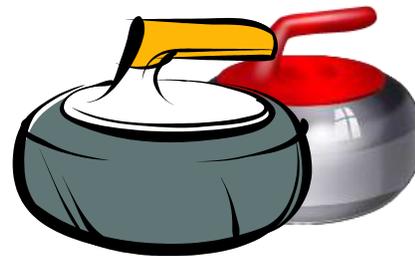


# THE HOGLINE



***St Thomas Curling Club News***

April 2018

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

These past two years as your Club President have gone by very quickly and for the most part an enjoyable and rewarding experience. My sincere thanks to all who guided me, provided good counsel and help to point me in the right direction.

We have a good Club. One that provides a warm and inviting atmosphere to all who enter its doors. My own experience was just that, when I joined this club several years ago. These feelings were again reiterated by fellow curlers who were newcomers to the club during this past season. A thank you to all who took the time and made the effort in welcoming new and old members to our club.

During my tenure on the Board, I have always been impressed by the number of volunteers who made time and provided the effort in making our club what it is; a good place to curl. Thank you all, for what you have done and my hope is that you and others will continue to be there for the club.

This coming June, four Board members who have served for many years, will be stepping down.

They are Barry Westman, Dan Peterson, Linda McCauley and Rick Bolt. Our sincere thanks for their years of service.

A new Board will also be confirmed and in doing so, the Board will welcome four new members; Mary Lou Gordon, Nancy White, Jeanne Gray and Denis Angyal. Welcome on board!

The Capital Planning Committee, has been working these past many months to see what can be done to improve our club. Ideas and plans were discussed and reworked with what we believe will provide an upgrade to the premises. The plan is to begin the work in May, with completion before our next curling season!

I am pleased to announce that **Ron Richards**, will be taking on the duties of President of our club for the 2018-19 season. Ron has been a hard working board member for several years and will do great job handling the duties of President.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

In the mean time, have a safe summer!



## **ADVERTISING**

For the past many years we have been very fortunate in having various businesses in St. Thomas and surrounding area contribute financially to our Club. These businesses pay a fee to have their enterprises advertised on the walls of the ice shed and also in the ice surface itself.

These ads, thus provide much needed revenues. In return, we also continue to encourage all club members to solicit these businesses. In addition to ads being displayed in the Club, they can also be seen on the Club's website. We thank all advertisers past and present for their support.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Counting all League Memberships for this past season, we saw the total number of curlers at three hundred and sixty curlers. This is slightly down from the total of last year.

The table below provides an overview as to how this past season's membership was made up:

Male Curlers	210	Special Registration	4
Female Curlers	150	Social Membership	5
New Members	30	Life Members (Playing)	2
Unlimited Mem- bers	96	Life Member	1
Limited Members	95	Sunday Jr. Curling Grade 6-12	7
Half Year (Day/Limited/New)	8	Sunday Little Rocks Curling Grade 1-5	6
Daytime Curlers (60 and over)	106		

## **Health and Safety**

The following is a brief snapshot of some accomplishments during my tenure this past season, as the Club's Health and Safety representative.

I wish to thank Dave Walsh who assisted me in performing regularly scheduled safety inspections of our premises throughout the curling season.

A check list of these inspections includes such things as; ensuring that walkways are cleared leading to the entrances our building, fire doors being kept closed, electrical outlets/cords in good working order, first aid kits properly supplied, emergency lights working during simulated power failures and functioning AED to name some of the important items that require regular attention in keeping our Club safe and our members from being injured. We are required by law that such a regular inspections take place.

During the curling season we also had the Chief Fire Prevention Officer, Bill Todd provide some training on Fire Extinguishers and their specific use. An interesting session, in that there were several different types and sizes of extinguishers, that are specifically designed for different fire emergencies. Our thanks to Bill Todd for helping us out. He did emphasize that cheap fire extinguishers could be a problem and keeping fire extinguishers where you can get at them easily and quickly is most important! (Not to be stored under the sink!)

Last summer, existing information (now in binder form) was organized with Hugh Oliver's help, to provide important information to our Staff and also to newcomers on the Board. For Staff, access to topics such as health and safety, hours of work, wages and benefits are just some of the topics covered. Each Staff member received their own copy.

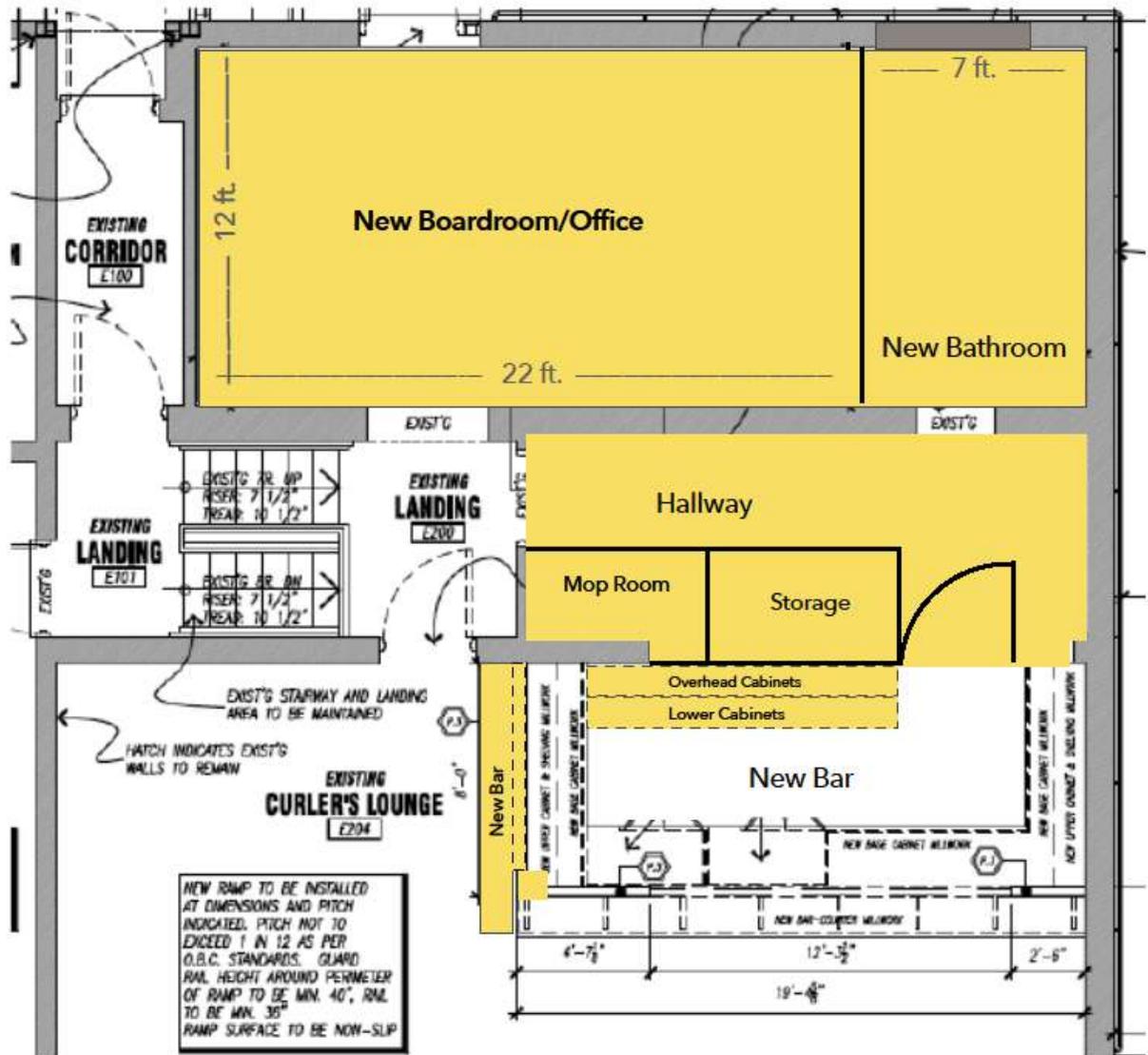
For Board members (new and seasoned), information is now readily available, on such topics as; Board make up (who does what), elections, by-laws, to name some. Had this been available when I first joined the Board, it would certainly have helped me in getting a quicker and better understanding of the workings of the Board. Copies for the Board are available in the Board Room.

Prior to the beginning of the next curling season and possibly in September, all Club Staff will require training in "Emergency First Aid". Training will be coordinated with the Chief Fire Prevention Officer Bill Todd.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

## RENOVATIONS UPDATE

The committee has been working hard with HIRA construction to finalize the details of the renovation and hope to announce a start date soon. The general plan which includes a handi-cap accessible washroom, office, board room and bar renovation is below. The renovation will be completed prior to the start of next season.



# News from The Leagues

## SMASL SENIOR MIXED BONSPIEL

On *Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>*, with the club lounge decked out in Irish green, the *Senior Men's Afternoon Social League* hosted their annual Tier 55 Mixed Bonspiel. This was a one draw, two 8-end games, point spiel. The Spiel had a full complement of 12 teams, consisting of "In-club" and "Out of Town" entries.

A delicious hot dinner of ham and scalloped potatoes was provided by SMASL's Kitchen Krew between games.

As is customary with this Spiel, a ***St. Patrick's Day*** theme prevailed and all participants were encouraged to "**wear the green**" to show their Irish Spirit. This was evident in Spades as everyone showed up and curled wearing the green. Eight best dressed leprechauns were selected by observers from behind the glass and awarded prizes. First prize for women and men went to Mary Ellen Bolt and Ed Rempel. Six additional prizes were awarded to runners-up in the voting. An additional 6 prizes were randomly awarded via a "**Luck of the Draw**" to contestants wearing the green.

Between games, during the lunch period, entertainment was provided by ***Pete Sheridan's Trio*** performing Irish ballads. ***The Corrigan Dance Performers*** of London also provided a very entertaining display of Irish dancing which everybody thoroughly enjoyed.



*Marja and her leprechaun Ed!*



# SENIOR MEN'S AFTERNOON SOCIAL LEAGUE

## SML LEAGUE & PLAYOFF PLAY

Draw #3 Early/Late Playoff: Team Taylor (W) vs Team McInerney

Draw #4 Early/Late Playoff: Team Catt (W) vs Team Pedersen

Draw #3 Winner vs Draw #4 Winner: Team Taylor vs Team Catt (W)

Draw #1 & #2 Winner: Team Pettit (W) vs Draw #3 & #4 Winner: Team Catt

Season Champions: TEAM PETTIT Season Runner Up: TEAM CATT



Peter Charlton - Lead  
Denis Angyal - Second  
Ron Smith - Vice  
Roger Pettit - Skip



Ken Caldwell - Second  
Paul Hachey - Vice  
Tony Stacpoole - Lead  
Arn Catt- Skip



Graham Sanderson Award for Most Improved New SMASL Curler: TRACEY PATTISON

## **SENIOR MEN'S AFTERNOON SOCIAL LEAGUE**

The SMASL Advisory Council has concluded its first season in its newly configured format as the Senior Men's Afternoon Social League (SMASL) with its revamped SMASL Terms of Reference (Bylaws). Since these Terms of Reference contain an Article that provides a procedure for amendments, this Article was implemented prior to the end of the season to allow for expansion of the membership of the Advisory Council for next season only. Thus the 2018-19 season's Advisory Councillors will number thirteen instead of the previous eleven. **Paul Hedley** and **Stu MacLean** are retiring from the Council as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 after many years each of service to the Club's Men's and Senior Men's Leagues.

## **PROVINCIAL GRANDMASTERS CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP TRIP**

Shortly after noon on March 15<sup>th</sup>, Team Harris (Lloyd Harris, Kingsley Irvine, Steve Bailey and Bud Westaway) set out for **The Thornhill Club** to compete for Zone 15 in the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grandmasters Annual Curling Championship.

The team's first game started at 8:15 that evening against the team from the Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club in Toronto. This was a well-played game by the St. T. team which managed a victory and gained some confidence in a very new curling environment. The team's 2<sup>nd</sup> game had a 2:00 pm start on Friday with the Sun Parlour CC as the opposition. Both teams played well in an extremely close scoring game with the Sun Parlour team winning by 1 point in the 8<sup>th</sup> end. St. T's third game was played at 10:00 am on Saturday against the Loonie CC (north of Kingston). Team Harris did not fare well in this game which ended after the 7<sup>th</sup> end, as did the team's participation in the championship.

Our hosts at the Thornhill Club were most gracious and provided all the participating teams with an excellent facility, a delicious banquet on Friday night followed by **Bud's** favourite musical entertainment, and a lot of memories to tell our fellow curlers, kids and grandkids.

The experience gained by the team's involvement in the Grandmasters will prove invaluable in the future and encourage the team to seek a 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt to curl with some of the best senior curlers in southern Ontario.

**The SMASL wishes everybody a safe, restful and enjoyable summer and trusts that we will all renew acquaintances in October, refreshed and ready to embark on a new curling season!**

## TUESDAY MORNING LADIES LEAGUE

Our Tuesday morning ladies league was organized into three draws-2 – 7 week draws and one 6 week. This year we had a total of 61 curlers that we divide into two divisions. The winners of the final draw in the Dawn Clinton division were: Joyce Hepburn, Cathy Hedley, Linda Manchen, Suzane Devlin, and Elaine McArthur. The winners of the Jean Mathews division were: Pat Kennington, Margaret Smith, Linda McCauley and Ann McLachin. A thank you to all the new curlers that joined our league. We look forward to seeing everyone back next season.

Thanks to Ardythe Anderson for having our coffee and goodies ready for us when we come off the ice.

The Tuesday committee consists of Judy Thorner, Marg McKay and Laurie Aaviku will be joining them this year. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who has volunteered. The club would not exist without your help. Have a great summer everyone.



Dawn Clinton Division

The Joyce Hepburn Team

L-R Joyce Hepburn, Linda Manchen, Suzanne Devlin.

Absent - Cathy Hedley, Elaine McArthur.



Jean Matthews Division

The Pat Kensington Team

L-R Pat Kennington, Linda McCauley, Anne McLachlin

Absent –Marg Smith

## LADIES THURSDAY COMPETITIVE LEAGUE

The 2016-2017 ladies curling league had 14 teams, divided into 2 flights, A and B, with 63 curlers. (7 teams had 5 members and 7 teams had 4 members.) We look forward to welcoming them back next year.

Coffee, cookies and a 50/50 draw were provided each Thursday. These events raised additional funds to supplement the league fees. I would like to thank committee members Marja Southerst and Kathleen Lane for helping to run the Thursday league.

Playoffs were organized into A, B and C divisions in a round robin format for 14 teams. The results are:

Division	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
A	Burgess	Marcou	Lowe	Ferguson	Meeuse
B	Kennington	Quinn	Sullivan	Toms	McGregor-Morris
C	Labord	Purchase	Hepburn	Kitchenham	

Thank you to all the curlers for their support throughout the curling season.

Christine Hale-Sanders- Thursday Chair, Marja Southerst, Kathleen Lane



A"Division Winners  
The Barb Burgess  
Team  
L-R Barb Burgess,  
Terri Vansevenant,  
Pat Monteith,  
Linda Manchen,  
Mary MacVicar

**THURSDAY LADIES LEAGUE WINNERS**

B" Division Winners  
Pat Kennington Team  
L-R Pat Kennington, Sandi  
Coombs, Karen Auckland,  
Shawn Whittaker.



C Division Winners  
Barb Labord Team  
L-R Barb Labord, Carol  
Gagen, Judy Upsdell,  
Linda Maskell-Pereira

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

The 2017-2018 curling season has now wrapped up and was a success in terms of welcoming new curlers, new members to the club and improvement by all with a whole lot of fun and friendship mixed in. While the numbers were down slightly as a whole, it is encouraging that 11 new league members were welcomed this year. The league is a warm and welcoming environment for new curlers and curlers wishing to improve or try out skip or vice positions – spread the word!

The closing banquet was well attended with Jaclyn Mason being recognized as the league's most improved curler while Beth Kewley received the Lena Beattie Award for Sportsmanship. Also, Mary Lou Gordon will commence as the Wednesday Night Women's League convenor for the 2018-2019 curling season.

Hope all have a wonderful summer and return (with new recruits!) for the next curling season!

## **MONDAY NIGHT WOMENS LEAGUE**

Women's league had a very successful year with lots of fun and lots of good curling. The Monday night league broke into two divisions for playoffs. Barb MacKenzie, Mary Lou Gordon, Liz Lusk and Sherry Kingswood came out on top of Pool A. Nancy Johnson, Helen James, Jeanne Cunningham and Linda McCauley came out on top of Pool B. Congratulations to both teams.

A big thank you goes out to the ladies that organized and ran three successful events this year. Our one day bonspiel had an Olympic theme so teams chose a country to represent, which created a very colourful and entertaining lunch. Four hundred plus dollars was raised at the Curlers Care Spiel. That money was donated to In And Out of the Cold. Please keep your eyes open for this Spiel next year as all the money raised is given to a local charity.

Darlene Vance

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE**

This past year we ran another fun league with ten teams. We play 6 ends every other week so snacks can be enjoyed that night. All teams take a turn in supplying the snacks with a little help from the league funds. We also enjoyed a potluck snack fess at Christmas time.

This year the Red division was won by the Phil James team, and the Blue division was won by the Gwen Gowan team. Prizes of wine, beer and Tim cards were awarded to the winners and all teams received prizes. Triple Bogey Brewing Company once again donated beer and merchandise to the prize table. A final meal of pizza and veggies finished out the night and year. We hope to see everyone and more out again next year.

Respectfully Submitted

John and Sue Lyle Scott and Nancy Johnson

## **FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE**

It has been another fantastic season for the Friday Night Mixed League. We were able to run two draws for the entire season. The Open House event held early in 2018 introduced several new members to our group and we look forward to getting to know them better in October.

We changed the format for our final Friday night on April 13th by conducting a HotShots skills event. It gave our group the chance to try the shots performed by the pros on tour throughout the year. Congratulations to Deb Cater and Steve Cashen for earning the Queen and King honors respectively. It was a great time and definitely something that will be held again in future years.

We held several successful food nights and pot lucks.. including a pre-Super Bowl chili party and a sea of green for St. Patrick's Day. Once again our annual KegFest was another great success. We were able to raise just over \$2800 which was donated back to the curling club. Special thanks to all of our members for their volunteer efforts and generous donations. Another special thank you to Jacquie behind the bar for all of her hard work. She does a great job in taking care of our group.

It has been my pleasure to manage and organize the Friday Night Mixed League for this outstanding group. I look forward to continuing this work for next season.

Have a great summer everyone, Regards, John Wilson

## TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S OPEN LEAGUE 2017-2018 FINALS

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On Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> the Tuesday Night Men's Open League held their finals for the 2017-2018 season.

Due to the threat of the ice storm there were fewer curlers and spectators in attendance and none of the games for the 5<sup>th</sup> versus 6<sup>th</sup> place teams were played. Special "THANKS!" goes out to ***Cravings Simply Delicious Catering*** of Springfield for braving the wind, rain and ice to deliver a terrific lunch and dinner for the day's event!

Twelve hearty teams entered the semifinals for the three divisions after five weeks of round robin play. Several tie breakers were required to determine final standings after the tightest round this season.

In the **Ernie Beattie Championship** (C Division), the fourth ranked Dan Peterson team beat the first ranked Henry Mulders team with a steal in the extra ninth end of their semi-final. This set up the final against the third ranked Dale Ferns team who beat the second ranked Craig Carman team in their semi-final. The final games saw the Dan Peterson team win with a seventh end handshake to take the title over the Dale Ferns team and Henry Mulders team took third place beating the Craig Carman team.

### Ernie Beattie Champions

Dan Peterson (skip), Peter Inch (vice), Ron Vandecasteele (2<sup>nd</sup>), Mark Delamere (2<sup>nd</sup>), Steve Didone (lead)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Dale Ferns (skip), Dave Bowden (vice), Ted Pinnegar (2<sup>nd</sup>), Bud Westaway (lead)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Henry Mulders (skip), Dave Walsh (vice), Simon Flanagan (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ian Blenkinsop (lead)

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Craig Carman (skip), Nick Kerkvliet (vice), Don Bull (2<sup>nd</sup>), John Daley (lead)

5<sup>th</sup> Place – Bob McInerney (skip), Ron Vanzanten (vice), Barry Squires (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ed Norris (lead)

6<sup>th</sup> Place – John Lyle (skip), John Butler (vice), Paul Jones (2<sup>nd</sup>), Steve Malone (lead)

The **League Championship** (B Division) round robin ended with a 3-way tie for third place. Multiple tie-breaking checks were required to set up the standings for the semi-final teams. The first ranked Jim Lyle team faced off against the fourth ranked Peter VanYmeren team with Team Lyle winning a narrow victory in the eighth end. The fourth ranked Ryan Matches team beat the second ranked Steve Gilchrist team. The experienced Team Lyle dominated Team Matches to force a handshake and take the title. Team Gilchrist won a coin-toss over Team VanYmeren allowing both teams to watch the finals!

## League Champions

Jim Lyle (skip), Peter Haymen (vice), Bruce Patterson (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jeff Norman (2<sup>nd</sup>), Gerry Cunningham (lead)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ryan Matches (skip), Bill Tait Jr. (vice), Calvin Steenbergen (2<sup>nd</sup>), Bud Westaway (lead)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Steve Gilchrist (skip), Roger Petit (vice), Ray Parkes (2<sup>nd</sup>), Bob McDonald (2<sup>nd</sup>), Marty Neal (lead)

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Peter VanYmeren (skip), Ed Woods (vice), Scott Taggart (2<sup>nd</sup>), Dave Gilbert (lead)

5<sup>th</sup> Place – Shawn Buchanan (skip), Carl Taylor (vice), Tom Dunn (2<sup>nd</sup>), Steve Richardson (lead)

6<sup>th</sup> Place – John Riggs (skip), Phil James (vice), John Mott (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jim Ballantine (lead)

The **Club Championship** (A Division) saw the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Craig VanYmeren team beat the first ranked Rob Morin team (undefeated in the round robin) to advance to the final. The second ranked Terry Walker team beat the third ranked Barry Westman team to face VanYmeren for the final. With the league's two mixed teams facing off, the scoring was tight but ultimately Team Walker built up a lead and forced a handshake from Team VanYmeren to take the title. Team Morin took third place over Team Westman.

## Club Champions

Terry Walker (skip), Aaron Squires (vice), Jay Laroque (2<sup>nd</sup>), Robyn Walker (lead)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Craig VanYmeren (skip), Ginger VanYmeren (vice), Jesse VanYmeren (2<sup>nd</sup>), Trent Lagrandeur (lead)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Rob Morin (skip), Mark Jenner (vice), Jim Frederick (2<sup>nd</sup>), James Fast (lead)

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Barry Westman (skip), Jeff Armstrong (vice), Dave Ferguson (2<sup>nd</sup>), Rick Bolt (lead)

5<sup>th</sup> Place – Ken Baute (skip), Larry Craig (vice), Dave Vandebroek (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jeff Grieve (lead)

6<sup>th</sup> Place – Tom Devaney (skip), Stewart Ferguson (vice), Brad Kellestine (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ken Morrison (lead)

Congratulations to all curlers on another successful season! We look forward to having everyone back again next October for the 2018-2019 competition. Cheers!

## 153<sup>RD</sup> CONTEST FOR THE MALAHIDE MEDAL – MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

The Malahide Medal is the oldest existing curling medal in southwestern Ontario and was first competed for **two years BEFORE Canada was born**, in 1865. The competition is hosted on a rotating schedule by each of the four founding clubs in the competition: London Curling Club, London Highland Curling Club, Aylmer Curling Club and the St Thomas Curling Club.

St Thomas last hosted the competition in 2017 and will host again in 2021. The 2018 event was held at the London Curling Club with three teams from each club competing for the medal.

Following the same format as all previous years, clubs draw their opponents and each club's three teams are matched up for that round. St Thomas first played Highland, then Aylmer in the second draw and finally the hosts London Curling Club in the final draw. The total points scored by each team are tallied to give a team total for each round and ultimately the team total for the medal competition. Ends and games lost do not matter as long as your team scores SOME points!

After three rounds all the points from each club's teams were added up for one of the closest finishes in many years. The host London Curling Club prevailed with a total of 57 points, followed closely by Highland with 56 points, St Thomas with 54 points and Aylmer (2017's champions) with 51 points.

The Malahide Medal itself will reside in the London Curling Club trophy case for the remainder of the 2017-2018 curling season. It will then be returned to the Elgin County Museum for public exhibit until the next competition in March 2019. The medal is engraved: "**Presented to the curlers of the Malahide Division by the Honourable E. Leonard in 1865, to be competed for annually**". The competition has been held every single year since then!



## **2018 MALAHIDE MEDAL – CLUB COMPETITION TEAMS**

### **London Curling Club – 57 pts – 2018 Malahide Medal Winners**

Team 1 – Dave Mann, Mike Williams, Bruce Thom, Gord Lummers

Team 2 – Stan Smith, John Cosby, Richard Rogers, Mike Lessinger

Team 3 – Larry Saunders, Marcus McCrae, Jay Brownlee, Jeff Sedlegal

### **London Highland Curling Club – 56 pts**

Team 1 – Brian Soanes, Tom Jones, Tim Bell, Greg Chevarie

Team 2 – Rick Pero, Val Mahley, Steve Gray, Hamman Gonsalves

Team 3 – Dun Lanti, Paul Coleman, David Stubbins, Layne Goldstein

### **St Thomas Curling Club – 54 pts**

Team 1 – Dave Walsh, Henry Mulders, Stewart Ferguson, Brad Kellestine

Team 2 – Mark Jenner, Bill Tait Jr, Jeff Butler, Peter Morch

Team 3 – Shawn Buchanan, Craig Carman, Don Bull, Dale Ferns

### **Aylmer Curling Club – 51 pts**

Team 1 – Ben Vandermeer, Terry Dawson, Ian Kerr, Derek Rozan

Team 2 – Ron Mervis, Dave Mennill, Paul Steinhoff, Marvin Simpson

Team 3 – Jack van Kasteren, Brad Walker, Rick Cooper, Jack Gaudette



## STEAKSPIEL

The Board of Directors would like to thank all those that participated in the 2018 #StThomasProud Steakspiel. Also, a big thank you to the organizing committee, Phil & Helen James, Christine Hale-Sanders, and Darlene Vance.

We had 18 teams participate over the 4 days and fun was had by all. After 4 six-end games, some trivia and a St Thomas scavenger hunt, we would like to congratulate Team Van Ymeren on placing 1st overall. Honourable mentions to Team Choma on their "dead elephant" costume and Team Bull on their Trivia win.

On Saturday evening, it was our honour to host Jim Waite and Dick Donald and celebrate their 1968 MacDonald's Brier team. The banner still hangs in our lounge today. Photos of their memorabilia can be found on our Facebook page.

The committee would like to thank Neville Jones for coming out on Friday night to host our

Trivia Challenge, and to Mayor Heather Jackson for joining us to celebrate our #StThomasProud

Thank you to the teams for a successful event and hope to see every-



