



# Venerables CoffeeBreak



Season Opener Edition – October 2013

## President's Remarks

Welcome back to the 2013/2014 curling season. The season starts on October 15th, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and the ice will be open for practice over the Thanksgiving weekend. We have a busy season ahead with the regular Tag Draw timeslots every day of the week; a number of Bonspiels; the VCC league on Fridays; six euchre nights; the Christmas cheese and wine party, which will take place this year on December 11th, 2013, and the annual golf tournament to be played on Monday, June 2nd, 2014.

As many of you know we lose 10 or 20 members each year due to moving, health issues and death. It is important that we make up this loss each year. I need your help to find new members. Please talk it up with your friends and neighbours. We have set up a sub-committee to work on *(President's Remarks continued on page 3)*

## Memorable Memorial Bonspiel

*With contributions by Reg Haney and Pierre Lemieux,*

The final event of the 2012/13 season was the conclusion of the Memorial Bonspiel on Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. During the week teams from the four divisions had played two draws accumulating the points



that determined whether they would play in the main event or the consolation event on the Friday. In years past some have looked longingly out of the window and wondered whether they would rather be playing golf, but this year the cold blustery, near freezing weather kept the mind firmly focused on curling.

We were proud on this occasion to hold a special ceremony recognizing the eight members who are or *(continued on page 4.)*

## The Perfect Golf Day

It was a perfect day, sunny and 18 degrees Celsius, on Monday, June 3rd as 144 golfers gathered at Annandale to celebrate the Tam Heather Venerables Annual Golf Day. After a shotgun start at noon the foursomes engaged in a scramble style



tournament. After 51/2 hours of golf, the players gathered for a beer, followed by a buffet supper and prizes.

The team of Sam Koyata, Jim Miyasaki, Tom Maikawa and Don Eto were deemed the winners with a score of 2 under par.

The team of Tony *(continued on Page 2)*

## Friday Tag Draw starts a new tradition: Casual Fridays 1.45 - 4.00

*Submitted by an anonymous well-wisher*

Casual Fridays got their start late last season when a certain player (initials D.S.) stood idly by watching his teammate sweeping his team's rock down the ice. When questioned as to why he was not sweeping he declared "It's casual Friday!" Upon further investigation, after unzipping two layers of clothing, he uncovered a shirt with no tie and it was determined that he was indeed observing a casual dress code that day.

Prior to the next Friday game three players made a decision that they would wear ties on the ice and introduce a little formality to "Casual Fridays". *(continued on page 3).*



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## Well Attended AGM

At 7:30 pm on September 18<sup>th</sup> Secretary Ed Koen called the Annual General Meeting of the Tam Heather Venerables to order. Approximately 108 members plus 9 directors were present for a total of 117 attending. He then outlined the agenda for the evening and introduced the members of the 2013/14 Board of Directors.

Peter Tibando will be recruiting for a position open on the board next year and requesting nominees for the Appreciation Award.

Ed Welch presented the following Venerables with 25 years membership with framed certificates: Art Corby, Jim Field, Jack Grieve, Gord Haney, Dick Hannaford, Bill McRae and Gord Tonkin (not present were Ross Ellis, Ron Mahaffey, Bob McCowan, Bill Reid & Art Turner).

Jim Thomas reported that we are in a healthy financial position. We have sufficient permanent reserves and working capital to sustain our ongoing activities.

Ross Oldham passed away this past summer. Interim manager Dennis Welbanks, president of Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club, was presented with the first installment cheque for this year's ice rental. Dennis reported on the ongoing (since Jan. 2010) negotiations with the City of Toronto on a lease agreement. Last year's ice problems are being addressed by formation of an ice committee with monthly meetings and the hiring of a third technician.

Al Gibson introduced the Board Captains and said curling clinics will start in November.

Don Tyrrell thanked all involved with running the bonspiels and the search is on for a replacement for Pierre Lemieux for next year.

Winners of the \$25 LCBO Prize Draws were: Tony Haslam Z Group, George McFarlane Z Group, Don Hills X Group, Mike Dionne Z Group and the winner of the Prize Draw for 2 Club Dinner Vouchers– Alex Smith Z Group.

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Baker, Rod MacIntyre, Ron Larking, and Graeme Sadler were second (also with a score of 2 under par).

The team of Tom Powell, Mac Burell, Leo Prosperi, Cryil Hare came in third with a score of 1 under par, and the team of Jack Grieve, Terry Beck, Art Corby, Derrick Arbuckle were the most honest golfers.

The four closest to the hole winners on the par 3 holes were Bryan Belyea, Cam Cowan, Don Eto, and Ray Toms.

We gave \$450- 1st prize, \$270- 2nd prize, \$180- 3rd prize \$180 to the three winners for the ticket draw and we gave away 40 prizes in the name draw. Everyone had a good time.

## Memorial Bonspiel remembers those that passed in the previous year

*Submitted by Reg Haney*

Each year at our Memorial Bonspiel we pause to remember friends that died during the prior year. President Peter Tibando, with assistance from Francis Sharon to sound our Memorial Bell, conducted the ceremony at our closing luncheon on April 12.

Peter called on all to rise and remember each in his own way as he read the name of the departed members. Five of our curling friends no longer with us are:

- Wayne Loft of Y group died July 21, 2012
- Douglas Gambel, W group, died October 10, 2012
- Melvin Peck of Z group, died January 12, 2013
- Hugh Prizeman, X group, died January 24, 2013
- Wayne Crossley of W group, died March 2, 2013

After the reading of each name and with a brief pause, Francis Sharon sounded our Memorial Bell.

Peter Tibando then acknowledged the unknown Venerables member that passed without our knowledge by calling on Francis to sound the bell one last time in memoriam.

A Memorial Book maintained by Jack Grant listing the names of members that passed over the years was on display for all to see.

At the close of the service Peter called on Gary Norris to offer the prayer and the blessing of our meal.





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getting our club better known to the public at large as a way to attract new members.

Another new feature for the coming season is the establishment of a "buddy system", a specific one-on-one mentoring program, to make sure our new members feel welcome at the club. It is important that we all do everything to make sure new members are quickly at home in the Venerables

Finally, I must mention that we have a hard working, serious committee working on your behalf to ensure the smooth operation of your league. Members of the 10 man Board typically serve for a minimum term of three years. Each year we must find replacements for those members that are leaving the Board. I ask each and every one of you to consider offering to work on the Board as Chair of one of the critical functions or to otherwise assist in some capacity. Don't be shy to offer your time to any member of the Board. Our Directors get a lot of satisfaction working for the club despite the hard work.

All Venerables activities are driven by the efforts of volunteers and we thank our new Board for their willingness to serve.

We acknowledge with our thanks the three Directors, who having served their designated terms retired in May. They are; Larry Lyons, who served as Bonspiel Director, Ted Lacelle, the Facilities Chairman, and Reg Haney, Past President. In addition we lost our Communications Director, Chris Rose, who resigned due to personal reasons.

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## Not So Casual Fridays (continued from page 1)

When the game started no less than seven players, including D.S., were wearing ties to the amazement of some of the onlookers behind the glass. These "not so casual Fridays" continued for the remainder of the season.

We hope to continue this tradition in the upcoming season and be known in curling circles as the innovators of the dress code for this time period. So far only plain old ties have been seen, but we would not be surprised to see some other types appear. The basic "clip-on" bow tie might not show up too well but a red one with "blinky lights" might work. An "Ascot" might be a little over the top. As you can see we try not to take the game too seriously as we get our exercise. Come on out on Friday afternoons for the 1:45 pm tag draw and join in the fun. This time slot is open to Venerables from all groups.

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## Anything to contribute?

Please contribute items of interest or results of bonspiels, etc. to Andrew Lamb either by email to [alamb@rogers.com](mailto:alamb@rogers.com) or by envelope to the CoffeeBreak folder by the office.

## 8 Honorary Life Memberships

*Submitted by Reg Haney*

Eight Venerables members were presented with framed certificates to officially commemorate their induction into the ranks of Honorary Life Members at our annual Memorial Bonspiel closing luncheon. This is the first year in which a ceremony was conducted to recognize those who have attained the age of 90, giving them status as Life members with no further fee payment requirement.

At a head table for these eight gentlemen were Bob McCowan, age 96, Morley Lumby, age 94, Monte Miller, age 92, and while he was there in spirit, Bill Reid, age 95, was unable to attend due to a recent fall.



Reaching age 90 this year were the other four: Bill Wood, Ross Ellis, Alex Smith and Gord Ramsay. Their presentations were made by Ed Welch, our incoming 2013/14 President, and Gary Mandel, Membership Chairman.

2012/13 President Peter Tibando and former President John Elstone did the honours in belatedly making presentations to Bob, Morley, and Monte. John Elstone accepted the certificate on behalf of Bill Reid. Resounding applause greeted each name.

To have eight of our members in their 90's is an inspiration to us all.

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will be in their nineties during the 2013 calendar year (see article **Honorary Life Memberships...** on page 3). As always on the occasion of the Memorial Spiel a short ceremony was held to commemorate those Venerables who had died during the past twelve months (see article **Memorial Bonspiel remembers...** on page 2).

After the ceremony the players and visitors enjoyed one of Chef Damiano's and Chef Robert's excellent lunches, while the results were tallied.

After closely fought final games in both the consolation and main draws the results of the two events were as follows. The main event

was won by the Stampler team:

Andrew Stampler (skip), Ed Lee (vice), Norm Sudoma (2nd) and Ian Daniel (lead): with 198 points. Second was the



Weatherup team: Jim Weatherup (skip), John Dipede (vice), Fred Hopley (2nd) and Dal Wrigley (lead) with 190 pts. Third was team Petch with Ben Petch (skip), Peter Tibando (vice), Stan Lindeblom (2nd) and Reid Thomas (lead):with 188 pts. Fourth were Dennis Coffey (skip), Brian Steen (vice), Robert McLeod (2nd) and Bill Wood (lead). Fifth were Walter Koscieljew (skip), Wayne Sumsion (vice), David Stone (2nd) and Tom Stephens (lead)

In the consolation event the winner was team Abernethy: Bob Abernethy (skip), Wayne Black (vice), Harold Coker (2nd) and Richard Hannaford (lead):with 155 pts. Second, by virtue of scoring more ends, was team Griffith: Bob Griffith (skip), Carman Chisamore (vice), Mike Dionne (2nd) and Alan Malkin (lead) with 153 pts. Third, also with 153 pts. was team Wilson: John R. Wilson (skip), Gord Maunder (vice), Roy Dunlop (2nd) and Les Guinn (lead). Fourth were Ken Holmeshaw (skip), Andrew Lamb (vice), Frank Bell (2nd) and Bob McCowan (lead), and fifth were Robert Cumming (skip), Tom Maikawa (vice), Morley Lumby (2nd) and David Johnston (lead).

Jack Grant reports that at the Spiel he received donations of \$243.65 to buy food for the Salvation Army. He purchased the following items as they came on sale: 23 1lb tubs of margarine; 58 1kg jars of peanut butter; 12 cans of lunch meat; 14 cartons of mac & cheese; 16 900g packs of pasta; 16 cans of pasta sauce and 10 boxes of cookies. He ran out of money on August 14<sup>th</sup>. He thanks you and hopes to do it again this year.

Our thanks go to Gary Norris, Pierre Lemieux, Peter Tibando and all those who made this such a memorable occasion, not forgetting the ice makers, Danny at the bar, and the office staff, all of whom contribute greatly to our enjoyment.

## Jim's Kids Win Again

*Submitted by Ron Cowper*

On September 11 the Avonlea Alumni held their annual golf tournament for the 27<sup>th</sup> time and their 4<sup>th</sup> in support of the "Children's Wish Foundation" in Jim Young's name. The fund raising tournament was again held at the Whispering Ridge Golf Club with 134 golfers, including for the first time Jim's stepson Jason and grandson Brandon, teeing off on another day of fun and fellowship under bright sunny skies. This year's tournament presented the Foundation with a cheque for \$2,500 bringing their total to over \$6,100 since 2010.



Lee Young presented the "Jim Young Memorial Trophy" to the winning team of Mike Tichonchuk, Lloyd Twyford, Keith Frick and Barry Moore

In second place, by retrogression, was the team of Gene Glaze, Don Cruise, Carl Blatt and Rick Charles while third place was captured by the team of Vic Suzuki, Lyle Ebata, Jim Anderson and Bryan Hussey. Duane Richards was the winner of the putting contest, while Peter Palframan hit a colossal drive to win the longest drive trophy. The tournament will be held again next year at the same Whispering Ridge course on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. Thanks to all who helped to make it such a success.

### Upcoming Events:

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** Curling begins 'Y' Group  
**October 16<sup>th</sup>** Curling begins 'W', 'X' and 'Z'  
**October 18<sup>th</sup>** VCC begins  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>** First Euchre Night  
**November 7/11<sup>th</sup>** Veterans Appreciation  
**November 12<sup>th</sup>** Fall Classic with the Day Ladies  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Fun Spiel  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Wine and Dance