



# Merry Christmas!



Lancaster & District Curling Club  
December 2014

## Successful Events in 2014

- *Beers & Cheers*  
October 13, 2014
- *Rocks & Rings*  
October 30, 2014
- *Ladies Invitational*  
November 18, 2014
- *Kirsty MacLeod Mixed*  
*Invitational November 21 & 22,*  
*2014*
- *Stick curling clinic*  
December 1, 2014
- *Senior Men's Invitational*  
December 2, 2014
- *Turkey Bonspiel*  
December 4 & 6, 2014
- *Santa Claus Parade*  
*Junior Float Dec. 1st*
- *Breakfast with Santa, December*  
*7, 2014*

## Coming Events in 2015

- *2015 Season Begins Jan. 5th*
- *Jack's Pub Bonspiel Jan 17<sup>th</sup>*
- *Birthday Bonspiel, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>*
- *Wine Tasting Event, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>*
- *Business Bonspiel Feb 5, 6, & 7*
- *Valentines Bonspiel Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>*
- *Open Cash Spiel, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>*
- *St. Paddy's Spiel, Mar 14<sup>th</sup>*
- *Helen's Hoofers Mar 21<sup>st</sup>*
- *Glengarry Cup, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>*
- *Closing Spiel April 11<sup>th</sup>*

## *Greetings from the President*



I would like to take this time to thank many of our members who have been volunteering their time and efforts towards the many successes we have enjoyed this past fall. The winter also promises to offer some new excitement as well! May you and your families find peace and happiness this Christmas season, and may 2015 bring you all the best. Happy Curling to All! Cheers!

**Janice McLeod**  
**President, LDCC**

## *Wine Tasting Evening*

Pellar Wines have contacted Bernie Filiatreault, Bar Chair and they are very excited to come to Lancaster Curling Club for a "Wine Tasting" event. It is scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup>! There will be specialty wines for tasting and they will be available for purchase after the event. More details will be out shortly but *Save the Date!*

## *Smart Serve*

We have ordered packages to once again host a "Smart Serve" course. This is important as we need more volunteers behind the bar, but anyone working behind the bar, must have their smart serve certification. The course will be happening early in the New Year so if you are interested, please contact Bill Hughes at [billandhildred@bell.net](mailto:billandhildred@bell.net)

## *Cash Spiel*

Bernie Filiatreault has been diligently organizing a new cash spiel this season. The scheduled date is February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. He is hoping to attract 12 teams and have a fun successful event. The event is advertised on the OVCA website and more advertising will follow soon. It is an open format bonspiel and the board is very excited about it! Stay tuned.

## *Volunteers Needed*

You may have noticed that there are some volunteer signup sheets on the bulletin board. There is one sheet per event. Response has not been as rapid as we had hoped so we are reaching out one last time to members to add your name to an event. It takes many volunteers to run each event and we don't want to depend on the same people each time. If everyone does a bit, it is not a strain and it has proven to be a rewarding experience. Please take some time when you get back in January and sign up for an event. The board will review these volunteer sheets in mid January and if all of the spots are not filled in, the board will go through the list and have to assign members to an event. Please save the board some phone calls and sign the sheet promptly! We thank you in advance for your participation.





### Christmas Gift Suggestions

- To a Friend: Your Heart
- To an Opponent: Tolerance
- To your Enemy: Forgiveness
- To a Customer: Service
- To Children: A Good Example
- To All: Charity
- To Yourself: Respect

### Congratulations Juniors!



*Ashley Lapierre, Convenor of the Junior Program, led the junior curlers to another successful year capturing the "Best Junior Float" award at the recent Santa Claus Parade in Lancaster on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all of the juniors and their parents for their hard work putting it all together!*



**Did you hear that one of Santa's reindeer now works for Procter and Gamble?**

**It's true....Comet cleans sinks!**

**Season's greetings!**



## Remembering Others

We've been saddened by the loss of some special people in our curling club family. Their years of contributions to the community taught us all the importance of giving back and they are forever remembered. We also have some members recuperating at home from either illness or injury. For all of those members and families experiencing difficulty, we want you to know that your curling club family is thinking of you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time and always.

## Additional Club News

Elaine Warden Membership Chair, has worked diligently on the membership. She has good news in that we have 20 new full time members and 8 new social members. With curling clubs in the area suffering with their decreasing numbers we are happy to report this good news story! Liz Desjardins, Match chair, would like to thank all convenors for their on-going work to ensure all draws have been running smoothly. She would like to let the members know that the upcoming Business Bonspiel needs a convenor and a team of individuals to take this on. It is a very popular bonspiel in the community and is a fantastic fundraiser for the club. Liz has met with Herb Yellenik, past convenor, and Herb has agreed to take on a couple of the jobs for this bonspiel. A convenor is required to coordinate, some volunteers are needed to collect prizes from sponsors and general assistance is also needed at the bonspiel. 6 or 7 people working together would spread the work out. There is a need for immediate response from the membership as the bonspiel is in early February and organizing has to begin in early January. Please contact Liz at [liz.desjardins58@gmail.com](mailto:liz.desjardins58@gmail.com) or 330-5612 to ask any questions and/or volunteer. She will work with you so let's not let this important event disappear from our calendar of events. Lastly, Liz reports that the posted Calendar of Events at the club has an error. The closing bonspiel was slated for April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. The new date will be April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Please note there will be ice maintenance between Christmas & New Years and we thank Taff & John for that!

## Stick Clinic

Glenn MacLeod from The Granite Curling Club in Ottawa led a very successful "Stick Clinic " in Lancaster on December 1<sup>st</sup>. When Glenn teaches, his instruction includes equipment as well as maneuvers and practice time on the ice. The following 10 members were present at the clinic this year. Gwen Blanchard, Mac Edwards, Gisele Korac, Guelda MacRae, Ron McRae, Ellin O'Connell, Garry O'Connell, Maureen Stephens, Stuart Upton and Wendy Wert. Glenn encourages all stick curlers to use the proper footwear, headgear and launcher. Glenn is the designer of the MacRock Launcher and also sells other curling gear, such as Hardline brooms and footwear. Here is Glenn's information if any of you wish to contact him. Glenn MacLeod, 15 Whitehill Ave., Ottawa On K2G 3A9

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Also in Russell there is a Replay Sports outlet where curling equipment is available 1135 Concession St., Russell On P O Box 338 K4R 1E1

Tel: 613 445 1481 Email : [replaysports@gmail.com](mailto:replaysports@gmail.com)

Business hours Mon –Thurs : 3-8; Fri 12-8; Sat 9-5

## Kirsty MacLeod Mixed Invitational

The Annual Kirsty MacLeod Mixed Invitational bonspiel was a great success again this year on November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were eleven teams entered and Lancaster filled the 12 spot. It was a day of camaraderie, good curling and fun! Lancaster curling club donated \$445.50 to Hospice Cornwall in memory of Kirsty who was a past president in our club. \$200 of that was prize money donated by the Lancaster team who received second place in the bonspiel. Neighbouring clubs continue to attend this memorable bonspiel as they all had a special place in their hearts for Kirsty. They all also mention the delicious food that is prepared for them both Friday and Saturday!

## Closing Remarks

If you have news or an interest story for the next newsletter, please contact Patti McLeod, Secretary at [curlingclubsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:curlingclubsecretary@gmail.com) We wish each and every one of you a safe and healthy Christmas and all the best in the New Year. Take time to rest & relax, and we will see you at the club in 2015!

