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SEASON END

Extra Large Social Distancing Edition

2019/2020



League Wrap-Ups

Monday

This year we had 10 teams on the skips choice side and 6 or 7 teams on the club side, the same as last year but due to the coronavirus pandemic outbreak our season came to an early end. Congratulations to the skips choice winning team of Bill & Deb Gillier and Dave & Kim Chinnick. They narrowly edged out the team of Reg Johnson, Linda and Doug Brown and Kyla Hayward by 1 point.

I would like to thank Allan Klinck for setting up the schedule and keeping track of the scores and additional data and posting them every week even though he did not curl on Monday nights this year. Also a big thanks to Lori Dunn for helping with the club side of curling for this season. I hope to see everyone back next Fall and if no one volunteers to take over my position I am prepared to do it again next season.

Reg Johnson

Monday Night Coordinator

Hello fellow Monday night clubbers!

I wanted to thank everyone for a great season full of fun and cooperation. It's unfortunate to end the season so abruptly but absolutely necessary.

Perhaps next season we might have to think about changes to some routines given our new normal with cleanliness, such as snacks! I'm open to suggestions but I think tables full of snacks with us all eating from might have to change, maybe just bring your own if you want a snack? No snacks at all? I'd like to know your thoughts.

Please have a great summer, stay safe and hope to see you in the fall!

Lori Dunn

Tuesday

Tuesday Ladies Curling League

Our league had 45 members sign up this 2019/20 season including one new curler.

We had 3 draws of 6 weeks each where teams played for a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize.

We hosted 3 potluck dinners where the Tues morning ladies each bring a dish and the Tuesday afternoon men's league join us for a 9\$ fee. We were able to raise enough money to give \$2000 to our club this season.

Because our season and 3rd draw ended abruptly, we will have our year end meeting and final draw prize distribution at the beginning of next season.

Many thanks to John and DJ who help us all the time.

Your Convenors,

Sadie Macdonald

Judy Daley

Tuesday Continued

Tuesday Seniors

The Tuesday Senior Men's Day League had another very enjoyable and successful season this year. There were seven new curlers who were welcomed into the league as well as some returning veterans, rounding out a great group of guys. Sadly, we lost one of our long time members this year when Frank Edgell passed away on February 22. He will be missed.

The curlers enjoyed several special events including the Turkey Shoot, Pizza Day, Skills Competition and Skins Day. Thanks to the Ladies for the great Pot Luck Lunches! Many of the curlers participated in numerous Tier 55 events and were often victorious, claiming top honours. Volunteer league members supported the meal preparation at Tier 55, Holly & Mistletoe and Provincial High School bonspiels. Many Seniors are active on the Board of Directors, in the Learn to Curl program, club renovations, advertising, CurlION and many other functions that contribute to the operation and success of the Granite Club. Everyone in the Men's League looks forward to a new curling season in the fall!

Gerry

Wednesday

The Wednesday Ladies league had another fun season. We started the season on October 9, 2019 by hosting a fashion show from "The Loft", with a varied selection of clothing, shoes & purses, followed by delicious home made desserts kindly supplied by the ladies league members.

We were able to play 3 ices this year for 3 draws.

The draw winners were:

Draw 1: Deb Gillier, Deanna Bullard, Anita Quenneville, JoAnn McKay

Draw 2: Mary Robertson, Fran Badder, Gillian Hueniken, Mary Robertson

Draw 3: Kim Chinnick, Fran Badder, Sandy Ponick, Lisa Ellis

We are always looking for women to join our league, no matter the experience level.

Gillian and Kyla

Thursday

Thursday Night Men's League.

We had a very competitive league this year with 11 teams playing 2 round robin loops. Even though we were cut short everyone enjoyed the spirit of the game each and every week. Team Young was on top of the standing after round 1. Congrats to the Team Young. Team Sass was on top after 4 weeks of round 2.

Dwayne and Cesar



Come out and support your club! It's your time to learn about the "state of the union", voice your opinion, listen to other opinions, and check out our finances before anyone else. We promise that you won't be "*volun-told*" for anything!

Included in the email with this newsletter was a listing of our supporters. Please keep a copy to remember our sponsors when you are looking for a service or go shopping.



Open House
October, TBA
7-9PM



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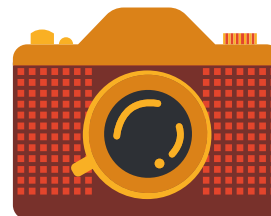


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Thursday Continued

None of us could have known that March 12th would be the final day of our curling season. That day, we had 36 curlers who enjoyed a game of curling and delicious pies. Most weeks we had 4 or 5 ices in play. Everyone looked forward to curling and meeting club members. Sometimes, they had a chance to play different positions. Throughout the year, curlers arrived before 12:45pm and placed their names in a bowl for the position they hoped to play. The draw master along with help put the teams together. We used the Jitney format for teams. This allowed curlers to play every week they were available. There was no need to get a spare when they were travelling, busy with family or had other commitments. Every week, they had a chance to play with different members of the club. No scores were recorded. When the game ended the curlers went upstairs for a drink, snacks and socializing. Curlers paid for their own drinks and signed up to bring snacks. Everyone paid **\$2 each week**. That money was used for 2 pizza days, one before Christmas and the other at the end of the season. We had two button shot draws for \$5 every week. The balance of the money collected went toward a donation to the club. During the season, we had "Fun" days where we played different games. Everyone enjoyed the no sweeping, no talking, no take out, give your score to the other team, etc., game. Curling Poker was scheduled for our closing day but was not held this year. We welcome all club members to join us next season.

Submitted by Brenda Hoyles

Friday

Friday nights were once again a lot of fun, with some work tossed in, and some great laughs! Doug Wilson, who I am ever thankful for his assistance, and myself, seemed to have taught an awful lot of new people to curl this year, and were most happy to see some of them come back a few times over the season.

Our new curlers are building confidence, as are our regulars. Many of our regulars, when asked if they wanted to try their hand at a new position such as Vice or Skip even gave it whirl - more than once!

The successes on Fridays are also owed to our members and regulars. Doug and I appreciate all the help given to our fledgling curlers and those wanting to grow in our sport. Encouraging them, helping them skip, teaching hand signals, fixing deliveries, sweeping lessons mid game, finding the right gear, getting the snacks out when the two of us are delayed, the list is endless of the help given.

This year we hosted three trivia nights, and had two musical acts, the Thames River String Band and Aidan Duchene, both of whom we hope to have back. We missed out on our end of year prize shoot, but that too, will be back next season.

So, encourage people to come out and meet our motley crew, try our wonderful game, or even just come out for a drink on a Friday night. If you're really lucky, you'll watch someone calling and making a "Local T.V. Shot" for their first time, hear a convener sing while they curl, and if you ask for a Fuzzy Lady at the bar - Shelley will know exactly what you want!

Deanna Bullard

Doug Wilson - Unofficial Assistant



KENT CUP

On Saturday, the inaugural Kent Cup of Curling has hosted by Blenheim's Golden Acres Curling Club. All four of Chatham-Kent's curling clubs (Chatham Granite Club, Golden Acres Curling Club, Ridgetown Golf & Curling Club, and Sydenham Community Curling Club) proudly battled against each other in the spirit of competition and camaraderie.

Each club submitted one team in each of the four divisions of play: Men, Women, Mixed, and Senior Mixed.

The hosts, Golden Acres, were crowned champions by amassing 15 points. Chatham Granite placed second with 9 points, followed by Sydenham with 6 points, and Ridgetown with 3 points. This event was made possible when representatives from each club met last spring to discuss and organize this unique event.

It was an extremely successful day that featured great curling, great sportsmanship, and great enthusiasm from the spectators.

Curling is alive and well in Chatham-Kent! If you would like to know more about how to get involved in curling in your area, please contact your local curling club in Blenheim, Chatham, Ridgetown, or Wallaceburg.

Media Release, Golden Acres Curling Club



Women

Mary Robertson
Brenda Taylor
Linda Brown
Maureen Coleman



Mixed

Bill & Deb Gillier
Doug Brown
Kyla Hayward



Sr. Mixed

Nora Snelgrove
Craig Atkinson
Anita Quenneville
Tim Welbanks

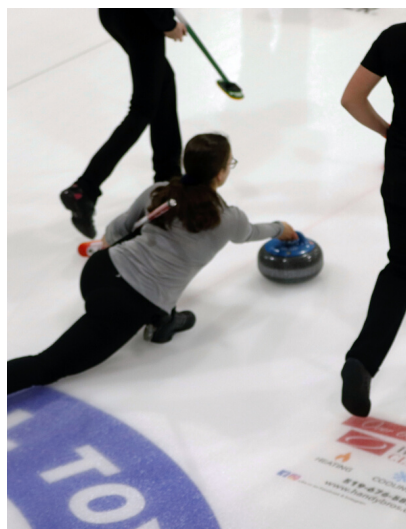


Men

Don Taylor
Kris Smith
Peter Hueniken
Jeremy Schmidt



**Ontario School
Curling
Provincial
Championships**



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Notes From Off The Ice

We were a busy bunch! On Saturday, March 14, it seemed that most of us were curling. Some of us were on home ice in the Funspiel, and others on foreign ice in Blenheim and Leamington. We were very fortunate to be able to field that many curlers in one day.

So, here we are, all home “together”.

As an historian, I always have one eye on the past, am working in the present, and trying to lay down foundations for the future. W.W. Scane, our president from 1919-1921 along with his board, had to face the ongoing effects of the Spanish flu on our club in 1919. During 1918, our members and club had to try and survive the typhoid epidemic that peaked in August, followed by the outbreak of influenza (Spanish Flu) in October. The City of Chatham was shut down for a portion of that year. No public gatherings were allowed of any kind, and you were not allowed outside!

In the present, I am as other board members must also be, looking at options and gathering information from different sources to help our club, not just for the current situation, but for the overall stability of the club.

The near future for the club will bring the replacement of our 60 year old rocks. That future is now just a mere 9 years away with the beginning of the 2020/21 season. The board will also be taking care of our roof, hopefully, only having to paint to solve our problem.

In the extremely near future, my two year term as President is up. There is even a square in a picture frame with my name on it to prove it. The two years have flown by, and have certainly been an adventure. I am grateful for the teammates that have served on the board over the last 2 years with me. There are many skill sets around that table that keep us in good shape. Of course, without a good Club Manager and Ice Tech. we'd be sunk. Thanks John and D.J. for being such great teammates and making my “shots” easier. I plan to continue on with the board in whatever capacity is needed, and would be honoured to serve as President again if so desired.

Stay safe and good curling,

Deanna Bullard

President

Tecumseh Park, 1909





The Final Shot

If you know these curlers on Ice #1 in 1971, tell us! Earl & Betty Price perhaps?

