



# Membership Newsletter

## *“Greetings from your President”*

It’s hard to believe that a good chunk of the curling year is behind us already and that Christmas is just ahead.

Thus far it has been another very successful season thanks to the hard work of all of you who have volunteered their time to coach, organize, and provide the help we need in the kitchen, behind the bar and to perform all those other tasks that make our club such a positive and welcoming place.

We have graduated our second crop of Learn to Curl candidates as of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Many of them have already committed to memberships for the balance of the year, and it was great to see six of them playing in the Turkey Bonspiel, and performing like veterans. Congratulations and welcome to the club and thanks to Bernie Filiatreault and his crew of coaches for their significant time commitment to this effort that is so key to the future of our club

A special note of thanks to Rose MacCulloch for organizing, and Chelsea Hope for conducting, the two “Paint Night” events that were held this fall. It is important that we continue to find and develop fresh new ideas for fundraising and this one has certainly proven to be popular.

We are also seeing the fruits of the hard work that Ashley Lapierre has put in over the past few years on the Junior program. It is great to see some of the juniors, who are now high school age, participating in the evening draws at the club. James and Steven Doonan and Bruce MacCuaig continue the coaching with the younger groups which is such an important aspect for the future of our club!

Christmas time won’t be a quiet time at the club for everyone. Blair and John will be in to perform a melt under the watchful eye of Taff starting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and the following week will be called on for ice maintenance to look after a number of rentals, and Family Day during the period from December 27<sup>th</sup> through New Year’s Eve. This trio of Blair, John and Taff put in a lot of time and effort in providing a great playing surface through the first half of the year.

In closing Merry Christmas and all the best over the holiday season from Hildred and me. Here’s hoping to see many of you on December 28<sup>th</sup> for Family Day at the club.

Bill Hughes



## Schedule of Events

January 3	Season Starts
January 20	Theme Club Bonspiel
January 23	CL Teachers Rental Spiel
January 30	Jack’s Pub Rental Spiel
February 10	Senior Men’s Invitational (day)
February 1-3	Business Bonspiel
February 17	Parnell Day Spiel
February 11	Valentines Spiel
February 20	Fish & Game Rental Spiel
March 3 – 4	Cash Spiel Invitational
March 18	St. Patrick’s Bonspiel
March 21	L’Ange Gardien
Mar. 31-Apr.1	AgriSpiel
April 8	Closing Spiel



## **Safety Head Gear**

### ***From the Club***

Many of you have probably noticed all the great equipment we are selling at the club. You also may have noticed that the protective head gear is being worn more frequently. We urge you to have a look and consider wearing it while curling. We'd like to thank Dr. Dan Leblanc who is helping promote this initiative by contributing \$10 per purchase of protective headgear as an incentive. Dan has seen many head injuries over the years and feels it is important for curling clubs to promote the protective head gear as it is life saver with head injury prevention and we agree! Thanks Dan!

## **Interclub Play**

### ***From Claude Cuerrier***

Throughout our curling community, there has been an Interclub competition for several years with the neighboring clubs of Maxville, Alexandria, Vankleek Hill and Lancaster. Participating clubs send 2 teams each and it rotates between the clubs. Recently the Lancaster teams won both of their games on December 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be travelling to Maxville next on January 10, 2017. Claude wants to recognize the following people who helped with hosting the visiting clubs on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Barb Menard, Ian Kentell, Herb Yellinek, Lynn Bergeron, Gilles Lortie, Charlie Osborne, Gilles Dubeau, Fred Klazinga, Ron Harvey, and all the team players who helped to host the day. It takes a lot of volunteers to make this interclub competition successful and it is really appreciated!

## **Business Bonspiel**

### ***From Liz Desjardins***

In early January 2017, co-convenors Chantal Sansoucy and Liz Desjardins will begin planning for the Business Bonspiel February 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. The event will be launched with the start of our 50/50 draw with tickets on sale starting early January. Make sure to watch for it, as the jackpot last year was \$600. The draw will be held on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets will be on sale at the bar and everyone curling or visiting the club is welcome to purchase the tickets! We will keep you updated on how the pot is growing.

If you are interested in putting a team in the bonspiel again this year or perhaps for the first time, please contact Chantal at 613-362-9620 or at [chant\\_sans@hotmail.com](mailto:chant_sans@hotmail.com) or Liz at [liz.desjardins58@gmail.com](mailto:liz.desjardins58@gmail.com). Don't delay. This is a popular bonspiel and fills up fast. Non-curlers are welcome.

As in other years, local businesses have been very generous in providing donations for the spiel. Chantal and Liz may be seeking volunteers to help them pick up prizes. This has been a very successful fundraiser for the club so all help is appreciated. Stay tuned!

## **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.



## Adult Learn to Curl

### *From the Club*

The 10 week Learn to Curl Program was a huge success with a great group of curlers coming out of it. It may seem funny that participants really don't throw many rocks until about week 5 but the first 5 weeks really focus on balance, proper delivery technique, slide and the line of delivery. Many props are used throughout the program to clearly demonstrate how important the line of delivery is and the desired outcome. It was later in the program when we started to play games that participants said how happy they were that they had those fundamentals repeated over and over to truly understand and feel better when introduced to the game. Take a peek at the group in the picture below. Instructors in the front and participants in the back. This picture was taken the last night on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the end of the program followed by a Social hour upstairs. We had a nice surprise visit for our social hour with President Bill Hughes. It was great to see him and his progress as he recovers from his broken leg. Bill spent the first half of the season instructing the participants that learned to curl using the delivery stick so it was nice for those participants and for Bill to see the progress! Please promote this program in the community for future years!

