



THE EXTRA END



2008 OSPREY BONSPIEL

This year the host club for the event was the St. Catharines Golf & Country Club. Taking care of things on the NFCC and once again was John Cameron.

64 teams in total competed during the week long event with the winning team coming from the St. Catharines Golf Club.

The NFCC had 11 teams representing the club and below are some notable results:

2nd EVENT WINNERS

Skip: Pete Feren
Vice: Niall Gardner
2nd: Bob Renshaw
Lead: Brad Barter

2nd EVENT RUNNERS-UP

Skip: Jeff Bolan
Vice: Jeff Glover
2nd: Dave Mullen
Lead: Blake Lacomby

5th EVENT RUNNERS-UP

Skip: Joe Lococo
Vice: Frank Spadafore
2nd: Mike Eschrich
Lead: Jeff Magee

7th EVENT WINNERS

Skip: Brian Moore/
Shane McCready
Vice: Craig Makepeace/
Nate Etherington
2nd: Murray Etherington
Lead: Mark Gienow /
Bill Lambe

8th EVENT WINNERS

Skip: Bill Rookley
Vice: Mike Lambert
2nd: Rob West
Lead: John Hamilton



NFCC TURKEY SHOOT

On December 14, the NFCC held their Annual Turkey Shoot.

The winner of the big turkey for coming closest to the button when throwing from the hack on sheet A to the button on sheet F was Dave Grimo who managed to bite a piece of the button. Way to go Dave you big Turkey!

SR. MEN'S TURKEY SPIEL



The Sr. Men held their Annual Turkey Spiel on Wednesday, December 19th.

This event consisted of 3 4-end games with everyone changing teams for each game. In addition, all participants attempted 4 specific curling skills with no sweeping permitted. Those with the highest point totals each won a turkey plus bragging rights for the rest of the season.

Congratulations to this years winners in order of total points earned, who each won a turkey: Bob Sorley, Ken Mason, Bob Chagnon, Bill Rookley, Bruce Thompson, Al Faris, Carl Reid, Roy Marzetti, Jack Hazell, Larry Morningstar, John Randle, Dave Smith and Grant Minard. Good Eating Guys.



2007 FAMILY BONSPIEL

1st Place: Mann Family
2nd Place: Renshaw Family
3rd Place: Willms Family



MONDAY MEN DRAW 2 RESULTS

WINNERS

Skip: Pete Maves
Vice: Gord McKindsey
2nd: Andy Cameron
Lead: Rob West

RUNNER-UP

Skip: Brian White
Vice: Kevin Wolfenberg
2nd: Ian Morrison
Lead: Carl Scott



THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP

The Club would like to say Thanks to Algie Vant, Ray Labelle, Bill Mitchell and Don Jackson for completing some much needed electrical work in the Club lounge over the Christmas shutdown period.



26th ANNUAL SR. MEN'S MASTERS BONSPIEL

The Sr. Men's Masters Bonspiel took place on December, 6-7.

24 teams in total competed. 20 teams from outside the club and 4 from within.

For the third year in a row, the Bill Bennett team from Bradford were declared Champions.

Thanks need to be given to the Organizing Committee consisting of Ross Sanderson (Chair), Bob Sorley, Frank Johnston, Don Lefebvre, George Dunn, Hugh Smith, Gord McKindsey, Ray Willick, Ritchie Robinson & Ted Stevens.

CURLING ON TV

Capital One Grand Slam Of Curling - The Masters	January 26	3:00pm	CBC	Semi Finals
	January 27	3:00pm	CBC	Finals
2008 M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors	February 10	12:00pm	CBC	Five (5) Hour Telecast Men's and Women's Finals
2008 Scotties Tournament Of Hearts	February 16	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 1
		8:00pm	TSN	Draw 2
	February 17	10:30am	TSN	Draw 3
		8:00pm	TSN	Draw 5
	February 18	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 7
		8:00pm	TSN	Draw 8
	February 19	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 10
		8:00pm	TSN	Draw 11
	February 20	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 13
		10:30pm	TSN	Draw 14
	February 21	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 16
		8:00pm	TSN	Draw 17
	February 22	3:00pm	TSN	Tie Breaker / Playoff
		8:00pm	TSN	Tie Breaker / Playoff
February 23	11:30am	CBC	Semi-Final	
February 24	12:30pm	CBC	Championship Final	
2008 Strauss Canada Cup	March 2	12:00pm	CBC	Men's and Women's Final
2008 Tim Horton's Brier	March 8	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 1
		8:00pm	TSN	Draw 2
	March 9	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 4
		8:00pm	TSN	Draw 5
	March 10	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 7
		8:00pm	TSN	Draw 8
	March 11	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 10
		8:00pm	TSN	Draw 11
	March 12	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 13
		9:30pm	TSN	Draw 14
	March 13	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 16
		8:00pm	TSN	Draw 17
	March 14	3:00pm	TSN	Tie-Breaker / Playoff
		8:00pm	TSN	Tie Breaker / Playoff
March 15	2:30pm	CBC	Semi Final	
March 16	6:30pm	CBC	Championship Final	
2008 World Women's Curling Championships	March 22 - 28	N/A	TSN	Draws - Round Robin
	March 29	2:30pm	CBC	Semi-Final
	March 30	1:30pm	CBC	Championship Final
2008 World Men's Curling Championships	April 5-11	N/A	TSN	Draws - Round Robin
	April 12	N/A	CBC	Semi Final
	April 13	N/A	CBC	Championship Final
2008 Tylenol Player's Championships	April 19	N/A	CBC	Women's Final
	April 20	N/A	CBC	Men's Final



MOMMY, WHERE DO CURLING STONES COME FROM?



The best curling stones are all made of granite that was mined from the same location: **The Ailsa Craig**.



The Ailsa Craig is a towering dome-shaped island of granite in the Firth of Clyde, 10 miles off Scotland's west coast. 2 miles in circumference and rising 1,100 feet, it is one of Scotland's most famous landmarks. The island consists entirely of a volcanic plug of an extinct volcano that might have been active about 500 million years ago.

"Ailsa Craig" is thought to derive from Gaelic words meaning "Fairy Rock".

Today the island is known locally as "Paddy's Milestone" as it approximately marks the halfway point of the sea journey from Belfast to Glasgow, a traditional route of emigration for many Irish labourers coming to Scotland to seek work.

The island has vast quantities of fine granite that was mined for its rare type of micro-granite with riebeckite (known as "Ailsite") which was used to make curling stones. The mining took place from the early 1800's until 1971.



By the late 19th Century the island had a summer population of 29 working in the quarries or the lighthouse.

However, since the closure of the quarries and automation of the lighthouse, The Ailsa Craig is now a bird sanctuary for the millions of seabirds that nest there. The island is also home to one of the largest gannet colonies in the world as it contains over 70,000 gannets, and is designated as a European Special Protection Area.

Recently, a major operation took place to take 1,500 tons of granite from the island, to meet the demand for new curling stones.

Kays, a stone manufacturing company from Scotland, employing about 7 people, was given the exclusive rights to carry out the six week project in co-operation with the conservation watchdogs at Scottish Natural Heritage.

While collecting the granite, no blasting or quarrying took place. Large granite boulders were simply collected from former quarries and ferried back to Scotland 2 to 3 times a day. Kays last took major shipments of granite



from Ailsa Craig in 1989, although they regularly collected smaller quantities as the need arose.



OH CANADA EH!

Dinner / Theatre



Purpose

A fundraising event by the Sr. Men's Section in support of the NFCC

Event

Dinner & Show at Oh Canada Eh!,
8585 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls

Date & Time

Saturday, February 16, 2008

Dinner @ 6:15 pm

Showtime @ 8:00 pm

Price

\$50 per person

(tax & gratuity included).

This price is less than the regular box office ticket price.

Limited number of tickets available.

Show

"I Love You, You're Perfect,
Now Change!"

One of off-Broadway's longest-running musicals, it celebrates the modern-day suburban mating game.

Audiences will be laughing in the aisles as the cast explores the joys of romance, dating, lovers, marriage and in-laws!"

Tickets

Available from any member of the Sr. Men's Executive or from Sue.

Tickets to this event would make a wonderful Valentine's Day Gift.

Did You Know...

A typical game of curling can burn as many calories as jogging for 45 minutes! If you are active and have great brushing skills, you can expend calories similar to a 90 minute workout.



MURRAY ENDICOTT AWARD

The award is given to a junior curler who is a member of the NFCC. One or more awards may be presented and the amount of the award will be decided by the committee, based on the funds available and the number of awards presented.

Applicants must apply in writing and selection of the winner(s) will be made by the committee.

Criteria for the selection:

1. Must be a junior curler
2. Must be a member of the NFCC
3. Must be a high school graduate proceeding to post-secondary education at a college or university.
4. Must submit a letter of application to the club: ATTN: The Murray Endicott Award Committee

Please see club postings on the bulletin boards for more information on what to include in your application and when to submit it by.



**50 / 50
DRAW**



Remember to enter your name in the 50/50 draw each week. It's only a Toonie and the draw is held every Sunday night. When buying drinks after a game, if your opposition does not want you to buy them a drink in return of their gesture, then buy them a 50/50 ticket instead.

Did You Know...

Curling was originally played in Scotland on frozen lakes in the 16th century. Ancient curling stones are still occasionally recovered from lochs. The Smith Institute in Stirling, Scotland, has the oldest known curling stone, engraved with the year 1511.



2008

CALCUTTA / CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Annual Calcutta / Club Championship is set to take place April 7 thru 11. The sign up sheet will be on the board very soon.

This is a great bonspiel for new curlers. Don't think that you are too inexperienced to sign up. Teams are made up as evenly as possible matching inexperienced curlers with seasoned pro's.



NFCC SILENT AUCTION

The Board of Directors are having a fundraiser to help fund the on-going electrical upgrades.

In the spring, the club will be installing new lights in the ice area costing approximately \$11,000. We also have close to \$15,000 more electrical upgrades that still needed to be completed.

We have fabulous prizes for you to bid on. All prizes will be displayed in the club and on the website the week of February 3, 2008.

Silent Auction bidding will begin Feb. 3 and end Saturday, Feb. 9.

We greatly appreciate your participation in making the silent auction a big success.

Prize Donations are needed. All donors will be recognized.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Curling Course
Super Bowl Bonspiel
Valentines Mixed Bonspiel
Women's Mexican Fiesta Bonspiel
John Clark Senior Men's Bonspiel
Honeymoon Bonspiel
Club Championships / Calcutta

HARRY WILKIE VOLUNTEER AWARD

This award is given out yearly to a member who exhibits the following:

- Ambassador for the Club and a member in good standing.
- Congenial, cooperative and a supportive team player.
- Has a positive attitude with a good sense of humour.
- Enthusiastic participant on and off the ice.
- Resourceful - willing to share talents/skills for the benefit of the club.

If you know of any member who exhibits the above qualities and you think they would be deserving of this award, please inform your Section President.

SECTION PRESIDENTS

Men's: George Wilson
Ladies: Lynda Northcott
Bus. Women: Tracy McCabe
Sr. Men: Don Jackson

The award will be presented to this year's recipient at the Annual Meeting in April.



OUT-OF-TOWN CURLING



Congratulations to Brenda Grimo, Sandra Brown, Ellen Benner and Cynthia Paul who travelled to Laurel, Maryland for the 3rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Women's Bonspiel and were the runner's up in the first event, losing 7-6 on the last rock.

January 26
February 3
February 9 - 10
Feb. 29 - Mar. 2
March 5
April 3 - 5
April 7 - 11

