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Renaissance Bonspiel

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St. Patrick's Day Ladies Bonspiel



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that you are enjoying your curling season and the fellowship that comes with curling. The weeks since the Christmas – New Year period have just flown by. Just 4 weeks ago we were celebrating 2010 with the President’s Challenge on New Year’s Day. It was a great afternoon and we had about 50 curlers out enjoying the New Year with their curling friends in a relaxed jitney. The President’s side took the day, I am told by those who keep track of such happenings that this was the first time in many years that that has happened. So well done to all the past presidents and their teams!! I would encourage members to join the revelry on January 1, 2011; it is a great way to clear a hang-over!

So much has happened since then. The Swiss Chalet National was held from January 6th to 10th at the Sleeman Centre. It was a terrific event; we saw some great curling and had national exposure for the City and the Guelph Curling Club. On behalf of the Board and club members I want to thank Doug Goff and Boyd Bell who co-chaired the event. Doug and Boyd have worked at this event for about a year and their leadership was key to the event success. “Thank You” to the Local Organizing Committee and to our General Manager Kathy Brown for making sure all the event requirements were met. Finally a huge thank you to all the 100 + volunteers, those who worked long hours

before the event (to get the ice in and the venue ready), those who worked during the event and finally, after the last rock was thrown by Brad Gushue, those who worked to return the arena to a hockey venue. I received many compliments from visitors to the event, from the Capital One Team who ran the event and from the players. Each of the teams I talked with spoke highly of the hospitality they had received and each of them would return to Guelph if there was another event. Thank you all, it was a great week for curling and for the club. All this in week one of 2010.

Congratulations to our curling club members who took part in the Throw for A Million competitions, Sheldon El-sasser, Carolyn Farmer and Alma Laid-law, well done. Alma came out the winner with a shot that was only 2 feet from the pin and was off to Winnipeg to ‘throw off’ again. While Alma was in Winnipeg there were crowds at the club and at home watching on Sunday afternoon as she took to the ice. Alma may not have got her rock to the pin (the ice was really frosty) but she was the one curler who reached the final so congratulations to Alma for a great show in Guelph and Winnipeg and thank you for all the Guelph Curling Club plugs on national television!

While they were in town the Gunnlaugson team and the Murdoch team practiced at the club. Murdoch’s team was a great hit with the Ladies



UPCOMING RENTALS

February 8
Aecom

February 10
Smith Valeriote Law

February 13/14
Canadian Livestock
Bonspiel

February 20
Three Willows United
Church

February 24
Rotary Club Bonspiel

February 27
Heart & Stroke
Foundation Bonspiel

March 1
Rotary Club of
Guelph Wellington

March 4
Wellington Law
Association

March 7
EarthSACC

March 13
U of G
Engineering
Undergrad/Alumni

March 26/27/28
OAC Alumni Bonspiel

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)

Section and the High School curlers, autographs and photographs were in great demand. Obviously the practice helped when Murdoch went to the Skins at Casino Rama. Thanks to Kathy and Rick for making these teams welcome, we certainly made a positive impression with them. The Scottish curlers made a donation to our junior curling program as a thank you for the ice.

At the club we hosted the Tarlton Sleeman Master Men's Bonspiel, a two day event, and the winning rink was skipped by Bruce Folkard, with Bruce Jeffrey, Bruce MacIntosh and Bernie Austin. This was the first time in a number of years that this event has been won by a Guelph team, Congratulations to the 4 B's!!

Bruce Folkard continued his winning form as he traveled to Burlington to play Vice for John Quackenbush from Oshawa in the CANAM Rotary Bonspiel. His team won the event (beating another Guelph Rotary rink in the second round) and now they will travel to Scotland to the Rotary World Curling Championship in March (an event that the Quackenbush team has previously won).

At the club, our curlers have been achieving success at many levels of competition. We have highlighted many of these successes on Page 3 of the Newsletter. Congratulations to all those curlers who are representing the club in major competitions and good luck to each as they progress through their events.

As I noted in the last newsletter we have a new catering service at the club. The caterer offers a good

selection of meals and snacks for members before and after they curl. Please use the service so we make full use of our kitchen. If you have any menu suggestions please pass those on to Kathy Brown our GM. The Board of Directors continues to examine ways to improve efficiency, increase membership and make the Club more successful. This includes contact with former club members, additional marketing efforts to promote memberships and encourage increased participation in the Wednesday Night Business Social League.

Later this year, April 7 to 11, the Club is host to the Ontario Provincial Championships in the Mixed and Senior Mixed categories. This is another high profile event for the club and it also promises to have great curling. We need volunteers to make this event a success. If you are interested in such volunteer activities as helping to plan the event, participate as a team driver, be a club host, as a timer, assist at the bar or in the lounge, ticket sales, please let Kathy Brown or David Robertson know. These are key Ontario Curling Association competitions and we want the visiting curlers to have great memories of their time in Guelph. Work on this event will start by end of January.

On behalf of the staff and the Board of Directors of the Guelph Curling Club, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and successful 2010.

Jim MacKenzie
President

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to

Clancy Grandy, Skip
Jacklyn Rivington, Vice
Sarah Wilkes, Second
Deb Bentley, Lead

Runners-Up at Pepsi Junior Women Provincials

Provincial Men's Championship

being held in
Napanee
February 1 to 7, 2010

Rob Rumpfheldt, Skip
Scott Hodgson, Vice
Jeff Robinson, Second
Greg Robinson, Lead
Nolan Sims, Alternate

Provincial Gore Mutual Schoolboy to be held at

St. Thomas Curling Club
February 18 to 21, 2010

St. James Catholic High School

Tyler Sagan
Carson Walsh
Mark Raftis
Brady Hamilton
Jeffrey Hamilton

Master Men Zone Winners

Axel Larsen, Skip
Walter Johnson, Vice
Gerry Sundwall, Second
Kent Carstairs, Lead

Women's Double Rink Tankard Zone Winners

Carol Jackson, Skip
Laura Davis-Cook, Vice
Tina Mazerolle, Second
Allison Cook, Lead

Kathy Brown, Skip
Karyn Issler, Vice
Amanda Gebhardt, Second
Nancy Woods, Lead



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

GUELPH CURLING CLUB MEMBER TO COMPETE AT JUNIOR WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Representing Canada at the Junior World Curling Championship will be Craig Van Ymeren, a 2nd Year Bachelor of Commerce student in agricultural business at the University of Guelph and a member of the Guelph Curling Club. Craig, playing Vice position, won the National Title in Sorel-Tracy, Quebec and will travel with his team to Switzerland to compete from March 6 to 14.

CONGRATULATIONS CRAIG & GOOD LUCK!



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GCC TO HOST PROVINCIALS....

The Guelph Curling Club
will host this year's
Mixed and Senior Mixed Provincial Championship,
April 7th to 11th

This exciting event will showcase
Ontario's best Mixed and Senior Mixed Teams
for 2010,
and the Mixed Champion will represent Ontario
at the Canadian Mixed Curling Championship.

Currently there is a need for VOLUNTEERS from
the club to help out in organizing and running a
great event.

Sign-up sheets are posted around the club, on the
upstairs notice board and down stairs by the
weekly schedules.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send
an email to the organizers
Amanda Gebhardt akgebhardt@hotmail.com or
Andrew Fairfull afairfull@hotmail.com.
Thank you for your support!

**GET YOUR VOLUNTEER ON!
YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT THE FUN TO BE HAD!**