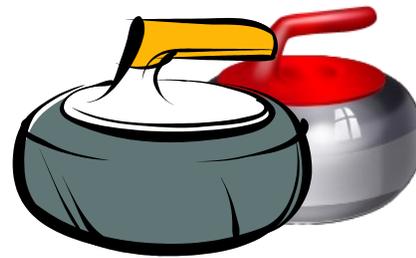


# THE HOGLINE



## *St Thomas Curling Club News*

December 2015

### ***Upcoming Events***

*December 21*

*Senior Men's Annual  
Christmas Dinner 11:45*

*January 2*

*Sugar Shack*

*January 5*

*Ladies Potluck and  
Jitney*

*January 10*

*Breakfast at Tiffany's  
Bonspiel*

*January 16*

*OCA Senior Region-  
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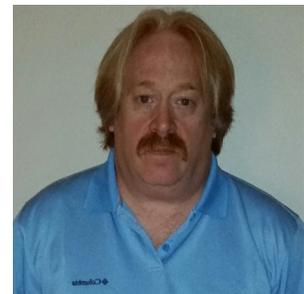
*January 22*

*Tier 55 B Bonspiel*

*February 6*

*Bonspiel on Bour-  
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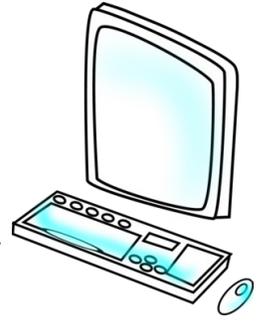
### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**



Another curling season is well underway. It is hard to believe that most of us have already made it through our first league draws. There have also been a few successful spiels as well. Hopefully, you all have had a chance to look at our new website. It provides a number of benefits for our members, including league draws; however, there are lots of benefits for the club behind the scenes. This software as we move forward will allow us, as a club, to better manage our membership by more accurately knowing how many members we have at any point and time along with what leagues people play in. Reconciling membership registration requires a lot of volunteer time after open house. We are very hopeful that once all the reconciliation is done this year on the website, the amount of time to reconcile in the years to come will be significantly reduced. This should free up board member time to deal other issues that members would rather the board deal with. If you have not looked at and logged on to our new website, please consider doing so. There are a few steps to logging in the first time and some people have had trouble. You should register as a Returning Member and use the e-mail address that you think we already have on record from past years.

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Click on Lost Username and one will be sent to you by e-mail (Please note that some usernames have an underscore \_ this needs to be included). Once you get your Username click on Lost Password and another e-mail will be sent to you. Logging on gives you the opportunity to update most of your information with the club including personal and emergency contact information, phone numbers, years curled etc. This should help significantly during next year's registration process. If you would like help with this Carol Gagen, Christine Hale-Sanders or myself can help you.



### Dehumidifier Update

Our main dehumidifier is still a work in progress. The unit does start but won't stay running yet. We are hopeful the kinks will be worked out soon. As most of you have noticed we have a rental unit that has helped us get another fun season of curling underway.

The Senior Men's league, seeing the problems we have had this year and in past years, stepped up and funded the purchase of the rental unit that we are using. By buying the rental unit the Senior Men saved the club the rental fee, as we were able to have it waived as part of the purchase. We are hopeful this new unit will help with ensuring that we have good ice and reduce problems with having the ice installed and maintained in years to come by giving us a backup unit. The Senior Men's generosity allowed us to maintain a healthy capital fund, providing future boards the money to deal with improvements that members are looking for in the near future, such as, bringing the facility up to date with a main floor restroom.

I would like to thank the Senior Men for identifying a need the club had that would benefit everyone and acting on it.

Good Curling

Rick Bolt



# News from The Leagues

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED**

Our Wednesday night mixed league is up and running. We have 11 teams, therefore, we have a bye every week. We alternate between 6 ends and 8 ends. On the Six end nights one team on each draw is in charge of snacks for the rest of the teams. There is a small monetary donation from the league fees to help off set the cost of these snacks.

Currently we are short 2 players to fill our 11 teams. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

John and Sue Lyle

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S LEAGUE**



The annual breakfast spiel will be held on Sunday January 10th. The theme is **Breakfast at Tiffany's**. Coffee and snacks at 9:00. .On ice fat 9:30 for one six end game. Dress in your best 'Audrey' Attire for breakfast /brunch at 1130. Lots of prizes and fun.



Sign up sheet is posted by Locker Room and upstairs on bulletin board. Come out and join the fun!

Deb Reek Wednesday Night co-convenor

## **WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

The Curler's Care bonspiel was held on November 8th with 18 curlers enjoying the ice and then really enjoying an old fashioned breakfast provided by the Senior men. The charity this year was the YWCA 'Raise the Roof' program and \$300 was raised and donated to them.

Our one day Bonspiel is Saturday February 6 with a Mardi Gars theme.

Ladies locate your Bangles, bobbles and beads and sign up for

### **“ Bonspiel on Bourbon Street.”**

Check out the posters in the lounge and outside the change rooms.

Sign up as a team or individual to this event. For more information please contact Jeanne Cunningham or Sharon Blaxall.



## **Friday Night Mixed League**

On behalf of the Friday Night Mixed Curling League, I would like to thank the entire group for making this year's draws fun for everyone. We have a great bunch of newcomers and they have all picked up the game very well. Thank you to the returning curlers for making everyone feel so welcome.

A special thank you to Lloyd Graham (and Joanne of course) for being so supportive and patient with me as I learn the ropes as a first time convenor. Our group is fortunate to have a great team of volunteers who have pitched in to assist with Food Nights and charitable causes benefiting the community.

The Friday Night League would like to remind everyone that this year's Kegfest will be Saturday, February 27th. Volunteers will be needed to assist with planning and organizing this event. Please contact me if you are interested ( johnwilson65@rogers.com ).

It has been a great season so far, with more good times to come.

Thanks again

John Wilson

## **Senior Men's Afternoon Social League**

### *Bonspiels*

Tier 55 A Bonspiel– This bonspiel was held November 13th at our club. Winners were 1st Team Esseltine (St. Thomas), 2nd Team Ireland (Tillsonburg) 3rd Team Gagen (St. Thomas) Congratulations to the winners, bonspiel committee and Kitchen Krew for a job well done! The next one will be Tier 55B on January 22, 2016. Time to register for the 2 draw 8-end spiel. 12 teams already registered.

### *Draws*

Draw one has been completed. The winners were Early Draw-Team Faber vs Team Taylor Late Draw –Team Ballantine vs Team Pedersen. Draw 1 Playoff –Team Taylor vs Team Ballantine

Congratulations to Team Taylor who will meet the winner of Draw #2 Early/Late play/off to determine Draw 1-2 playoff winner on December 18th at 1:00 pm.

Senior Men continued..,

Senior Men's League Annual Christmas Dinner will be held Monday, December 21, 2015 @ 11:45 am - Arrive Early!

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In recognition of the importance of volunteers in a Club such as ours, the Senior Men's League is very fortunate to have a multitude of willing volunteers that look after a variety of responsibilities for the League and the Club.

SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE has an eleven member, volunteer Board of Directors, each with a specific area of responsibility, and in addition, two SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE members act as a liaison between the SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE Board and the Club Board.

Many of our League Members belong to various committees/teams that provide services for both the League and the Club.

Perhaps the most visible group of volunteers in our league is the Kitchen Krew which caters to between 15 and 20 major events throughout the course of each season.

Visible or not, though, all our volunteers perform their responsibilities with reliability and dedication on a recurring basis. No league can function smoothly without this kind of support. I extend a big "THANK YOU" to our indispensable volunteers and an invitation to any members who would like to be a part of this special group!

Kingsley Irvine

## **Tuesday Night League**

Round 1 winners

"A" flight ended with a tie between two teams Rob Morin (Mark Jenner, Jim Frederick, James Fast) and Craig VanYmeren (Ginger Coyle, Jesse VanYmeren, Sara Westman)

"B" Flight winner was Dave Walsh (Carl Taylor, Rohan Hoefman, Don Bull)

"C" Flight winner—Dale Ferns (Dave Bowden, Ryan Matches, Ron Richards)

Jim Lyle's team of Jim Jenkins, Bruce Paterson and Ed woods won the "B" side of master zone competition Nov 27 weekend and play in the regional play downs December 5-6.

Congratulations !

Bob Esseltine Tuesday Night Convenor

## **LADIES LEAGUE NEWS**

Daytime Ladies League is once again off to a roaring start with over 60 curlers in our league. We are now doing our second draw for both leagues.

November 23 and 24 were 2 very busy yet fun days when we welcomed 24 teams to our club for our 37<sup>th</sup> annual "Belles and Brooms" bonspiel. Our theme "Let it Snow" was reflected in the beautiful decorations and crocheted snow flakes that each curler received. Our members worked hard to pull this bonspiel together and visiting teams were very generous with their compliments.

Now we look forward to our annual Jitney early in the New Year. Monies raised from this will support the new Violence against Women's Shelter.

In February it will be our league's turn to host the annual "Sister Spiel". Curlers from other clubs in the area come together for a day of curling and fun.

Our last event of the curling season will be our annual Superstore Bonspiel. This is a one day event to raise money for the President's Choice Children's Charities. This money stays in our community and helps families support a child in need.

Thank you to everyone in our league who so willingly gives of their time and talents!

Linda Manchen



On Wednesday  
January 13, 2016  
we will be hosting  
100 students  
from Locke's  
Public School. In the morning  
from 9:30 to 11:30 am we will  
have 48 students and in the  
afternoon from 12:00 to 2:00  
pm another 52 students. To  
meet safety concerns we need  
a volunteer at each end of the  
ice and extras to keep stu-  
dents occupied while on the  
ice. Please contact Ed Rempel  
at 226-237-6190

### **BELLES AND BROOMS**

The Ladies League held their 37th annual Belles and Brooms Bonspiel this year. The theme was "Let it Snow" and members contributed crocheted snowflakes and white poinsettias. Lynn Rock and Dawn Clinton made sure that everything was arranged beautifully to welcome the teams.

The winning team was Christa Brouwer from the Aylmer CC. Marilyn Graham from our club won the "C" division. This year seventeen outside teams and seven home team competed. A big "Thank You" to all the members of the Ladies League who helped to make this year another fantastic success!

Sandi Coombs  
Bonspiel Co-coordinator



