

NORWOOD CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2016

The curling season is coming to a close. From what you can see below, it is clear that a lot has happened this year. We hope that you all have had some fun this year both in your leagues and in the various bonspiels held throughout the season and we sincerely hope to see you all this November when we start it all over again.

Membership – during this year we had 136 members join the club on some basis (ie either full year or half year). This is up more than 12% from last year. Let's keep this building. Ask somebody you know to curl next year.

New Afternoon Mixed League for Next Year – do we have enough interest to operate another afternoon curling league next year without negatively affecting our existing leagues?? A new league would give us more options for placing new curlers. Membership surveys have been placed on the clubhouse tables. Please complete these surveys and give us your thoughts.

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

Club Annual Meeting – the date of Wednesday April 20, 2016 at 7:30 pm has been set for our club's annual meeting. Please come out, give your thoughts. Let us know: what did we do right this year; what did we do wrong; what changes we need to consider for next year, etc. Share a drink with your teammates and competitors and perhaps a laugh or two. It's your club. Help us make it the best it can be.

Annual Golf Tournament - Eleanor Price has indicated that she is organizing this event again this year. The date is set for June 18, 2016 at the Salt Creek Golf course in Warkworth. The tournament is a mixed (ie 2 men, 2 women) best ball. Get your team ready. See ya on the course. Sign up sheet is in the club room or call Eleanor at 705-696-2833.

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

Curl for Kids Bonspiel, Jan. 9/16 – the club hosted 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.

JJ Stewart Motors Open Mixed Spiel, Jan. 30/16 – we had a full 16 teams participate in this annual event. We saw a lot of great shot making and all involved had fun. First place winners in the early draw were Dan Selby, Sandy Bruce, Don Bruce and Helen Edmunds. Late draw winners were Jason Ferguson, Dorothy Smooker, Rob Hanes and Lou Anne Hanes.

Guys vs. Gals Bonspiel, Feb. 13/16 – a day of friendly competition with 8 teams competing. It appears this bonspiel ended in a tie with everybody involved declared a "winner".

Kawartha Senior Men Spiel, Feb 24/16 – 16 senior men's teams from surrounding clubs competed for the Bergen Payne Memorial Trophy. Winning team of Dan Lemon, Tom Sawyer, Jim Coughlin and Dan Pluard came from Lakefield.

Brier Dinner Mar 13/16 – Larry Sullivan operated another successful Brier dinner this year with app 26 guests coming out for a pickup game of curling and a delicious personalized spaghetti dinner while watching the championship game at the brier.

Ladies' Open Spring Fever Bonspiel, Wed. March 16/16 – A total of 12 teams competed from Norwood, Marmora, Keene, Peterborough, Ennismore, Lakefield & Campbellford curling clubs. At the end of the day the Lorraine Leddy team from Ennismore won the early draw while the Mary Ellen Bannon team from Peterborough Curling Club won the late draw. Local team of Sharon Scott, Sue Ireland, Sandy Bruce & Doris Stephens finished third in the late draw.

Maplefest Mixed Bonspiel, March 18 & 19/16 – the Maplefest was held this last weekend and by all accounts it was another huge success. A full slate of 24 teams competed for the coveted Maple Sap Bucket Trophy with the team of Colin Brethour (skip), Deb MacEwen (vice), Glen Brethour (second) and Judy Brethour (lead) coming up on top. The team of Nick Nickson (skip), Marj Delorey (vice), Mac Danford & Don Delorey (co-seconds) and Pauline Garden (lead) came in second. The team of Larry Sullivan (skip), Lori Sullivan (vice), Terry Stephens (second) and Arlene Webster/Don Southward (co-leads) came in third.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors and members who donated prizes to our gift table so that all participants had much to choose from when their time at the gift table came. Special thanks to the following donors who donated the “Special Prizes”. These special donors were – Steve & Linda Harold, Don Richardson, CDR Aggregates, Curtis & Bonnie Townsend, Ron & Julie Tufts, Eleanor Price, Raeburn Scott, McMillian Sports, Mike Hook and the Toronto Blue Jays, and Gay Lea/Ivanhoe Cheese.

Many thanks to all who volunteered to help make this event so special. The Maplefest is the club's biggest fund raiser of the year and could not happen without the efforts of our volunteers.

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

League Play – Below is an update on all of our leagues:

Monday Morning Stirling – two man/women teams. Curlers pay \$5 each week to play. This league continues to have 12 to 16 curlers show up each week. Come on out and give it a try.

Monday night Ladies – this league is convened by Eleanor Price (705-696-2833). First half winners was the team of Wendy Hale (skip), Patty Giles (vice), Kerry McNeely (second) and Anita Lautenbach (lead).

Tuesday night Mixed – this league is convened by Dan Selby (705-639-5785). First half winners were the team of Larry Sullivan (skip), Lori Sullivan (vice), Albert Crowley (second) and Zita Crowley (lead).

Wednesday night Mens – this league is convened by Steve Harold (705-745-9566). First half winners were the team of Steve Harold (skip), George Gordon (vice), Terry Stephens (second) and Paul Cole (lead).

Thursday afternoon Mixed – this league is convened by Terry Baker. First half winners were the team of Sharon Scott (skip), Sue Ireland (vice), Glenn Scott (second) and Don Southward (lead).

Thursday night Mixed – this league is convened by Derek Hatfield (derek@norwoodcurling.ca) First half winners were the team of Ian Peterman (skip), Carolyn Vardy (vice), Nick Jones (second) and Tamara Cowie (lead).

***** Other Updates *****

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

High School Curling , Feb 16& 17/16 – our own Kyle McGriskin skipped the Norwood High School boys curling team to two victories in the Kawartha High School Curling tournament before losing to St Peter's Secondary School, the eventual winner of the tournament. Kyle's teammates were Hayden Baptie, Mike Burtt and Jacob Bennett.

Major Repair -the club incurred a major repair of app \$4,500 to the ice making equipment in early January. We were fortunate as this repair could have been much more costly were it not for the quick action of our fearless icemaker, Denton Curry.

Kawartha Senior Men – Norwood teams had another successful year in the Kawartha Inter-Club League play. The senior curlers want to make it clear to all that a “Senior Curler” is anybody 50 years of age or older! If you are interested in getting involved next year, contact Brian Radnor (705-639-5151).

*****"HEARD IT AT THE HOG LINE"*****

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. 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-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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.....Your Executive