

49TH ANNUAL VALENTINE'S MIXED BONSPIEL

The 49th Annual Valentine's Bonspiel was held on Feb. 14 & 15 and it was a great success. 24 teams competed during the weekend comprised of 7 NFCC and 17 out-of-town teams.

Thanks should be given to Roberta Scott and Janet West for running the event and for all their hard work organizing and duties during the weekend. Thanks should also be given to Paula Mann for taking care of the prizes and Bob Sorely and Rob West for looking after Drawmaster duties.

4 draws were held Saturday followed by a dinner/dance featuring "Good Question" in the evening. Sunday morning saw the winners making it to the "Piped on" finals in the afternoon.

The NFCC was well represented Sunday afternoon as 5 of our 7 club teams went to an event final.



MID-ATLANTIC LADIES BONSPIEL

Christina Pisaric, Ellen Benner, Sandra Brown and Brenda Grimo traveled to Easton, MD. They played in the 4th Annual Mid-Atlantic Bonspiel at the Chesapeake Curling Club.

They won the 4th Event and brought home the Chesapeake Trophy. Not only did they play well they had a great time touring the area.

1st Event Winners

Skip: Wayne Mundle
Vice: Elaine Mundle
2nd: Bob Rutherford
Lead: Jame Rutherford

1st Event Runners-Up

Skip: Jamie Brunaccioni
Vice: Christina Pisaric
2nd: Brian Nichols
Lead: Cynthia Paul /
Katherine Smith

2nd Event Winners

Skip: Mike Mann
Vice: Paula Mann
2nd: Carl Scott
Lead: Brenda Grimo

3rd Event Winners

Skip: Rys Etherington
Vice: Kelly McKerihen
2nd: Murray Etherington
Lead: Kathy Etherington

4th Event Winners

Skip: Rene Demers
Vice: Marilyn Demers
2nd: Adam Knowles /
Scott Gilmer
Lead: Michelle Knowles



27TH ANNUAL MASTERS BONSPIEL

After an interval of 5 years a Niagara Falls team succeeded in winning the Les Anthes Memorial Trophy at the Masters Bonspiel held at our club on December 5, 2008.

In the competition, involving 18 out-of-town rinks and 6 teams from our club, the Butch Maves team finished with a 4-0 record. Also finishing with a 4-0 record was the Orval Byers rink from Barrie, but the local team's overall point total was greater, thus meriting the first place finish. The defending Champion, the Bill Bennett rink from Bradford placed third.

The Championship Team was skipped by Butch Maves who opted to throw vice rocks, where as vice, Bob Goodwin threw the final two stones. Setting the table for them were lead, Jim Cook and second, Roy Marzetti.

Don LeFebvre

CURLING CLINIC

The last of our Saturday Curling Clinics was held on January 17, 2009 with 17 people attending. The Clinics have proven to be a very good way to attract new curlers to the Club.

This Clinic was run by Tracy McCabe, who was assisted by Brian Nichols, Danielle Buchbinder and Cynthia Paul.

On behalf of all Club members, I want to thank you for your effort and support of Club activities.

Mike Sawada, President.



TURKEY SHOOT

30 people Attended this season's Turkey Shoot held back in December.

It was a fun time for all and Tim Williams walked away with the Turkey for closest to the button contest throwing diagonally from sheet A to F. Gobble, Gobble.

EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL

The team of Sandra Brown, Brenda Grimo, Maggie McMahon and Jo Hess combined to win the 1st Event at the Empire State Bonspiel held at Rochester Curling Club from January 15th to January 18th. The combination of Niagara Falls and Philadelphia players played 5 games and won the new Rochester Curling Club Thistle Trophy.

Rochester ran a very entertaining bonspiel with the theme of "Jazz". Dinner was eaten at the famed Oak Hill Golf Club and we thoroughly enjoyed the whole event.

Brenda Grimo

GOLDEN HORSESHOE MASTERS BONSPIEL

On Friday, January 23, a rink from the Niagara Falls Curling Club, comprised of Ralph Wilde (Skip), Bob Chagnon (Vice), Don tubbe (second) and Bill Houston (lead) traveled to the Glendale Curling Club in Hamilton to compete against 31 other teams in the Golden Horseshoe Masters Bonspiel.

Following two hard earned wins against two Burlington rinks, the Falls team had earned enough points to be in an exact tie with another team in the draw to win the draw and the trophy. So it was back out on the ice for a skip's draw for all the marbles. Thanks to the hard sweeping of Don and Bill, Ralph's rock ended up 2 inches closer to the button to win the Bonspiel Trophy for the Falls rink. It was quite a day!

- by Bob Chagnon



SENIOR MEN

MONDAY DRAW 1 WINNERS

Skip: Butch Maves
Vice: Rob Atkin
2nd: Tony Jamestee
Lead: Rob West

MONDAY DRAW 2 WINNERS

Skip: Ray Labelle
Vice: Fred Harvie
2nd: Brad Kempston
Lead: Don MacDonald

WEDNESDAY DRAW 1 WINNERS

Skip: Richie Robinson
Vice: Bill Culligan
2nd: Tom Walters
Lead: Gord Hastings

WEDNESDAY DRAW 2 DON JOHNSON TROPHY WINNERS

Skip: Gord McKindsey
Vice: Ted Corner
2nd: Richard Lambert
Lead: Bill Mitchell



MONDAY MEN

DRAW 2 WINNERS

Skip: Brian White
Vice: Ron Barton
2nd: Ian Morrison
Lead: Jamie Leatch

DRAW 3 WINNERS

Skip: Jeff Glover
Vice: Mike Eschrich
Lead: Jamie Leatch



TUESDAY BUSINESS WOMEN

DRAW 1 WINNERS

Skip: Nicole Arsenault
Vice: Janet West
2nd: Diane Haist
Lead: Brenda Longhurst

RUNNERS UP

Skip: Cheryl Losier
Vice: Barb Staroba
Lead: Donna Saia

DRAW 2 WINNERS

Skip: Sandra Brown
Vice: Donna Saia
2nd: Pauline St. Pierre
Lead: Diane Rimer

RUNNERS UP

Skip: Bobbie Thompson
Vice: Cyndy Rector
2nd: Nadeen Hodge
Lead: Rosemary Lavigne



THURSDAY CO-ED

DRAW 1 WINNERS

Skip: Butch Maves
Vice: Lynda Northcott
2nd: Jim Cook
Lead: Rosemary Robinson

RUNNERS UP

Skip: Eileen Appleton
Vice: Marg Newton
2nd: Dennis Savriga
Lead: Pat Marzetti

DRAW 2 WINNERS

Skip: Gord McKindsey
Vice: Lynda Northcott
2nd: Bill Beasleigh
Lead: Wanda Pearie

RUNNERS UP

Skip: Butch Maves
Vice: Marg Jackson
2nd: Helen MacDonald
Lead: Dennis Savriga



SENIOR MEN'S TRIVIA NIGHT

The Senior Men's Section held a very successful Trivia Night on January 24th as their annual major fund raiser for the Club.

Over 100 trivia buffs enjoyed a hotly contested skill testing evening which raised net proceeds of nearly \$1800.00 for the Club.

The event was supported by many attendees from outside the curling fraternity and was facilitated by our own Tony Jamestee and his group.

In addition to Tony Jamestee, there were three markers + Ray the statistician, plus volunteers from the senior men's executive who helped set up, make sandwiches snacks, etc. Many of the door prizes were donated by members of the curling club.

The team with 8 guys after the cards were cut won \$240.00 while the 2nd place team won 8 bottles of wine.

Hardest question of the night....
What was Muntadhar al Zaide most noted for?
(Throwing his shoes at Pres. Bush)

Easiest question....
Which of the 7 dwarfs does not have a beard ?
(Dopey)

Many thanks to the round sponsors:

- The Wine Place
- Dr. John Clark
- Bill's Toyota
- Matthews, Cameron, Heywood & Kerry Howe
- Anonymous Donors from the Curling Club



First Place
Crazy Eight's, 74 points



Second Place
Carin Crofters, 74 points



Third Place
Border Brigade, 72 points

(Can you spot any NFCC curlers in any of the pictures above?
I see at least 5)



NEW CAMERA

A camera was donated by a generous board member and has been installed over the far house on sheet D to improve the viewing of curling games at the Club.

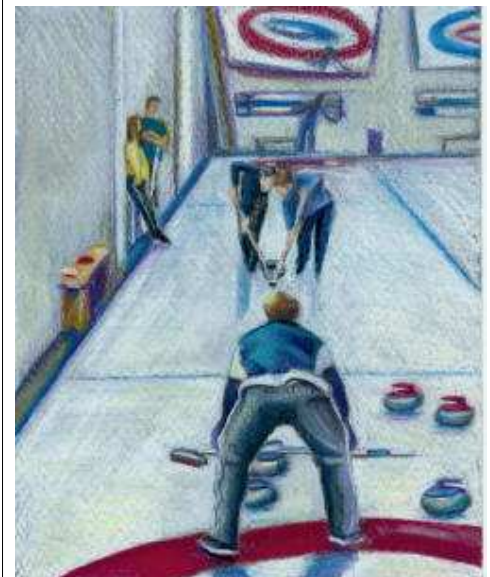
The cost to mount the camera was on the order of \$300 and there is a special fundraiser to raise these funds, so as not take away from the Club's electrical projects funding.

There are two ways you can support this project:

- Make a nominal donation, envelopes available at the Club.
- Purchase an NFCC T-shirt (\$12) or Long sleeve Shirt (\$16, \$18 for XXL). Each shirt sold will raise \$8.00.

Feel free to use the camera to watch the games on Sheet D, and drawmasters are encouraged to schedule their finals on D.

Thanks in advance for your support.





2009 CALCUTTA / CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Annual Calcutta / Club Championship is set to take place April 6 thru 9.

\$20 - Minimum 3 games

The sign up sheet is on the main board.

All games will begin at 7:00pm if 48 or less curlers sign up.

A 9:00pm draw will be added if more then 48 sign up.
(you will only play **once** at 9:00pm at the most. you may not even get a 9:00pm game)

Because only 4 days are allotted for the bonspiel, there will be a 64 person sign-up limit.

It's the last bonspiel of the year so the last chance to curl before the summer.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PORTION

Sign up individually as teams will be made up by a draw master to make teams as fair as possible.
It's open to **ALL** club members.

Even if you only have one year experience, sign up and you will be placed as a lead on a team.

It will give you the opportunity to play with other, more experienced members of the club.

No matter what your experience level is, there is a spot for you in this event.

Don't let the name "Club Championship" intimidate you, there is a spot for everyone.

The winning team will receive championship jackets.

CALCUTTA PORTION

Once teams are determined, the Calcutta portion of the bonspiel can start.

Teams are bid on randomly one at a time.

Purchasing a team is strictly voluntary and no one is forced into betting.

Teams may be purchased by anyone.

Sometimes the team members will go together and buy themselves.

Sometimes, syndicates are formed as members will pool their money together.

There is a maximum of \$160 that any one team can be sold for.

If the team did not purchase themselves, they have the option to buy back 50% of the team.

All the money collected on the sale of the teams is added together and represents the auction pool.

Teams will win back a percentage of this auction pool.

The better the team does, the bigger the percentage or money they win.

PAST CLUB CHAMPIONS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Skip:	John Cameron	Jeff Bolan	Jamie Brunaccioni
Vice:	Tiffany Karner	Phil Velpel	Murray Etherington
Second:	Paul Campigotto	Lindsey Harvey	Janet McQuay
Lead:	Jeff McGee	Paul Peterson	Doug Kidd