. THANKS to Mary and Jan and all others who helped out. Look us up next year. We’ll be bigger and better!
- “CURLING ROCKS IN NORWOOD” neon coloured T-shirts made their debut at the fair. They definitely attracted some attention. 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) at the bar.

As many of you are aware, the executive had planned to provide Curling on the hockey ice at the arena during the fair in an effort to promote the sport and provide some basic instruction. Because the club’s rocks were still away being refurbished, this event was cancelled. But plans are in place to go ahead with it at the 2014 fair. The executive believe it will be an excellent opportunity for non-curlers or novice curlers to “get a feel” for the sport before joining a league. Keep in mind that volunteers will be required for this event so think about helping out next year.

Rock Maintenance – As a result of a motion at the April 2013 Annual Meeting, the club’s rocks were sent to Canada Curling Stone to be refurbished. Even though this was a big expense (approx. \$12,000) for the club, the benefit has already been realized as the rocks move much better on the ice and with more action

on hits. Curlers are commenting on the 'ease of delivery' compared to previous years, especially during the first couple of weeks of league play. In order to keep the rocks in 'tip top' shape, please handle them with care. For example rocks should not slide up over the hacks or crash into the end boards. It is hoped that with the refurbished rocks along with the Jet Ice system, that curlers will have a more enjoyable experience when they curl at Norwood.

Open House – was held on Sat. Nov 2nd and Sun. Nov 3rd. The turn-out both days was good with a number of new faces participating. Thanks to Dan Selby for giving curling instruction both days. Also thanks to Brian Bolton for organizing soup and sandwiches for lunch on Sunday.

Ham & Turkey Mixed Spiel, Nov 23rd – THANKS to Mary Hay for organizing this spiel and to all curlers in the one draw 2 game event. You are the ones who *make* the spiel! At the end of the day, first place went to a Norwood rink skipped by Dan Selby. Dan's team included Sandy Bruce, Pat Moore, and Helen McAulay. Second place went to the Campbellford team of Doug Burnside, Beth Lobb, Dave McDougal, and Marg Delorey.

Men's Turkey Spiel, Dec. 3rd – this popular bonspiel organized by Brian Radnor with help from Gord Montgomery, Ron English, Terry Stephens, Brian Hook, Mary Hay, Eleanor Price and Angie Hook saw 16 teams from Norwood and the surrounding area compete in two draws playing 2 games each.

The winners of the first draw were 1. Boyce Orr's team 2. Norm Dyment's team, 3. Jim Little's team, all from Peterborough Curling Club. The consolation winner was Doug Burnside's Campbellford team.

The winners of the second draw were 1. Lloyd Danford's team from Trenton, 2. Bob Bateman's team from Tweed, and 3. Albert Stadtke's team from Norwood. The consolation winner on the 2nd draw was Archie Davidson's Peterborough team.

Leagues – began regular play on Nov. 4th with all but Monday night Ladies and Thursday night Mixed having a full complement of teams. If you know of someone who might be interested in curling, please encourage them to join one of the leagues.

Monday night Ladies report – Just a few words to thank those who helped make the first half a success.

While we only had five teams a good time has been enjoyed by all. If anyone knows of anyone interested in curling in the second half of the season, just let me know. 'Merry Christmas to all and the best for the New Year.'

..... Eleanor

Thursday night Mixed – 12 people regularly show up to curl so there are four teams of 3 curlers. All members are welcomed to come out and curl for *free*. Non-members are welcomed also and will be asked to pay \$10/night. If enough interest is shown, then a league will be formed for the second half of curling.

Sr. Men Kawartha League report – Norwood teams have done very well so far in regular play and bonspiels. Most of the games have been at Norwood and out of 4 bonspiels the teams have placed 1st three times and 2nd twice. Generally 2 teams are sent to each bonspiel and 3 teams to regular games. Mac

Youth Curling – Sherry Wilson has recently finished teaching 9 classes from the public schools and St. Paul's Catholic school with approximately 25 children participating/class.

Junior Curling instruction begins Jan. 6th. There is no high school curling due to time and financial constraints, but there will be varsity high school teams coached by teachers and assisted by Sherry.

The George Cardwell memorial bonspiel will be held February 1st 2014 with an adult and a child paired on the teams. They will play two 4-end games. Anyone interested in helping with this spiel can contact Larry Sullivan at 705-639-2850

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

Curl for Kids Bonspiel, Jan. 11/14 - is a 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.

J.J. Stewart Mixed Skins Spiel, Jan. 25/14 - this has become a popular spiel, so sign a team up early. Entry fee of \$140.00 per team includes 2 games and lunch. There will be 2 draws at 8:30 am & 10:30 am. Contact Brian Radnor for more information at 705-639-5151

Centennial Pharmacy In-Club Mixed Spiel - will be held Thursday Feb 13/14. Contact Terry Baker for more information at 705-778-1657

Community Bonspiel, Feb 22/14 - will be hosted by the club with funds raised going to support the "splash pad" initiative by the Norwood Lions Club. Volunteers will be required to organize, help at or curl at this spiel. If you are interested contact the executive.

Senior Men Kawartha League Bonspiel, Wed. Feb. 26/14 - will be hosted by our club. For details contact Mac Danford at 705-639-5863

Ladies Spring Fever Bonspiel, Wed. March 19/14 - will be sponsord by the TD Bank, Havelock branch. Entries are due March 1/14 and the contact person is Jan Hay at 705-295-6505.

THANKS to Sandy Bruce for acquiring the TD bank as the new sponsor!

Maplefest Mixed Bonspiel, March 21 & 22/14 - is our final spiel of the curling season. The three draw, 3 game event 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. Please note that after lengthy discussion by the executive, there will not be a prize table this year. But there will be the opportunity to buy tickets on several "high value" items to be raffled.

"HEARD IT AT THE HOG LINE"

Did you notice the shiny floors of the club room the first night of curling? What a super job Brian Radnor, Vern Stockdale and Ken Wilford did in re-finishing them after the fair. Hmmmdo you suppose they do housekeeping at home??

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.

Ball players are invading the curling club on Friday nights. Yep! That's right. They've replaced their bats and balls with brooms and rocks and have transitioned very well, enjoying the game as well as the social time. Recently, a \$400 donation was received from this group and the executive agreed that the money be used to purchase 10 club brooms. THANKS TO THE FRIDAY NIGHT GANG!

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 Andy Crowell 705-696-2295

There's a new HD TV in the club room. Why? Recently the executive agreed to purchase a 50" TV so that the club could hold special events such as Super Bowl, Brier, Tournament of Hearts, etc parties and to provide a more enjoyable TV viewing experience by curlers and others.

A Super Bowl Party is planned for Sunday Feb 2/14 at 3 pm. Tickets for this event will be available in the new year. Whether you're a football fan or not, come join us for an afternoon of fun & food.

Hey! There's some pretty "awesome looking" ad signs on the walls of the ice surface. Thanks to Sandy Bruce and Gord Montgomery for 'pounding the pavement' during the summer and fall to promote 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.

Norwood Curling Club was established in 1963 making this the 50th Anniversary of the club.

From the Executive:

Your executive has been meeting monthly to look after the regular business pertaining to the club. Also during these meetings there are discussions regarding the "long-term" welfare of the club in regards to major building maintenance or renovations, equipment maintenance and purchases, our relationship with the Norwood Agricultural Society and other community entities, what the future membership may look like, and how can we make the club more appealing. Your executive endeavours to carefully consider options that will keep the club viable in years to come and are open to ideas or viewpoints. Your current executive is as follows:

President:	Larry Sullivan	705-639-2850
Past Pres.:	Brian Radnor	705-639-5151
1 st Vice Pres.:	Brian Hook	705-696-3025
2 nd Vice Pres.	Andy Crowell	705-696-2295
Secretary:	Wendy Hale	705-696-2503
Treasurer:	Mary Hay	705-295-6505

WISHING YOU JOY and PEACE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON and ALL THE BEST FOR THE NEW YEAR!