



# Carleton Heights Curling Club Newsletter

December 2008

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The curling season is well under way here at Carleton Heights. We've already hosted a number of exciting competitions, with more to come. Our leagues are in full operation as well, with a very full slate of games every week. We have lots of curling going on at all ages and levels.

In October, we were saddened to hear of the death of Mike Moore, the Youth Director at Carleton Heights. Mike put us on the map for youth curling, just as he did for the Ottawa Valley Curling Association. He also made tremendous contributions to the Ontario Curling Association and Canadian Curling Association's youth programs. If you take a look at the provincial championship banners in the stairwell, the most recent three are for our youth teams. That says much about the level and quality of effort that Mike put in over the years. We are very thankful for the legacy he provided. Dan Cogliati has kindly agreed to take on the role of Youth Director here at Carleton Heights. Please help him in any way that you can.

An initiative we began this year is turning out to be a success. Brian Overton, our Ice Chair, worked with our icemaker, Richard Haliburton, to implement the use of purified water in the ice pebbling process. We have heard positive comments from many people about the quality of our ice. This initiative continues the capital investments we have put into improving our playing surface over the past few years. Thanks go to Brian and Richard for their dedicated work.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or any other members of the Executive if you have any questions, or concerns, or praise to offer. The names of the Executive members are located on the big board in the front entrance and on the club website: [www.carletonheightscc.ca/people.htm](http://www.carletonheightscc.ca/people.htm).

Good curling!

John Holgate, President

## THIS YEAR AT CHCC

December 16 - Day Ladies Christmas Lunch  
December 17 - Business Women's Christmas Party  
December 12 - Day Men's Fun Spiel

December 12 - Friday Mixed Christmas Party  
January 3 & 4 - TSC Stores Tankard Regionals  
January 15,16,17 - OVCA Mixed Bonspiel  
January 22 - Day Men's Invitational Bonspiel  
February 5 - 7 Crystal Heart Bonspiel  
February 11 - Day Ladies Invitational Bonspiel  
February 14 - Bantam Bonspiel  
February 17 - LCA McCallum Filly-Hamilton  
February 21 - Open Skins Spiel  
February 25 - Day Ladies vs. Day Men Challenge  
March 3 - Ottawa Ladies Inter-Club Bonspiel  
March 4 - Day Men's Metro  
March 11 - George Caskey Trophy – Day Ladies vs. Business Women  
March 17 -22 - Men's City of Ottawa  
March 24,26 - LCA MacDonald-Paterson-Roy  
March 28 - Bonspiel for Breast Cancer Research  
\*April 14 - Day Ladies Closing Dinner  
\*April 15 - Business Women's Closing Dinner  
\*April 5 – 23 - Club Championship Bonspiel  
\*April 17 - Day Men's Closing Party  
\*April 17 - Friday Mixed Closing Dinner  
\*April 23 - Open Leagues Closing BBQ  
April 26 - Bartenders Spiel

\* Date not yet finalized

## CARLETON HEIGHTS GROWS AGAIN

Our membership numbers are up again this year. We have a full house from the 9:30 am draw until the last curler leaves the ice at about 11:30 pm Sunday through Friday and all Saturdays are in use after Christmas. Including rentals we have about 783 people who curl here at least one a week. That makes us one of the most active and fun curling clubs in the area.

Congratulations to Christian Toluoso, Ritchie Gillan, Alex Young and Kevin Rathwell for advancing to the Junior Men's Provincials in Scarborough on January 14 - 18. Once again we will be watching Team Toluoso with great pride and expecting another banner for the club this year. Good luck guys.

Congratulations also to Michaela Tuor's Junior girls 5 girl team of Jordan Mark, Lynn Wu, Connie Leung and Christine Leung for advancing to the Regionals in the Junior Girls OCA play downs. Also congratulations to the Gini Funnell team of Lynda Kennedy, Shirley Petrie &



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Mary Ellen Ward for advancing to the Senior Ladies OCA Regionals.

My staff and I, Diana Young, Angus MacLennan, Andrea Unger, Sandra Lusk, Jamie Gardner, Dave Creelman, Jennifer Martin and Wayne Moore wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

Don Richardson, Club Manager

## PRO SHOP CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Pro Shop equipment makes great Christmas gifts and we will supply the gifts tags. If you cannot find what you want ask the bartender for a gift certificate.

## Rental Leagues and Bonspiels

The following rental leagues are part of our curling family:

Carleton Tavern - Sunday morning  
Canada Patent Office - Sunday evening  
Ottawa Sports & Social Club - Sunday evening  
Bill's League - Monday evening  
DARA - Tuesday night  
DND - Wednesday evening  
Nortel - Wednesday night  
Corporate League - Thursday evening  
StatsCan - Friday evening

## Saturday Bonspiels

January 24 - OSSTCA  
January 31 - SCRA  
February 28 - DSS  
March 7 - DARA  
April 25 - DARA

## CARLETON HEIGHTS USING R/O PEBBLE WATER TREATMENT

Improvement of the ice surface is an ongoing quest at all curling clubs. At CHCC we have been searching for improved curl, ice speed, and quick first end break in.

Last season we experimented with extra scrapes without significant identifiable benefit. Unacceptable extra cost would be involved in "running the rocks" following pebbling to pre-condition the sheets while maintaining our 12-14 minute pre-draw maintenance period.

In March and April 2008 water demineralizing systems were investigated. Interviews with equipment suppliers, installed system operators and detailed discussions with Richard Haliburton led us, given our high quality City of Ottawa Water, to experiment with a low cost, very basic approach.

In late August, prior to the season opening, Richard Haliburton installed a 5-stage Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment unit to provide demineralized pebble water.

The key element in Reverse Osmosis filtration is a semi-permeable membrane containing tiny pores through which water can flow. The tiny pores are restrictive to organic compounds such as salts and other natural minerals, which have a larger molecular structure than water.

Reverse Osmosis is an incredibly slow process when compared with other methods of water treatment and wastes 2 gallons of water for every gallon treated in order to flush contaminant build-up on the supply side. In that we are only treating our pebble water (20gal per day) these negative aspects are of little consequence in our application.

With our base sheet and final floods over the paint all being created using Virgin City Water there was a concern that the pure pebble water might draw minerals to the surface from the impure ice below and re-mineralize the surface. Using some icemaker magic Richard has mitigated any such occurrence.

Using their experience, Richard and Phil have very quickly sorted out the idiosyncrasies of our rather unique system. Result: Our ice speed appears to be at least equivalent to last year, our curl appears to have improved and with the "Squirt and Nip" maintenance sequence we have a pre-conditioned sheet to start the first end.

Well done guys!

Brian Overton, Ice Chair



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## MATCH CHAIR REPORT

Did you miss out on some fine curling and socializing at Club events recently? Many of us didn't, but we would have enjoyed seeing more of you out for several recent Club Bonspiels.

Last April, we had the 2008 **Club Championship Closing Bonspiel**. 32 teams competed in a playdown series until the final four games on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. That evening, some one hundred members and guests thoroughly enjoyed some great curling on excellent ice, along with good food, and many door prizes. For those of you that missed this event, be assured that the winning team of Tom Hayward (skip), Rick Weber, Howard Friendly, Bernie Friendly, and Jim Laroque well deserved to be proclaimed Club Champions for the 2007/08 Season.

The next Club Bonspiel was this season's **Opening Fun & Free Bonspiel/ The 2008 Jack Young Memorial Draw**. Held Sept 22-24, some 42 individuals signed up and curled on the great new Club ice. From the 10 formed teams, Team 1 emerged as top scorers, winning the opportunity to have Jack Young's wife Cathy present them with the Jack Young Memorial Plaque that now bears the names of Bill Bryson, Todd Grier, Tina Harvey, Ron Martin and Neil O'Brien. We could have had more of you out for this event. I guess the warm weather, the good golfing, and a reluctance to abandon summer activities must have prevented some of you from showing up!

Hoping to attract more of you, we posted another Club Event. This was the November 22, **CHCC Open Christmas Turkey Spiel 2008**. Now this was a lot of fun and rewarding for those 8 teams who signed up on time and participated. The games were good matches, and the turkey prizes were most appropriate. Four big 18-22 pounders for the winning team of Don & Fran Stahan & Maurice & Carolyn Forgues. Four 14-15 lbs turkeys were carried off by the runners-up. Eight smaller turkeys went to several other teams. Prizes donated by Premier Brewing went to each remaining Bonspiel participant. Unfortunately, three other teams missed the posted deadlines and were unable to play in the event. Hopefully, next year when we post this Event, many more of you will be eager to sign up on time and be prepared to compete for more turkeys in 2009.

Coming up, next February 21 will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Annual**

**CHCC Skins Cash Event**. Ice technician Phil Bellissimo will be running this event once again. We'll be posting the notices and sign-up sheets early in the New Year. So get your team together, get practicing, and sign up early before the deadline.

And then, eventually, next April, there'll be the **2009 Club Championship Closing Bonspiel**. Get ready for that one to end your curling season on a high note!!

These Club Bonspiels are organized for your enjoyment. Take advantage of them! There's ample opportunity to sign up your team, get a team together, or indicate that you'd like to be on a team, or be a spare. And if you can't curl in these events, come and participate as a welcome spectator. Who knows, sometimes you may win a door prize!

Enjoy good competitive curling, on excellent ice provided by our dedicated Ice Team of Richard Haliburton and Phil Bellissimo. Enjoy meeting other members from our various Club and rental leagues, and enjoy the hospitality and good food provided by Club Manager Don Richardson and his Clubhouse and bar staff.

I look forward to seeing many more of you during upcoming Club Events.

Richard Huyda, Match Chair

## DAY MEN

The league plays three days a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with two draws most days. This year we have approximately 100 curlers. Men must be at least 50 years old. This league is mainly non-competitive except on the Friday afternoon draws. During this draw we have fixed teams that compete in three different events over the curling season.

Our Executive consists of the following:

President	Bob Walsh
Vice-President	Michael Mace
Past President	Doug Stafford

## Notable Events

In addition to our regular league games we have "friendlies" with other clubs, where we host the curling and provide snacks. After we are invited back to their clubs.



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We also participate in the Metro Seniors League, a citywide group of approximately 12 clubs with all clubs hosting twice per season. The Metro league ends the season with a five-day bonspiel at the RA. We have approximately 20-24 people attending the spiel from the seniors.

In line with the non-competitive environment of our league we do not provide prizes to individuals. Instead, social fees are returned to the members in the form of luncheons, a Christmas lunch, and a closing lunch. Also we host the Day Ladies and provide a lunch.

Ice conditions are very good thanks to Richard and we receive great support from the club manager, Don Richardson.

Bob Walsh, President, Day Men

## LITTLE ROCKS

The Little Rocks 2008/2009 year is off to a great start with 25 kids enrolled with a good mixture of new and returning curlers. This year Bernie Friendly has the role of Little Rock Coordinator with the help of coaches (Darren Helmer, Leona Duncan, Scott Meyer, Denis Chrétien).

If anyone knows a student(s) with some curling experience who needs volunteer work time for school and would like to help out on the ice Sunday's between 3 to 5 pm, please contact Bernie.

Bernie Friendly, Little Rocks Coordinator

## JUNIOR PROGRAM

Once again, the Junior program is busting at the seams. The program has 61 registered curlers this year, which makes for a pretty hectic Sunday afternoon session. Fortunately, out of the 61 curlers, many are on competitive teams and are out bonspieling around the province on any given weekend.

As for competitive teams, the Club entered 4 boys teams and one girl's team into the Junior zone competition on the November 22-23 weekend. Congratulations to the Christian Toluoso and Michaela Tuor teams for moving on to the regionals. Congratulations should also go to the other men's teams of Jake Atfield, Michael Haughn

and Vincent Le for their fine efforts at the zones. At the regional competition this past weekend, November 29-30, Christian Toluoso's team emerged the B winner and will now move on to the Provincials early in January. The Michaela Tuor team, a bantam team competing at the Junior level, also had a very good showing at the regionals and should be congratulated for the excellent display of curling. A number of other club members also competed on teams from other clubs and in other regions and all should be proud of their accomplishments at the competitive level.

I would like to thank all of those volunteer timekeepers who came out to help at the Junior Superspiel the weekend of October 31-November 1-2. Your assistance was greatly appreciated by all of the curlers, coaches and organizers. Special thanks go to John Hunton for his long hours of help and to Don Richardson and his kitchen staff for the excellent food provided throughout the weekend. For those who had the fortune of dropping in and seeing the competition, you were treated to some of the finest junior curling in the world, with current world, national and provincial champions as well as many local teams competing for the \$2,200 top prize for both men's and women's play. The Christian Toluoso and Graham Rathwell teams represented the club at this bonspiel against world-class competition and performed very well. Congratulations on an excellent weekend of curling.

The year has started off very well, and we look forward to the Bantam zones in early January followed by mixed Junior and Bantam zones at the end of February.

Dan Cogliati, Junior Program Coordinator

## JUNIOR SUPERSPIEL OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 2, 2008

Winners – Women – Kaitlin Lawes (Winnipeg)  
Men – Travis Fancet (St. Thomas)

Timers: Ken Baker, Murray Ballantine, Darrell Barns, Lanny Beischer, Harold Campbell, Barry Davidson, Paul and Sandy Douglas, Wendy Erickson, Gerald Fallu, Kevin Ferguson, Don Gilmore, Trevor Irwin, Paul Julien, Dick Lane, Christian Mark, Bob Matheson, Ann and Brian Prosser, Doug Stafford, Don and Fran Stahan, Ted Thexton, Carol and Doug Woods.



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We would like to thank all the volunteers for a job very well done. This includes Don Richardson and his staff for all the food and other services. We would also like to thank Richard Haliburton and his staff for the excellent ice conditions. It was very much appreciated and we hope you will volunteer again next season.

Dan Cogliati and John Hunton

## **CARLETON HEIGHTS CURLING CLUB BONSPIEL FOR BREAST CANCER**

**10TH ANNUAL - SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009**

THANK YOU everyone for your very generous support of our annual fundraiser.

Last year's event raised a record \$35,000, bringing our 9 year total to an amazing \$171,000!!!!

Our annual Bonspiel for Breast Cancer has become a very successful event, contributing funds to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and raising awareness of breast cancer. It has always been our goal to support a foundation that promotes the advancement of breast cancer research, education, diagnosis and treatment. We feel that together we have made a difference!

Sharon Wood, CEO of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, wrote in her letter to us this summer:

"By supporting the Foundation, you have become part of a powerful movement of people united by a common cause. Each of us has reasons why the cause is important to us. These reasons have faces and names, and unique stories and challenges they are facing. While great progress has been made in overcoming the disease - the number of people who die from breast cancer is the lowest it has been since 1957 - there is still much work to be done. Together, we can make further important progress toward our goal of creating a future without breast cancer."

Many volunteers come together to make our event extremely successful and every year we have achieved an increased donation. Our bonspiel has become a very significant supporter of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation in the Ottawa area. We are extremely thankful to everyone that takes an interest in this very worthwhile cause. The date has been set for next March

and we will be celebrating our 10th year (hard to believe).

January 2009 - applications will be sent out and we encourage any interested ladies to submit their team entries as soon as possible...sorry guys, we only want your wallets!

February and March 2009 - fund raising, please give generously if you are able.

THANK YOU CARLETON HEIGHTS CC - we truly are a curling club that makes a difference!!!

Organizing Committee

Sandy Mutart, Sherry Ostrom, Leona Duncan, Julia Kelly and Sue MacLatchy

## **WHO ARE THEY?**

Ever wondered who those people are? Those great curlers using CHCC ice every Tuesday evening? They are the D.A.R.A. League (Dept. of Agriculture Recreation Assoc.).

This league began in 1961 at Lansdowne Park, mostly Bldg. 3 (Glebe). They had 2 full nights, one for competitive teams and one for drawn teams. At one point they had so many curlers they had 3 draw times in 2 buildings on each Tuesday.

Lansdowne was looking to reduce its curling operations. In 1991, DARA negotiated 2 rental contracts; CHCC, Tuesdays at 5 & 7 pm for its fixed teams, and Granite CC, Wednesdays at 5 pm for its social curling. So, DARA has been here since September 1991.

Some original DARA founding members are still curling. Bill Forrest continues to curl with DARA and Lewis Cass is listed as a CHCC Day Man. Both these gentlemen were my "teachers" when I started with DARA in 1974. Thanks, guys.

And thank you, CHCC, for being our "home" for the past 17 years, with many more years ahead.

Nancy Long, CHCC Day Ladies and DARA



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## GOLF TOURNAMENT – JUNE 9, 2008

The tournament at Manderley on June 9<sup>th</sup> was quite a success. Although there were only 60 golfers, there was a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. on a beautiful day. After about 15 holes the black clouds moved in and some of the golfers returned to the clubhouse due to lightning in the distance. However, the stoppage in play only lasted 10 or 15 minutes and most everyone completed the 18 holes. The big winner of the day was Doug Woods. He was one of the foursome that won the tournament and then he took home prizes for the longest drive and closest to the hole. The winning ladies were Margo Korneluk (longest drive) and Sandy Douglas (closest to the hole; even closer than Doug). After the winners picked from the prize table, each foursome was drawn at random and everyone went home with a prize. Manderley provided great cart service during the golfing and then put on an excellent roast beef buffet. Thanks to Kevin Ferguson for coordinating the tournament and special thanks to Madeline Bissell who sold 50/50 tickets. We were able to donate approximately \$200 to Breast Cancer Research. Manderley has been booked for the next tournament on **June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**. The date has been shifted a little later in June to provide separation from the Day Men's Golf Tournament that is held the last Monday in May. Hopefully there will be a bigger turn out next year.

Carolyn Daniels, 2009 Golf Chairperson