



Venerables CoffeeBreak



Spring Forward – March 2014

Presidents Bonspiel follows a great tradition

Submitted by Ed Welch

On Friday January 24th the final games of this Presidents Spiel were played. As usual players in the Consolation final were faced with an early start. The Consolation results were as follows: Ron Green's team won with a score of 151 for the 3 games; Cam Cowan's team came second with 143 points and Alex Smith's team came in third with 131 points.



Bob Griffith's team won the main event with a score of 206 for the 3 games. The team consisted of Bob Griffiths at skip, Don Boucher as Vice, Bill Radigan as Second and Jack Brown as Lead. Bryan Belyea's team came in second with 201 points. Andrew Stamler's team was third with 191 points and the team of Ben Petch made it in the money with 176 points.

We were fortunate to have the following twelve former Presidents in attendance: Peter Tibando, Reg Haney, Cam Cowan, Dave Abrams, John Elstone, Bob Abernethy, Allan Green, Francis Sharon, Al Lee, Alf Connor, Wes Warden and Gord Tonkin.



Eight of our past presidents with current president Ed Welch

Current president Ed Welch welcomed them to the head tables. During lunch they were introduced and the membership honoured them.

The Presidents Spiel is always the occasion to recognize the exceptional contribution of certain individuals to the ongoing good governance and stability of the club. This year the club deemed two individuals worthy of this special distinction. *(continued on page 3)*

President's Message

A fabulous year is almost over.

Your Board has worked hard to make your Bonspiel experience first class, and thank you to you, the members, for your co-operation and support for our Bonspiels, Euchre nights and the Xmas dance.

Most of the other curling clubs in our region are experiencing a drop in membership. We, the Venerables, have been maintaining our numbers thanks to many of you, who have brought in friends and neighbours.

Keep up the good work!

Several of our members are organizing a four week, end of the season tournament called "season end mixed up tournament" or SEMUT. This tournament, open to all Venerables, is planned to commence next season following the conclusion of the VCC schedule in mid-February 2015. Games will take place on four Fridays in timeslot 7 (11:15 am to 1:30 pm) to enhance our use of underutilized Friday ice. Contact the committee planning SEMUT, John Elstone, John Hartzenetter, Don Hills, Peter Tibando, or Ryk Weber if you have any thoughts, suggestions or questions.

Back to this season. Don't forget to sign up for The Memorial Bonspiel, the week of April 7th -11th, and for our annual Golf Day on Monday, June 2nd. Above all be sure to get your applications for next season together with your entry fees in by the end of the season. *Ed Welch*

80+ Curling at Donalda

Are there any Venerables aged 80 or more who are interested in joining an Octogenarian League (either as a regular or spare) next fall at the Donalda Club? All games are on Fridays at 10 am starting in mid-October. For more details contact Jim Youngson at 416-759-1930.



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Eric Downer Memorial lives again

It was with particular pleasure that we welcomed five visiting teams to join us for this Eric Downer Memorial stick spiel, as we were unable to host it last year due to insufficient participation.

A little history for more recent members of our club. Everyone is familiar with the curling “cue” or “stick” used by many of our members



to send their “rocks” down the ice. The stick, the invention of former Venerable, Eric D. Downer, has allowed many who might otherwise have difficulty to enjoy curling. The Eric Downer Memorial Spiel was established to honour his memory. The Venerables were so active in promotion of the “stick” game that the OCA sought

our advice in the establishment of the Provincial Stick Championship a number of years ago.

Teams in this year’s competition included: three teams from Leaside, a team from Oshawa Golf Club, one from Humber Seniors and one from the Royal Canadian Curling Club in addition to the four teams from Tam Heather. A spirited competition took place during the day although we are sorry to report that during play Gail Ann Ferguson, a lady from the Leaside Rink, fell and broke her wrist. We wish her a speedy recovery. *(continued on page 4)*

Scarborough visit provides sweet revenge

Last October Halloween got very scary when we visited Scarborough Golf Club and only Cam Cowan’s team was able to pull out a victory against our hosts. On February 19th it was our



turn to play hosts to Scarborough and we treated them to a similar, if greater, dose of hospitality by defeating them on all four sheets. As always the games were played in a spirit of sportsmanship and good fellowship. During a tasty lunch all agreed they

looked forward to meeting again in the 2014/15 season.

Remembering Tom Millar

Tom Millar, the first President of the



Thomas Millar

Edinburgh, Scotland

December 28, 1911-February 23, 2014

Venerables died this past February 23rd at the age of 102. He will be remembered.

Happy Valentines Spiel!

Once again the Day Ladies joined us in the annual Valentines Spiel in the Tuesday, February 11th timeslots. A total of sixteen teams took part in an enjoyable and energetic day. At the end of the day the winning team was team Wilson: Ron Wilson (skip), Carol Skewis (vice), Dusan Lenghardt (second) and Vivian Pinkoski (lead). Donna Sutton’s team with Rudy Vangel, Nancy Jemmett and Orval White took second place. Third place went to Bob Griffith’s team with Barb Fernandez, John Davidson and Melanie Goldhar. The John Hartzenetter team came fourth



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Ross Ellis and Jim Young Bonspiel

This year's annual Ross Ellis and Jim Young Bonspiel took place on Monday, February 3rd. This year's event attracted eight teams in each division. The Ross Ellis is open to teams with a combined age of over 280 years. The Jim Young is open to teams whose members are 55 and older. Each division plays two eight end games. The first game started at 9 am and was followed by Damiano's lunch at 11:30. The second game began at 1 p.m. All games finished around 3:20 pm.



Bill Fitz as skip, Ryk Weber as vice, Fritz Glauner at second and lead Bill Smilie.

In second place was Tam Heather's Ray Moffitt team: Ray Moffitt (skip), Chris Sylvester (vice), Fern Pilon (second) and Dan Geary (lead).

In third place was team Hampton: Dave Hampton (skip), John Gibson (vice), Don Boucher (second) and *(continued on page 4.)*

Conclusion of a successful VCC season

This year saw the introduction of a three division structure for this season's VCC. The eight teams in each of the A, B and C divisions played each of the teams in their respective divisions twice.

Clearer cooperation between the Facilities Chair, the Board Captains and the VCC organizing committee worked well and the required make-up games were easily slotted into available Venerables ice time. The play-offs were held on January 31st and February 7th with the final banquet and awards being held at close of play on the 7th.



The winners in the different divisions were:
Division A: Bill Goodchild, Ryk Weber, Dave Heasman, and Fritz Glauner.
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Venerables Appreciation Awards were



presented to Gary Norris and Reg Haney for their dedication and sustained contribution to the Club. Jack Grant presented current President, Ed Welch, with his name tag to go on the Curling Stone Trophy.

A good lunch was provided by Damiano. Thanks go out to Gary Norris, Dal Wrigley, Jack Grant and Peter Tibando for a terrific Bonspiel.

Interclub Curling needs a 2014/15 Coordinator.

Carman Chisamore has for many seasons acted as the Venerables coordinator of the (TDSMCA) Interclub Curling season, Carman now wishes to retire from this role and so we are looking for a new coordinator for next season. The Interclub Curling season is a weekly series of matches between six clubs: Donalds, East York, Leaside, Richmond Hill, Scarborough and Tam Heather. This past season we had three teams from Tam Heather and each person played about once every three weeks. Interclub Curling would be ideal for anyone wishing to have a game on some Fridays, visit and play against other clubs and have a degree of flexibility in the team make-up and schedule, with no restrictions on spares.

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VCC Season ends

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B Division Winners

Division B: Cam Cowan, John Harzenetter, Fred Huggett, Ed Lee, and Fred Sanford. This is the third consecutive year that the Can Cowan team has won the B division, although they found it a much more competitive division than previously. Team Danko had finished in first place after the round robin.



C Division Winners

Division C was the most competitive with all teams sharing wins and losses.

Winners were Vic Cuff, Tom Heffron, Chester Bula, Bob McLeod, and Ralph Jeffers

Thanks go to Carson Klink, John Elstone, Gary Norris and Peter Tibando as the VCC organizing committee

Jim Young/Ross Ellis Results

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Frank Ferris (lead). Gordon Barry's Unionville team came fourth.



In the Jim Young Open Thornhill's Team Eason were the winners. Ernie Eason (skip), Bob Fry (vice), Gary Elgan (second) and Sandy Kemp (lead), Second were Thornhill's

John Francis team with vice Mark Inglis, second Rob Hallingshead and lead Ray Murray. In third place was Doug White's Uxbridge team.

Thanks to Damiano and the kitchen staff and to the icemakers. Thanks also to the organizers: Don Tyrrell, Peter Tibando, Jack Grant, Dal Wrigley and Gary Norris for making this a memorable event.

Tam wins Eric Downer

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Here are the top four teams: in first place Tam



Heather's Downs team, Jim Downs (skip), Don Hills (vice), Robert McLeod (second) and Dal Wrigley (lead) with 145 points. In second place Tam Heather's Bob Griffith, Cam Cowan, John Wills and Peter Cant with 128 points and in third place Humber Seniors' Hugh Chesser, Bruce Gillespie, David Maki and Gord Findlay with 126 points. The Oshawa Golf Club team of Glenn Shingler, Dick Snowden, Euan Thomson and Clarence Boudreau were fourth with 88 points. Thanks go to the tireless organizers Peter Tibando, Jack Grant and Dal Wrigley.

Interclub Coordinator wanted

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interested in participating and would be willing to act as our coordinator for next season, please contact any member of the Venerables Board as soon as possible.

We extend our sincere thanks to Carman for his excellent past service in this role.

Upcoming Events:

- March 26th Stu Wheler Classic Bonspiel
- March 27th – Memorial Spiel sign-up closes
- April 2nd – Last Euchre Night
- April 7th April 11th - Memorial Bonspiel
- April 13th – Club Closed – Ice Out