



AROUND THE CLUB

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There is exciting news in the curling world that will be of interest to club curlers! The Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company is sponsoring a new competition to give a national event back to the club curlers. This new championship will have the same format as CCA events; zone, region, provincial play downs leading to a national. Teams who regularly compete within their Clubs will have an opportunity to challenge to represent their club at the zone. The first national Championship will be held in November of 2009. As with any new event, the organization is in the development stage, there will be every effort made to answer questions and provide information. The Board will determine how York representatives will be chosen and members will be notified of that process. Greg Langis, York's OCA representative, has the information regarding the competition and

will be able to answer any questions members may have. The Dominion has also, very generously, offered support to Clubs in the province by way of advertising. We are very grateful to Dominion for their continued promotion and support of the "roaring game"!!

This year several York Ladies teams competed in the TCA Rivera Retirement Ladies' Spiel. The team of Sandy Booth, Judy Sheridan, Trish Campbell and Karen Atkinson won the Day Ladies' Third Event. Congratulations to the Booth team and all those who represented York!

The **BATTLE OF THE SEXES** was once again hosted this year early in the New Year. Greg Langis and Janis Eden hosted a day of great curling challenges, wonderful food and friendly competition. Once again this year the men were victorious...that disappointment aside fun was had by all. A big thank you to Greg, Janis and their committee!!

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On a sader note, the Board has recently learned that Dave Carrigan will no longer be able to cater our Friday evening meal. On behalf of the York Board and members a big thank you to Dave and his staff for their great service!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR HOUSE



The OCA Intermediate Zone competition is coming to York! The weekend of January 31 and February 1 will offer some great curling for spectators. Come out and watch!!

Speaking of good curling...the York Bantam/Junior Bonspiel will be held on February 7th. The event is chaired by Kelvin Johnston and members will have an opportunity to see the future of curling!

There is a change in scheduling for our Family Bonspiel this year. Organizers have scheduled the event to coincide appropriately with the new Family Day holiday, February 16th. Please watch for the sign up sheet!

Two of our most popular open bonspiels are coming up in March. The House of York Mixed will be hosted by Rob and Katherine Bell on March 7th and the Rose Bonspiel, our senior mixed event, will be held on March 14th.

Catherine Visser is once again organizing our Little Rock Bonspiel this year. The event will be held on March 17th.

We also have the “Bring a Friend Night” and the “Wine ‘n Wing Spiel” coming up on March 20th and 21st. WHEW!! March is a busy month!!

A reminder—practice ice is available most Sundays at 8:30 pm. There may also be a sheet available on Wednesdays at 9:00 pm. Just call the Manager to book a sheet. Lessons are also available in this time slot.

FROM THE JUNIORS

Congratulations to the winners of our first draw—Christopher Newman (Skip), Cole Thompson (Vice), Jamie Gilbert (Second) and Elaina Greaves (Lead). On Jan. 11th the Juniors held their skills competition. There were four divisions (skips, vices, seconds, leads) and three categories (draw, guard and takeout). Division winners were: Skip-Kelsey Chisamore-Johnston, Vice-Aiden Coward, Second-Jamie Gilbert and Lead-Thomas Miles. Honourable mention to all curlers who took part.



FROM THE SENIORS

Ontario Senior Games—Lawrie Taylor’s team of Audrey & Wiebe Luinenburg and Mary deMercardo won this area and will compete for all of Ontario in Brockville in February. Karen and Gord Shepherd with Peter Jolly and Pauline Sheridan finished second. Congratulations!

First half year results were: High Man—Harry Carter, Second Man—Al Bullen, High Woman—Karen Shepherd, Second Woman—Betty Balsdon. Thanks to our stats keeper, Eileen Millar. Prizes were presented at our fun Christmas party. Thank you to Bill Oliver for all his hard work organizing an amusing and complicated bonspiel for our party this year. The day was enjoyed by all!!

The Seniors have participated in bonspiels with the seniors from Richmond Hill and Uxbridge. York will be hosting Sutton in January. Plans are also underway for the Senior Mixed Invitational Bonspiel—the Rose Bonspiel on March 14th.

FROM THE LADIES

The Ladies Bonspiel was held November 15 and offered the curlers a brief break from the winter with an Hawaiian theme. The winning team was a family act: JoAnn Inouye, Wendy Inouye, Kim Inouye and Terry Inouye. A big thank you to Jennifer Graham and her organizing committee!

In the weeks before Christmas, the ladies raised over \$500.00 (through 50/50 draws) to donate to the Women’s Centre of York Region. Two of the winners donated their half of the winnings back to the charity. These monies contributed to the support of families in need. Many thanks to those who bought tickets to support this cause!

The ladies will be selling names tags again until February 9th. Please watch for the order box on the table by the lounge doors. There have been enough requests from members to merit a second round of orders.

For those teams interested, there will be a play down this season for participation in the Ladies Major League hosted at various clubs throughout the GTA. The season consists of seven games and are played on Friday mornings throughout the year. If you are interested in challenging for the opportunity to compete please contact Karen Morrison, Ladies’ Games.

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ICE NOTE: As you all know by now, York has started using “sticky mats” to limit the amount of dirt tracked onto the ice. Thank you for your patience with this new process, it has proven to be quite successful!

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HOUSEKEEPING NOTE: Just a reminder to all members that if you are using the kitchen please do a clean up before you leave (**including leftovers in the fridge**). As a volunteer club we are all responsible for kitchen clean up!!