



Glenmore Gazette

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With contributions from Stanley Fong, Teresa Mihalik, Jenn Doyle, Bob Savard and Kevin O'Connor. Photos courtesy Pierre Couturier.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help serve snacks and maintain the ice for the following events:

Lakeshore February 19-20 & 26-27
Mixed Regional playdowns March 12-20

If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Cindy Kyle.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Kim Harper and John Linton on the birth of their daughter Victoria Anne, born Wednesday February 2nd and weighing 8lbs 5oz.

KURLING FOR KIDS

By Stanley Fong

The 2005 edition of Kurling for Kids is taking place Saturday, March 19th, 2005. This year, 4 clubs are hosting funspiels to raise money for the Hopital Ste-Justine and Montreal Children's Hospital. The Glenmore event last year raised over \$7500 and this year, we're hoping to top that amount. Our overall goal is \$35,000 amongst the 4 clubs, and we're already 1/3 of the way there with our corporate sponsorships!

This year, we're hoping to have a celebrity team come out and play. We're currently working on getting a CHOM 97.7 team to come out and join us for some curling fun.

Signup will be going up shortly, so get your teams ready! Once again this year, the cost to play in the Bonspiel is \$25 per person, which includes 2 games of curling, lunch and dinner. We're also asking each of our curlers to raise money (minimum \$50) by seeking donations from sponsors. For those who donate \$5, they will receive a raffle ticket for our grand prize draw. For those donating \$10, they will get 3 raffle tickets.

We have some great prizes this year:

Grand Prize: Roundtrip airfare to Paris, France + \$500 spending money

2nd prize: Dell Pentium 4 with flat panel monitor

3rd prize: Via 1 tickets to Toronto, with a weekend at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel

4th prize: \$500 Ultramar gas coupons

5th prize: Full day spa treatment

Plus there will be many door prizes to hand out, and a special draw for top fundraisers!!

GET YOUR TEAM READY!!! LOOK FOR THE MAIN SIGNUP TO SIGN UP YOUR TEAM!

Contact Stanley Fong or RJ Awasthi for more details: Stan1020@hotmail.com or rj_a@hotmail.com

RESULTS

Kurling for Kids Poker Night

The 2nd edition of the Kurling for Kids poker night was another huge success. 35 poker players gathered together to play some poker, but also to raise funds for the Kurling for Kids charity. The event raised a total of \$855 for the charity, and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Archie Manavian (for letting us use his house!) and Stanley Fong for co-organizing the event, and a special thanks to all the players who came out and supported the cause.

Calcutta

By Kevin O'Connor

The 2005 Calcutta was well-attended, with 84 curlers combining to form 21 teams. The auction was once again a great success, in no small part due to John Gurman's superb auctioning skills. The auction, exactas, win & show tickets and players pool raised a combined total of \$1,500 for the club. A big thank you to all who participated!

Although the competition is intense and there is money on the line, it is always good to see the spirit of curling shining through. On Thursday night, Pierre Couturier was stuck in traffic and was going to be over 30 minutes late. As I was getting ready to make a decision about how long to wait before starting the game with a three-person team, Raymond Roy, the opposition skip, approached me and asked if there was any way we could wait until Pierre got there as he felt it was the only fair thing to do under the circumstances. Kudos on the fair play, Raymond!

The Calcutta finals were on Saturday, January 29th. Sylvain Proulx pulled out an extraordinary victory over Glenn Eady in the "A" final. Sylvain is now the two-time defending champion.

The final results:

"A" winner – Sylvain Proulx, Frank Tonchin, Rahul Majumdar, Diane German
"B" winner – Karl Gustafson, James Maillet, Benoit Forget, Phil Stick

"C" winner – Tim Colby, Henri Emond, Don Wood and Andrew Goertzen

"D" winner – Gerry Fournier, Hector Kyle, Joanne Daigneault, Cindy Goertzen.

There are still a couple of winning win and show tickets outstanding, as well an exacta. The winning team was #14, and the show tickets were for teams 3, 4, 8 and 14. The outstanding exacta was for the Thursday 7pm game (ticket #12). You have until March 1st to collect your money.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the event fun for everyone, especially my wife, Helen.



Sylvain contemplates the next shot...



The spectators are transfixed...

Fillies

Glenmore's own Holly Arsenault, Laura Thomas, Teresa Mihalik and Guelena Chanchourova won both their games in the Fillies.

Their first game was a close one; tied 6-6 in 8th end, Holly and her team mates were able

to pull it out in the extra end, winning 8-6. Their second game was a much more lopsided affair, with the opposition shaking hands after 7 ends with a score of 9 to 1. A big win for Glenmore!

Next step: February 20th, the ladies will play in the regional Fillies in St. Lambert. If they win the game there, they go on to play versus Ontario on March 20th in Lachine. Good luck!

UPCOMING EVENTS – JANUARY

Café Glenmore

Valentine's Day dinner, Friday February 11th, hosted by the Day Curlers. Tickets are \$10.

Jell-O bonspiel

The Jell-O Spiel will run on Wednesday, March 2nd, Friday, March 4th and Saturday, March 5th with dinner and dancing Saturday night. We are trying a new format this year by having individual sign-up only, with the option of bringing a guest who can play lead on your team. The cost is \$20 per player, including dinner. Dinner-only sign-up is \$10. The sign-up sheet is by the door upstairs at the "Ice Entrance". Thanks again for participating this year. Let's make it another successful spiel!

Intermediate

The intermediate will be once again be held on Easter Weekend, March 23rd to 27th. Any Glenmore teams wishing to participate must send their entries by e-mail to bobsavard@hotmail.com. No entries will be accepted verbally and no sign up will be in affect as this is an outside bonspiel.

Warning: It will be on first come first served basis as no outside teams will be turned away. Therefore only a minimum number of Glenmore teams will be accepted. So please get your entries in as soon as possible so not to be disappointed.

Men's Provincials

The Quebec Men's Provincials gets underway this week in Grand-Mere, QC. Glenmore has two members participating in the elite event, with the winner going to represent Quebec at the Brier. Our best wishes to Tom Wharry and Martin Roy and their respective teams! You can follow the action online at <http://www.curlinggrandmere.com/cpcm2005/>

Branch Colts

For those male curlers with 5 or less years experience, the Branch Colts event is for you! The first stage of qualifying starts Saturday March 12, 2005, and the deadline to submit your entry form is February 28th. Get your teams set, and submit your entry form! Forms can be found on the main bulletin board in the upstairs lounge.

McCallum Filly - Hamilton Shield

Feb. 15-16 - Centre 1 & 2 Playdowns
Whitlock & Royal Montreal
Feb. 20 - District Playdowns, St. Lambert
Mar. 6 - Championship Winchester C.C.
Closing Date - Jan. 27, 2005

List of Upcoming Events

Governor Generals, Feb 5-6, Border
Doug Washer Junior Mens Feb 5-7,
Baie D'Urfé
Coupe Desjardins Provincial Mens
Feb 7-14
Governor Generals finals Feb 12-13,
Ottawa
Masters Provincials Feb 15-21,
Asbestos
Lakeshore bonspiel Feb 19-27
LCA McCallum Fillies District Feb
19-20, TMR
Branch Seniors Feb 20, Otterburn
Doug Washer 2nd Stage Feb 26-28,
Otterburn
LCA Evening Ladies Challenge Feb
26-27, Mtl West
Branch Seniors 2nd Stage Mar 4-7,
Whitlock

Junior Teen Mixed Mar 5-7, Royal
Mtl
Lady Gilmour Mar 5-7, Rosemere
Brier Mar 5-13, Edmonton
Lady Gilmour 2nd Stage Mar 8-11,
Asbestos
Mixed Regional playdowns Mar 12-
20
Colts Mar 12-17, various clubs

CCA PRESS RELEASES

Gushue first skip to qualify for Tim Hortons Brier

February 6, 2005...Brad Gushue of St. John's became the first skip to qualify for the Tim Hortons Brier, March 5-13 in Edmonton, when he successfully defended his Newfoundland and Labrador Labatt Tankard crown Sunday in Corner Brook, defeating former provincial champion Mark Noseworthy, 5-4 in the final.

Noseworthy and Gushue had finished tied for first in the 10-team round robin with 7-2 marks, but Noseworthy was accorded first and a bye to the final by virtue of his 8-6 win during the round robin. That meant Gushue had to defeat Ken Peddigrew, which he did, 6-4 in Saturday's semi-final, prior to today's rematch with Noseworthy. Ironically, Gushue defeated Noseworthy in last year's provincial final as well.

Gushue is joined by his St. John's Curling Club teammates Mark Nichols, Jamie Korab and Keith Ryan, who has replaced Mark Ward as the lead this year. Last December, the foursome won the Canada Cup East in Ottawa to earn a spot in the Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials, December 3-11 in Halifax.

The 24-year-old Gushue will be making his third consecutive Brier appearance, as will Nichols and Korab. Ryan makes his second appearance, after skipping Newfoundland to a 1-10 mark at the 2001 Nokia Brier in

Ottawa. At last year's Brier in Saskatoon, Gushue finished fourth with an 8-4 record, losing the Page Playoff 3 vs 4 game to British Columbia's Jay Peachey.

Nichols skipped Newfoundland and Labrador to victory last November at the 2005 Canadian Mixed in Prince Albert.

Gushue, who holds the Canadian junior men's record for most appearances (6), most appearances as skip (5) and most game wins (38), will be trying to become only the second skip to win both the Canadian Juniors and Brier, joining Alberta's Kevin Martin, who won the 1985 Juniors and the 1991 and 1997 Briers. Gushue won the 2001 Canadian and world junior titles.

Newfoundland and Labrador has one Brier win to its credit, that by Jack MacDuff in 1976 in Regina.

Countdown to the 2005 Tim Hortons Brier

JANUARY 26, 2005... The countdown to the first Tim Hortons Brier, March 5-13 at Rexall Place in Edmonton, begins February 1 when the Newfoundland and Labrador men's championship gets underway in Corner Brook.

By February 14, all teams for the 76th Canadian Men's Curling Championship will be determined after the completion of six Labatt Tankards (New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northern Ontario, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and NWT/Yukon), the Safeway Select in Manitoba, Saskatchewan's SaskTel Mobility Tankard, Kia Cups in Ontario and Alberta and provincial men's championships in British Columbia and Quebec.

Tim Hortons, the largest quick service restaurant chain in Canada, announced its three-year Brier sponsorship agreement, with a three-year option, last September, a package which also includes title

sponsorship of the 2005 Canadian Curling Trials in Halifax this December. Also new to the Brier this year is \$130,000 from 'cresting revenue' to be distributed to the four Page Playoff teams - \$40,000 to the first and second place teams, \$30,000 to third and \$20,000 to fourth.

The Canadian Curling Association website (www.curling.ca) will provide summaries of each championship as the winners are declared.

Date / Province/Terr / Location

Feb. 1-6/Newfoundland & Labrador/Corner Brook Curling Club, Corner Brook

Feb. 2-6/New Brunswick/Moncton Curlers Association, Moncton

Feb. 3-6/British Columbia/Smithers Curling Club, Smithers

Feb. 4-8/Nova Scotia/Bridgewater CC, Bridgewater

Feb. 7-13/Ontario/Iroquois Park Sports Centre, Whitby

Feb. 7-13/Quebec/Aréna de Grand-Mère, Grand-Mère

Feb. 8-12/Northern Ontario/Cobalt-Haileybury CC, Haileybury

Feb. 9-13/Alberta/Innisfail Arena, Innisfail

Feb. 9-13/Manitoba/Selkirk Arena, Selkirk

Feb. 9-13/Saskatchewan/Melfort Arena, Melfort

Feb. 9-14/Prince Edward Island/Maple Leaf Curling Club, O'Leary

Feb. 10-13/NWT/Yukon/Yellowknife CC, Yellowknife

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