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HOG LINE Newsletter

Club News

FROM THE BOARD

Thank-you's I feel are a good opportunity to express myself to the volunteers of the club. I'd like to start with the Board of Directors, who once again have spent numerous hours making this club better for everyone. Thanks to the three new members for joining the Board; to the Ladies Auxiliary, headed up by Cathie Dickson and all her many helpers; to the League Convenors who also spend hours making the leagues run; to Cindy Holmes, Shelley Smith, Steve Sharko and their many helpers with the Juniors; to the Bonspiel Convenors and Draw Masters; to web-site co-ordinators Linda Schell, Jack Cline and Shelley Smith; to John Scott for his many newspaper write-ups; to Glenn Partridge and his Probus curlers; to Dave and Eileen Trethewey; to Gord Durnan for his expertise. Special thanks to the following people: Seth Vogan for his dedication and many hours spent making our ice the very best in the area; Laurie Oake, my favourite, who goes out of her way to accommodate all of us; Brenda Gabitous, Jutta Krause Keller, Willi Keller, Sally Hill Poupée for the newsletter and keeping us up-to-date. It takes the above people to make our club the best in the area. Thanks to you all.

Let us all keep strong the memory of our curling friends Arnold Schell, Peter Campbell, Neil Harris and Wes Harbridge. *Walt Smith*

Curler of the Month

Sarah Wheeler

Nick Name: Wheeler or wheel
Occupation: Dog groomer
Pets: 3 dogs - Bridgit, Jimmy and Cordelia; 3 cats - Faith, Phoebe and Fiona; 2 turtles - Bonsai and Zipper.
Oh! And my fiancé Brad!
Favourite Dish: Pizza and anything chocolate
Favourite Music: Anything except country
Favourite Place: At home with my dogs
Hobbies: Curling, scrapbooking and dog sitting

How did you become a curler?

My Nana got me into it when I was just 10 years old.

What do you like best about curling?

All of the great people at the club, and that it is a social and fun way to pass the time.

What could be improved?

I think we need to find a way to get more young people.



What else would you like to add?

I love that the younger kids are allowed to join in on mixed nights like Tuesdays and Fridays. It is really important to show them support and help them improve their game.

Who would you suggest for the next "curler of the month"?

Alex Champ. He is a really good curler and is always willing to spare and help out when asked.

Committee News

FROM THE SECRETARY

Gravenhurst Curling Club AGM

Wednesday June 17, 2009

7:30 p.m.

This is your club and this is the time to hear about the past year's activities and financial status of the club, elect a new board, and bring any other issues you may have for the new board to consider in the upcoming year.

We need your help and participation to make the club better for everybody.

If you are not a shareholder already, which gives you voting privileges and raises capital for your club, you can obtain a share for \$50 by contacting the Club Secretary Bill Warren at mealsmuskoka@yahoo.ca or call 687-7765

Can **you** be on the Board of Directors of the GCC?

The answer is yes.

Any Shareholder can be a member of the board. If you are not a current shareholder, a share can be purchased for \$50, or you can obtain one from an existing shareholder by paying the \$10 transfer fee.

You can voluntarily put your name up for nomination by speaking to any member of the Board. People can be approached by an existing Board member and asked to participate on the board. Anybody can put your name up for nomination but it is assumed they have your approval before this happens. Nominations will be called for at the annual AGM.

If there are two people running for the same position, e.g. president, then there will be a vote. If a vote is not required, the slate of nominees will be declared elected.

Your service is needed, please step forward and help your club.

Email address reminder:

Lots of people change their email addresses between curling seasons and at other times. Please let the club secretary know of these changes to keep the list current for the start of the next curling year!

Bill Warren mealsmuskoka@yahoo.ca

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FROM THE VP AND REGISTRAR

A list for sponsored stones has been placed outside the office at the club. Please indicate which stone you would like embossed and contact Ogie for special formats.

On the equipment side, Goldline will have "Sport Bands" available next year; they are a sweat band style head protector with a closed cell padded area at the back and should sell for about \$30. Don't wait for your concussion! You delivery stick users should consider broom ball shoes or two grippers on warm shoes; grippers sell for \$15 each from the club. If you're considering upgrading to carbon fiber brooms or new shoes, our club sells Goldline, Tournament and Asham equipment for 20-30% less than regular retailers. Good Curling! *Ogie Thompson*

CLOSING POT LUCK SUPPER - SATURDAY APRIL 4

Everyone should be contacted by phone during the week of March 23rd, but even if you are not, please do come and bring some food and friends. Cocktails at 5:30 dinner at 7:00. *Ogie Thompson*

BONSPIELS

The bonspiel season has once again come to an end and a great season was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the members for their support in making the bonspiels successful. There was lots of fun had by all who participated and many new friends were made.

A special thanks to all those members who organized the bonspiels, prepared the food, helped with the ice and any other chores throughout the events. In some cases it seemed to be the same people on many occasions. It becomes a burden after while but it certainly doesn't go unnoticed and is especially appreciated by the Board of the Curling Club.

Please keep in mind the Summer Bonspiel and the Board will be contacting you in next few weeks to ask you to volunteer a short segment of your time to help make the bonspiel a success.

Don't forget to mark **July 16 -18** on your calendar for the Summer Bonspiel. *Doug Hanna*

SUMMER BONSPIEL - HELP WANTED

WANTED: A few good men and women to help me with food preparation and serving on Friday July 17, day and/or evening. I need two people to cut tomatoes and onions, two people to make bean salad, and two people to cut up the broccoli. For those of you who have not worked at the bonspiel, there are about 4 crates of broccoli and quite a few onions and tomatoes! It only requires two hours in the afternoon if someone could spare that much time. I also need 3 people to serve the dinner. We serve corn, hamburgers, sausage on a bun and our club's famous bean salad. We have a crew outside barbequing.

It's not a lot of work if we have a few people to do each job, but too much for just a couple of people. It's a lot of fun also and the work is not hard. Please give me a call if you can help out. Thanks! *Joyce Collins*
Late addition: anyone who can help on Saturday could call me too! Joyce

KITCHEN AUXILIARY

The kitchen auxiliary has had another very successful year. How does one measure success? We were involved in 22 various functions with a wide range of menus and received many compliments from members and visiting curlers alike. All of this could not have happened without the very capable volunteers who faithfully gave up their time to shop, prepare, set up tables, serve, and especially clean up. Others donated baking (mmm) and did various jobs that needed to be done. Approximately 58 volunteers helped at one time or many times. Because of this, we were able to buy the much needed new dishwasher as well as many other supplies and equipment. Half of our profits were given to the club.

Thank you so much to all those who volunteered this year. Volunteers are always needed. We work as a team and have a great time! *Cathie Dickson*

Committee News

BUILDING AND ICE

Another challenging curling season is coming to a close, and soon it will be time to remove the ice. As some of you may be aware, we are working toward submitting a Trillium Grant application this summer for monies to support some building upgrades and improvements. The Board has also taken on the task of organizing the Summer Bonspiel this year. Please consider volunteering to help out on one of the days. The success of this event is critical to the survival of our club. If you would like to help, please contact a board member.

Work on removing the ice should begin on Sunday March 29th. Contact me if you would like to help. The only tools you need are a pair of "Rubber Boots".

Have a Great Summer but remember without Volunteers there would be no Curling Club!

Bill Collins

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Please contact me if you would like to join the team!



Fun at the Home Hardware Bonspiel