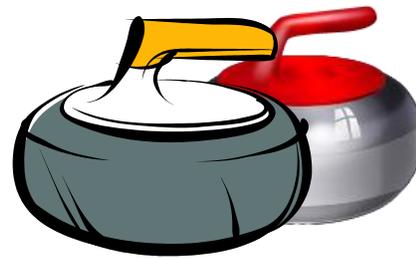


# THE HOGLINE



## St Thomas Curling Club News

### Upcoming Events

Feb 25

Keg Fest

Feb 26

Participate Action Day

March 4

STCC Open Cash Spiel

March 11

SR. Men's Mixed

March 11 & 12

Brier on the Big Screen

March 15

Malahide Medal

March 31-Apr 2  
Under 21 Junior Slam Series

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

February 2017

Welcome to the third edition of the "Hogline". Our thanks to Linda McCauley and Carol Gagen in organizing, editing and ensuring that these editions cover our Club's activities.



In our last edition, I mentioned that we had applied for financial assistance to the Trillium Foundation. Unfortunately our application for that grant was not successful. As such, the Board has struck up a committee to review why we were not successful in obtaining a grant and what our options might be. We will be setting priorities to see what can/should be addressed; in upgrading the Club, (providing handicap access; installing a washroom on the main floor; renovations to the Bar area), and applying for other grants that may be available to us.

Hugh Oliver has taken a lead on seeing what can be done to celebrate the Club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It's an important milestone in our Club's history, coinciding with our country's 150<sup>th</sup>! He will be asking you for ideas and help in this project.

We are still planning on having a "Garage Sale" in the spring. Some members have already stepped forward to help out and are asking you to save those "precious" items for the Club.

A sincere thank you to all of you who continue to pitch in to make our club the success that it is.

On a final note, elections are also on the horizon. Your current Board is looking to you for help, by stepping forward and pitching in. The Board has been operating with one vacancy this past season, however a full Board is what is needed. Please give consideration to putting your name forward. We will all benefit.

ED REMPEL

**New  
Member  
Incentive**

**Invite your friends to join !**

**Pay \$100 plus tax to play for the rest of the year. The fee can be applied to next season when joining.**

**New Members only**

## LEARNING STRATEGY SESSION

On January 18th about 25 members attended a strategy workshop at our club. Colin Sinclair presented an excellent session on the ways to approach the curling game. We discussed terms such as offensive play, defensive play and the balanced approach and what they look like on the ice. Colin also talked about times to rethink your end game plan.



A big thank you goes out to Colin Sinclair for the very informative Strategy Program he presented at the club. Seminar was fully booked and members were very pleased with the presentation and all the valuable curling information they received. Well done Colin. Thank you to Kingsley Irvine for organizing this function. And bringing refreshments.

*A very informative morning!*



# News from The Leagues



## GAME OF THRONES BREAKFAST SPIEL

The Women's Game of Stones Breakfast Spiel was held on January 15 with 38 curlers registered for a medieval themed morning with a hint of debauchery from the wench in attendance. Following curling, a brunch was catered by Brooke Howard and the teams participated in a trivia game with winners taking home beer from Railway City Brewing. Wonderful themed costumes were worn by many in attendance with Dire Wolf (Sandy Jones) being recognized as best costume. Jessie Foster won the 50/50 draw and Grace Rogers won the draw for a case of Railway City beer. Many thanks to Railway City Brewing for their donations, Debbie Rimnyak for loaning table decorations and the work of the organizing committee (Linda Westaway, Sophie Kitchen, Sue Freeman, Grace Rogers and Beth Strong) for a successful morning.

## **SUGAR SHACK SPIEL**

The Sugar Shack Spiel was the first spiel of 2017 and started the year off with a bang. The well attended spiel generated a \$950.00 profit which was generously donated back to our club to help with the upcoming renovations. Congratulations to Phil James, Helen James, Brenda Rouse and Harry Moffatt Winners of the early draw and Paul Choma, Liefy Devaere, John Bedek, and Maureen Bedek winners of the late draw. A big thank you to Darlene Vance and Joan McGregor for organizing this spiel.

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

Wednesday nights continue to be focused on fun, friendship and improvement. Our Christmas fun night included pizza, wonderful baked goods and new recruits to our rousing games of Left, Right, Center. Chase the Ace continues with Grace Rogers winning the biggest jackpot of the year - no doubt due to her not so secret good luck ritual.

Beth Strong

## **LADIES LEAGUE**

The **Tuesday League** recently completed the 2nd draw. Congratulations to the Winners of the **Dianne Bocking Division** in: first place – Pat Kennington, Sandra Jones, Pam Smith and Mary MacVicar. Second place goes to Sandi Coombs, Ann Lapchinski, Judy Thorner and Marg Mckay. These 2 teams were tied in points but the Kennington team got the edge as they were victorious when they played each other. The winners of the **Mary Beattie Division** are: first place – Marie Lowe, Linda Churchill, Laurie Aaviku and Anne McLachlin. The second place team was Bonnie Hepburn, Carol Gagen, Judy Upsdell and Heather Marchment.

Congratulations go out to the winners of the **Thursday League**, Draw 2. First place in the **A division** was captured by the Dale Curtis team. Members of this team are Pat Quin, Jeanne Cunningham, and Joanne Shields. We also congratulate the team of Diane Marcou, Ann Lapchinski, Linda McCauley, and Justine Howes for their second place finish. The **B division** was won by Skip Jean Matthews, Barb Burgess, Terry Vansevenant, Pat Monteith, and Mary McVicar. Second place went to Pat Kennington, Sandi Coombs, Karen Auckland, Linda Churchill, and Shawn Whittaker. Well done ladies and good luck to all as we participate in Draw 3!

Judy Upsdell

## **2017 WOMEN'S LEAGUE ONE DAY HOLLISWEALTH BONSPIEL – VIVA ROCK VEGAS!**

The above bonspiel was held on Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This bonspiel has been sponsored by Ellen Luft for over 20 years and that enables the organizers to provide a prize for every curler!

The organizing committee was chaired by Sharon Blaxall and included Amy Pearson, Bonny Arnold, Kristy MacKenzie and Denise Cyr. The theme for the day was “Viva Rock Vegas!” with Vegas themed centerpieces, decorations and music. There was also a raffle basket and a Joker’s Wild game.

There was one full draw with teams from London Curling Club, Ilderton Curling Club, Ingersoll Curling Club, Highland Curling Club, Aylmer Curling Club and four teams from the host club.

The winning team was the team of Darlene Pfaff from Ilderton.



Ellen Luft of Holliswealth presenting the trophy to (L-R) Darlene Pfaff, Gail McMahon, Lena Moore and Krys Teall.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Dale Curtis and her Galt Curling Club team on winning the Provincial Senior Masters. The team will now advance to the Master Canadian competition to be held in Guelph on April 3<sup>rd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Lyle 's team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Men's Senior Master Provincial level. He will advance to the Canadian Masters Competition.

***Good Luck to Dale and Jim!***

## TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE

The Tuesday Night Men's League is into round 4 (Feb 7<sup>th</sup> to Mar 7<sup>th</sup>) with teams vying for final chances to move up (or down) in the three divisions. Competition has been tight with many games decided by final shots in the eighth end.

At the end of round 4 we will know the teams who will be challenging for the Club Championship, League Championship and Ernie Beattie Cup. Round 5 (Mar 14<sup>th</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup>) will see the playoffs to determine the top 4 teams in each division and these teams will then play in finals.

A full day of competition is planned for the Tuesday Night Men's League closing on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. All teams in the league will have at least one game. The top four teams will also play again in the final draw before dinner when awards and door prizes will be handed out. Spectators are welcome all day, but please book ahead if you want to stay for lunch or dinner!

Teams or individual curlers will also have two opportunities for additional competition with two 12-team spiels to be hosted at the St Thomas Curling Club in March.

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** will see the first **St Thomas Curling Club Open Cash Spiel** sponsored by Graham Scott Enns Chartered Professional Accountants (Jim Frederick) and Dr. Robert Morin Dentistry. For \$140 per team, there will be three, eight-end games, plus lunch and dinner. Seven teams will receive cash prizes from the total purse of \$1000. For more information, please contact:

**Mark Jenner – cell (519) 494-8947; hm (519) 769-2498 or [jenner48@hotmail.com](mailto:jenner48@hotmail.com).**

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** St Thomas Curling club hosts the annual **Malahide Medal** spiel. This *free*, one day event has teams from St Thomas, London Highland Golf & Curling Club, London Curling Club and Aylmer Curling Club competing in one of the oldest continuously contested spiels in North America. Each club enters three teams and the total team points after three draws determines the winning club. Teams are made up of volunteer curlers from each club. Games begin at 9:00 am and lunch and dinner are provided courtesy of the Tuesday and Thursday Night Men's Leagues. For more information, please contact:

**Shawn Buchanan – cell (226) 236-3053 or [shawnb13@hotmail.com](mailto:shawnb13@hotmail.com).**

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## FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE

The Friday Night Mixed League is pleased to organize our annual KegFest bonspiel for Saturday February 25th.

Once again we are happy to report a sellout of both draws with 96 curlers taking part. We always look forward to seeing family and friends from out of town who drop in to make the event even more fun and exciting. This year I am also happy to report on additional donations for our prize and raffle table, including support from Goldline Curling in London.

We just finished up another successful food night. We featured a Chili Cook Off inspired by the Super Bowl Weekend in Houston. There were a few Patriots jerseys spotted out on the ice that Friday night.

I am so happy to see our newcomers improve their curling skills as the year goes on. I will be encouraging them to look at signing up for future fun bonspiels and the other fantastic leagues at the St. Thomas Curling Club.

John Wilson

## PARTICIPATION OPEN HOUSE

We are having an Open House on **February 26th from 1-3 pm**. This is a family event. Bring your friends and relatives out to try the game of curling. Coaches will be available to help. What a great opportunity to check another sport on your PARTICIPATION 150 PLAY LIST.

CHECK OUT THE PLAYLIST AT [www.participation.com](http://www.participation.com)

## HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDER

Hello to all curlers and greatly appreciated volunteers. I would like to remind everyone to please take care when on the ice. Be cautious getting on and off the ice. Wear your gripper as needed. Use caution when clearing the stones and watch your footing. We do not want anyone taking a spill.

Volunteers please use step ladders when working at heights and think safety in all you do. We have a great safety record at our club and with everyone's help we can continue to make our sport fun and safe for all.

Thank You

D Walsh



# **ST. THOMAS MEN'S AFTERNOON SOCIAL CURLING LEAGUE**

**SENIOR MEN'S CURLING - Hogline News - 2017/02/18**

## **SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE (SML) MEMBERSHIP**

Over the course of the season thus far, our league has welcomed the addition of 10 new members and attained a highpoint in membership (over the past 4 years) with a total of 96 active and social members. Since December, this membership has dwindled somewhat with several curlers heading south to the sun; some for a relatively short time, but others for longer time periods. Nevertheless, we still have a strong complement of curlers who continue to enjoy the game.

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## **SML LEAGUE & PLAYOFF PLAY**

**Draw #2 Early/Late Playoff: Team Taylor vs Team Cook**

**Draw #1 vs Draw #2 Winners: Team Luft vs Team Cook**

**Draw #3 Winners: Early Draw: Team Taylor vs Team Lunn**

**Late Draw: Team Mulders vs Team Westaway**

**Draw #3 Early/Late Playoff: Team Taylor vs Team Mulders**

Congrats to all our winners. Team Taylor will play the winner of Draw #4 on April 7<sup>th</sup> in the Draw #3 vs Draw #4 final. Team Cook will meet the winners of the Draw 3 / 4 game in the League Championship to be played on April 10, prior to our Closing Lunch for the season.

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## **SML TIER 55 – B**

SML hosted a full 22 Teams for this Spiel on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again to the fine efforts of our Bonspiel Committee Coordinator, Lloyd Harris and assistants Bob Moore and Bryan O'Neill for their determined efforts to make this spiel a success in every way.

Thanks also to our Senior Men's Kitchen Krew who provided an excellent roast pork dinner for all the participants.

It was an enjoyable day with excellent curling, & well received prizes for all participants.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SML MIXED BONSPIEL - SATURDAY, MARCH 11 - 9:00 AM START**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY THEME - DRESS IN YOUR GREEN FINERY – IRISH ENTERTAINMENT**

**DRAW #4 EARLY/ LATE PLAYOFF – APRIL 7 AT 9:30AM**

**DRAW #3 VS DRAW #4 WINNERS PLAYOFF – APRIL 7 AT 1:00PM**

**FALL/WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP GAME – APRIL 10 – 9:30AM**

**SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE CLOSING DINNER – APRIL 10 – 12:30PM**

The Senior Men's League would like to thank the STCC Board for yet another great year of curling and eagerly awaits the 2017 – 2018 season!

**Kingsley Irvine**

## UNIVESIADDE 2017

The world university games were an experience of a lifetime. While most people were packing their bags, and heading south, we journeyed to the other side of the



world. Initially I had doubts about Kazakhstan (9<sup>th</sup> largest country in the world), but I no longer do. Immediately upon arrival in Almaty, we were greeted by hundreds of volunteers. I've never seen a group of individuals so happy, helpful, and energetic at 6 am, this would be the case for the entirety of the event.

We were then transported to the Athlete's Village, which was a city of our own. There were 122 Canadian athletes living in the same building, with flags pinned to every window. In total, just over 2,500 athletes would reside in this village. It was obvious that Canadians were admired. We were unable to walk past a single volunteer or local resident without the request of a photograph this made us extremely proud to be Canadian. Everyday we were served breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Some meals were skeptical, but there were many options including chicken, beef, and the local favourite, horse.

The opening ceremonies were breathtaking. It was at this point that I realized the magnitude of the event. The sense of pride I felt while walking out with all the Canadian athletes was remarkable. I've never heard such loud cheering in my life. After all the countries paraded through, we were treated to an unbelievable spectacle. They would depict the history of Kazakhstan through dance, art, and song. It was extremely comparable to that of an Olympics, some would argue even better.

The games had officially begun, and it was time to get serious. We would be competing against 9 other countries all of whom were very capable of winning the event except for Kazakhstan who's program is just developing. If athletes were 'students' and under the age of 28, they could compete. Therefore, it made for some extremely talented and experienced teams.

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Stepping out onto the ice with the maple leaf on your back is an incredible feeling. Although there is a lot of pressure, I wouldn't change it for anything. We started the week 2-1 which put us in a good position moving forward. Unfortunately, we struggled to gain any sort of momentum and dropped games to Great Britain, U.S.A, Korea, Czech Republic, and Sweden. We would win against Kazakhstan, Russia, Japan, and Norway. This would place us tied for 5th, one win away from playoffs. It was difficult to take in the fact that we hadn't qualified but thinking about everything we had accomplished to get there was satisfying. The competition was extremely difficult and it simply wasn't our week. All in all, it was an experience that we wouldn't trade for anything. It has only made us that much hungrier for the next dream, which is representing Canada once again at the Worlds or the Olympics.



This trip wouldn't have been possible without the support of Curling Canada and many people. Firstly, Jim Waite was an unbelievable coach who helped every step of the way. His experience at the world stage can't be matched, and he gave us all the help we could ask for. Secondly, our parents who travelled all the way across the world to support us first hand and cheer us on even when things weren't going so well. Lastly, to all the members and friends who have generously supported us throughout this entire journey. The memories will truly last a lifetime.

Thank you,

Aaron Squires

## **UNDER 21 JUNIOR SLAM SERIES**

This year our club will be hosting the **Junior Slam Series** March 31 to April 2, There will be 24 teams under the age of 21 from Ontario, Quebec, United States and Switzerland competing in this prestigious competition. Bring out Family and Friends to watch some amazing curling!

## **CONTINENTAL CUP**

The Continental Cup is coming to the Western Fair Jan. 11-14, 2018. General Volunteers will be needed later this year. If interested you can contact Ann Lapchinski for more information at [alapchinskii@rogers.com](mailto:alapchinskii@rogers.com).

