



Between the Sheets

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The weather has finally turned cold, we have just completed the first week of league play and our curling season is officially underway! The pre-season has been a busy one in terms of activities and projects at the club.

Thanks to the generosity of the Trillium Foundation grant program, we were granted close to \$50,000. We now have a new steel roof on the club that will last for many years and as well we were able to make significant repairs to the foundation of the clubhouse portion of the facility. Without Trillium support we would not have been able to contemplate a roofing system that would provide the longevity that the new roof will.

The foundation work had to be completed. There was some discovery work at the north-east corner of the clubhouse foundation that was repaired by Porter's Historical Restoration at the same time. The Trillium grant, to do that work, meant that we were able to direct club savings to other very necessary projects that will help ensure that we have a safe and sound building for the next number of years.

Damage to the floor and drywall of the bar area of the clubhouse was undertaken as part of the renovation of the bar. A good portion of the cost of the project involved replacing drywall and paneling and re-doing the sub-floor that had rotted over the years. This involved testing for asbestos content and asbestos removal – both expensive exercises. The total cost of the bar renovation was approximately \$8,500 of which \$4,000 was directly the result of the repairs and replacement of the floor and walls. New cabinets and hardware were purchased from Lowes for \$1,500, countertops from Rona Cornwall for \$500, the electrical was all re-worked by Garry McDougall Electric (\$1,200). The balance of the cost was for a variety of smaller items, bar sink, plumbing, trim work etc. The much-needed replacement of the north side emergency exit doors was also undertaken. This led to the discovery of some additional damage, that Porter's repaired at that time.

On the activity front, Rose MacCulloch organized a very successful "Drink and Draw" evening September 24th, conducted by local artist, and club member, Chelsea Hope. There was a full house in attendance (62 budding artists) and 62 new pieces of art left the building at the end of a very enjoyable evening. Rose and Chelsea are planning another similar event in the very near future.

The Director's Dinner was a sellout as well. Good food and the music of the County Lads made for a memorable evening. The second annual Swing and Sweep benefited from wonderful weather and fast true ice. 54 golfing curlers turned out for the event with the overall winners being the team of Lyle Ross, Ken Cave, Sandra French and Raynald Legros. Hats off to Taffy for ice that was in mid-season form.

Our second season of the Adult Learn to Curl Program is also well under way. Bernie Filiatreault is leading this effort, and once again a great deal of interest has been shown with 17 registered L2C participants. The program will run until the Christmas break – so you'll be seeing new names and faces on the league schedules in the new year. Enjoy the season!

Upcoming Events

The Ladies Invitational Bonspiel is fast approaching as is our Mixed Invitational on November 18 & 19. The Martintown Parks and Recreation are renting the club for a bonspiel on November 26, 2016. It is an open bonspiel and Sherry Davis is the convenor and she would love it if some of the Lancaster curling club members would put in teams. Please contact Sherry as soon as possible so she can plan **613-360-1946**. We will have a calendar of events posted soon.

The Turkey Bonspiel will be on December 1 & 3 (Thursday & Saturday). There will be a signup sheet prior to the event.

Ashley Lapierre, Convenor of the Junior Program tells us that the Junior Program begins this Sunday, October 30th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. They are having a Halloween themed program on Sunday and ask that if anyone comes to join them, that they bring peanut free snacks. Friends are welcome. They are having registration as well and again on Sunday, November 6th. Registration is \$60 and she invites anyone to join in the age group 6 to 12. If you plan on attending this Sunday or you know of someone who is, please call Ashley in advance at **613-577-4154**.



November 1st is fast approaching and we need you to register for the season. If you haven't registered yet, please complete the registration form attached in the email or on the website. It is very important for everyone to register and pay in order for convenors to continue to be able to organize their leagues. Please complete and drop off your membership forms at the club. There is a mail slot for membership forms to be dropped off. If you have questions, contact Elaine Warden at elainewarden@hotmail.com



Keep watching the bulletin board and the easel for any upcoming events. We hope to have a few more non-curling events as well through the season. Possibly another euchre tournament or Grey Cup Party so stay tuned!

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Other Tidbits



Smart Serve Training is scheduled for November 12th at 1:00 p.m. There are just a few spots left so if you are interested in taking the course please let Bill Hughes know right away at whughes22000@gmail.com or at 347-7076. The course will be held in the club room at the curling club.



The website is up and running and continues to expand. Most of the schedules are posted and we are working on the new membership list for 2016/2017. If you are a convenor of a bonspiel and wish to have a poster or information on the site, please send it to Bernie Filiatreault at bernief@planterra.ca

We try to keep our members and interested individuals from the public aware of our club activities through our Facebook page. Please visit our page and "like" it and you receive notifications of our events and stories. It is a great way to promote our club in the community! <https://www.facebook.com/LancasterCurling/>



Next Generation Curlers?

We had quite a few new young members last season who played on Wednesday nights. 3 of those first-year members became Moms just after the close of the season. Have a look at the next generation of curlers! We are glad these 3 Moms are back to join us again this year.

Left: Taryn Grace Winchester, April 11th born to Alana & Jesse Winchester

Middle: Rosalie Claire Vanderburg, April 23rd, born to Jessie & Jimmy Vanderburg

Right: Brynn Elizabeth MacCulloch, May 19th, born to Alison & Brad MacCulloch.