



Ching Chatter

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WELCOME BACK CURLERS

Welcome back Curlers - new and returning - to our 33rd year of Curling at Chinguacousy Curling Club. There have been many changes to the game over the past 33 years (the almost extinction of the Rink Rat for example!!!!) However, one thing that hasn't changed is the friendships and camaraderie amongst curlers, and our Club is no exception.

We started our year off on September 30th with our Open House Cheese and Wine - with the wine being provided once again by the City of Brampton. Thank You City! This was also the first night of Mixed Curling for the Friday night league. It was decided to start on the 30th so Friday night mixed didn't have to curl on December 23rd!

There have been some "upgrades" to our lounge over the summer, new carpet, and new paintwork, with more upgrades to come for downstairs. Perhaps the most important upgrade has been the replacement of the carpet around the ice with rubberized flooring. This will reduce the amount of debris on the ice.

We also have to thank Dave Furness, Past President of the Men's league for sourcing the monitors you see above the glass in the lounge. He used his fine negotiating skills and the Men's league was able to contribute towards the cost with the City of Brampton picking up the balance. Thank you Dave, these monitors are going to make watching the game from behind the glass more enjoyable.

Thank you to last year's Board members for their support and guidance, and welcome to this year's new Board members.

Good curling!

Paul Williams, President

CHING DAY LADIES TO HOST NEW BONSPIEL

At the last spring AGM, *Len McNichol of Gormac Inc.*, generously offered to sponsor a bonspiel for the ladies. The Day Ladies Section is pleased to announce the first annual **"Winter Freeze" Bonspiel** to be held on Wednesday January 18, 2006. With Gormac's sponsorship, twelve "over the 50 year-old hill" teams are invited to a day of two games with lunch & refreshments provided. The entry fee is only \$88.00 per team. If the response is good this year, the plan is to expand it to two draws in 2007.

One space is reserved for a team to represent Chinguacousy. It was decided to post a sign-up sheet for any senior lady member of Ching indicating their desired playing position. A draw would then be held to make up the playing team. A second draw would be held for the

stand-by team. Look on the bulletin board in the locker room for the sheet.

The ladies are very excited about providing a senior bonspiel, since it seems to be a rarity in the west end of Toronto. The club will be decorated in blue & white to chase away the "January Blues".

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BUSINESS WOMEN'S REPORT

- Susan Burnside

It is hard to believe that as I begin to write this article the temperature outside is pushing 28 degrees and yet according to the calendar we start our season tonight. I have mixed emotions as I begin the 2005-2006 season, I am excited about the new format and the fact that we have once again filled the draw with 24 teams, but at the same time my heart is very heavy knowing that I won't be able to look across the sheet to see my mom as she throws the perfect draw or up in the lounge enjoying a glass of wine while watching my game. The club has lost a wonderful member and we will all miss her dearly.

As I mentioned we are embarking on a new format that will see the teams divided into two divisions to start the season. We will play an 11 game round robin which will seed us for the second and third draws. No playoff positions will be determined until the second draw when we break down into flights of 6 teams.

The bonspiel committee is busy working on the bonspiel scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2006. The theme of this year's spiel is "**A Day at the Oscars**" and they have thought of every detail. Pull out your best red carpet outfit and join us for a day of fun.

Susan Burnside, Trudy Burnside, Tiia Shred & Christina Maclean are once again representing Ching in the **Curl for the Cure**, a charity bonspiel raising funds for breast & prostate cancer research. Trudy Burnside will be selling tickets on a jacket that she won last year at the spiel as a fund raising effort. The jacket is on display behind the bar. Tickets are \$2 each; 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10. See anyone on the team to get your lucky ticket. Draw to be held Wed. Nov. 23 during BW. If you would like to donate to this great cause, please see anyone from Team Burnside for more details.

The **BW Xmas Nut Sales Fundraiser** will begin shortly. Order forms will be given out the first week in November.

Also, the "**Jewellery Lady**" is coming on Wed. Nov 30th. Mark your calendar; invite your friends.

Don't forget to think about participating in OCA events this year. It is a great way to get out and play at other club as well as experience a little competition. Events are not expensive to play in and the curling is always top notch.

Good luck and good curling.

MEN'S REPORT - Martin Post

Well, another curling season is upon us and it's finally starting to feel like curling weather outside. Early indications are looking like this is going to be another very good, competitive year of curling at Chinguacousy. Once again all draws are completely full and there has already been some outstanding games and good camaraderie amongst all curlers.

I would like to introduce your Men's executive this year and if you have any questions please let one of us know.

Martin Post - League President

Mike Renton - League Vice-President

Martin Woodhouse - Bonspiel Coordinator

Dave Lebel - Assistant Bonspiel Coordinator

George McNally - Treasurer

Glenn Walker - Secretary

Alex McQueen - Men's OCA Events Coordinator

Dave Furness - Past President

Upcoming events to look forward to include the **McKenna's Bonspiel** scheduled for Saturday Nov. 26th, the **Men's 2 on 2** scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, **Dave Carruthers Advanced Curling Clinic**, Tuesday Jan. 10th, the **Energizer Bonspiel** scheduled for Jan 7th - 14th. These events are always a lot of fun so I encourage you to support them with your participation.

In the meantime, good curling.

OCA EVENTS - John Earl

Welcome Curlers to another year of competition. As usual, the OCA events are posted on the bulletin boards down stairs. You will see there are competitions that should interest just about anyone - from Juniors to Seniors, Ladies, Business Women, Mens, and Mixed.

As usual, you are responsible for signing up your own team. Just put your team particulars on the sign-up sheets. I will post cut-off dates and entry money will be required before you are entered.

If you have any questions, ask anyone on your executive or give me a call, or catch me at the Club. (905-455-8840) or jearl0530@rogers.com

We have been very lucky to have had great representation from our Club over the years. The OCA events represent some of the best curling in the province and our Zone is known for its quality of curling.

All OCA women's & mixed sign up sheets are posted just outside the women's change room. The OCA men's are posted beside the men's bulletin board. Note the sign up deadlines.

Also, if you have any questions on OCA rules, let me know and I will get you an answer.

Good luck and good curling

YOUTH REPORT - *Dave Pritchard*

Juniors and Little Rocks are off and running (curling). There are 51 Junior curlers this year (a full "house") but someone better start having babies...There are only about 25 Little Rockers in two sessions. Ching prepares for the Pepsi Junior Men and Women's Zone playdowns (November 18-20) and is sending two Junior Womens teams.

Team 1 *Joanna Earl, Sarah Muma, Christine Psaila, and Heather Hiscock* coached by *Rik Aikman*. Team 2 *Meagan Trevail, Danielle Miron, Jeanne Miron, and Frances Pritchard* coached by *Dave Pritchard*. Little Rocks will be starting the **Ontario Skills Award Program** later this year. The instructors welcome all of our young curlers back and wish them "good curling" this season.

MONDAY NIGHT JUNIORS - *Rik Aikman*

Our Monday Night Junior League is very popular again this year. Despite losing several players from last year's roster who have moved on to college or university, we have gained several new curlers. We have 51 curlers registered for our 5:15 – 6:45 time slot on Monday evenings. We welcome 38 returning curlers and a special Ching welcome to our 13 new juniors; some moving up from Little Rocks, some moving over from other clubs, some joining us after curling with their high schools, and some curling for the first time.

We will be curling every Monday night until March 27th, with the exception of December 26th, January 2nd and March 13th. We are presently planning our **3rd annual skills Competition, Turkey Shoot, 2-on-2** day for January 2nd, from noon to 5 p.m., and our **playoff finals and awards night** on March 27th. Our **Annual Adult-Junior Bonspiel** is also in the works, tentatively scheduled for March 18th. We are also hoping to hold a few 'teaching' sessions on Wednesdays, with the first one scheduled for November 2nd.

OPENING CURL CANADA CLINIC

The numbers were smaller, but the enthusiasm was high. About 25 novice & intermediate curlers took part in the opening clinic conducted by *Juli Roslin, Agnes McNally & Les Kovacs*. They were aided by instructors extraordinaire *Rik Aikman, Tim McGaugh, George McNally, Don Smith, Dave Pritchard & Barney Joosten*. We thank them for their time & their expertise for giving up a Saturday to help our curlers.

The smaller numbers may have been caused by the lack of proper advertising of the date for the members. We apologize for those who missed the clinic & promise to remedy that for next season.

REVIEW CLINICS

We have set up some dates for technical review clinics and *Dave Carruthers* will be conducting an advanced strategy session in January.

Sunday November 20/05	1:00 – 3:00 pm	technical
Sunday December 4/05	1:00 – 3:00 pm	technical
Tuesday January 10/06	TBA	advanced strategy by Dave Carruthers
Sunday January 22/06	1:00 – 3:00 pm	technical
Sunday February 12/06	1:00 – 3:00 pm	technical

Signs will be posted on the bulletin board in the lounge. Please sign up if you intend to attend, so ice availability & instructors can be arranged.

Also, remember that at any time if you need individual instruction, just call myself (416-741-7344) or jroslin@rogers.com to arrange a time. We are most willing to help to improve your game.

NEWSBITERS . . .

It's that time of the curling season again when the first issue of the Ching Chatter is published. This is your club newsletter. Please send any notices or articles of interest to Juli Roslin or Stu Scheffer or you can leave it in the Board's mail slot in the kitchen. We especially like to know how you fared at any bonspiels you attended. Anyone going to the Olympic Trials? We would like to share your experiences.

CURL FOR CHILDREN BONSPIEL

Dave & Gail Carruthers are organizing a charity bonspiel for the Children's Bridge Foundation. It helps children in orphanages with educational & medical support. The children in China, Korea, India, Vietnam & Kazitstan are helped by the proceeds raised by this Foundation & 100% of it will reach them. So come out & support this very worthy cause. Signs will be posted in the lounge.
Saturday February 18/06 Chinguacousy C.C. 9 & 11 am draws
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Fee: \$160/team (open team entry)
Chinese Theme Silent Auction, Fun Festivities during day
Two 8-end games Contact Dave Carruthers for further info.

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Secretary - Glen Walker
Bonspiel Co-ordinators - Martin Woodhouse & Dave Lebel

Mixed Committee

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Thurs – Ed Mathewson & Laurie James
Friday 7 pm – Christina & Ian Maclean, Mike Gnoyke
Friday 9 pm – Joe & Wendy Bodhaine
Sunday – Phil & Lori Hookey