



Gibsons Curling Club

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Our 2014/2015 Season Ends with a Funspiel

All in all, it was a good year for the club. We welcomed a new ice maker, Peter Beynon, who worked hard to install the ice only to see it all melt away during a shut down due to a leak in the brine lines over the Thanksgiving weekend.

The repairs were made and the ice brought back and league play started during the third week of October, just a couple of weeks behind schedule. All of our house leagues continued and our newest league, Friday Fun League, grew in popularity. Membership is above 170 for the first time in a few years. The Mixed Bonspiel, usually held in November, was changed to a one day club spiel after low registration from out of town teams; eight local teams took part and a fun time was held by all. The Men's Bonspiel in January and the Master Men's Bonspiel in March were both successful events. We did not run a Ladies Bonspiel this year but we sent 3 ladies teams to the Roaming Ladies Bonspiel at the

Delta Thistle Club and next year we will host this great event. Curlers from our club participated in the Royal City Mixed Bonspiel where they placed 3rd in the A division, some senior ladies played in the Peace Arch Senior Ladies By The Sea Bonspiel and men from our Daytime Mixed League played Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association events held around the Lower Mainland. Our Junior Program was reinstated and additionally a Stick Curling League was piloted and doubles curling was demonstrated. The curling year ended on March 28th with a day of fun curling, our Annual General Meeting where a new Board was elected and league trophies were awarded and a catered dinner.

The Board of Managers thanks all of you who volunteered at our club this year; our club thrives because of your willingness to help. We look forward to welcoming you all back next fall for another great season.

Dates to Remember:

The Flea Markets will take place on Saturdays between 10:00am and 2:00pm. This year's dates are: **May 2, May 23, June 6, June 20, July 4 and July 18.**

Please consider signing up to help out. The flea market money builds our Capital Fund.

Leagues for 2014/2015:

Men's Bonspiel: January 16-18, 2015

The Jared Wannamaker foursome beat the Meat Brothers team from the Royal City Curling Club to capture the A-event championship at this year's men's bonspiel. 24 teams participated, with 9 of the teams coming from Royal City Curling Club in New Westminster, BC. The Wannamaker team of Dwayne Clegg (third), Cameron Johnston (second) and Ali Kahn (lead) was one of seven teams from GCC. Third place in the A-event went to another Gibsons team skipped by Larry Koopman, with Ken Shultz at third, Howie Larsen at second and lead Gary Sigler. The fourth place team in the A-event was skipped by Gibsons' Glenn Campbell. The B-event saw a first and second place finish by a pair of Meat Brothers teams from Royal City, with the Rempel rink from Royal City in third. In the C-event, Tony Todosyckuk and his team of Ed Hill, Jay Dear and Ken Brown from Gibsons finished first with the McKinley rink from Coquitlam in second and the Carmichael rink from the Marpole Curling Club in third. The fourth place team in the C event was the Keith Clegg rink from Gibsons made up of all first-year curlers. Thanks to all of the GCC volunteers who came out and helped to make this event a success. We had volunteers registering the curlers, cooking food and cleaning up afterwards, tending the bar, selling 50/50 tickets and running the calcutta. Plans are already underway to make next year's event even better!



Team Wannamaker First Place in "A"



Team Koopman Third Place in "A"



Team Todosyckuk Third Place in "C"

NEWS FROM THE LEAGUES:

Bert Carswell reports on the Daytime Mixed League:

The season started off with nine teams down three from the previous fall. The main reason for the decline in numbers seemed to be aging, illness and extended holidays but on the bright side, the scheduling was made easier as there was only need for one draw at 10 am. The league traveled with four mixed teams to the Howe Sound (Squamish) Curling Club in November and hosted them in February with an overall victory going to GCC for the two one day bonspiels. Powell River visited Gibsons in the fall and we traveled there in February with the inter-club trophy going to Powell River. The league championship games and luncheon for the fall and winter draws were enjoyed by about 45 current and former

Team Schultz: Fall Daytime Mixed League winners



curlers. The winner of the Cathy Lesik Memorial Trophy for the fall draw was the team of: Ken Schultz (skip), Sharon Biggin, Wayne Kline and Richard Hopkins and for the winter draw it was the team of: Harry Turner (skip). Paul Charron, John McKinnon and Bob Urquhart. Thanks go Ron Neilson, Pete Metcalfe, Fred Rupert, Cindy McKinnon and Roy Wren for their assistance in making this year another success.

Team Turner: Winter Daytime Mixed League winners

Juanita Wannamaker reports on the Monday Night League:

The league started slowly with only 5 teams but Larry Koopman was able to recruit 3 more players to join and the sixth team was formed. Thank goodness for that as having a bye every 5 weeks was definitely not ideal. This year it was suggested that we use a time clock to encourage teams to pick up the pace of play; it worked and most teams were very close to being able to play all 8 ends. This year ended with a tie between Team Campbell: Glenn Campbell, Barry Fjaagesund, Howie Larsen and Rob Van Bemmell and Team Wannamaker: Jared Wannamaker, Dwayne Clegg, Ken Johnson, and Ali Khan. If you are ready, and want a more competitive night of curling, get a group of players together for next season. Playing in this league will allow you to learn about the strategy of the game and will also allow you to improve your skills.



Rob Van Bemmell from Team Campbell and Jared Wannamaker and Ken Johnsons from Team Wannamaker: Monday Night League Winners

Joy Hill reports on the Tuesday Night Women's League:

The league started slowly with four energetic teams competing for the prize! Diane Penonzek, Trudy Baba, Liz Kingdon, and Donna Harrison were the winners with Betty Masson, Cheryl Topping, Cathie Waite and Cheryl Oughton taking second place for the first half of the season. The New Year brought two more skips into the league so we were able to make six teams. We also had



the Learn2Curl program going on so there was a whole new energy brought to Tuesday night curling. Thank you to Aileen Reilly and Pat Hunt for joining and for helping to keep our league more interesting and more fun. Pat Hunt, in particular, curled in the day league on Tuesday as well. The winners of the second half of the season were Aileen Reilly, Cathie Waite, Cheryl Oughton and Esther Moon. Second place went to Pat Hunt, Gerry Nimmo, Brenda Bildfell and Tracey Dear. Thanks to all the ladies who made this season a great success. We need experienced curlers to mentor the new and to help to grow our Club so consider joining us in the fall for an even bigger and better season of great curling fun.

Kate Barratt reports on the Wednesday Mixed League:

This league was the most popular league at our club with 9 teams registered. The curling was friendly and the occasional “appy night” kept everyone happy. Two unusual events this year: Team Wannamaker scored an 8-ender and they also managed to go through the entire season (October to March) undefeated. Just like Team Canada, they will be the team to beat next year! Please remember that this league fills quickly so be on the lookout for registration info in late September.



Team Wannamaker: Wednesday Mixed League Winners

Larry Koopman reports on the Thursday Night Men's League: Another successful year of curling has now finished. We were fortunate to expand our league play this season from 6 teams last year to 7 teams this season. Skips, Ed Hill, Dwayne Clegg, Harry Turner, Colin Gatzke, Fred Rupert, Keith Clegg and Larry Koopman entered the season with "fierce determination" to win the league championship. Well it wasn't that fierce, but the competition was great fun! I want to thank all the curlers. It is truly a fun group that we curl with, and it is the eclectic nature of all involved that makes every season a delight to be a part of. I would also like to extend a big CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of this year's Men's Night Curling League: Skip:Ed Hill, Third:Jay Dear, Second: Scott Russell, and Lead John Pritchard. While many clubs reported less curlers this year in league play, our league held its own. For next season, we hope to build on our present momentum, with an increase to 8 or 9 teams and lots of enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing you all again next year, and don't forget to invite friends, family and colleagues to join us for next season's Thursday Men's Night League. Take care and have a great summer.



Team Hill: Thursday Men's League
Winners

Kate Barratt reports on the Friday Fun League: This league was formed to provide a friendly non-competitive environment for new curlers. Graduates from last year's Learn2Curl were matched with experienced curlers who skipped and mentored them. The league had 6 teams before Christmas and our Learn2Curl program used the extra sheet. By Christmas time the league had welcomed more new curlers and 8 teams were formed. Learn2Curl moved to Tuesday night as there were no longer a free sheet on Friday. Friday night featured fun 6 end games and we were amazed at the improved level of curling. The winning team was Betty Masson (skip), Jay Dear, Jean-Francois Noiseux and Charlotte Meunier. Friday is the new place to be at GCC so I urge everyone who wants to have fun while curling to register in the Fall.



Team Masson: Friday Night Fun
League Winners

Art Jones presents the trophy to the winners of the Master Men's Bonspiel which took place at GCC on March 16-18, 2015. The team from Howe Sound Curling Club are Hugh Kerr (lead), Fred Toth (skip), Len Dumka (second), and Norm Rutherford (third).



The International Tankard took place at the Evergreen Curling Club in Beaverton, OR on March 20- 22nd.

Three volunteers from GCC were sent to this event. The main purpose of this event is to maintain goodwill and a feeling of community between Region 11 in BC and the Washington State Curling Association. After a social

Dave Barratt with his Canadian team mates at the International Tankard at Evergreen Curling Club



evening on Friday night, 6 Canadian teams and 6 American teams were formed and draws were played

throughout Saturday and Sunday. The event ended in a tie. GCC volunteers, Kate and Dave Barratt and Tony Todosychuk, all had a great time!



Kate Barratt with her Canadian team mates team mates



Two GCC teams took part in the Traveller's Curling Club Championship which took place at Richmond Curling Club on April 10-12th. Juanita

Wannamaker and her team of Elaine Tattrie, Nadine Lowden and Cheryl Topping and Tony Todosychuk and his team of Ed Hill, John Wakeford, and Ali Khan.

Terry Connor

If you've lived in Gibsons for any amount of time at all, you probably knew Terry Connor. If you didn't know him personally, you were without doubt the benefactor of his good volunteer community work. Indeed, if you are a curler then not only did you know Terry, you are able to enjoy curling in Gibsons, in part, because of Terry's countless volunteer hours. Age didn't get in Terry's way. If there was work to be done, Terry was there. Terry is gone now but the fruits of his volunteer labours will go on for years to come.



Terry was a founding member of Gibsons Curling Club which opened in January 1976. Terry continued to curl and volunteer at GCC for the rest of his life, almost 40 years!



Every so often a community loses someone who was extra special. If you're reading this and didn't know Terry, just know that Gibsons is a better place because of him. In Terry's passing we at the Gibsons Curling Club lost a special person, but so did all of us on the Sunshine Coast. Good bye Terry and thank you. You will be missed.

