



President's Message

The York Curling Club is looking for a dedicated individual who would like to become involved in the club in an employee role. We are looking for a Club Manager who would be responsible for all club rentals, as well as manage the bar. If you are interested please see the ad in the back of this newsletter.

Please note: Night of Champions is Friday April 8th, 2005. The YCC Calendar has been updated due to the incorrect Easter listing. Please be aware of changes, and copies of the Month of April are under the phone beside the bar.

Thank you to the Randalls for running a very successful House of York, and also thanks to Rae Waters for organizing the Rose Spiel and of course, thanks to the Richards for hosting the Wine and Wing Spiel.

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You and your volunteers have done a fantastic job.

Information Night This evening will be held at the YCC on April 26, 2005 at 7:00pm. The evening will be for members to hear what each Board chair has accomplished and planning for the future. There will be a question and answer period for members to ask where the club plans on going, what issues we should be dealing with and any other items that arise...please plan to come out. This is your chance to have some input and express your views.

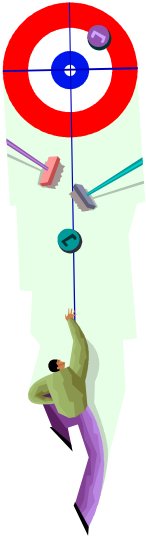
As you plan for your summer events, don't forget that the YCC removes its ice, but there are still a number of events happening. Men's and Ladies golf days, rentals, and even shuffleboard. Keep an eye on the Website for more information.

Have a safe and fun summer,

Rob Bell



**NIGHT OF CHAMPS
FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005**



In the House

Best Wishes to Nancy Shannon who had a serious fall in March and fractured her leg. All the Wednesday night ladies wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back curling next fall.

The Board is looking into the possibility of purchasing new furniture for the Club. If you have any contacts, please call Kerry Isnor.

Marilyn Vian NEEDS help during the Closing Spiel on Saturday April 16 during

lunch and dinner to serve and clean up. Please give her a call if you can help out.

Many thanks go out to Lisa Rolfe for her seamstress talents! Lisa made a beautiful banquet cloth that fits over the shuffleboard table. This allows the club to use the surface for food or prizes during events.

Don't forget the Ladies General Meeting and Potluck on April 20th at 7 p.m. It is lots of fun and elections for the following year are held. As well, the Ladies Golf Day will be held on May 28th at Mill Run Golf Course (the signup sheet is in the Ladies changeroom.)

Seniors Curling *Anne & Walt Perrin*

- The Seniors hosted Beaverton, Uxbridge and Richmond Hill Curling Clubs for fun spiels and held two All-York spiels. Many of our Seniors have been to various spiels locally and had good times.
- Our annual Senior Mixed Rose Spiel was again a success with our substitute team of Wiebe and Audrey Luinenburg, Bill Nichiporik and Shirley Charles taking third place.
- The Seniors' wind-up spiel will be held April 4, 5 and 6 with a party on the 6th.
- A night at Georgian Downs is planned for April 21st and the Annual Seniors' Golf Tournament is set for June 21st.
- We all look forward to the Silent Auction and International Foods Night.

DON'T FORGET!!

Saturday, April 30, 2005

Silent Auction
And
International Foods Night

Tickets \$10.00 available at the
bar.

Big fundraising night for the
York Curling Club.
Bring a friend!



Spring Curling and Flat Ice:

Flat ice is an occurrence that happens from time to time in the game of curling. The term itself means that the pebble has become so worn that it is virtually non-existent. This has a dramatic impact on the curling action and speed of the rocks as they travel their intended path. Some of the more recognizable movements are a strong hook at the end of the rock's path sometimes looking like a curlicue, the rocks sometimes change handle as they slow or even change their direction of movement from right to left and perhaps back again. This usually occurs in the house as opposed to between the hogs. It is the responsibility of the ice technicians to see that all factors, within our control, affecting the pebble are managed to the best of our ability. There are however factors beyond our control that also have an impact, such as outside weather, poor warm up practices of the curlers and design flaws in the building itself.

As outside temperatures rise it becomes more difficult to control the inside temperatures and as a result they have a tendency to rise as well causing the surface temperature of the ice to rise and cause the pebble to breakdown faster.

The more delicate issue and probably the most easily controlled is the warm up practices of the curlers. The area of ice that has the highest potential to flatten is of course the slide path in each house, but more notably at the club end of the sheets.

There are some simple steps that we can all take to lessen the likelihood of developing a poor playing surface. When taking your warm up slide or during practice ice prior to the game ensure your slider is cooled down before sliding the length of the house or beyond. The best way to achieve this is slide up the sidelines to the hog while standing before you step into the hack. When you slide from the hack in warm up after your slider is cooled, slide out to the edge of the sheet rather than straight up the middle. Skips can slide from the other end of the sheet as well.

You will also notice that the club ends of sheets 2 and 3 are much flatter than even 1 and 4. This is primarily due to the positioning and design of the access doors to the ice. Please refrain from opening these doors often during your games. Every time those doors open warm air floods in to the ice shed and has an impact on the ice surface.

Flat ice is frustrating to curl on even though it is the same for both teams.

I will control what I can but it is not just up to me. Please do your part.

Richard

Sunday, April 17

For families with small children
there will be skating
from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

No hockey sticks please.



BRAGGING RIGHTS!

Cookstown Ladies Spiel winners: JoAnn Inouye, Karen Morrison, Kerry Isnor, Jean Posyniak.

Orillia Ladies Spiel winners: Sharon Downer,

Sandy Booth, Sandy Lunny, Kerry Isnor.

The team of Doug and Linda Mannell and Karen and Steve Smith won the B section of the Uxbridge Beef and Bath Spiel on February 11th and 12th.

On the same weekend in Fergus, the team of Mike and Jean Shields and Gerri and Dave Purvis won the two day spiel.

Congratulations!

www.york.curlingclub.ca

It's the place to go to stay up-to-date with what's happening at your club.

If you have any suggestions or questions please pass them along to any Board Member.

NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will be published in the fall of 2005. If you have any articles of interest, please contact Linda Potter or by email dpott@rogers.com.

Wanted!

York Curling Club Manager

The YCC is looking for a manager who will be responsible for the bar operations and all the club rentals throughout the year. The wage for this position is \$12,000 annually. Reporting directly to the YCC President, this energetic person will have a knowledge of curling, an understanding of bar operations and have skills to operate computer software such as Word, Excel etc. Vehicle required.

For a complete job description, please contact Rob Bell, John Munsie, Sandy Richards or JoAnn Inouye.

Submit cover letter and resume to:

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