

President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all club members and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Remember to keep an eye out for new things that will be going on at the club.

-Stew Slauenwhite

Negotiations with HRM

Many members have been asking for an update on the state of negotiations between Lakeshore and the Halifax Regional Municipality concerning a long term lease agreement for our curling facility.

As of December 1, a report from staff has not been put to HRM Council, in spite of a suggested timeline which would have had this happen in time for a late November Council meeting. To date we have received no explanation for this "slippage in the time frame".

As many of you will already know, this latest round of negotiations to reach a lease agreement was initiated as a result of direction from HRM Council to their staff to come to such an agreement with Lakeshore. At the end of these meetings last June, your Lakeshore representatives submitted a lease proposal to be put to HRM Council along with a Staff report and recommendations. Thus, there will be a political decision on our future at the Sackville Sports Stadium. That is where things lie at this time. -Les Macey

Molson Canadian Mixed Spiel

FEBRUARY 5th to 7th, 2010.

Join us for our 6th Annual Mixed Bonspiel

- ✓ 3 Games Minimum + Cash, Prizes, Food, & Fun
- ✓ Enjoy our Saturday Night 'Mini Games' Party!
- ✓ Happy Hour prices all weekend!!

Entry Fee is \$180.00 per Team inclusive; Maximum 24 teams. Entry Deadline is January 24, 2010

Christmas Social

Our Christmas Social was a great success this year. Not only did everybody have a great time with the fun rules, there was a short game tournament.

The short game was not without its controversy though. After the quarter finals, our host for the evening (Martin Duhme) inserted himself in the semi-final round as a late entry. We assume this was done to avoid playing Paul Landry in the earlier rounds.

The final of the short game came down to Tim Winters and Martin Duhme. It didn't look good for Martin when Tim won last rock advantage and Martin hogged his first rock. That didn't stop Martin though! The hogged rock was put back in the rack and Martin threw it as a last rock. Well, there was a revolt behind the glass! <LOL>. Needless to say Tim Winters is the new short game champion.

Club Championship Play Downs

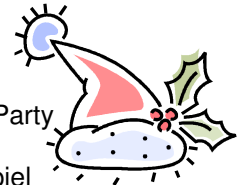
The Lakeshore Curling Club play downs for the Men's and Woman's club champion will be held January 3rd and 10th, 2010. The winner will represent Lakeshore Curling Club at the Provincial Club Championships February 19th to 21st, 2010.

The Men's Championship will be held at the Clare Curling Association. The Women's will be held at the Windsor Curling Club.

The entry fee is \$60.00 per team. Deadline for entry is December 20th, 2009. Part or all of the entry money will go to assist with travel expenses for the winning teams.

Calendar of Events

Dec 23 rd :	Staff Christmas Party
Dec 24 th -27 th :	Club closed
Dec 28 th -30 th :	Christmas Bonspiel
Dec 31 st :	Club closed
Jan 1 st :	Closed
Jan 2 nd :	Junior Curling Resumes
Jan 3 rd :	Club Championship Playdowns
Jan 4 th :	Regular League curling begins



Manager's Corner

In order to spread the Christmas cheer at Lakeshore Curling Club, we will be offering Happy hour prices at the bar starting Dec 14 until Dec 18: \$3.25 for a beer, \$2.75 for a shot and liqueurs. In addition we will be offering food for all the members (this will be coordinated through the bar).

We ask you to note the club times during the Holiday period, these are posted on the door and will be available on the web site.

Remember we have a great Pro shop and with grippers as little as \$10 you can find that great curling gift at any price that suits your budget come on in and see Brian or myself and we would be happy to assist you.

We are planning on having the Jacket order back at the club on Dec 18th, I will keep you posted on this.

Finally, since starting as your Club Manager I would personally like to thank all the members for making me feel very welcome and cooperating with the changes I have made I truly look forward to working with you in the New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity, from Brian, Roy, Sue, Kelly, Gina, Jennifer and myself, to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year, we all look forward to serving you in the New Year and providing you with the best quality curling experience possible. -Keith Bennett

Brier News

Time is really getting short, only 89 days until the Brier starts in Halifax on March 6, 2010. The Brier committee is still looking for volunteers and if you haven't signed up yet please do so very soon. We are short in a lot of areas such as: Security, Accreditation, bar services (patch), Info services and ambassadors, banking and 50/50 draws. If any of these jobs appeal to you please sign up at

http://www.seasonofchampions.ca/2010brier/volunteer_apply.asp. As of today Lakeshore has 30 volunteers signed up, that's only 10% of our member ship. I want to thank the people who have come forward but we need more people to step up. The numbers from the other metro clubs are higher than ours so we have to make a greater effort to sign people up. The list of volunteers will be posted in the club, so if you name is not on the list please add it and let me know. I'm working hard in getting the Brier trophy to Lakeshore. Our Wednesday night league is our Brier league and I'm trying to have the trophy at Lakeshore on Dec16th so that team pictures can be taken. I will let everyone know when plans are finalize.

-Brian Lambe

Please Be Kind to the Ice Maker

When you have finished the delivery of your rock, please do not sit or kneel, or keep your hand on the ice. This creates flat spots which rocks don't react well to, especially when it may be a crucial shot!

Hack guards (those wooden white things) are available to protect the hack when practicing. Please use them!

Bootcleaner...(what's that?) Yes, we have 2 of them. Please clean your shoes before stepping on the ice surface. They are the red machines with the handle on top. Pull the handle toward you to activate it.

Holiday Funspiel

Do you want to work off some of that holiday feast? On Monday, December 28th to Wednesday, December 30th, the Holiday Funspiel will be held at the curling club. Further information on this event will be posted at the club in the near future, so look for the specifics at the bar.

Metro Ladies Bonspiel

The 41st Metro Ladies Curling Bonspiel was held on Nov. 17-19th. Games were played at the host Halifax Club and at Mayflower. The committee of 12 with President Lynn Brooks and desk volunteers organized the event. Twenty-four teams entered and four teams of individual entries participated in the Sjolander section. Curlers participated from the Halifax, Dartmouth, Lakeshore and Mayflower Curling Clubs.

Main Event winners: Frankie Amos with team members Verna Murry, Vivian Bright and Karen Romkey (Mayflower C.C.)

Runner-up Winners: Chris Montgomery and team of Sharon Clarke, Brenda Nearing and Mary Barton (Mayflower C.C.)

Little Metro: Verda Kempton, Carolyn Downie, Shirley Mosher, Louise Corbett (Halifax C.C.)

Mini Metro: Diane Sholey, Joy Demings, Laura Delorey and Barb Hughes. (Dartmouth C.C.)

1st Consolation: Elise Doane, Marilyn Corkum Nancy Kitchen and Di Palmeter (Halifax C.C.)

2nd Consolation: Sue Ann Bartlett, Rosemary Beck, Adine Boutilier and Colleen Reimer (Mayflower C.C.)

3rd Consolation: Norma Reid, Heather Salmon, Evelyn MacKay and Bonnie Anderson (Mayflower C.C.)

Sjolander Section Winner: Brenda Poirier, Irene Flemming, Diane Burns and Ann Mugford. Trophies and prizes were awarded at the Thursday noon banquet at the Halifax Club.

Eleanor Travis,
Publicity Chairperson

Curling Humour



The fight ends, the hockey players flee, and the curling team once again rules the ice rink.

Club Executive

Stewart Slauenwhite, President
Mike Strang, Vice President
Susan Nelligan, Treasurer
Sue Haley, Secretary
Les Macey, Past President
Janet Glennie, Volunteer Director
Martin Duhme, Events Director
Mark McCracken, Junior Director
Rhonda Duhme, Program Director

Staff

Brian Rafuse, Ice Technician
Keith Bennett, Club Manager
Roy Hepditch, Bar Coordinator

Marilyn van Eden, Club Historian

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