

Molson Mixed Bonspiel

Join us for our 6th Annual Mixed Bonspiel, February 20th to 22nd, 2009 at the club. You are guaranteed a minimum of 3 games with lots of prizes, food, and fun. On Saturday Night there will be a 'Mini Games' Party! Best part is there will be Happy Hour prices all weekend!!

The entry fee is \$180.00 per team with the entry deadline being February 13th, 2008. Hope to see you on the ice!

The 50 - 50 Draw

This season, the Lakeshore Curling Club is operating a 50-50 draw prior to each curling draw under a license issued by the Nova Scotia Alcohol and Gaming Authority. This license is a legal requirement. Failure to adhere would put our license to sell liquor in jeopardy.

One of the license requirements states that "All of the net proceeds shall then be used for charitable, religious, or community objects or purposes..." The only category of use for the proceeds which would apply to our activities is "purposes beneficial to the community".

The license application must state how the proceeds are to be used. For this season the license was granted under the condition that the proceeds are to support junior and wheelchair curling programmes.

Many members understood that the 50-50 proceeds would be used to fund social events for each league, such as Christmas and season wind up parties. This is not the case, and will not be in the future, unless the licensing regulations are changed to permit this use of the proceeds.

Club Championship Representatives

Best wishes to our men's and women's club teams who will be curling in the Nova Scotia Club Championships later this month on the weekend of February 20th to 22nd.

The women's club championship reps are skip - Michelle Woodroffe, mate - Cathy Sedge, second - Kuranda Slauenwhite, and Janet Munholland at lead. Fifth player for the team is Amanda Sedge. They will be traveling to Greenwood.

The mens representatives includes Mike Strang as skip, mate - Tristan Chishom, second - Ben Corbett, and lead - Lennie Comeau. They will be traveling to Truro to compete.

Best wishes to both teams!

St. Patrick's Social

The St. Patrick's social will take place on Saturday evening March 14th. Stay tuned for details and a sign up list at the bar in the coming weeks.

2009 TSX Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships

Call for Volunteers and Sponsors

Lakeshore will host the Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship this March 23 - 28. Between the time when competitors arrive on March 22 and their departure on March 29, we will need to provide about 100 volunteers to do "on site" tasks to insure the success of this event. These include, but are not limited to: Greeters at the airport and hotel, hospitality suite staff at the hotel, assistants as the competitors arrive at, and depart from, Lakeshore, a team to clean wheelchairs as they enter the facility, people to put away competitor's coats etc., food refreshment services, spectator sign in, time keepers, on ice assistance with rocks, ...and more.

Even more importantly, between now and the event we urgently need volunteers to help plan and prepare a number of these aspects of the event.

If you can help, please step up now. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Pat Wishart, 864-2094, patsylee18@hotmail.com or leave a detailed message at the Lakeshore office for Pat.

Beyond that, we are seeking sponsorship donations, large and small, from all sorts of businesses. This is an important aspect of this event. We need it to be a financial success as well as a sporting event success. If you own a business, or have influence with someone who does, now is the time to get it involved in this important event, and get rewarded with community recognition and beyond.

If you can help with sponsorship, contact John Clahane 864-4985 a.i.m@accesscable.net



Spirit of the Game Award

The 'Spirit of the Game' Memorial Award is presented annually to two Lakeshore members, one male and one female, who are considered to best embody the 'Spirit of the Game'. If you feel that there is someone in your league who consistently demonstrates the qualities of good sportsmanship, superior teamwork, and a positive attitude we would encourage you to fill out the Nomination Form. Please remember, current serving members on the board of directors cannot be nominated for this award. The forms will be placed at the bar and available when you enter the club in the next few weeks.

A committee of previous recipients of the award meets to review and complete the final choices for this season's winners.

New Members Handbook

Just a reminder to first and second year members: If you haven't done so already, pick up your copy of the New Members Handbook at the 50-50 table.

Curling Brush Covers

Looking for a cover to protect your brush? Carol Flatt has designed and produced brush covers for brushes. They only cost \$5.00, so give Carol a call if you are interested in purchasing one.

Tournament of Champions Changes

This year's Tournament of Champions will see a change in scheduling. The draw will continue to be an elimination type draw as in previous years, but the bonspiel will be condensed into a weekend style bonspiel.

Kinsmen Cystic Fibrosis Bonspiel

On Saturday, March 7th, The Kinsmen are holding their annual evening spiel for Cystic Fibrosis. The entry for the event costs \$200.00 in sponsor donations per team. It's well worth the effort to enter for a fun filled evening! Entry forms and information is posted on the bulletin board in the club.

Under 15 Greenspiel

Due to a major hockey tournament in the New Glasgow area, the Bluenose Curling Club was unable to secure accommodations and requested to have the event relocated a few weeks before the tournament.

I have to say I was really impressed with the many Curling Clubs who rallied together to support this event and the quick response to coordinate this event from everyone. Dartmouth Curling Club hosted the event with the support of many clubs co hosting (Lakeshore, Mayflower and CFB). We even had Chester Curling Club offering to help out!

Lakeshore entered seven junior teams (five boys and 2 girls) and all I can say is "WOW" to the competitors who competed in this Junior Provincial Championship. The teams excelled far beyond my expectations and made me proud to have them represent Lakeshore Curling Club.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the parents of the teams who were entered into this competition. As this was a last minute decision for Lakeshore to co-host and enter the above teams - I cannot stress enough my gratitude to and support received from the parents. Had we not have entered into this competition the teams would never have had the opportunity to "show off" the skills they have learned or know how much they've learned in our Junior Program. Way to Go Teams!

– Submitted by Rhonda Duhme, Junior Director

New Members Curling Clinic

There will be some curling clinics for new members, if you would like to sharpen your skills. Drop into the office and ask Andrea for the time and dates of these clinics. See you on the ice!

Upcoming Bonspiel

The Canadian Postal workers bonspiel will take place Saturday February 7th and Sunday February 8th, 2009. Feel free to drop in and view some of the on ice action!

Curling Humour

Did you know that Shakespeare was an astute observer of curling? The Bard's plays are crammed with references! (Go ahead... Look them up!)

From *King John*, a word to curlers in general:

"Blow each dust, each straw, each little rub, out of the path."

From *A Midsummer Night's Dream*:

"To show our simple skill, that is the beginning of our end."

From *Cymbeline*, tactics when you're leading and you've got the hammer:

"I'll throw it into the creek, behind our rock."

From *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, a skip's advice on Beginners' night:

"Who's there, I trow! Come near the house, I pray you."

Shakespeare even had curling positions down pat!

From *The Merchant of Venice*:

"Allay with some cold drops of modesty, Thy skipping spirit."

From *Othello*:

"Do you perceive how he laughed at his vice?"

From *Richard the Third*:

"Richard the Second here was hack'd to death."

From *King Lear*:

" 'Tis the times' plague, when madmen lead the blind."

Finally, a word for all curlers from As You Like It:

"Sweep, you fat and greasy citizens."

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