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Our party to celebrate another successful year will be held on Saturday, May 4th. There will be a cocktail hour, a steak dinner, plus live entertainment by the popular musicians Paddy Kelly & Ashley MacLeod; all for only \$25. Music will start at 7:30. Please get your tickets by April 20th to secure your spot. You can purchase tickets by contacting Colleen MacCulloch - 613-528-4552 gmacc@xplornet.ca or Rose MacCulloch at rose.macculloch@ucdsb.on.ca. *Please note that we accept e-transfer as payment.* The attached poster to the email has all of the details. Don't be disappointed...get your table together and purchase your tickets today!

A Look Ahead

Ice Maintenance Help Required – From Bruce Andrews - It's my hope to instruct several curlers on how to clean, pebble and nip the ice between games. To do this I will conduct one or two pebbling workshops at the end of September. Once the ice is installed, I will hold another one or two workshops to show how to perform the clean, pebble and nip on the ice. Reasoning behind this; the pebble usually only holds up for 8 ends (sometime 10) of curling before it goes "flat" and the curl becomes excessive. To make the game more enjoyable, I would like to ask the convenors to build in 5-10 minutes between draws. This will allow for a clean, pebble and nip to refresh the ice for the next game.

Speed up the Game - From the Board – Next season you will notice the "Speed up the Game" posters around the club, but thought we would give you a heads up and friendly reminder what we can do to keep things on track. We are currently having issues with not finishing on time resulting in different solutions, but no consistency. Hopefully this will help without having to enforce any rules of ending your game early. Have a look at the attached poster on the email as there may be things you can do that you were not aware of to help keep the game on time.

A Look Ahead Continued

Convenor Changes – From the Board - THANK YOU to Ed and Karen Kupczyk Wednesday Day Mixed and Geoffrey McNaughton & Gilles Dubeau (Monday Night Men's) for their years of convening as they have stepped down from many years of convening. Derrick Hampton has agreed to be the new Monday Night Men's League Convenor. The Board is looking for a new convenor for the Wednesday Daytime Mixed League next year. Please keep this in mind as we rest over the summer, and don't hesitate to approach a Board member to find out more if you have interest in this. Volunteering for your club is a rewarding experience.

Williamstown Fair - From Elaine Warden - We have reserved a concession spot to sell Perch Rolls at the Williamstown Fair once again. It involves 2 days, August 10th & 11th, the Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am to 2 or 3 p.m.; as well as preparing the set-up on Thursday. I will be willing to convene this fundraiser again, but will need the help of volunteers who can offer some hours either Saturday or Sunday. As in the past, I will also be asking for donations from club members for buns, water, soft-drinks, onion, etc. I will be sending out a reminder as the date approaches. Last year our profit was \$1967.



Pickleball – For the 3rd year, we will be offering Pickleball during the summer months, beginning the week of May 6th. We will offer Monday and Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. For more information about each evening please contact the following people.

Pickleball League	Convenor
Monday & Wednesday Evening	Rose MacCulloch- rose.macculloch@ucdsb.on.ca
Friday Mornings	Monique Bisson- monique.bisson@bell.net



A Review of the 2nd Half of the Season

Wednesday Mixed Daytime Curling. From Karen and Ed Kupczyk - Just as a shout out to the many volunteers who help run the Wednesday Mixed Day Draw. We were able to give back over \$2000.00 to our club. This comes from our lunch program. Curlers have soup, sandwiches and dessert for \$5.00, and all the food is donated by the Wednesday curlers. Way to go! You rock in so many ways! A huge thank you to Elaine Pye, Rita Scott, and Wendy Wert for their dedicated kitchen help, and many others who helped as well. Team Work! Bravo!



Juniors – From James Doonan - We had a great year with the junior group. This was one of our largest groups in recent history and a good mix of returning learners and new curlers. Bruce McCuaig organized our juniors for friendlies against the Cornwall Junior Program and this is something we will continue to grow and expand. Many of our group competed in the SD&G High School Tournaments and events and it was a great learning experience. Towards the end of the year the Junior Program entered a team in the Tuesday night ladies league. This was a great chance to compete against seasoned players and the juniors gained experience from this and we will look to continue in the coming year. We thank the Tuesday night group for welcoming them. As well there were several activities related to community outreach. We had students from Williamstown Public School to try the game with great response. We will look to move this earlier in the season next year to get more sessions in. In addition, Char-Lan were at our club practicing in the lead up to the high school bonspiels. We will add more of the open ice sessions and coaching sessions that were fundraising for the Junior Program. They were well received, and we will expand this in the coming year. Thank you to all the coaches and support through the year. Steven Doonan, Bruce McCuaig, Derek Hampton, Bernie Filiatreault, Jena Doonan, Ron Wood, Dan Leblanc and Bill Hughes.

Hockey Pool. From the Board - Throughout the curling season, John Peters ran a fun hockey pool each week. Members continue to support this effort and it brings along a lot of fun chatter after the games about favourite hockey teams. We'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to John Peters for his weekly efforts organizing this pool. His efforts contribute approximately \$1000 to our bottom line!



Learn to Curl Program (L2C) – The L2C program was once again a huge success. Thanks to Bernie Filiatreault and his group of instructors for their continued commitment to curling development. Also, thanks to all the members who welcomed our L2C graduates into their league. Feedback from participants was positive and they felt comfortable in league play. Great to see the continued growth in membership.



Senior Men, (Parnell League) - From the Board – The Parnell League is alive and well in the area. This league is comprised of Senior Men from Morrisburg, Cornwall, Prescott, and Lancaster, also known as “the battle of the St. Lawrence”. It was founded by Jack Parnell from Morrisburg, in honour of his father Jack Parnell Sr. During the season, curlers travel to the host club of the day. Thanks to Claude Currier for being the Lancaster Parnell organizer.

Convenors – From the Board - A special thank you to all the league Convenors for their volunteer hours in the 2018-2019 season. It takes great members to run our club!

League	Convenor(s)
Monday Day Men's	John Peters
Monday Night Men's	Geoff MacNaughton & Gilles Dubeau
Tuesday Night Ladies	Elaine Pye
Wednesday Day Mixed	Karen & Ed Kupczyk
Wednesday Night Mixed	Jessie Vanderburg
Thursday Morning Ladies	Janice McLeod & Colleen MacCulloch
Thursday Night Mixed	Heidi Gauthier
Friday Night Open	Colin Osborne & Tara Kemp



Jan. 19th Birthday Bonspiel - A very fun "Birthday/Horoscope" themed bonspiel was held in January with 12 teams participating. Teams were comprised by birth month & horoscope. A delicious lasagna dinner was served and a birthday cake was at the center of each table. These birthday cakes created a lot of fun mingling as people moved from table to table trying to get a piece of their favourite type of cake! Thanks to Colleen MacCulloch and Rose MacCulloch and their team for convening this creative themed day! Winners of the A Championship were Team April – Bruce Andrews, Al Boch, Crystal Hampton, Rylan Duhart. B Championship were Team March – Doug Fraser, Patti McLeod, Heather Jujius, Gail Wells.



Business Bonspiel, February 7th, 8th & 9th - Thanks go to Denny 's for a great pancake breakfast as part of our Business Bonspiel. Approximately 60 people visited our Curling Club for breakfast on the Saturday morning of the bonspiel. It was a great weekend event with 16 local businesses participating! The winner of the bonspiel was Team Planterra skipped by Bernie Filiatreaut. Thanks to Chantal Sansoucy and her team for convening this annual event! We also thank all of our local businesses who continue to support this important fun bonspiel each year. We had a full house!

Alexandria L2C Bonspiel – February 9th

2018 Lancaster Learn to Curl (L2C) Graduates were successful at the 2nd Annual Alexandria L2C Bonspiel. Lancaster entered 2 teams and other clubs participating were Alexandria, Maxville, Cornwall, Ottawa City View, Ottawa RA Centre, Winchester. To enter, your team had to consist of 2018 L2C Graduates. Winner of the event was the Lancaster team skipped by Donna da Silva, 3rd Peter da Silva, 2nd John Mossop and Lead Rylan Duhart. Congratulations!

Save a Heart Bonspiel - February 16th -

The Heart and Stroke Fundraiser was a success. Lancaster Curling Club donated just over \$700 to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. 1st Place Winners - Wendy Wert, Lynn-Marie Legault, Rylan Duhart, John Mossop. A “heart healthy” supper was served and we thank James Doonan and team for organizing this event.

Cash Spiel – March 1st & March 2nd

The Cash Spiel was another success. Alexandria were the winning team this year skipped by Greg Peerenboom. Thanks go out to Bernie Filatreault and Bruce Andrews for convening the event again. Thanks to Ming & Associates for their Corporate Sponsorship of the event.



Euchre Tournament – March 3rd – A full-house euchre tournament was held on Sunday, March 3rd. The Curling Club was packed and following the tournament a spaghetti supper was served. \$470 was raised and donated to Roy & Cher’s Animal Rescue. Congrats to Diane Andrews and Ruth Filiatreault for convening this successful event. It is always a pleasure to welcome the community to the club for events. The winner of the tournament was Colleen MacCulloch!

**Beginner Bonspiel – March 6th & 9th**

An “Open Beginner” Bonspiel was held and outside clubs were invited to attend. The bonspiel was to encourage new curlers to experience curling in other clubs in the area. Curlers under 5 years of experience could enter. Thanks to Dan MacDonald for introducing this bonspiel and convening the event. Teams were from Alexandria, Morrisburg, Cornwall, Whitlock & Lancaster. The winner of the bonspiel was Alexandria with Cornwall and Lancaster tied for 2nd.

St. Paddy’s Bonspiel, March 16th – With the Luck of the Irish, participants came out dressed in green for the St. Paddy’s Bonspiel. The winning team was Team Hampton skipped by Derrick Hampton with team, Crystal Hampton, Betty Hurley & Scott McCormick. Thanks to Convenor James Doonan and his team for this event. The day was topped off with traditional Irish Stew!



Alexandria Moose, March 15th & 16th - Congratulations to two Lancaster curlers who were on a team that won the long-standing Alexandria Moose Bonspiel. The team was skipped by Blake O'Connor with Steve Bell as one of the players.



Agrispiel March 22nd & 23rd

The 4th Annual Munro Agromart Agrispiel was another success! 16 Agribusiness teams participated. Team Nine Mile Farm was the 2 Game High Winner skipped by Guy Dubeau, 3rd Kyle Hinskins, 2nd Angela Beehler and Lead Stephanie Osborne. Convenor Patti McLeod thanks all the Agricultural Businesses/Farms that participated and special thanks to Munro Agromart for continuing to be our corporate sponsor of the event. Also, thanks to everyone who helped with the bonspiel's details!

Glengarry Cup, March 30th – The Annual Glengarry Cup was held in Maxville this year. This event was created 35 years ago by Coleman & Joan P McDonald. Each year the 3 Glengarry Clubs compete by entering a 12-person club team. (Ladies, Men & Mixed). The teams all play each other and then combined total points are calculated for each club. It's been a healthy rivalry between these Glengarry clubs for years! Results 2019: 1st – Alexandria, 2nd – Lancaster, 3rd – Maxville. Representing Lancaster this year were the following players:

	Ladies	Men's	Mixed
Skip	Patti McLeod	Glen O'Connor	Colin Osborne
3rd	Elizabeth Desjardins	Bernie Filiatreault	Tara Kemp
2nd	Chantal Sansoucy	Gilles Dubeau	Bruce McCuaig
Lead	Ruth Filiatreault	Bruce Andrews	Lydia McCuaig

Ottawa Colts Curling Series - The Ottawa Colts Curling series wrapped up March 30th and 31st, at the Metcalfe Curling Rink. At the end of the 5th bonspiel, the top 8 of 16 were invited to participate in the end-of-season Championship event. The Lancaster Team, skipped by Derrick Hampton, entered 4 of the 5 events, which took them to curling clubs at Rideau, North Grenville, Buckingham, and the RA Club, finishing up at the Metcalfe to take part in the Championship Event. Completing Derrick's Team, were Aris Juijuis, Carolyn MacCulloch, Terry Robertson (Cornwall Club) and Dan MacDonald. Well done Lancaster curlers! All curlers must have less than 5 years of experience at the beginning of the season. Team members do not all have to be from the same club. <https://coltscurling.com/>

"Roll the Dice" Closing Bonspiel, April 6th - The closing bonspiel had a different fun twist. Once the end was completed, the 3rd of the team with the hammer rolled the dice. There was six ways to win the end depending on the roll of the dice. If they rolled a 3, then rule # 3 would apply to the end. Such as:



Rocks behind the T-Line, including out of play rocks, wins the end. (Team A has two rocks behind the line. Team B has three rocks behind the line. Team B gets one point.) Winners tied for 1st were Team Filiatreault/Andrews with Ruth & Bernie Filiatreault and Diane & Bruce Andrews and Team McArthur with Tara McArthur, Wendell MacLeod, Marion Newman and Kirsty Buchan. Thanks to Heidi Gauthier for taking the Lead in this bonspiel and her large team of helpers. Everyone had a great time during the bonspiel and at dinner.

It is nice to see that curling is being passed down through the generations. Take a look at the Edward's, the McArthur's and the Osborne's where they all have 3 generations curling and the Osborne's have 4 generations in attendance at dinner!



Closing Remarks

We will continue to sell club jackets throughout the year and into next year. There are still some jackets available to try on for sizing. They are looking great out on the ice!

We apologize if you had something that was of importance and could have been covered in the newsletter. If we don't hear from you, we don't know about your important information. Note that in the upcoming season of 2019/2020, please send in any information you would like covered in a newsletter. You can send your information to Colleen MacCulloch who manages our communications at gcmacc@xplornet.ca

As you can see, the club is very active. Please check the website often, even in the summer, as news is being updated. www.lancastercurling.ca. During the curling season, leagues and schedules are all listed, along with winners in each league. Also, we like to keep members updated with news on our Facebook page. Don't forget to "like" the page to get all the updates. <https://www.facebook.com/LancasterCurling/>

Information will be sent in the next month about the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

We hope to see you at the year-end dinner/party on May 4th!