



Venerables CoffeeBreak



New Year Edition - January 2016

Christmas Skins Bonspiel

The Christmas Skins Bonspiel was held on Wednesday December 16, 2015. The competition for the day took place over two, six end games.

Each end (skin) is a game in itself and carries points (end 1, 1 point; end 2, 2 points; end 3, 3 points; and so on) for winning. The next end starts all over again and plays for the new amount of points. Since points increase for each skin so you could win ends 1, 2, 3, and 4 for 10 points and not win the game as skins 5 and 6 are worth 11 points. No team is really out of the game until the last rock is thrown.

To win the skin, if you have hammer, you have to score two or more points. If you do not have hammer, you have to steal one or more points to win the skin. If neither happens, then the points for that skin are carried forward to the next end. The team to win the next skin collects the points for the current end plus any carry forward skins.

The winners of the Christmas Skins Bonspiel with a score of 36 was team Haslam: Skip Tony Haslam, Vice Tony Damiani, Second



Keith Liddle and Lead Doug Reith.

In second place was team Lyons: Skip Alex Lyons, Vice Rudy Vangel, Second Art Parker and Lead Robert McLeod.

In third place was team Boyle: Skip Al Boyle, Vice Peter Tibando, Second Chet Bula and Lead Doug Bull.

All of the skin games were very competitive and fun. All teams received prize money. The winning team received \$36. Congratulations to the Bonspiel Committee of Jack Grant, Peter Tibando and Ian Valentine for organizing a great bonspiel.

Gary Sampson

President's Message

Happy New Year and welcome to the second half of our season. Following the Presidents Spiel the season continues with the **VCC play-offs** and our two important invitational Bonspiels: the **Jim Young/Ross Ellis** on **February 1st** and the **Stu Wheler Classic** on **March 23rd**. The **Valentines Bonspiel with the Day Ladies** takes place on **Tuesday, February 9th**. The **TDSMCA 2015-2016 INTER-CLUB** will wrap up with a Scramble and Lunch at **Tam Heather** on **March 11th**.

This year to commemorate Eric Downer, the inventor of the stick, we are running an **in-house** stick spiel on March 14th. This event is open to all Venerables and if you have never tried playing with a stick don't let that deter you from entering this fun event. I would emphasize that all our in-house spiels are open to **all** Venerables and if you are new to curling this season don't let that stop you from entering them.

Sign-up sheets are up now for **SEMUT** (Season-Ending Mixed-Up Tournament). This tournament which takes place over four separate dates was immensely popular when it was introduced last year. Although you play on a number of different teams you accumulate points as an individual player.

Applications for our **annual Golf Day** will be appearing in mid-February. Golf Day this year is **Monday, June 6th** so start putting your foursome together now. As usual this year's tournament will be at Annandale Golf club but the shotgun start will be at 9 am with a
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Upcoming Events

- Jan 18-22 Presidents Tankard
- Jan 27-30 Police Provincial Playdowns
- Feb 1 Jim Young Open & Ross Ellis Invitational
- Feb 3 Euchre Night (7:30pm)
- Feb 9 Day Ladies & Venerables Valentine Bonspiel
- Feb 19 VCC Close
- Feb 26 SEMUT begins
- Mar 2 Euchre Night
- Mar 11 Inter-Club Closing Scramble

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

Oh, What a Party!

Tam revelers from the Venerables (rock of the aged), Day Ladies, and Mixed Seniors, Business Ladies, Euchre, Bridge and Tennis groups rocked the hall at the 2015 Fifties Sixties Dance on Wed. Dec. 9th. Kicking off the evening Bob Black won the door prize, a \$50 gift certificate kindly donated by



Fratelli's Restaurant in Highland Creek Village. Emcee for the night, Gary "Glitter" Pennington, drew on his rock roots to introduce Elvis Tribute Artist, John Cigan, who thrilled the group with his spirited renditions of not only Elvis timeless classics but also some lesser known gems from the albums and movies, while tireless Karen from the bar served up drinks and munchies. John was a special favourite with the ladies whom he invited to join him on the dance floor.

After John's spell-binding first set, emcee Gary introduced Victor Shim, our swinging DJ who kept us entertained during the interlude. While everyone enjoyed Damiano's fruit, delicacies and decaf coffee, Andrew



Lamb asked tables to compete in a 50s-60s Nostalgia Quiz. Marie Labelle won the 50/50. The best costume prizes were won by Christine Lincoln and Al Gibson (who came wearing the outfit he lounges in at home). After a tie-breaker The Nostalgia Quiz was won by table H: Don and Helga Draper, Ruth and Gary Wolff, George and Helen Brcko and Ed and Barbara Welch.

Towards the end of a second set John Cigan's son, Mason, demonstrated that he clearly inherited his dad's pipes, joining John in two spirited duets, including a memorable rendition of Glory, Glory in The American Trilogy. After John's second set Victor Shim kept the wax spinning until midnight to the delight of everyone on the crowded dance floor. He also sang and performed on his sax and awarded a total of four 'spot prize'.

The following are a few testimonials to the success of the evening:

- *Elvis and son were amazing. The music for dancing was sensational! Great party overall - thank you organizers Maisie Leblanc (Tennis Ladies)*
- *Disk jockey was absolutely first class. My wife was very impressed with Elvis (both of them!) Art Parker (W group)*

- *We really enjoyed the show - you must have him back next year - he was so good! Alex Lyons (X group),*
- *and lastly emcee Gary had so much energy, why doesn't he have the same energy at home from a participant who wished to remain anonymous.*

Thanks to the committee and all the volunteers who assisted. ROCK ON.

For more Party photos visit tamheathervenerables.com **Jerry Goldhar**

Our Miracle Man!

During a regular tag match last fall one of our esteemed members, **Tom Heffron**, played his usual skilled game and then later went to socialize with his buddies over a beer as he usually does. When kibitzing and telling a story he got confused and stopped making sense.

He drove himself home and when he went to speak to his wife he couldn't talk at all. She immediately knew something was wrong and took him to the closest Emergency. Fast action is a key to recovery. Tom ended up having surgery to have a vein to his brain cleaned of plaque by a skilled surgeon. It was 90% blocked.

Today mere months later Tom is back curling and playing euchre with other Venerables – **he is a walking miracle! Way to go Tom!**

His wife **Claudia** says he is happier and more pleasant than ever and Tom says he is enjoying life to the max realizing he is getting a second chance at life.

Ask Tom to show you his magnificent scar on his neck where he had his amazing surgery and recovery. You are an inspiration Tom- thanks for sharing with Venerables.

LEARN THE SIGNS OF STROKE FAST

Face is it drooping?

Arms can you raise both?

Speech is it slurred or jumbled?

Time to call 9-1-1 right away

Act **FAST** because the quicker you act the more of the person you save.

Gary Pennington

The Lottery

At breakfast, a husband asked his wife:

"What would you do if I won the lottery?"

She replied, "I'd take half and leave you."

"Great! Here's \$6; I won \$12 yesterday. Stay in touch"

Turkey Shoot - Y Group

This past Christmas, 24 Venerables from Y group decided to have a real turkey shoot where each member of a winning team would receive a turkey, with the second place team members each getting a good bottle of wine. Guy Elliott, Glenn Holmes, John Davidson and George DiNova collected the \$25 fee from everyone by the end of the third week of curling.



We had 3 sheets and six 4 man teams. The teams were selected just before we started curling by pulling cards with names and positions out of a hat. We left it up to each sheet to decide exactly what rules they wanted to follow. The teams could play a regular

length game, or a shortened one if both wanted to.

One game was tied after 8 ends, so they played an extra end with each player throwing only one rock. A second game came down to skips rocks in the 8th end to see who won. The 3rd game ended after 6 ends when one team had built up a 7 point lead.



Some members who were not able to play have already asked to be part of next year's turkey shoot.

The winners each received a 9 kilogram, free range turkey instead of the 5 kilogram turkeys we had budgeted for. Everyone

else received a bottle of Ontario wine to keep everything local.

Thanks to the great deal we got from Len Lamanna, the meat manager at Lady York Foods at Dufferin and Lawrence Avenues, we were able to put out jugs of beer and chips for each sheet. Thank you Danny Gilbert for setting out the beer and snacks for us.

We will do the sign-up for next year just before the season ends so we can give Lady York an idea of how many turkeys we will need.

If the other groups want to organize their own real turkey shoots, we can still order together to help us get the best possible price.

Gary Mandel

Euchre Results

December 2015

Forty-four players came out on the evening of Dec. 4 for the monthly euchre evening.

Joanne Generoso had a score of 61 to take top place for the ladies and Luella Stephens with a card of 58 took second. Marg Daw was our most honest lady.

Dave Wilmot had a 63 which was good for first place amongst the gents and Gary Pennington was in second with a score of 58.

Larry Lyons was uncontested for honest gent honours.

Tony Damiani and Dave Wilmot each had four lone hands, and in a draw by Judy Montgomery to decide who gets the envelope, Dave was picked.

The \$46. 50/50 winner was Julie Messina

January 2016

Perfect attendance for January euchre evening. The first game of 2016 certainly started off on the right foot with all 56 that signed up coming out to play. We missed having Betty Murphy helping to organize as she was in hospital recovering from surgery.

Sal Generoso had a banner night scoring 66 to top the gents and Robert McLeod was second with a 64. The most honest gent's score was turned in by Bob Finlay.

Helga Draper surprised with a score of 62 to be top lady and Beth Wilmot took second spot with 57. Irene MacFarlane, with a great deal of help from all her partners, earned most honest lady honours.

Mr. Generoso had 6 lone hands (3 in one game) to earn the envelope in that category. The \$50 50/50 prize went to John Walker when Helen Sudoma pulled his ticket out of the bowl.

Reg Haney

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banquet lunch at the close of play.

The scramble format allows everyone to enjoy the day whether you are a regular golfer, an occasional golfer or have never golfed before.

Don't have a foursome, don't worry we accept threesomes, twosomes and individual entries and will build you teams accordingly.

Last year we introduced some really great summer social events. If you have ideas for an event you would like to host this summer, please contact Past-President Gary Pennington or myself. We'll try to offer a number of entertaining fun activities for the summer. Enjoy the rest of your season.

Good Curling!

Andrew Lamb



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Toronto District Senior Men's Curling Association

Tam Heather hosts a great Christmas Scramble!

Steve Watson and the East York committee ran a great Scramble Spiel which was enjoyed by all. Thank you Steve. Many comments like these were overheard: "...your ice is great... best ice all year... good food at your lunch counter... what a great deal for a curling spiel... how can you make any money running this... they pay me to curl in this event... best ice in the Inter-Club league... consistent swing both ways... good big swingy ice... great snacks ..."

These comments reminded me of how curling Friday Inter-club league allows us to appreciate Tam and also experience other club facilities and ice conditions plus meet other curlers from the Toronto area. A big THANK YOU on our behalf to the Tam office staff, Damiano, Al Gibson, the Tam ice committee, and the ice makers.

TDSMCA Club rotation

This is the second and last year for East York to run the Inter-club. Scarborough takes over next year for a two year term. Our term comes up in the rotation soon. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

The TDSMCA League

The league has representatives from the six different Curling clubs: Tam Heather, Leaside, Scarborough GC, Donalda GC, Richmond Hill, and East York.

The league plays a total of 3 sheets (club vs club) with a skills "roll off" on each Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm at six different east Toronto curling Clubs (in random rotation).

14 regular Venerables are enrolled for Inter-club Curling, plus 4 spares = 18 regular Venerables there are also 5 Venerable curlers who also play VCC who offer to spare

Tam Heather Venerables Season to date:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Rolloff</u>
10-09-2015	Leaside	Scarboro	T	22
10-16-2015	Scarboro	Richmond Hill	L	24
10-23-2015	East York	East York	L	39
10-30-2015	Leaside	Leaside	W	26
11-06-2015	East York	Donalda	W	34
11-13-2015	Donalda	East York	L	25
11-20-2015	Richmond Hill	Scarboro	L	19
11-27-2015	Donalda	Donalda	L	17
12-04-2015	Scarboro	Richmond Hill	L	11

Total 217
Average 24

John Wills

November

A big thank you to all the venerables who donated to Movember. Thanks to your great generosity, I was able to collect \$1,100 to donate to prostate cancer. Donating to Movember not only raises awareness but we are supporting someone's dad, uncle, brother or friend in the fight against prostate cancer. Here are a few facts on the state of men's health that I picked up:

- More than 1.1 million cases of prostate cancer were recorded in a single year, making it the second most common cancer in men worldwide.
- The incidence of men diagnosed with testicular cancer has doubled over the past 50 years.
- 510,000 men die from suicide each year, globally. That's one every minute.
- 41% of men in high income countries are insufficiently physically active.

By physically curling you Venerables are helping yourself stay healthy in the fight against prostate cancer. So stay active and thanks again for the great contribution.

Damiano Sartor

Master Men Zone Playdowns

Tam Heather has made a clean sweep of grabbing both of the Zone entries to Regional's at Oshawa.

Congratulations to the Tam Teams who will represent our Zone at the Regional's in Lakefield.

The Winning Teams:

	<u>A Side</u>	<u>B Side</u>
Skip	Bill Goodchild	Carson Klinck
Vice	Terry Sedor	John Elstone
2nd	Bill Smalley	Art Palmateer
Lead	John Epping	Gary Norris
		Carson Klinck

Anything to contribute?

Please forward items of interest to coffebreak@tamheathervenerables.com