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GCC's Newsletter – Fact, Rumours and Innuendo

Grimsby Curling Club Chosen To Host The 2011 Men's Provincial Championships!!!

The Ontario Curling Association has awarded the Ontario Men's Championships for 2011 to the Grimsby Curling Club – what a spectacular opportunity for our club to shine! That's right, next winter YOU can be part of the premier curling event in Ontario, as the best of the men's teams come to our town to compete for the right to represent the province at the Brier. At the request of the Board, Dwayne Pyper will take on the role of Chair of this event. As hosts, the Grimsby Curling Club has the opportunity to reap a substantial financial reward, but we will need a team of dedicated volunteers to make it a success. An information meeting for all club members will be held on Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 PM at the club. It's your chance to learn how you can contribute your talent, time and energy to the event, and get more information on this incredible opportunity. Don't miss out, see you there!!

Off to Defend Their Title...

Grimsby's junior girls' team of Avery Thomas, Jordan Brandwood, Mackenzie Thomas and Jamie Greenlees, last year's Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Provincial Champions, are off to the St. Thomas Curling Club February 18 -21 to defend their title. The girls won an exciting final game at the regional championships on Sunday, January 31 in Blenheim to qualify for the provincials. Good luck, girls, you make us proud!!!

OCA Events

Congratulations to Andrew Scott's team of Rob Campbell, Steve Campbell (no relation) and Geoff Scott, who won the zone qualifier for the Fairfield-Marriott Challenge in January. The team competed in Belleville at the provincial championships, winning their first 2 games before losing a close 3rd game in the first event.

The Tim Hortons' Colts and Trophy zone qualifiers will be held at Grimsby Curling Club on Saturday and Sunday, February 13 & 14. Come on out and watch some really great curling, and support our Grimsby teams.

And the winners are...

For those of you that are wondering, the NFL Jersey draw winners were Kris Perry, who won the Oakland Raiders jersey, and Jim Mills, who won the Buffalo Bills jersey. Congrats!

The Sandra Schmirler Charity Bonspiel – Saturday April 10th

Sponsored by Lincoln Park Retirement Home, this Ladies event is a first for the Grimsby Curling Club. The proceeds of the bonspiel will go to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation in support of neonatal units across the country – because "champions start small". Interested curlers should see Judy Polstra for further details.

Open House

The next Open House is scheduled for Sunday, February 7th from 10 AM to 2 PM. This is the perfect opportunity for you to bring out a friend, relative, neighbour or co-worker to the club and introduce them to the fun of curling. There will be on-ice instruction and an opportunity to sign up for a trial membership for the last draw of the year.

Hamilton & District Results

Grimsby Curling Club was well represented by many teams in the annual Hamilton and District Bonspiel in January. Teams travelled and played at the 8 different clubs in the District throughout the week of January 11 – 16th. Grimsby Curling Club was pleased to host the Senior Ladies Finals and 50th anniversary celebrations on Friday, January 15th.

Congratulations to Linda Riddell's team of Sue Walker, Sally Conway and Pat Thompson, who won the 4th Event in the Women's Open Division. Special mention goes to Mary Arbic's team, who lost the semi-finals in the 1st Event as well as Marie Solvason's team, which made it to the semi-finals in the 3rd Event.

In the Senior Ladies division, Marg Gierula's team made it to the semi-finals in the 3rd Event, while Dayle Vraets team lost out in the semi-finals for the 2nd Event of the Day Ladies Division. Congratulations goes to Howard Walters' team of Gary Sandwell, Ted Furler and Leon Betzner who won the 2nd Event in the Men's Masters' Division. Jim Agnew's team made it to the finals of the Masters' 3rd Event, but were unable to pull off a win this year – better luck next time! Special thanks to those members who acted as hosts and/or umpires for competitions at our club.

Day Ladies Celebrate 50 years of the Hamilton & District

The Grimsby Day Ladies Committee headed by Dayle Vraets organized the final luncheon and tea for the Hamilton and District Day Ladies and Senior Ladies Final event. The theme for the luncheon was the golden anniversary of the Day Ladies and Senior Ladies Division of the Hamilton District. The decorating committee headed by Kelly Kjeldsen, decorated the club in blue and gold. Marg Gierula was the head buyer for the prize table and she did a fabulous job. The kitchen was run by Judy Polstra and Mary Ellen Maniaci. Special thanks go to Marie Pyper, who did an elegant job of emcee for the luncheon, and to volunteers Suzanne Galvin, Sylvia Parsons, Glenis Snoei, Joellen Bodkin, Ruthann Street, Judy Cernick, Gillian Wood and Elda Elsie who helped in the kitchen, decorating and greeting. Thank you ladies for a well run spiel. Unfortunately, none of our ladies or senior ladies made it to the finals. Better luck next year!

Mixed Curling

The mixed social draw, organized by Lisa and Frank Vuk, got off to a good start this fall, with 10 rinks including both new curlers and many returnees. The draw ended with the championship being won by the rink of Tom Mann, Laraine Wadsworth, Linda Henderson and Pat Thomson. The mixed Christmas bonspiel, sponsored by Lakeshore Living and organized by Ross and Jill Morrell, was held on December 19. Thank you to Lynn and Roger Shedden who helped set up and serve and to Tim Brown, who cooked up a storm on the "egg" BBQ loaned to us by the sponsor. Each team played four 4-end games, and everyone went home a winner having shared in good fun and a great meal.

The winter draw started off slowly between Christmas and the new year, again with 10 rinks, playing on either Friday or Saturday evenings. Play-offs are scheduled for February 19. There's still room for more curlers in the mixed last draw – come out and give it a "shot"!!

Tuesday Night Ladies

Many thanks goes to Laraine Wadsworth and her committee for organizing an elegant and delicious Christmas dinner on December 22. The theme for the evening was wine and food, with each course carefully matched to the wine, including champagne with the appetizers and ice wine with dessert – all served up to the ladies very graciously by male club members, who volunteered their time to the event. A special thanks to Laraine's son, winemaker for Diamond Estates, who donated his time, expertise and wine to the evening!

Masters' Curling, Monday Night Mens', Thursday Night Mens'

What's happening in these sections?? The Tattler would love to report the news, but no-one seems to know. If you have something to report, PLEASE send an email to bpyper@jancosteel.com. If I don't hear the facts from these sections, I'll start making it up for the next Tattler edition!!!!