

EXTRA ENDS

Formerly "CoffeeBreak"

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

By Peter Tibando

On behalf of the Board of Directors I want to welcome you to a new season of curling and camaraderie and to extend a special welcome to those new members joining our ranks this year. We hope the curling experience is both enjoyable and rewarding.

As of October 22nd there are 256 members in the Venerables: 66 in W group; 70 in X group; 58 in Y group, and 58 in Z group. There are four social members and five honorary members. On the ice, 88 of our members currently are stick curlers. And more than 80 members take part in Venerables Competitive Curling every Friday. Speaking of stick play, there's an item on new rules at the end of Extra Ends.

The rapid growth of the VCC has led to a delay in starting the Friday morning clinic for those either starting to curl or wanting to hone their skills. It seems where once we had lots of empty ice during the early times on Friday, now we may have to dedicate at least one sheet to the clinic each Friday morning so the lessons can take place.

On the communications front we are making a couple of changes. The former "CoffeeBreak" newsletter which came out four times during the season is morphing into something now called "Extra Ends". We aim to have it out monthly so as to keep abreast of everything that's happening at the club, both on the ice and at our social activities.

The Venerables Website remains at www.tamheathervenerables.com. We are attempting to update it more frequently to make it a more valuable resource and there soon will be a couple of new features for those wishing to polish their on-ice skills.

This is me on the ice Monday morning, October 22nd, with W group.

Again, welcome
good curling.

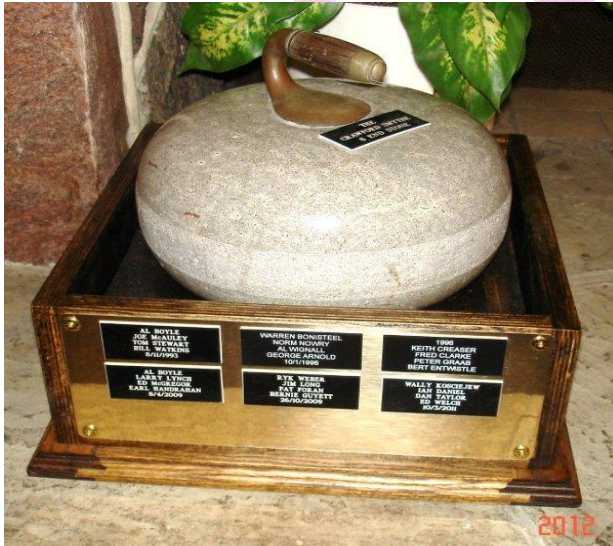
to the new season and



FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS

Insert report on those added to the Honour Roll and over-all
Results of the Memorial tournament.

COMMEMORATIVE STONES ARE BACK IN PLAY



Shown here is the refurbished tribute created to honour those teams lucky enough, and skilled enough, to pull off one of the rarest of curling feats ... the perfect eight-point end.

Both this stone and a similar tribute constructed to honour past presidents of the Tam Heather Venerables Curling Club were reworked during the summer by Jack Grant and (insert second name) since the original attempt to secure name plaques to the antique curling stones themselves was not successful.

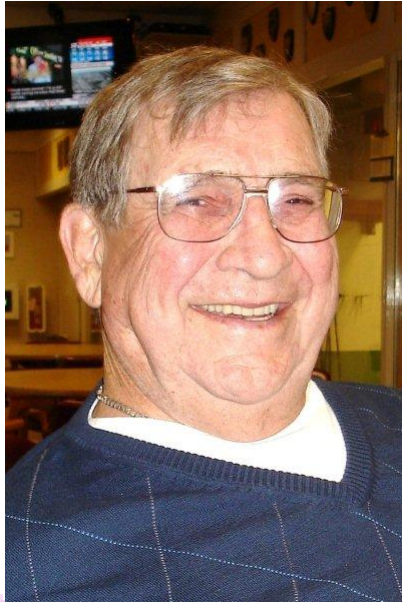
Both stones were re-introduced at September's Annual General Meeting and both are on display by the fireplace in the main lounge.

SPEAKING OF PAST AND FUTURE SERVICE ...

Two members of your Board of Directors, Larry Lyons and Ted Lacelle, are leaving their posts at the end of the season after long and distinguished careers serving the Venerables. Replacements are needed and members who would like to give something back to the club should consider putting their names forward.

The Board also is looking for nominations for the Appreciation Award(s) which are presented in January.

W GROUP'S MURPH INDUCTED TO MCGILL SPORTS HALL OF FAME



Submitted by Reg Haney

On November 17, 1962 a national television audience watched on CBC as the McGill Redmen captured the Senior Intercollegiate League Football Championship with an historic 15-13 last minute, come-from-behind playoff win over Queens in Kingston.

As the 50th anniversary of that victory approaches, and in recognition of an amazing season, Ron Murphy and the entire '62 Redmen team were inducted into the McGill Sports Hall of Fame. It is the second University Hall of Fame tribute for Murph.

Three years ago, Ron was inducted into the University of Toronto Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his work with the U of T Blues. Ron was a member of the coaching staff when the Blues won the inaugural Vanier cup in 1965. The following year Murph took over as head coach and held that position for 17 seasons. During that span Ron became the Blues' all-time leader with 93 coaching victories.

Ron, a Hamilton native, was signed by the Tiger Cats after high school and wears a Grey Cup ring as part of their 1953 championship team. He then attended McGill in Montreal and played three seasons with the Redmen. He played with the Alouettes for four years before returning as a coach with the Redmen.

Ron has quite a few other athletic career achievements and you can read about them by going to <http://www.varsityblues.ca/hof.aspx?hof=210&path=&kiosk=>

Congratulations Ron, the latest honour is well deserved.

Question: How do you stop the bacon from curling in the pan? Answer: Take away their little brooms.

SOME CHANGES IN OUR BONSPIEL FORMAT

By Bonspiel chairman Larry Lyons

If you missed September's Annual General Meeting and have not yet worked through the this year's curling schedule you might not know that a number of changes have been incorporated into this year's curling calendar.

There are two changes that jump right out. It was decided to consolidate the Jim Young and Ross Ellis Invitational into a one-day event that will take place on Monday, February 4th. As well, November's in-house McKennitt bonspiel has been eliminated. In its place we have added a special Christmas Fun Week. Both changes were made to deal with declining participation in some bonspiels and to increase the number of general Tag Team curling days.

Teams for the fun week will be created in the same manner as for the McKennitt but the playing format is different. The first two days involve stick play, the second two are set up as skins matches and then a closing spiel is scheduled for the Friday, December 21st, using regular play. That spiel will be followed by a Christmas Fun Spiel closing luncheon and the presentation of trophies to the winning teams. Signup for the fun week opens Monday, November 5th and closes Thursday, December 6th.

This season's Turkey Shoot is scheduled for December 10th and 11th.

All other programs will remain. The full curling schedule can be found on the Venerables website (www.tamheathervenerables.com) while a printed version of the calendar can be found in the Venerables section of the notice board outside the office.

A LITTLE HONESTY ALWAYS WORKS IN THE END

INSERT REPORT ON LAST JUNE'S GOLF TOURNAMENT, THE FINAL EVENT ON EACH YEAR'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Question: Why are curlers such good artists? Answer: Because they know how to draw.

GOING ALONE PAYS OFF FOR NORM SUDOMA

Submitted by Reg Haney

It takes nerve, a reasonable hand and a lot of skill to go it alone. But Norm Sudoma of Y Group pulled off the trick four times to take that prize at the season-ending Euchre Evening last April 4th.

The night was special for another reason as it set a bit of a record. For the first time ever, the 60 players that signed up, showed up. In addition, no one that did not sign up surprised us by turning up.

The winners that evening were led by Mary Raimondo, who took top score amongst the women with Judy Montgomery close behind. As most honest of the ladies, Helga Draper was awarded the envelope.

The top dog amongst the men was Rob McKay. Robert McLeod of X Group took second place while Bob Findlay of W Group won himself the title most honest gentleman.

The 50-50 draw of \$59 went to Larry Lyons of W Group.

Ron and Betty Murphy will be hosting six euchre evenings again this season with the first scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th. The sign-up sheet is on the Venerables Tag Draw Board.

As in the past, a good time is always had by all.

FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES THIS YEAR

Contributed by Jack Grant

Anyone who attended the Memorial Bonspiel will remember the push to get cash donations for the food banks. When Reg Haney opened "The Vacation Jar" that was used to collect the money we counted \$244.00! A truly remarkable haul. That amount was further augmented by an \$83.00 winning 50/50 ticket kindly donated by John Crofts.

The total of \$327.00 was split between Tom Stephens and Jack Grant. Tom gave The West Hill Food Bank a cheque for \$163.50 and Jack Grant went shopping (as he had promised) with his half.

From late April to mid-July Jack delivered to The Salvation Army Food Bank the following items in 7 or 8 trips. 30 I Can't Believe (it's) margarine, (The Sally Ann has refrigeration available) 40 cans of tuna, 60 cans of salmon, 13 cans of pasta sauce and 13 (900 gram) packages of pasta. These items were all purchased at sale prices so the money was s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d so as to deliver the most food possible.

The food drive will be run again this season and the same two food banks will benefit from your generous donations. Jack Grant says that he will "Shop for you" if you get the money to him.

One of the main signs you're having a bad game: Your opponent starts hanging the score on the next sheet.

THE END OF A PERFECT RUN

In the final season-ending edition of CoffeeBreak, it was noted that the team of Barry Hastings, Fred Huggett, John Harzenetter, Ed Lee and skip Cam Cowan of Y Group had taken the VCC's "B" Division title with a perfect 17-0 record.



The smiling team is shown after collecting their trophy.

But Cam and the boys now have to start all over after losing one of their first matches in this year's VCC play. Sorry guys. Or did that sound insincere?

SOME SAFETY REMINDERS AS THE SEASON GETS UNDER WAY

Any player who feels he cannot play on a 3-man team during the regular curling schedules (because of sweeping problems or it is just too much for you), please let your Board Captain know so he can put the number 4 on your tag which means you will be put on a four (4) man team. This will assist all Board Captains in case you curl with another group.

Warm up before the game. Stretching and warming up muscles before going out on the ice can help prevent injury.

Never use street shoes. Always change your street shoes to appropriate curling shoes before leaving the lounge for the ice surface. It is highly recommended that you wear a gripper on your sliding foot while sweeping for more stability.

Step onto the ice gripper foot first. Never use your slider foot to step onto the ice.

Never stop a rock with your hand. Your fingers can be crushed, especially if the rock hits another rock while you are trying to stop it. And **never stop a fast-moving rock with your foot.** You could lose your balance and fall. Use your broom to stop a rock.

If you cannot keep up with a fast-moving rock, stop and step aside. That will allow your fellow sweeper to continue.

And finally, **do not kneel or rest your hands on the ice after you deliver a rock.** Stand up immediately. Body heat causes depressions in the ice which can negatively affect the path of curling stones.

Question: What is a curler's favorite kind of food? Answer: Take-out!

EXPANDED RULE NOW EXISTS FOR STICK CURLERS

There now is a Rule 18 in the Canadian Curling Association manual – Stick Curling

- (1) The use of a curling aid commonly referred to as a “delivery stick” which enables the player to deliver a stone without placing a hand on the handle is considered acceptable.
- (2) The use of a delivery stick is NOT allowed in events leading to CCA championships with the exception of wheelchair curling.
- (3) If a player starts a game with a delivery stick then that player shall use a delivery stick throughout that game. A player may not alternate delivery from the traditional hand delivery to a delivery stick or vice-versa.
- (4) If delivery begins from the hack, then players using the delivery stick must adhere to Delivery Rule 8(1) and, stones must be delivered along a straight line from the hack to the intended target broom.
- (5) The delivery may also begin anywhere along the centre line with a portion of the stone touching the centre line prior to delivery. The stone must be delivered along a straight line from this position along the centre line to the intended target broom.
- (6) A stone delivered with a delivery stick must be released before it reaches the hog line at the delivering end – [Rule 8(4)].

Previous references to Stick Curling were in section 15 of the rules under Equipment. A new section 18 was created and additional rules governing stick curling were added to clarify what a legal delivery is using the stick. If a player decides to begin their delivery from the hack, they must follow the delivery rules in Section 8 which says right-handed players must deliver from the left hack etc. The rule also allows the stick player from starting their delivery anywhere inside the hog line to the target broom as long as the stone at the beginning of the delivery is touching the centre line.

AND FINALLY

If you want to get in touch or have something to contribute to “Extra Ends” please do one of the following:

email chrisrose@rogers.com

or collar him at the club,

or leave him a note in the Venerables’ file folder in the main office with information on where he can find you.

