

## Lakeshore Closing Tournament

Starting March 19<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011, we will be holding a closing spiel 'Brierfest' extravaganza.

There will be 5 different divisions, with four games guaranteed. Entry in the event can be your regular league team, or getting a group of your friends together, or if you want to play and don't have a team, talk to Keith in the office and he can work his magic for you. The cost per team is \$40.00.

The "A" division winners will be the club champions. Watch for more details coming soon.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to John Mason, Carol Goodick, Barry Miller and Janet Ross who will be representing our club at the Dominion Mixed Bonspiel in Halifax during March. Good Luck!

Also, congratulations to Lakeshore Member Norma Reid who, along with her team mates of Sue Green, Audrey Dorey and Karen Romkey, just won the Nova Scotia Women's Masters Title. They will now represent Nova Scotia in the Canadian Masters Championship in Manitoba March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Good Luck and Good Curling

Best wishes to Team Mayhew (Robert Mayhew, Nick Burdock, Dillon O'Leary and Eric Sampson) in the upcoming Canada Games and the Optimist Tournament in Toronto.

We also would like to send along best wishes to our teams in the Dominion women's and men's club Championships. Good luck to Team Gorman and Team Fitzgerald!

## Calendar of Events

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ice Maintenance  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – Kinsmen CF Funspiel  
Feb 6<sup>th</sup> –Intermediate Clinic  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – Firefighters' Spiel  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – Skip's Clinic  
Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> –Senior Women's Spiel

## Practice Cancellations

The following is a list of cancellations for our practice ice. These are due to club events or ice maintenance.

February - 4th - Noon and 4:15pm  
February - 5th - 5pm  
February - 6th - 2:15pm  
February - 10th - Noon and 4:15pm  
February - 11th - Noon and 4:15pm  
February - 12th - 5pm  
February - 13th - 2:15pm  
February - 18th - Noon

## Curling Humor

### SIGNS YOU'RE HAVING A BAD GAME

- Your skip keeps saying, "Nice try!"
- The Ice-maker starts heckling you. (Brian? Never!)
- Your sweepers burst into laughter when you release your rock.
- You score a six-ender in the second end and you have to throw your last rock to win 9-8.
- You look behind the glass and everybody is in laughter at fluky 'Plan X' that just happened!



## Reminder

If there is a closure due to the weather or a power outage, please check the website to make sure the club is open. If a power outage occurs when the club is open we are subject to the policy of the Sports Stadium, which states we have to leave the building.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming **Nova Scotia Women's Spiel** at the club. If you are interested in contributing some time helping out for a shift or two, contact Mike Strang, Martin Duhme or Keith Bennett. THANKS!!

## Manager's Corner

January and February are very busy months for Lakeshore, we have or will be hosting 3 major spiels and two major one day events. I congratulate our staff on providing excellent service to the many visitors to our club and to continue to support and serve our Lakeshore members. It becomes a challenge to provide Brian and his staff time to ensure that the Lakeshore ice is the very best in the metro area; therefore I thank the membership for their understanding if we have to cancel practice ice to make sure they have the time needed for ice maintenance.

I continue to add some signage to the shed and renew current agreements, plus work on some additional sponsorship for the coming year.

Lakeshore sent 9 teams to the annual Ship Hector Spiel in New Glasgow and 6 teams returned with money and championships. Great job to all who attended; it is truly a great weekend.

As always my door is open and if any member has some suggestions or wishes to discuss issues or problems please feel free to come and see me.

–Keith Bennett

## It's in the Rule Book!

We've never had this happen at the club, but it is covered in the rulebook!

If the handle came off of a stone during the process of the delivery, the delivering team may:

- (i) allow the play to stand, or
- (ii) redeliver the stone after all affected stones have been replaced as close as possible to their original position.

The delivering team must make their choice prior to the opposition delivering their next stone.

## Hitting the Broom Tips –Hitting the Wings

It's your turn to throw and in your mind you're begging the skip not to call it. "Give me a draw, give me a freeze, give me anything else," you chant internally. To your dismay the skip ignores your silent pleas and lays down the broom on the outer edge of the 12 foot. She wants you to hit a stone sitting on the t-line, full 12. It's a wide open hit, so what's with the fear? You try to shake it off and just throw the rock. You jam your foot into the hack and twist it towards the edge because you know this shot is way out in the wings. You sigh, kick out of the hack as hard as you can, give the rock a mighty shove, and watch with predicted horror as your rock bounces off the side-boards before coming anywhere near the rock you intended to hit.

Sound familiar? Perhaps you usually miss this shot by going by way inside. It's usually one or the other. You're in good company. Most beginners are terrified of shots in the wings. The truth is, these shots don't have to be difficult. It's all about how you approach them.

If you find you're chronically missing this type of shot have a chat with your skip. Start with asking for a little more ice (make sure your skip understands why she's giving you more ice). With more ice you can throw less weight (board weight is all you need, even hack weight will do). Throwing less weight will give you more control.

Next, have a look at your hack foot. Yes, it should be angled towards the skips broom but remember it's a minute adjustment. Think about drawing an imaginary line from your middle toe all the way down to your skips broom. Make sure you also line up your knees, hips, shoulders and stone with the broom.

You should feel much more in control when you slide out. Once you get more comfortable and confident with this type of shot you can start to throw a little more weight when needed and your skip can tighten up the ice.

Written by Kim Perkins



## Spares

If you cannot show for a game, it is your responsibility to get a spare. If you are not on a spares list please advise the manager and you can be added, there is no charge for this. If you log into the website, you can manage the leagues you wish to spare in under the 'My Account' link.

Also if you have a spare that is not a member of the club then there is a \$12.50 charge to be paid at the bar before they curl.

## Board of Directors

Believe it or not, the season is quickly coming to a conclusion and it's time to think about next season and the Board of Directors.

There will be several openings on the Board as the current members have served their full terms. If you have an interest in sitting on the Board of Directors, or if you have questions about what would be involved in sitting on the Board, please see Stewart Slauenwhite, or drop your name off at the office. Job descriptions are available.

## Equipment Check?

Is it time to check your equipment? Lately there have been rock picks during league play.

Dirt on the ice is usually caused by older, worn grippers and hair falling out of old brushes. Please take the time to check your equipment to see if it is 'shedding' bits and pieces and replace worn grippers and brushes where necessary.

Even cleaning out the inside of your gripper will make a difference. You never know, you may save one of your own rocks from picking up something!

### Board of Directors

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