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Tentatively, we are hoping to begin league play as we usually do, in October. We will again be having online registration. We will also host our Open House at the start of the season—all dates are dependent on the installation of our new Ice Plant. We hope to combine the Open House with our 40th birthday celebration! Sounds like a party! Stay tuned for an update.

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2015–2016 Season Wrap-Up

Annual General Meeting – Summary

The Annual General Meeting convened at the Curling Club on March 31st. Kate Barratt, President of Gibsons Curling Club, summarized the highlights of another successful season which included a moderate increase in membership, and unprecedented rentals to groups in the community. The Christmas season was especially busy and a total of \$6,000 (plus bar sales) was raised. Although membership is up from last year, rising costs necessitated an increase in membership fees. People joining as members would pay \$25 (plus GST) next year versus \$20 (plus GST) last year, representing a 25% increase for this group. For individuals curling in one league, their total cost (including club membership) would increase to \$270 (plus GST) from \$260 (plus GST) last year, representing an increase of 3.84% for this group. Fees have not increased over the last three years and the increase was approved.

A new Board was elected, consisting of: Kate Barratt (President), Manon Staiger (Vice President), Tammy



Hartmann (Secretary), Cheryl Oughton (Treasurer) as well as Directors at Large: Jay Dear, Rob Van Bommel Sue Giles, Cathie Waite, Fred Hughes, and Sue Means.

The Gibsons Curling Club relies on its many volunteers to conduct the majority of tasks throughout a given year. These individuals donate countless hours of their time to ensure things get done. Often, it is a small group of people doing a wide variety of activities which include, but are not limited to, league organization, soliciting sponsors from the community, managing facility rentals and hosting the bar. Ed Hill specifically acknowledged their hard work and encouraged all members to volunteer: many hands make light work.

Of primary concern to the Board for the upcoming year is the aging ice plant. After 40 years, the system that provides our ice is failing and needs to be replaced. Without a functioning ice plant, our club cannot exist. The current plant has been repaired many times and is now at the point it can no longer be repaired. The Board sought support for the purchase of a new ice plant. Kate Barratt noted that to date she was able to secure a grant of \$50,000 from the Canada 150 Infrastructure Grant Program, along with another \$50,000 from an anonymous donor and \$3,000 from the Sunshine Coast Credit Union—a total of \$103,000. The Board is confident that through successful fundraising, it can raise the remaining funds thereby lessening the financial burden on the club. A resolution was passed, unanimously, that the Board be given permission to spend up to \$200,000 for a new ice plant. A committee will be responsible for the selection of the new ice plant as well as overseeing a fundraising campaign.

The meeting was short and sweet and all left with a hopeful outlook for the upcoming Curling season.

2016 Men's Bonspiel a Big Success

(written by Juanita Wannamaker)

This year's Men's Bonspiel was a resounding success, once again. In total, 32 teams showed up to play boasting the largest registration in recent years. Eight local teams were joined by teams from Royal City, Coquitlam, Howe Sound, Hollyburn, Marpole, Golden Ears and even one team from Sexsmith Curling Club in Alberta!



It was a busy event with draws from 4:45 pm to 11:45 pm on Friday, 8:00 am to 11:30 pm on Saturday, with semi-final and final games played on Sunday. Curlers were treated to great home cooking throughout the weekend: chili and fresh baked buns on Friday night and a great Saturday dinner of ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots and Caesar salad topped off with a variety of home made desserts. The bar had Persephone Brewing Company's Golden Goddess Ale and Black Lager on tap. To round out the evening on Saturday, and Saturday night, music was provided by The Billy Hillpickers.



Competition was fierce with close scores for many of the semi-final games. In the A division, in one game, the Wannamaker team from GCC edged out the Lens team from Coquitlam by a score of 8-7 while in the other game, the Meyer team from Golden Ears/RC/GCC won by 4-3 over the Lightbody team from RC. In the B division semi-final, the Jarvis team from

Hollyburn defeated the Shen team by a score of 8-2 while the MacKinley from Coquitlam was defeated by the Powell team from Sexsmith by a score of 5-3.

The final games were also exciting with the Royal team from RC defeating the Bassett team from RC to win the D division, the Staiger team from GCC defeating the Todosychuk team from GCC to win the C division, the Shen team defeating the Powell team to win the B division and the Meyer team defeating the Wannamaker team to win the A division.

All of the bonspiel participants had only positive things to say about their time at GCC and this is due largely to the great

volunteers that came out to support this event. The GCC Board and the Men's Bonspiel Coordinator, Juanita Wannamaker, thank you all!

*Men's Bonspiel A Div. - Team Meyer/Fister
Men's Bonspiel B Div. - Team Shen
Men's Bonspiel C Div. - Team Staiger*

Roaming Ladies Bonspiel

(written by Juanita Wannamaker)



The bonspiel was very successful. In typical GCC style, lots of great volunteers helped out and the organizing committee did an outstanding job planning and executing a fun filled/profitable weekend. A BIG thank you to everyone who helped out. A special thank you to Tracey Dear for her talents and hard work.

We had several volunteers who played a major role for this event that weren't even club members! A BIG thank you to all of you! At the end of the day, an estimated profit of \$6,000 was raised - an A W E S O M E weekend by all accounts.

There was a lot of money raised over the weekend, thanks to the sweeping beauties. Thanks to Sam and Sylvia for organizing them and for looking after the 50/50 draws. To Jay and Tracey, thanks for all your help and hard work with the portraits and entertaining 'descriptive' comments. Thanks also to Ed Hill for doing the auctioneering, and to Diane Flynn and team for organizing the baskets for the raffle—fetching a profit of \$608.00 in total! Thanks to the Gibsons Copy Shop for printing (at a steal deal price!) all of Tracey's wonderful designed banners and other spectacular artistic designs, that helped to set the mood for the weekend.



*Juanita, Nadine, Cheryl & Elaine
Michele, Chris, Darla & Joy
Sue, Angela, Jane & Cheri
Christie, Sylvia, guest, Samantha
Manon, Sue, Donna & Tracey*

Kitchen helpers at Men's bonspiel



League Play



The 2015-2016 year comprised five evening leagues, a daytime mixed league, a stick curling league, as well as a Junior league. The winners of the Monday Night League was Team Clegg. The winners of the Wednesday Mixed League was Team Wannamaker.



Thursday Night Mens' was won by Team Hill and the champions of the Friday Night League was On the Rocks. In the Day Time League winter session was won by Team Todosychuk.

*Thursday Men's League Winners - Team Hill
Monday Night League Winners - Team Clegg
Daytime Mixed League Winners - Team Todosychuk*

Flea Market

The annual Flea Markets began April 23rd and will continue alternating weekends until July 16th. Thank you to the volunteers who help with the set up—the Flea Markets couldn't happen without you. Helping with the set up is a great (and easy) way to help out the club! Many hands make light work!



Brewers' Bonspiel

The first annual 'Brewers Bonspiel' was held on March 12th. The event was sponsored by our local Persephone Brewing Company. Six local teams—Bomber Brewing Company, Four Winds Brewing Company, Deep Cove, Townsite, Howe Sound Brewing Company—participated. The food was provided by Gibsons own Farm to Table, in typical ---- fair. Each brewery brought in some of their 'own' brews to share, making for a fun-filled spectacle! As



always, Persephone donated proceeds from beer sales in support of SCACL (Sunshine Coast Association for Community Living). No doubt this event will grow next year as many (if not most) of the participants talked about next year's Bonspiel and returning to take Persephone 'down'. The final match included Persephone I versus Persephone II, with the former taking the trophy.



Bill Climie presents Terry Connor Memorial Masters MVP Trophy to Ken Schultz.



The trophy was donated by Bill Climie to honour the memory of founding member Terry Connor who passed away in 2015. The trophy will be awarded to an individual in the Day League who exhibits that valued combination of skill and sportsmanship which makes curling the game we all love. The winner has the obligation to name the winner of the following year at the year-end luncheon. This year's winner, Ken, demonstrated the qualities that we admire in our fellow curlers. He is always respectful and encouraging to his fellow curlers, congratulating them on a good shot, and letting them know it was a good try when they miss. He is someone you want to play for, with, or even against.

Special Olympic Athletes and GCC Coaches, Bill Climie, George Proudfoot, Dave Sandness and Pete Metcalfe in their new jackets



Our new ICE PLANT is coming to a curling rink near you! Yup, we are hoping for an August installation. We can't wait!