



HogLine News

OSHAWA CURLING CLUB

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April 14, 2010

Baking - Books - Plant Sale

MAY 15, 2010

Put that date on your calendar! Also, add your name to the Sign-up Sheets on the Bulletin Board at the club to supply Baking or Plants for this Sale being organized by the Day Ladies!

Bring your donations to the club on Friday, May 14 between 6 and 9 p.m. OR very early Saturday a.m. on May 15

**Also wanted:
books, games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs or items of that nature.**



Cedarcroft Place Retirement Residence

Tickets are still available for the CLASS ACT DINNER THEATRE FUNDRAISER!

This is your chance to go out for a fantastic Buffet Dinner and enjoy some very funny Theatre with your friends at the Oshawa Curling Club.
Invite your Non-OCC friends and family!

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

The Play is: The Sensuous Senator
Tickets are \$60* each and available at the Bar

*\$25 from the sale of each ticket will go to the Oshawa Curling Club. Class Act's website is www.class-act.ca

New Office Staff

As many of you know, Cheryl Perry will (sadly) be leaving us to pursue a new career in Nursing. Jason Leonard has been interviewed and offered Cheryl's position. Many of you will know Jason as an Oshawa Curling Club member, former OCC bartender, and as a former Junior ice maintenance worker. Jason is a graduate of UOIT and will be commencing training in the office with Cheryl on May 17.

We wish both Jason and Cheryl well in their new careers.

Regal Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who purchased Regal products through club member Janet Marshall-Nicol's mom, Andrena Nicol. Andrena donated 10% of her sales to club members to the club. As a result, the Oshawa Curling Club received a cheque for \$77 from Andrena Nicol. Thank you, Andrena.

Pot of Gold

Congratulations to Ruth Leone, club president, for winning the final Pot of Gold draw for the season. On Friday, April 10, Ruth won the pot for the second time this season! This time, since the draw had not been won in a while, the total winnings were \$377.

Many long-time Friday night curlers will know Bob Mills as the man responsible for administering the Pot of Gold and making the draw each Friday. Bob Mills has recently been having some health issues and is currently in hospital. Gerry Giddings has been running the Pot of Gold in Bob's place for the past several weeks. (Thank you, Gerry). As a special treat last Friday, Bob called the club from his hospital bed in time for the Pot of Gold draw. Gerry put the phone on "speaker" to the microphone so the early Friday draw could hear Bob's traditional, "Hello, Hello, Hello...". Bob talked a few minutes to the Friday night curlers and everyone in the lounge cheered him a speedy recovery and a hasty return to the club.

LOCKERS!!

We'd like to give all the lockers in the club a good clean. Please remove your lock from your locker and clean it out for the summer season. You may leave your name tag on the locker if that is the one you wish to claim for next season.

Is there anyone wishing to work off some volunteer hours cleaning lockers? Please let the office know!

Wanted: Final League Reports

At the time the April HogLine went to print, there were many league results that were still unknown by the editor. If you have information on final winners, standings, etc. for club leagues (or anything else you wish published), please send to Jennifer Langford at jenandruss@rogers.com (905-434-6882) or leave them in the office for pickup.

A new edition of the HogLine will be printed following the Spring General Meeting on April 14, 2010.

Tuesday Men's Rated League

The Tuesday men's rated league has had an interesting year. We had a section won when the third place team slipped through the middle and beat the first and second place teams on percentages. We had two sections won by experienced, tried and true skips that showed their determination and skill. Then, at the end of the year, we had a tie. There were two teams with identical points, identical win/loss records, and identical for and against scores. They had never met during league play and had no record against each other. The skips disappeared into the cloak room and one team came out triumphant.

The first section winners were Jim Thedorf, skip, Rick Rosnak, vice, Randy Gobin, 2nd, and Grant Girard, lead.

The second section winners were Rod Evans, skip, Manny Hutcheon, vice, Derek Ewell, 2nd, and Aurele Michaud, lead.

The third section winners were Al Eccles, skip, Brian Rutherford, vice, Lloyd Murray, 2nd, and Randy Gobin, lead.

The fourth section winners were Steve Ball, skip, Craig Veltman, vice, Bernie Twyman, 2nd, and Gord Eyre, lead

The overall league winner was the Al Eccles team, unfortunately they came up against a hot Al Steffen team from the Thursday section and had to settle for second place in the club.

The league was well attended we had fourteen teams during the first three sections and sixteen for the final section. I want to thank all the experienced curlers that helped the first year members of our club. Some of our new curlers had no training and some had played many years before. The experienced curlers that helped and trained our new members have made a contribution that I hope will bring these new members back for many years to come. During the last section we had 21 first year curlers. We needed only 3 more experienced players to give us a totally filled section. I enjoyed my first year doing this job and I hope to be able to enjoy many more.

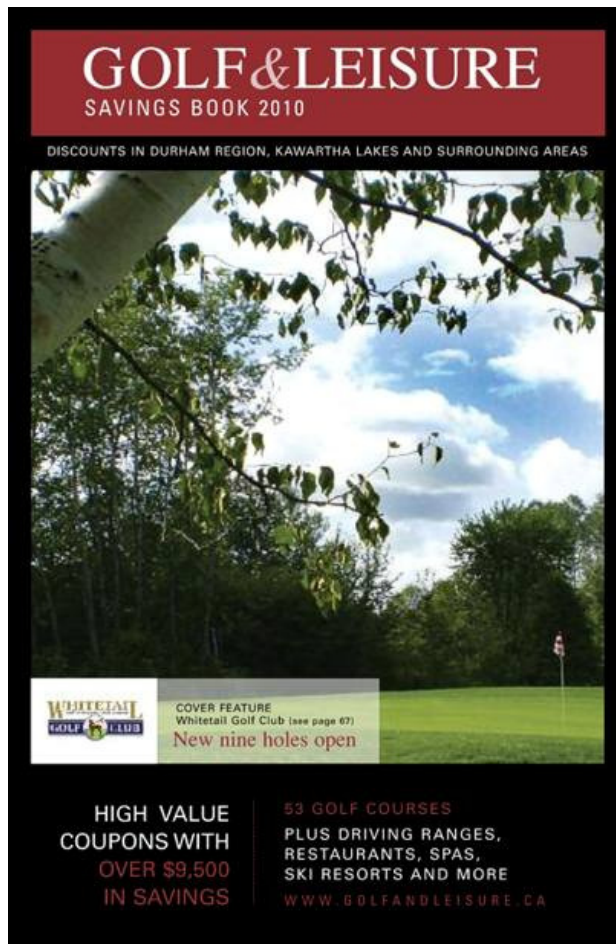
Fred Taylor

**The Oshawa Curling Club
would like to recognize
OPG as a proud sponsor of
Little Rock Curling.
Thanks for your support,
OPG!!**

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Business Ladies' League Winners

The winning team for the final Schedule in the Wednesday night Ladies' league was made up of: Skip, Peggy Cleminson; Vice, Tanya Mercer; 2nd, Alice Clark; and Lead, Marie Popovich. The second place team consisted of: Skip, Joyce Daffern; Vice, Vickie Glenn; 2nd, Heather Ball; and Lead, Mieke Allan. Congratulations, Ladies!



Purchase a **2010 Durham Golf And Leisure Savings Book** at the Bar for only \$30. The Curling Club makes at least \$10 from the sale.

This year's book contains coupons for over
\$9,500 in savings:

- 150 FREE ROUNDS OF GOLF
- 156 coupons at 55 golf courses. Average value of these offers is \$37 each.
- PLUS 72 coupons for driving ranges, golf instruction, miniature golf and golf retail shops
- IN ADDITION, you can redeem 129 additional coupons for discounts at popular restaurants, pubs, spas ski resorts and entertainment.

FABULOUS VALUE!!

Thursday Mens Rated League Results

This year proved to be full of "New Experiences" for our Thursday Men's Rated League. With the addition of a new "Open Competitive League" starting at 8:45 pm as a second night for our Monday night curlers, our usual start time of 7 pm was pushed forward to 6:45 pm with a time limit of 1 hour and 50 minutes invoked upon us to start the 8th end. This is the same time factor allotted to the Monday Night Skip's Choice League (6:40 pm start), however, when dealing with new and inexperienced curlers as our league encourages to play, the average time per end increases sometimes making this time limit a tight fit. That being said, our 2nd, 3rd & 4th schedules were able to run much smoother as teams learned to allot their time more wisely. After talking with some of the Monday Night convenors, they felt that starting their games earlier at 6:30 pm instead of 6:40 pm will allow for extra time to complete all 8 ends, however, for us, with the Teachers League playing before us, starting at 6:30 pm is virtually impossible since many of their games run past the 6:40 pm mark and we still have to allow for the ice crew to do their jobs. Next year our Men's Thursday League will be starting at 6:40 pm to allow for an extra 5 minutes per game and more time for the ice makers to ready the ice for the next group to play.

Throughout the season, our league maintained a 10 team group consisting of 46 members with some of the members electing to "Spare Only" as a means of keeping the teams full rather than expanding to 12 teams and having a bunch of 3-man teams with no spares available when someone either gets sick or goes away on holidays. Next year, I fully expect that we will be back to at least 14 teams as many have indicated their desire to return and bring a friend or two along for the ride. I will also be implementing a new "**Sponsorship Program**", details to follow, to help increase membership in this league.

I would now like to take this opportunity and officially welcome our New members from this past season to both the Thursday Men's Rated League as well as the Oshawa Curling Club. They are as follows:

Dean Beare, Curtis Beich, Ambrose Donovan, Mike Evans, Gord Eyre, Dave Horne, Robert Lang, Frank McCarthy, David Odynski, Dave Scholz & Nick Turvill. Welcome !

On to the playoffs! This year we saw some old faces as well as a lot of new faces and some more than once managed to capture a spot on the 8 different schedule winning teams, but in the end, it came down to a "**Battle of the Al's**" for the title of the **2010 Men's Rated League Club Champions**. Representing **Tuesday Night was Al Eccles's Team** and **Thursday Night was the team of Al Steffen's**. After the final stones came to rest, one team was crowned the best!

The Winners of the 2010 Men's Rated League are: Skip: **Alan Steffen**, Vice: **Mike Sarmatiuk**, 2nd: **Brad Barrack** & Lead: **Ambrose Donovan**. Playoffs Alternate for 2nd: **Jeff Cryderman** and Championship Final game Alternate for Lead: **Curtis Beich**. ALL Members of this team will receive a keepsake award plaque and will have their names placed on a New Trophy to be displayed in the club.

I wish everyone a Safe and Happy Summer!

Respectfully,
Alan Steffen – Men's Thursday Rated League Convenor

St. Patty's Day Bonspiel – March 20, 2010

What a day!!!! We had 2 full draws which equates to 128 curlers drawing several spectators to our club for the day! It was amazing to see the club full of people having a ton of fun.

We started our day by having a few breakfast treats and of course a little Irish Cream in our coffee. Our curlers were piped on to the ice by Zac Brydges. Two six end games made up the format for the day with lunch in between and meat pies and salad for supper.

Our winners this year were Donna Morrison, Derek Ewell, Darlene Allison and Frank McCarthy. Congratulations to the winners of this most prestigious trophy...the Green Broom!

All participants brought a \$10.00 prize in a brown paper or gift bag. Life is like a box of chocolates....you never know what you are going to get. Everyone also went home with a coffee mug or a St. Patty's Day frosty mug.

We were entertained by a live band named the Rock Houndz. They did an absolutely fantastic job of keeping the dance floor hopping.

Throughout the day, we sold tickets on several raffle prizes. We had many contributors to our raffle prize table. Thanks to all of them! Jello shooters were donated by Sue Caswell and sold for a loonie. At the end of the day, I had the pleasure of handing in over \$1,600.00 to our office not to mention the nearly \$3,000.00 in bar sales for the day. Amazing!!!

I need to thank several people for helping me make the day the success that it was. Nancy Smith (my mom), David Helmer, Fred O'Neil, Doug Browning, Janette Desousa, Ann Taillon, Janice O'Neil, Susan Jantzi and Susan Caswell. I couldn't have done it without them!

Also, Janice O'Neil donated a banner for the bonspiel which is amazing and Donna Morrison made a little wooden Leprechaun which we appropriately named "BEV". They will be proudly displayed in years to come. Don McNairn: a special thanks to Don for going to the beer and liquor stores and restocking the bar! We drank the bar out of booze...the sign of a successful day at the curling club!

As for next year, I am not sure what is going to happen with our St. Patty's Day spiel. The curling club calendar is already full with OCA events surrounding St. Patty's Day. We may have to postpone the event for a year and hope that the calendar will allow the bonspiel to continue in 2012.

Thanks to all the curlers who came out and supported the day! You are the reason this bonspiel is successful!

Andi Kelcey

Junior Family Bonspiel – April 3, 2010

Despite the beautiful weather outdoors, the club hosted **18** teams of Junior Curlers and their families and friends on Saturday, April 3. In this event, Junior curlers must call the game and throw last rocks. To try to keep the day relatively short and to avoid having two completely separate draws, Russ and David Langford engineered a schedule whereby every team was placed in a pool where they played two 2-end games for "seeding" purposes. From there, everyone went on to play an additional two 4-end games.

Everyone had a great time vying for the coveted jelly-bean double- takeout prizes and a chance at the Family trophy. The scores were close amongst several teams as the two teams with highest totals (and coincidentally, the teams with the most experienced skips) went head-to-head in the last game. The tension was high as the Andrey team (Courtney, Britney (also a Jr. curler), Dean, and grandfather Dave Wetmore) battled the Langford team (David, Kathryn (also a Jr. curler), Jennifer, Russ). The score was tied going into the last end but David's team took a final 4 points. This was enough to ensure that after many years of trying, the Langford name will finally make it onto the Junior Family Bonspiel trophy!

The Junior program would like to recognize Square Boy Pizza for providing pizza for the players at a price that just can't be beaten. Please support Square Boy!

Halenda's Annual Bonspiel – April 10, 2010

Perhaps it was the fact that the weather had turned so nice so early. Or was it that the date was pushed until after an early Easter? The Halenda's Bonspiel is usually a popular one but it failed to fill this year. Nonetheless it was a very pleasant day for the 14 Men's teams and the 10 Ladies' teams that participated. As usual, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and received a \$10 Halenda's gift certificate for participating.

The format for team assignment makes for an interesting day. Curlers sign up to play in their rated position and the committee draws up teams of vices, seconds, and leads. Skips draw for the team they will play with just before the first game gets underway.

Prizes of Halenda's gift certificates were awarded to the two Men's and two Women's teams with the highest total points after two games. The top Men's team this year was: Rod Evans (skip), Don Peebles (vice), Derek Ewell (2nd), Daniel Minaker (lead). The second place team from the Men's draw was: Armand Hachey (skip), Al Eccles (vice), Lorne Smith (2nd), Jason Brodie (lead). The top Women's team was Jo McCulloch (skip), Carol Kerry (vice), Laurie Coulson (2nd), Terry Rutherford (lead). The second place team from the Women's draw was Betty Greentree (skip), Dena DiCesare (vice), Laurie Ball (2nd), Marie Popovich (lead).

Congratulations to the organizing committee of Neil Greentree, Jack Barta, Bob Smith, Eleanor Hutcheon, Donna Morrison for a great day! I hope that next season we can be back to two full draws!

Little Rock Meltdown Bonspiel – April 11, 2010

Twenty-four Little Rockers and their friends and families came out to play two 4-end games and enjoy Square Boy Pizza and ice cream last Sunday. The highlight of the day was the elimination draw where the two winners were allowed to go out with Dave Ralston and chip out the remaining Lucky Loonies from sheets 2 and 7. After that, a great number of curlers and families put their skates on to enjoy some skating before the ice melted. Thanks, Dave, for helping us out with a fantastic day.

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER

Don't forget about the tournament in support of the club on April 18 at 5:30 p.m.

\$10 entrance fee,
with the chance to re-buy \$10 allowed in the first hour.

First and Second place winners receive a prize.

No players allowed in after play starts at 6 p.m.!

2011 Canadian Open at GM Centre

As you know the BDO Canadian Open is coming to Oshawa January 26 – 30, 2011. The Oshawa Curling Club is working with the Whitby Club, Oshawa Golf & Curling, the GM Centre and Wendy Kane & Assoc. who represent the curlers. I am representing the OCC at this time.

The event will include the top 18 men's teams in the world. Curling will commence on Wednesday night January 26/2011 and finish Sunday afternoon January 30/2011. In addition to the curling, the event will include the "Capital One Million Dollar Button".

The event requires 35 volunteers from each of the three clubs. You have to be a Club member to be eligible. Volunteer activities will include various activities such as ice crew, on-ice officials, program sellers, statisticians, transportation, setup and tear down and others.

Each volunteer will have a full event pass, an event jacket and access to the volunteer lounge for snacks and beverages. Each volunteer would be required to be available to work a few hours each day.

If you wish to volunteer, please email the OCC website, attention Brian Rutherford. If you wish, you may specify as to what you would like to do. If we get more than 35 requests to volunteer, there will be a lottery to pick the people. As I am not aware of the timing for volunteers at this point, volunteer self nominations will be open from now until Oct 31/2010.

Please direct any questions to the OCC website or ask me if you see me at the Club. I will update you as more information becomes available.

Brian Rutherford
Director of Membership
OCC