



Gibsons Curling Club

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2013 - 2014 Season Wrap-Up Issue

2013/14 Volunteer of the Year:



Kate Barrat was named the Volunteer of the Year. Juanita Wannamaker, President of GCC, recognized Kate's contributions to the club and awarded her a framed certificate on behalf of the Board of Directors. In her capacity as Chair of the

Communication and Membership Committees, Kate created the advertising for the club at the start of the year, organized the Open House Week in September, organized and ran, with Art Jones, the Learn2Curl and Friday Night Fun League, created an e-mail contact list which was used for all club communication, created and maintained the club's Facebook page, coordinated the GCC website and published three newsletters. Thanks to Kate's efforts, the club's active membership rose from 120 to 140 this year, a 17% increase which reversed a decline from the previous year. The Board thanks Kate for her contributions.

So Long, Farewell:

GCC said good-bye to our ice-maker, Gord Twanow and his wife, Michelle, at the end of the curling season. Although the Twanows had only been with us for one curling season, they had managed to make everyone love them in a very short time. Gord's fantastic ice, along with the high energy that the pair brought to our club, elicited smiles from members and compliments galore from all visitors. Michelle and Gord really threw themselves into life at GCC, playing in almost every league, supporting the Learn2Curl program, playing in and helping out at the bonspiels and continually finding ways to make things run more smoothly around our building. We will miss them both but wish them all the best in their new home in Port Alberni, BC.

Board of Managers for 2014/15 Year:

A new Board of Managers was elected at the AGM which was held on March 29, 2014.

President: Juanita Wannamaker

Vice-President: Kate Barratt

Treasurer: Kathy Rietze

Secretary: Cheryl Topping

Directors at Large: Ed Hill, Art Jones, Cathie Keener, Nadine Lowden, Cheryl Oughton, Elaine Tattrie

We welcome new directors: Cathie, Cheryl and Ed and thank the retiring members: Bert, Bob and Jared for their service last year. We are a working Board but we cannot do it alone. If you are interested in helping with one of the standing committees, please contact the chair of that committee.

2013-2014 was a successful year for Gibsons Curling Club and we hope to continue the fun in the new season which will begin in October 2014. Keep your eyes on our website and facebook page for news about what we have in store for you.

In The Next Issue:

- Meet our new ice maker
- Open House Registration Dates
- Leagues for 2014/2015

News from our 2013-2014 House Leagues

Bert Carswell reports on the **Daytime Mixed League:** The season started off with twelve teams, with two draws per week. The winner of the Cathy Lesik Memorial Trophy for the fall session was the team of Ken Brown, Marlene Brown, John Stewart and Cathie Keener. The winter session had ten teams and ended with the winning team being Bruce Relkie, Bill Climie, Chuck Anderson and Richard Hopkins. Our year end survey gave a strong vote in favour of keeping the new Tuesday/Thursday schedule. Our league traveled with four mixed teams to the Powell River and Howe Sound (Squamish) Curling Clubs in November and returned home with an overall victory in the former and a loss in the latter. Gibsons then hosted both of these clubs on the same day in a three club bonspiel. Each club played the other in a six end game with Squamish coming out on top. Thanks go Bob Hodgson, Pete Metcalfe, Sharon Biggin, Dave Sandness, Ross Harry and Roy Wren for their assistance in making this year another success.



Juanita Wannamaker reports on the **Monday Night Competitive League:** Six teams competed this year on Monday night. Monday night teams consist of men, women and mixed teams. The league winner was the 5 man team of Jared Wannamaker, Dwayne Clegg, Gord Twanow, Ken Johnson and Howie Larsen. Start the planning of your team for next year, perhaps there will be some new teams formed on Monday night, like the big changes in the Canadian mens teams next year. Can't wait to see who is curling with whom!!



Joy Hill reports on the **Tuesday Night Women's League:** Our goal this season was to get the Ladies League running again. We were able to form six great teams with the help of the eight new ladies who joined our Club! We were lucky to have some great spares to call on and some of them curled almost as much as the regular players! The most common comment from the year-end survey was that the league was "fun and friendly" so hopefully we can build on that to make next season even bigger and better! We tried to balance the teams with a mix of new and experienced curlers and there were some very close games as a result. The winning team was Michelle Twanow with Maureen Wilkinson, Liz Kingdon and sometimes Joy Hill who was the league "floater". Next season promises to be even better with more members willing to participate and to help in organizing the league. There's always room for more players so please sign up and bring a friend.



Larry Koopman reports on the **Thursday Night Men's League:** It was a rocky start, no pun intended, for the league in October 2013 with the early registration looking as if we might not have enough interest to form a viable league. However, things quickly changed, interest grew and we ended up with 24 men registered to curl and an additional 7 spares. Teams were formed respective to the specific strengths and ability of each curler, thus balanced teams were put together and the curling season began in great earnest. The competition was fun and always respectful. The winners of the 2013/14 Men's Thursday Night Curling League was the team of Skip: Steady as she goes Gord Twanow, Third: Fearless Fred Rupert, Second: Hot shot Doug Erickson and Lead: Eagle eye Claude Boisvert. We are hoping to repeat the success of the past year and encourage all interested men who may be want to join next year to contact Men's League Coordinator, Larry Koopman at: lbkoopman@hotmail.com or Phone: 604-886-2696 for more information.



Kate Barratt reports on the **Wednesday Night Mixed League:** The Wednesday Night Mixed League continued to be a popular league with registration capped at 9 teams for the second year in a row. We turned some curlers away this year so we will be exploring ways to provide more mixed curling in the 2014-2015 season. Play was competitive but friendly with the 5 man Team Wannamaker: Jared Wannamaker, Juanita Wannamaker, Ken Johnson, Colleen Smith and Howie Larsen crowned as the champions. We ended the year with a funspiel and pizza night on March 26th. Thanks to all of the curlers for another great season. See you in the fall!



Kate Barratt and Art Jones report on the **Friday Night Learn2Curl and Fun League:** The fall Learn2Curl session was very popular this year with 17 non-curlers committing to the 10 week session. Theory and practical instruction was provided to the participants throughout the 10 week session and game play was introduced as well. By the end of the 10 weeks, it was clear that we had a very enthusiastic group of novice curlers on our hands so the Friday Fun League was introduced after Christmas. The Fun League teamed experienced curlers with the novice curlers to form 6 teams: The Sechelt Swiffers, The Gibsons Lite, The Rock Chuck Chuckers, The Button Hogs, The Ali Oops and The Split Endz. The novice curlers were mentored by the experienced curlers while enjoying game play. Non-curlers were still invited to drop-in and Friday night often saw all 4 sheets of ice being used. Art and Kate want to thank all of the GCC members who volunteered their time to help the new curlers. If you would be interested in taking a leadership role in the Learn2Curl program for next year, please contact Kate Barratt at kbarratt00@gmail.com or at 604-886-2769.

Some news about this year's bonspiels:

Men's Bonspiel: In total, 24 teams took part in the bonspiel which took place on Jan 17-19, 2014. Seven teams from Gibsons, nine teams from Royal City Curling Club and the remainder from various other clubs in the Lower Mainland. The curlers enjoyed excellent ice provided by ice-maker Gord Twanow and wonderful food and hospitality from the many club volunteers.

After three days of competition, all of the division semi-finalists decided to split the prize money and the accolades so no final games were played. The A division winners were the Wannamaker team of Jared Wannamaker, Dwayne Clegg, Keith Clegg and Ken Johnson from Gibsons and the Wright team from Royal City. The B division winners were the Meat Brothers team #1 and the Meat Brothers team #4, both from Royal City. In the C division, the winners were the Campbell team from Hollyburn Country Club and the Meat Brothers team #2 from Royal City.



The A division was won by skip Wade Kovacs from Manitoba who came to Gibsons to curl with his brother Brian. Unfortunately, at the last minute, Brian injured his knee and was unable to compete but Wade held up the family honour with a 7-6 victory over the Tony Todosychuk team to win the event.

Wade's team included Michelle Twanow and Gary Sigler from Gibsons along with Lois Russell from Nanaimo. The Todosychuk team included Michele Borley, Ed Hill and Joy Hill, all

from Gibsons. The Staiger team from Gibsons came third while the Lesik team from Gibsons was fourth.

The B division was won by Larry Penonzek and his Gibsons team of Diane Penonzek, Ron Baba and Kathy Tait who beat the Heffelfinger team from Golden Ears Curling Club. The Gant team from Gibsons was third and the Clegg team from Gibsons was fourth.

The C division was won by the Rempel team from the Royal City Curling Club, who defeated the Dean team from Hollyburn in the final. The third and fourth place finishers were the Malcolm and Kopeck teams from Gibsons.

Master's Bonspiel: As in past year's the Master's Bonspiel was a well-attended and fun event. The event took place on March 17-19th, 2014 so there were lots of shamrocks, leprechauns and crazy hats to be seen. All curlers were treated to delicious home-made soups, chili, muffins and sandwiches, thanks to the great GCC volunteers. The winning team was the Giles Team from North Shore Winter Club: Don Giles (Skip), Glen Dickson (Vice), Mike Howey (2nd) and Don Godard (Lead).



Mixed Bonspiel: Curlers from as far away as Manitoba enjoyed good curling and warm hospitality at the annual bonspiel which took place on Jan 31-Feb 2, 2014. 16 teams participated in the 3 day event.

And lastly, we'd like to thank our sponsors:

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