



# ExtraEnds

February-Early March, 2013



**Before** we get going on what was a very busy month of Venerables curling, a reminder that complaining amongst ourselves about ice conditions doesn't do anybody any good. We have faced some challenging conditions this season but after a couple of meetings within the last two weeks, including one that involved the Ontario Curling Association's chief icemaker, the club is trying to be more proactive when dealing with issues. If you are unhappy with the ice, it may feel good to vent at the break or at the end of the game, but leaving it at that doesn't give our icemakers any concrete information to work with. So please, if the ice conditions don't live up to expectations, both skips should discuss the matter after the game and fill out a **Tam Heather Ice Feedback Form**. If you haven't seen these before, they live by the ice book just inside the main entrance to the club lounge near the unisex washroom. A copy also resides on the Tag Board. There is more information on the Ice Feedback Form at the end of this newsletter.

**Now**, for our curling. The month began with the Jim Young Open and the Ross Ellis 280+ bonspiels held on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Young Open winners:

**Mike Tichonchuk, Carson Klinck, Gary Norris and Lloyd Twyford (missing)**



**A little sidebar:** you know you are getting older when:

You look at your watch 3 consecutive times and still don't know what time it is.

## Winners of the Ross Ellis 280+ Invitational

**Fred Hugget, John Harzenetter, Cam Cowan and Ed Lee**



Eight days later the Day Ladies and Venerables got together for the Valentines Spiel, and there were familiar faces on the winning team.

Winners, with 127 points:

Left to right:

Lead **Kathy Smith**, vice **Joan Paterson**, second **David Stone** and Skip **Ron Wilson**



It was the second victory for a Wilson team in a mixed spiel since winning the Day Ladies-Venerables Fall Classic. Ron was aided at that time by vice **Vera Newman**, second **Stan Yokota** and lead **KathySmith**. Second place in the Valentines Spiel went to the team of **Clare**

**Seeley, Alison Harris, Stan Yokota and Carol Davey** while third place went to skip **Sue Voss**, vice **Derek Bate**, second **Joan Neilson** and lead **Jim Harlow**.

Many thanks to Venerables' organizers **Jack Grant, Pierre Lemieux and Gary Norris**, and **Pam Elliott and Debi O'Hearn** from the Day Ladies for their work on the Valentines Spiel.

And then there was the Friday Snowstorm. It actually started on Thursday afternoon and went into the evening, took a brief break during the overnight hours and then hit with a vengeance on Friday morning. But despite the fact it was the biggest single dump of snow the city has seen in the last five years, members of the VCC fought through the weather to stage the final games to decide the "A" and "B" Division Titles.

### VCC "A" Division winners

**Lloyd Twyford, Mike Tichonchuk, Carson Klinck and Gary Norris**



### VCC "B" Division Winners

**Fred Hugget, John Harzenetter, Cam Cowan and Ed Lee**



On the 20<sup>th</sup>, the Scarborough Exchange at Tam brought in 6 teams from Scarborough Curling Club to face 6 from Tam and the Venerables.

Unfortunately, the Eric Downer Memorial Open Stick Spiel, slated for the 27<sup>th</sup>, was cancelled due to lack of participants.

It should be noted that sign-up for the Memorial Bonspiel opened Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and closes Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The spiel itself wraps up our season beginning Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and concludes with the finals, the Memorial ceremony and the closing luncheon on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. But before that happens we have the Stu Wheeler Classic Bonspiel slated for March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Speaking** of our in-house bonspiels, Bonspiel chairman Larry Lyons and bonspiel organizers Jack Grant, Pierre Lemieux and Gary Norris have been looking at formats for both next fall's Turkey Shoot and the December fun-week spiel. More will be coming on both those subjects in later editions of Extra Ends.

**There** also is an important change in the approach to all in-house spiels, as outlined by Larry in the following, which also has been posted on the tag board.

## VENERABLE MEMBERS

## INHOUSE BONSPIEL RULES

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** any player signing up for a POSTED BONSPIEL, and realizes he cannot participate will be responsible in finding a replacement for himself. After the Spiel has been filled and closed.

There has been too many coming in at the last minute with all types of reasons as to why they cannot curl.

This has created unnecessary stress and frustration on our Bonspiel Committee in trying to form up teams.

Notify your Bonspiel Chairman or member of the Committee, as to who is your replacement. Changes will be made and your skip notified. Skips will be called regarding team makeup and game times. Skip will notify team members regarding date and time of game.

Team sheets will be posted on the Board along with available Spare names for you to contact. Telephone numbers are available on your member's list.

If your Team is short a man, it will be a Three Man Team, until you get a spare.

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE.**  
**BONSPIEL CHAIRMAN**

## **Euchre is heading into the home stretch.**

Good scores marked the evening as the usual group, and a few new faces, enjoyed another euchre social gathering.

A top score of 79 with five lone hands earned **Claudette Morrison** the prize envelope in the ladies division. **Claudia Heffron** had 61 points to take second place. The most honest lady was not a lady (honest) but someone who was playing under the moniker of **Alice Lee**.

The men's group top score was turned in by **Clare Seeley** who had a score of 63 narrowly edging out a 62 on the score card of **Bob Griffith**. Honest guy was **FelRaimondo**.

In the lone hands category three cards had identical scores of five, but in the usual draw to determine the award of the envelope **Judy Montgomery** had hers picked out of the bowl. The 50/50 draw for \$58. was won by **Mary McKay**.

The March euchre night was held this past Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, with **Ron and Betty Murphy** playing host to the event. They were helped by **Ed Welch**, back from a 3-week cruise to the southern oceans off South America. Ed was filling in for **Reg Haney**, currently hiding out with his wife in Florida.

The evening saw a full slate of 64 players. **Pat Harron** won the night with a score of 65. **Donna Sutton** came in 2nd with a score of 61. **Irene MacFarlane** was the most honest lady. In the men's group, **Pierre Lemieux** won 1st prize with a score of 61. Pierre, on receipt of his award, thanked his mother and his friend Ken for his success. **Bob Griffiths** was second with a score of 60. **Alex Smith** had the most lone hands and **Bob Finlay** and **Jim Carlin** shared the prize for the most honest male player.

**YOU** also know the season is coming to an end when formal notice for the Golf tournament, slated for Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, become available. The tourney is open to 144 players on a first-come, first-served basis. See **Ed Welch** or any member of the Board of Directors for details and an application.

President **Peter Tibando** also wanted me to make note of the St. Mark's United Church "Fall Tee" golf tournament. It is slated for Winchester Golf Course in Brooklyn on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Start-time is 10:00 am with a BBQ to follow at 5 pm. The BBQ will be held at 253 Ridgewood Road in Scarborough.

Cost of the tournament is \$75 per golfer and includes golf, cart and BBQ. Non-golfers may join the BBQ for \$10. Cheques should be made payable to "St Mark's United Church" and should be sent to: St Mark's United Church, c/o Gord Maunder, 115 Orton Park Road, Toronto, ON, M1G 3G9.

Those wanting to play should register prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

And now, for no good reason whatsoever, a couple of "Adult Truths".

**Nothing** hurts more than that moment during an argument when you realize you are wrong.

**Bad** decisions make good stories.

**And**, the first testicular guard, the “Cup”, was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.

**As a Follow-up to the opening note**, here is what you’ll be asked to fill out if you want to help our ice-makers.

**Tam Heather Ice Feedback Form**

The Date: \_\_\_\_\_, Draw time: \_\_\_\_\_ sheet you were playing on: \_\_\_\_\_.

Then the questions:

-How much curl from the centerline out (In turn)? \_\_\_\_\_

-How much curl from the centerline out (Out Turn)? \_\_\_\_\_

-How much curl from the edge of the 4FT in? \_\_\_\_\_

-How much curl from the edge of the 8FT in? \_\_\_\_\_

-How much curl from the edge of the 12FT in? \_\_\_\_\_

-Was there any negative ice or runs?

(there is a diagram of a sheet at the bottom of the Feedback Form where you can draw where those runs or problems presented themselves)

-Was curl consistent throughout the game? \_\_\_\_\_

-Did the pebble hold up for the whole game? \_\_\_\_\_

-Did the slide paths hold up for the whole game? \_\_\_\_\_

SPEED OF ICE: (From hog line to tee line)

Start \_\_\_\_\_ Mid \_\_\_\_\_ End \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Ice Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

0-3=Poor; 4-5=Unsatisfactory; 6-7=Adequate; 8-9=Good; 10=Excellent

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (phone or contact #) \_\_\_\_\_

**And Finally**, if you have anything you think should be included in Extra Ends please contact Chris Rose at [chrisrose@rogers.com](mailto:chrisrose@rogers.com) or leave a note for Chris in the Venerables folder in the club’s front office.