



Venerables CoffeeBreak



Spring Edition April 2015

Stewart Wheler Bonspiel

submitted by Gary Sampson

The Stewart Wheler Classic, sponsored by Ogden Funeral Homes and Mrs. Helen Wheler took place on Wednesday, March 25th.

The Tournament is made up of two Divisions: the Masters Draw (Age 55+) and the Grand Masters Draw (Age 70+). Each Division had a total of sixteen teams from across the GTA and Durham. This year the "away" teams took all the glory in both Divisions.

Champions in the Grand Masters Draw taking the \$200 prize were the team from the Toronto Cricket Club: Skip Vaughn Hibbits, Vice



Grand Masters Division: Toronto Cricket Club

Malcolm Marsh, Second Peter Joynt and Lead Bill Clark.
The top Tam Heather Venerables team (finishing 2nd) in the Grand Masters Draw was Skip **Bill Fitz**, Vice **Ryk Weber**, Second **Fritz Glauner**, and Lead **Ron Larking**.

The Announced champions in the Masters Draw taking \$200 prize were the team from the Toronto Cricket Club: Skip Rob Maddock, Vice Jeff Flanagan, Second Cliff Sparkes and Lead Doug Evans.



Master Division: Toronto Cricket Club

However, we later learned that the East York team had made an error on their scorecard.
The result is the East York team should have won the Master's section. We worked with the East York team and decided that both teams will appear on the trophy as co-winners for 2015. The East York Team is comprised of Skip Mike Vince, Vice Mike Cook, Second Frank Hibbs and Lead Steve Watson.

The top Tam Heather Venerables team (finishing 3rd) in the Masters Draw was Skip **Jim Tebo**, Vice **John Gibson**, Second **Bernie Snodofsky** and Lead **Ross Moodie**.

Congratulations to the Bonspiel Committee of **Gary Norris**, **Jack Grant** and **Peter Tibando** for organizing a great bonspiel.

President's Remarks

submitted by Gary Pennington

This has been an exceptional year for Venerables curling. Take a bow guys.

Thank you to all the many **Volunteers** who contributed to this success, including:

- Recruiters of the Year: **George Suyama**, and **Wayne Todd** (two of many who recruited new members)
- Board of Directors: **Ed Welch**, **Andrew Lamb**, **Ed Koen**, **Jim Thomas**, **Al Gibson**, **Gary Mandel**, **Gary Sampson**, **Tony Damiani**, and yours truly
- Board Captains:
X group: **Ken Waddell**, **Clare Seeley**
W group: **Gord Wells**, **Bob Jackson**
Y group: **John Harzenetter**, **Geo. Roffey**
Z group: **John McInall**, **Don Sommerville**
- VCC: **Carson Klinck**, **Gary Norris**, **John Elstone**, and **Peter Tibando**
- Interclub: **John Wills**, **Ed Koen**
- SEMUT: **John Harzenetter**, **Don Hills**, **Ryk Weber**, **John Elstone**, and **Peter Tibando**
- Bonspiels: **Gary Sampson** (chair), **Gary Norris**, **Peter Tibando**, **Jack Grant**, and **Dal Wrigley**
- Fundraisers: **Jack Grant**, **Tom Stephens**, and **Chet Bula**
- Curling Clinics: headed by **Jim Skewis**
- Euchre: **Betty & Ron Murphy**, & **Reg Haney**
- Financial Review Committee - **Tom Stephens**, **Gord Maunder**

(see *President's* on page 4)

2015/16 Applications Forms

Application forms for next season are now available at the club and online.

Upcoming Events

tamheathervenerables.com/calendar

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| April 13-17 th | Memorial Spiel |
| April 19 th | Tam Skate Out (10am-3pm) |
| June 1 st | Annual Golf Day |
| Sept. 30 th | AGM |

2015 ANNUAL GOLF DAY

MONDAY, JUNE 1ST
ANNANDALE GOLF CLUB

Scramble format, Shotgun Start 11 am

- **New Venerable members are encouraged to get out and enjoy the day with your curling buddies.**
- **Price:** Venerables \$85, Guests \$90 includes Green Fees, Golf Cart, Golf Cart Package (3 golf balls, Water, Energy bars, tees) and Dinner
- **Applications** will be processed on a first come, first served basis for Venerables and Guests – limit 144 players
- Each team must contain at least **one current or one past Venerable**
- Guests must be **fifty** or over
- **Prizes** for winners (first, second and third) and 1 in 4 chance at a Draw Prize
- **50:50** draw
- **Sign-up** as a full team, threesome, twosome or individual and we'll fit you in
- Rules and **marshals** to help speed play
- **Dinner** at 5:30 pm

Applications Forms can be found in the Venerables rack outside the Tam Office.

Register Early to avoid disappointment – Sign-up ends on Memorial Spiel Friday or earlier, if all positions are filled.

Completed applications should be deposited in the envelope outside the Tam Office together with a current dated cheque (payable to Tam Heather Venerables) for the full amount of the number of individuals (Venerables and/or guests) being entered.

Entries will not be considered until full payment is received.

For more information contact: Andrew Lamb, Vice President at alamb@rogers.com or 416 282 4211

From the Suggestion Box

submitted by Ed Welch

Our Suggestion Box recently contained 4 suggestions. Here they are and their respective resolutions.

1. **"May I suggest every time you don't make the hog line, you donate one loonie to the food bank jar?"** -- Tom Heffron
The Board has decided against this idea as it is a forced donation and will penalize the beginners.
2. **"Include an application to purchase a Venerable jacket in the package given to new curlers at the beginning of the curling season."** - Dal Wrigley.
The Board will implement this suggestion.
3. **"Let the Christmas Party go until 12:30 or 1:00am."** -- Anon
The Board has agreed to extend the Party to midnight.
4. **"I think a way to increase Venerables membership and raise funds would be for all curlers that play in the VCC have to be members of the Venerables".** -- Anon
The Board decided against this suggestion.

Suggestions are always welcome, please include your name when submitting.

VCC Results - 2014/2015

Division A winner - Dave Hampton Team



John Gibson (vice), Bernie Snododsky (Second), Frank Ferris (Lead), Ross Moodie (Fifth)

Division B winner - Vic Cuff Team



Doug Scott (Vice), Chester Bula (Second), Bob Mcleod (Lead)

Division C winner - Dave Abrams Team



Roger Macdonald (Vice), Dave Andrews (Second, absent), Harold Coker (Lead), Gord Wells (Fifth)

Tam Skating Party - Apr 19

submitted by Doug Miller

Skating will be Sunday April 19th from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

We will have music and Damiano has agreed to offer a brunch between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Thanks for the season.

Have you heard about the dyslexic, agnostic insomniac? He lays awake in bed all night wondering if there really is a dog!

Ice Techs Report - Scraping By

submitted by John Elstone

Continuing with our themed articles, this one gives you information on the very important act of **scraping**. Before we get into *scraping*, there is one important aspect to curling ice that needs to be explained for those that are unaware. As talked about previously, we put little droplets of water on our ice called "pebble". The pebble is used to reduce friction between the rock and the ice surface so that you can throw the rock from one end to the other. *Scraping* is used to get the ice flat after there has been too much pebble put down. This is done because, if you keep putting pebble on top of pebble on top of pebble, etc., you actually end up making flat ice because all the new pebble will fill in the gaps where the old pebble was not sitting. This defeats the original purpose of putting the pebble down. So, we scrape to get the ice flat and put a fresh layer of pebble down to get those separate, distinct bumps. If you start seeing clumpy pebble meshing together, there is probably too much pebble on the ice.

Ideally, we would like to scrape every two draws in order to maximize the speed of the ice (i.e. the flatter the ice gets, the slower it is). At Tam Heather, we scrape twice per day or every three draws, which means the third draw after each scrape (the 1:45pm draw¹ and the 9:00pm draw every afternoon/evening) will be slow and maybe a little wonky in terms of curl as well. But these are the drawbacks of a busy club with very little maintenance time, and you will never hear us complain about being busy because it is good for the club!

Now that you know the main purpose of *scraping*, we will talk about the secondary purpose which is shaping your sheet of ice. Ideally, we would like all our sheets of ice to be perfectly level. But, sometimes (after a maintenance for example) we get hills or valleys or other phenomena happening on our sheets. We can use the scraper to get the sheet back to level.

There are three main types of **scraping patterns** that we can use:

"Dishing" or Hill Pattern: All curlers shudder at the word "dish" when talking about a sheet of ice. All this means is that, if we do a "dishing" pattern, we will do more passes down the center line in order to take it down if there is a hill there. Some clubs have adopted this pattern as a regular scrape in order to dish the sheet if their rocks are straight. This pattern could also be used anywhere there is a hill; just do more scraper passes on the hill.

"Anti-Dishing" or Divider Pattern: This pattern is used if we think our sheets are dished or starting to dish. We will do more passes on the dividing lines in order to take them down level with our center line.

Level or "Maintenance" Pattern: We use this pattern if we know our ice is perfectly level. It will not shape the sheet at all.

Don't forget, if you have anything you would like us to write about in these articles, please come and have a chat with any member of the ice technician team. We look forward to your feedback!

Tam Heather Ice Technicians

Nick Samoy

Jason Leneeuw and

Luc Barber

Euchre Results

submitted by Reg Haney

Wednesday March 4th

Forty-four players braved the cold to join friends at the second last game of the season.

The ladies category was won by Barb Welch with a top score of 68. Jo-Anne Seeley was second with 59 and our most honest lady was Nancy Hedley.

There was a tie of 60 between Tom Stephens and Bill Harron which we settled by Jo-Anne picking Bill's score card for first place. Norm McFarlane was the un-contested most honest man in attendance.

Dave Wilmot had five lone hands and Luella Stephens drew Betty Murphy's ticket making her the 50/50 winner of \$43. That's twice in a row that Betty has taken home the money (suspicion is growing).

Wednesday April 1st

Our final euchre night of the 2014-15 season was attended by 56 players. Two surprise attendees were Pierre Lemieux and his better half Johanne,-- they were on their way home to Quebec after their cruise.

Robert McLeod had a good night with a score of 65 to top the gents category, and as well, he had five lone hands which earned him that envelope too. Tom Heffron was in second place with 64 beating out a number of players only one point behind. Our most honest gentleman was Bert Tate.

It's quite unusual that Ron, Betty, and Reg, all have to play to assure each table has four players, but it did occur on this evening. The result was a bit of confusion after play was completed. In the rush to determine winners we erred in awarding Barb Welch first in the ladies group with a score of 58. Subsequently we discovered that Claudette Morrison had a 61, so we have to revise the order to give Claudette first, and Barb second place.

Christine Hills posted a score which allowed us to give her the most honest lady envelope. Don Hills had his 50/50 ticket drawn to win him the \$57 prize.

While waiting for scores to be tabulated Ed Welch entertained us with a cautionary tale of his mis-named pet dog and the problems of owning it has caused him.

The evening closed with the group applauding Ron and Betty Murphy for the time they devote to assure these evenings are enjoyable.

The 2015/16 euchres kick off in early November. Have a safe and pleasant summer.

¹ Z-Group



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S.E.M.U.T.

submitted by Tony Damiani

The inaugural **Season Ending Mixed Up Tournament** ended with a flurry on Friday March 27th. Thirty two players (four sheets) signed up for their preferred position and kept that position for all four games.

Each game was a new mix of 4 players. Two points were awarded to each player for a team win, 1 for a tie, and zero points for a loss.

Tied for **1st** place with 7 points were:

Dave Andrews	Peter Cant	Ray Cockburn
John Harzenetter	Fred Huggett	

Tied for **6th** place with 6 points were:

Wayne Black	Roger Davidson	Jim Downs
Tom Heffron		

Tied for **10th** place with 5 points were:

Brian Booth	Jim Harlow	Jo Win
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Tied for **13th** place with 4 points were:

Chet Bula	Mike Dionne	Dave Heasman
Doug Scott	Bernie Snodofsky	Ken Waddell
Dal Wrigley		

Tied for **20th** place with 3 points were:

Gerry Macdonald	Alex Telfer	Ralph Warren
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Tied for **23rd** place with 3 points were:

Bryan Belyea	Al Boyle	Roy Cook
Bob Cumming	Murray Hedges	Tom Kerr
Dusan Lenghardt	John Walker	

The **last two** placements went to:

Jim Campbell	Peter Tibando
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Curling Jackets

submitted by Dal Wrigley

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President's (cont'd from Page 1)

There are many others who helped with the Christmas party, Annual Golf Day, Veterans Appreciation Day, our Memorial service and numerous other events throughout the season who we wish to thank as well. We have many contributors to the smooth operation that is Venerables Curling!

If you enjoy curling & fun with us "Thank a Volunteer". If interested in joining the Board of Directors contact me and I will explain what is involved.

As Winston Churchill said "You make a living by what you get. You create a life by what you give"—Consider volunteering in any way and to the extent that you can---help our Venerables club continue to be an outstanding success.

Anything to contribute?

Please contribute items of interest or results of bonspiels, etc. by envelope found in the CoffeeBreak folder by the Tam office or by email: tamheathervenerables@outlook.com. Subject: CoffeeBreak



Many thanks to the organizing committee: John Elstone, Don Hills, Ryk Weber, Peter Tibando and John Harzenetter.