



Venerables CoffeeBreak



Season's Greeting Edition - December 2015

Venerables Pay Tribute to Our Vets

submitted by Andrew Lamb

Every November our thoughts turn to the men and women of the past and present who keep us safe and protect our way of life in our Veterans Appreciation Days observances. On **November 10th** the Day ladies joined Y Group for our first short service of Remembrance. As in the past several years Reg Haney had prepared the order of service and acted as Master of Ceremonies.



We were delighted to have WWII veteran Art Corby with us for the Y Group celebrations. Andrew Lamb started the observance and then Reg talked about the often unacknowledged role played by women during the war: their work on the land and farms; work in the munitions factories, and the myriad ways in which they filled the jobs left vacant by the men fighting overseas. Reg also brought the losses of the WWII into sharp focus by reminding us that Canada's fallen would have filled the SkyDome (Rogers Centre).

Art Corby then led us through the Act of



everyone for their observance.

On Tuesday **November 11th** the Service of Remembrance was (see **Remembrance** page 2)

Remembrance followed by the ringing of the Memorial Bell to commence a moment of silence. Art then reminded us, on its 100th anniversary, of the history of John McCrae's iconic poem "In Flanders Fields" before reading it. Andrew closed by thanking

President's Remarks

Now that we are well into the new season I have to advise you that our current membership is some 25 members lower than last year. While there are a variety of reasons for this including illness and injury (not curling related) the reality is that this should be a matter of concern for us all. Last year we raised our membership fees by \$20 across all membership categories. Suppose we lose just four full fee members in a year. That's over a thousand dollars in lost revenue. At our current membership levels that amounts to about a \$5 increase in fees for each and every one of us. A dozen lost members eats up a good portion of a \$20 fee increase. So, in short we need to attract new members to manage our fee increases. Past experience has told us that word of mouth is by far the best way to attract new members so I ask everyone to renew their efforts to contact family, friends and neighbours, retirement groups, former workmates, buddies or acquaintances from golf, sailing, bowling, baseball, whatever your imagination can discover.

New members joining in January pay the reduced rate of \$160 to curl for the balance of the season and they can come out now and try three times for free. Remember because we only curl weekdays, we are the lowest cost (almost by half) curling club in the GTA and will strive to stay that way, but we want to keep future fee increases to a minimum.

Andrew Lamb

Upcoming Events

- Dec 1 Second Euchre Night
- Dec 8 Y group Turkey Shoot
- Dec 9 50's-60's Dance Party **SOLD OUT**
- Dec 14 X/W/Z group Turkey Shoot
- Dec 16 Christmas Skins Spiel
- Jan 6 Third Euchre Night
- Jan 18 Presidents Spiel (All week)
- Jan 27-30 Police Provincial Playdowns

For the complete calendar please visit our website: tamheathervenerables.com/calendar

Eight Ender @ Tam

submitted by Doug Miller

On November 20th, during VCC Division "A" competition a very rare 8-ender was scored.

Congratulations to the team Skipped by Ray Matsunaga, Vice Jim Shaw, 2nd 1Glen Fairley and Lead Lyle Ebata.



First Euchre of the Season

submitted by Reg Haney

A good turn-out for the season's first euchre evening with 48 players, mostly loyal regulars and with three new faces, (Rick and Barbara Lane, and John Darker), enjoyed an evening of cards at Ron and Betty Murphy's popular euchre night.

Ladies best score was handed in by Beth Wilmot with a 60, followed by second place winner Betty Murphy with a 57. Our most honest lady was Sherrill Pennington.

A 67 from the score card of John Darker was good for first place amongst the men, and close behind for second place with 66 was Don Hills. Doug Harvey worked hard to turn in a score that earned him most honest gent honours.

Doreen Jackson took the envelope for most lone hands with four in total. Donna Sutton who claims to have never won anything in her life had her ticket drawn by Barbara Lane to win the \$41 purse in the 50/50 draw.

There were five no-shows on the night, so a reminder to all that if you sign-up please show up. No-shows cost us, so if you know you will not be able to make it then scratch your name off the sign-up sheet or give Ron a call to let him know you can't come.

Next scheduled Euchre Nights are:

Tuesday December 1st

Wednesday January 6th

Wednesday February 3rd

Wednesday March 2nd

Fall Classic Bonspiel

submitted by Gary Sampson

A good time was had by the sixteen mixed teams made up of Day Ladies and Venerables who competed in the annual Fall Classic Bonspiel on Tuesday November 3rd.

At the end of the day the winning team was team Ellis: Stan Ellis (skip), Ed Lee (vice), Fel Reimondo (2nd) and Shirley Samis (lead).

Bryan Belyea's team with Gail Wall, Stan Yokota, and Melanie Downs took second place.

Third place went to Ron Warren's team with Aileen Yokota, Robert McLeod and Elaine Bolder.

Fourth place went to Wally Koscieljew's team with Shirley Miller, Jim Hills and Lyla Burman.

Thanks to Pam Elliot and the Day Ladies for organizing a terrific bonspiel.

Two police officers responding to a domestic disturbance with shots fired arrive on the scene. After discovering the wife had shot her husband for walking across her freshly mopped floor, they call their superior.

"Hello Sarge."

"Yes."

"It looks like we have a homicide here."

"What happened?"

"A woman has shot her husband for walking on the floor she had just mopped."

"Have you placed her under arrest?"

"No sir. The floor is still wet."

Remembrance *(from page 1)*

held twice: first for X and W Groups and later for Z group. Gary Pennington joined Reg,

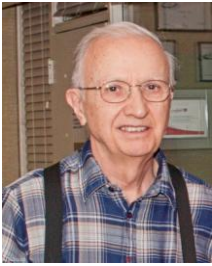


Andrew and veterans Alex Smith, Vic Tromba and Peter Cant in conducting the ceremonies. Special thanks go to Reg Haney for his craft in updating our observances and to all our veterans for their continued contributions.

New Board Captains

submitted by Al Gibson

Last season, X Group gained the expertise of **Clare Seeley** as board captain. New this year for Z group are two board captains sharing the responsibility with John McInall. Please help me in welcoming **Carman Chisamore** and **Ken Toy** as they embrace their new roles.



Group Board Captains

X	Ken Waddell, Clare Seeley
W	Gord Wells, Bob Jackson
Y	John Harzenetter, George Roffey
Z	John McInall, Carman Chisamore, Ken Toy,

Ice Tech Report

submitted by Tam Heather Ice Techs

Welcome back to another curling season! We are going to kick off this article with an update on a couple of new features you might have noticed around the club this season. Then we'll finish off with a few reminders that you should already be aware of.

First, the New Additions:

- The first thing you may have noticed is we re-carpeted the walkways against the sheet A wall, the sheet H wall and the divider between sheets D & E. This is to help prevent the green paint chips from getting onto the ice, which was a big problem for us last year. We have already noticed a big improvement.
- We have two new additions to our ice technician staff this season. They are Paige Joudrey and Thomas Swift. You have probably already seen them around the club. Please make them feel welcome.

We'll close this article by giving a few reminders and suggestions as to how the curlers might be able to help us keep the ice conditions up to par:

- When you start your game or practice, cool down your slider BEFORE you take a practice slide. All it takes is one slide up the dividing line from the back line to the near hog line and back again. Then, you won't kill the pebble on your first slide.
- When you practice, please remove the hacks from the far end of your sheet. This will prevent the rocks from hitting them and potentially severely damaging them.
- Try and keep your hands and knees off the ice as much as possible.
- Please pay attention to the signs downstairs regarding what doors to use when you have your street shoes on and what doors to use when you have curling shoes on. This is to help minimize the amount of dirt that gets onto the ice.

Good Curling!

Nick Samoy, Jason Leneeuw, Luc Barber

Season's Progress

submitted by Tony Damiani

Let's take a moment to highlight the great season we are experiencing thus far.

Ice conditions have been great thanks to the efforts of our Ice Techs. (see *Ice Tech Report on this page*). Reports from our InterClub curlers say our ice is very good compared to other clubs. That's great feedback.

The Group Tag (W, X, Y, and Z) and VCC segments of our Club are running smoothly and we have a couple of new board captains.

The Fall Classic Bonspiel with the Day Ladies was fully attended and by all accounts was a great time.

The new format for our 50's-60's party appear to be a great hit. Tickets are sold out and a great time is anticipated by all.

Our seven Curling Clinics (Oct. thru Nov.) were well attended. Special thanks to our lead instructors Jim Downs and Jim Skewis and also to the numerous Venerables who volunteered to act as help instructors.

A conversation was overheard in a bar:

Woman: Do you drink beer?

Man: Yes.

Woman: How many beers a day?

Man: Usually about 3.

Woman: How much do you pay per beer?

Man: \$5.00 which includes a tip

Woman: And how long have you been drinking?

Man: About 20 years, I suppose.

Woman: So a beer costs \$5 and you have 3 beers a day which puts your spending each month at \$450. In one year, it would be approximately \$5400 ...correct?

Man: Correct.

Woman: If in 1 year you spend \$5400, not accounting for inflation, the past 20 years puts your spending at \$108,000, correct?

Man: Correct.

Woman: Do you know that if you didn't drink so much beer, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 20 years, you could have now bought a new Ferrari?

Man: Do you drink beer?

Woman: No.

Man: Where's your Ferrari?



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SEMUT IS BACK!!

FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN

ARE YOU READY TO PLAY S.E.M.U.T. 2016?

- Second Annual **Season Ending Mixed Up Tournament** planned for Fridays post VCC play
- 11:15 Friday Timeslot on:
 - February 26th
 - March 4th
 - April 1st
 - April 8th
- 5 sheets - 10 Teams - 40 Curlers
- After the first random Team selection, no one should play with the same Players again for the rest of the Tournament.
- Collect points each week as an individual, 2 for a win, 1 for a tie.
- \$12.00 Entry Fee (x40 = \$480 Prize money)
- Total Points available for the Tournament is 160.
- Add up your points after 4 Weeks and receive \$3.00 per point
- Participants **must be** Tam Heather Venerables members

Your S.E.M.U.T. Committee

John Elstone
Don Hills
John Harzenetter
Peter Tibando
Ryk Weber

Food and Toy Drives

submitted by Tom Stephens

Over the years Venerables and friends have generously supported local food banks and the annual Christmas toy drive.

While we have discontinued the jars that allowed you to supplement contributions to the food banks with loose change, we want to emphasize that your contribution of non perishable foods will continue to be gratefully received throughout the curling season.

In addition, Jack Grant has once again organized the annual toy drive. Unwrapped toys and gifts received by **Tuesday, Dec. 22nd** will be delivered to the Toronto Firefighters Toy Drive on behalf of the donors within the Tam Heather Venerables Club. So your contribution will help bring joy this Christmas to local needy families.

Bins to receive your contributions are across from the bar. (Sometimes they are moved for special events, so if you can't find them, the office can tell you where they are.)

TOY DRIVE

- Large bin across from the bar
- Toys and gifts should be unwrapped
- Toys and gifts will be delivered to Toronto Firefighters Toy Drive
- Target this year is 150 toys and gifts
- Deadline: **Tuesday, December 22nd**

FOOD DRIVE

- Bin across from bar
- Non perishable foods are collected every Friday and delivered to a food bank operated by Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities, Salvation Army or the Red Cross.
- Operates throughout the entire curling season.

The need in our community is great and recipients are very grateful for any contribution!

Anything to contribute?

Please forward items of interest to coffeebreak@tamheathervenerables.com