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KURLING FOR KIDS

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The 13th annual Kurling For Kids bonspiel took place at four clubs (doubling from 2 the past two years) on Saturday March 19, 2005. There were over 256 curlers that came out to have a good time and raise money for the Montreal Children's and Ste-Justine's Children's hospitals.

The goal this year was to raise \$35,000, which would be evenly divided between the two hospitals. Ste-Justine's was going to use that money to purchase electric beds for the oncology department for children who are sick with cancer. Montreal Children's was going to purchase raised pulse oximeters for acutely ill newborn infants, to be used in their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

The event at Glenmore marked the first time we were sold-out. The event was overbooked this year and we were able to accommodate 80 curlers. A replacement team was put together to replace the CHOM FM celebrity team that had other commitments and could only stay for one game.

The event was run out of four clubs this year (TMR, Glenmore, Lachine and St-Lambert). The efforts of everyone allowed us to raise \$50,000. The Glenmore community helped raise \$15,000, which is more than what we raised the first two years combined. The top fundraisers at the Glenmore event were:

- Serge Duguay
- Barbara Tomasini
- Sandra Monaghan

Everyone had a great time, even those who wiped out on the ice. I am sure that Dan and Edgar can tell you if they are still sore. It's unfortunate we only had one massage to give out, graciously donated by Jo-Ann Hamelin. Dan was the lucky recipient of the prize for his spectacular triple takeout (and he didn't even throw the rock... so you can only imagine!!).

The team of Wet Sheets won this year's event. They needed a last minute spare as one of their members was passing a kidney stone and couldn't be there to play. Sylvain

Proulx joined the team of three greens and made champions out of them.

- 1st – Wet Sheets (Sylvain Proulx, Kevin Doskas, Robert Robinson, Alain Roy);
- 2nd – Castelstones (Bernard Castellon, Ed Comeau, Maria Santella, André Gravel / Lewis South);
- 3rd – Ness & His Hair'Em (Daryl Ness, Beth Robertson, Tanya Magotiaux, Joan McCrimmon).

Here is a list of the people that provided us with items that we were able to award as door prizes to our curlers:

- Andre Ferland for donating three Performance brooms;
- Barbara Tomasini for getting prizes from Mercer Human Resources;
- Casino de Montreal for graciously donating prizes;
- CHOM and MIX 96 for providing us with CDs, DVDs and movie passes;
- Debbie DeRoy (CryoCath), Sandra Monaghan (Tenaquip), Maria Santella (Ciot), Bernard Castellon (National Ceramics), Melanie Cameron (Jebco), Serge Duguay (Scotia McLeod) for getting their companies on board with various sponsorship packages;
- Helen Chanfat for donating various door prizes;
- Jo-Ann Hamelin for donating a massage session;
- Lucie Guillemette for getting us various last minute door prizes from Air Canada;
- Mike Cormier (organiser out of St. Lambert) for donating the stuffed animals that Caramel gave out to the kids;
- Olson Canada for donating four broom bags;
- Paolo Di Vito for donating one night stay and breakfast at Auberge Universel Montreal;

- Sanjay Brij for donating the golf caps and towels from Visible Golf;
- Steve Di Vito for donating one night stay and breakfast at Days Inn Montreal.

The list of people to thank is the list I dread the most. I dread it because I am afraid of missing someone, but that is not my intention. I apologise in advance if I missed someone. Here goes:

- Dean Sansom, Jacques Labelle – tending bar while we waited for the bartender to arrive;
- Shirley Hopkins, Judy Boisvert, Randy & Andrea White, Fred & Patsy Jennings, Holly Arsenault, Kevin Raftery, Debbie DeRoy and whoever I missed – for the help in the kitchen throughout the day;
- The Knights of the round tables (my way of not missing anyone's name) – those that help set the tables and chairs, you know who you are;
- Kendra Griffiths – for watching the registration desk when Stan and I could not be there;
- Rashmi Awasthi – for handling the Tupperware, setting up the prize table and taking care of four kids (mine and those of my lead);
- Rakesh Awasthi – for taking the team pictures and having them back at the club before everyone had their supper;
- Joanne Kerr – for helping set out the prizes;
- Barbara Tomasini – for understanding, managing the registration and for taking the responsibility of preparing the scoreboards off my shoulders after the committee appointed me the dubious task for all four clubs in my absence from a meeting;
- Kevin Raftery – for keeping score and staying until the end cleaning up in the kitchen, your help in this event was above and beyond what we could have expected from someone

that didn't even curl. "Thank you" just doesn't cut it... but what else can we say!!

- Stanley Fong – being my partner in crime and making sure we had dinner for everyone that came out to our event, the event would not have been as successful as it was without your help!!
- My kids – for not driving me crazy and behaving all day long... 12 hours can be a long day for kids, but they were superb!!
- Everyone at the club on Saturday for coming out, having a good time, for helping and raising the funds that you did... there... I didn't miss anyone!!

I am already looking forward to 2006. It took us seven attempts before we could raise \$50,000 as a one-year total. Let's not wait that long to reach the next level... \$100,000!!!

RESULTS

Fillies

The Branch Fillies are for women's teams with seven or less years experience curling. Congratulations to our winners from Glenmore; Holly Arsenault, Laura Thomas, Teresa Mihalik and Guelena Chanchourova. This team won the regional in Montreal, and then went on to play teams in Ontario and finished in 2nd place in Winchester. Great showing girls! Way to go!

Branch Colts

The Branch Colts took place from March 12 to 20 in and around the Montreal area. Glenmore had four teams entered in this men's event for curlers with up to five years experience. Skipping the teams were Russell D'Silva, Marc Don, Frank Tonchin and Stanley Fong. Out of 33 teams who entered, four would win spots to go on to the

2nd stage at Cornwall on April 1-3. Congrats to the Glenmore team of Stanley Fong, Mike Whittingham, Jeremy Labrecque and Dickie Young for winning one of the four qualifying spots and making it to the 2nd stage. Good luck in Cornwall!!! Bring home the banner!!!

Lakeshore

Seventy-five teams participated in this spiel; games were played at all seven Lakeshore clubs, from February 19-27.

The winners are:

Event A: Rollie. Paquin - Glenmore
Event B: Mike Fournier – Lachine
Event C: Trottier - Ste-Anne
Event D: Michel Chevrier - Ste-Anne
Event E: Martin - Baie d'Urfé
Event F: Cox - Hudson Legion
Event G Louis St-Laurent - Glenmore.

Michel Gosselin would like to thank all the volunteers (Lise Gosselin, Luc Guay, Kevin O'Connor) and the kitchen staff (Helen Chanfat, Joan McCallum & Yves Lanthier). The bonspiel went well with your help. Thank you all.

Jello spiel

Jenn Doyle would like to thank all the participants of the 3rd annual Jello Spiel. As in the past two years, it was a great success. It is never possible without the help of great volunteers such as Dawn Sheppard, Jo-Ann Hamelin, Sandra Monaghan, Sylvain Proulx, Stanley Fong, Angie Kyle, Cindy Kyle, Kevin O'Connor, Kevin and Katie Rafferty, Billy Sheppard, Dickie Young, Jimmy and Agnes Savard, Rj Awasthi. Apologies to any other volunteers not mentioned here.

Everyone was very welcoming to the new format of this spiel and as a result there were three close winning teams.

1st place - John Adams, Tracey Strunga, Glen Sampson and Patsy Jennings
2nd place - Jimmy Savard, James Maillet, Phil Martin and Tracey Cameron

3rd place - Russel D'Silva, John Linton, Bob Cliffe and Andrea White

There were 20 full teams and hopefully we can top that next year. It was great to see the mix of new and experienced players playing together. Thank you all and don't forget to mark this spiel on your calendar for next year.

Whitaker Lakeshore Trophy

Congratulations to the Glenmore ladies who won the Whitaker Lakeshore Trophy, with the final game played March 3rd at Pointe-Claire. Those who contributed to the wins were Cecile Gravel, Maria Braunwell, Germaine Olson, Lynne Meacher and the three skips, Vicky Buckland, Martha Don and Ruth Downard.

LCA Coronation Trophy

Congratulations to the two Glenmore rinks who made it to the finals at the Lachine C.C., March 10th. It was a rematch of last year's final with Martha Don's team of Ruth Downard, Germaine Olson and Cecile Gravel defeating Gail Moorcroft's team of Isabel Skalos, Lee Sleno and Maria Braunwell. It was a good showing by both teams and it's nice to have the trophy back in our showcase.

Mixed Regionals

Glenmore hosted the Mixed Regional Playdowns from March 12-20. Glenmore had nine teams out of 21 entered and had a team in every section final. Congratulations to Sylvain Proulx and Mac Baines' teams for making it all the way to the "C" semi-finals; it was just too bad that they had to play against each other for the "C" final spot.

Cindy Kyle received many compliments about how nice the ice was and would like to thank Karl, Louis and Ed for doing such a great job. She also received compliments on the food and snacks for after the draws (thank you to those who helped here with the food preparation and serving Angie, Linda, Michael, Debbie, Fran, Ed, Jimmy,

Agnes, Guelena, Laura, Archie, Bill, Patsy and Andrea).

The qualifying teams going to the Mixed Provincials this year in Lachine (April 11-17) are:

"A" - M. Berthelot (Boucherville)

"B" - M. Fournier (Lachine)

"C" - L. Boissonneault (Longue Pointe)

Congratulations to the winners and to Glenmore for such a strong showing. Let's do it again next year. Thank you once again to all the volunteers, without you this would not have been a successful and smooth event.

St. Patrick's Day Café Glenmore

On March 18th, the annual St. Patrick's Day Café Glenmore took place. Always well attended, this event had more than 90 people come and enjoy a fantastic Irish Beef Stew and Irish Cream cheesecake prepared by our own Andrew Bannister. Thanks go to Dawn Sheppard for her decorations, and all the people who helped make the evening a fun time. For those interested, Andrew Bannister does catering for events or parties. Consider him to prepare your food for your next event!

Jackson Trophy

Four Glenmore teams played in the Jackson on March 24th and all four won their games. Congratulations to all who participated. Teams were Gail Moorcroft, Kay Kane, Shirley Hopkins and Sharon Powell; Fran Shield, Lois Baines, Lee Sleno and Patsy Jennings; Martha Don, Mary-Anne Robertson, Lynne Meacher and Cecile Gravel; Ruth Downard, Isabel Skalos, Maria Braunwell and Irma Polegato. This means that next year Glenmore gets to organise the Jackson and hold the closing luncheon. Many volunteers will be needed at the end of February and March, so please offer your services to Lee Sleno, who has accepted to be our new LCA rep for the 2005/06 season.

Intermediate

Well, another Easter weekend has passed and with it our annual Intermediate bonspiel. Here are the results:

- “A” Winner: Dan Lafleur – Buckingham
\$1,300
- “A” Runner-up: Dale Ness – Howick
\$700
- “B” winner: Martin Roy – Glenmore
\$800
- “B” Runner-up: Daniel Paquette – Glenmore
\$400
- “C” Winner: Damien Villard – Galt C.C.
Kitchner, Ont. \$600
- “C” Runner-up: Tom Wharry – Glenmore
\$300
- “D” Winner: Glenn Eady – Glenmore
\$400
- “D” Runner-up: Raymond Roy \$200
- “A” Semi-Finalists: Roland Paquin –
Glenmore \$400
Anthony Meades – Lachine \$400

Congratulations to Laura Thomas from Glenmore went home with a brand new home theatre projector, which was donated by Duocom Canada.

Bob Savard would like to thank Debbie DeRoy, Melaine Cameron, Tracey Strunga, Jo-Ann Hamelin and his beautiful wife Judy for all the help they provided. Also all those who helped out in the kitchen, welcoming table and our two great BBQ chefs Jim Savard and Hector Kyle. A special thanks to Billy Sheppard, Anita Harmath and Russell D’Silva for the great door prizes they donated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Fling

It's almost time to switch from the curling gear to the golf clubs, but before this, it's time to sign up and participate in the Spring Fling, April 24-30. Once again this year's

bonspiel promises to be exciting. There will be lots of curling, good snacks and of course some surprises during the week. We can already tell you that back by popular demand the Hymus Bar's fabulous roast beef will be served on Saturday night and we will have the pleasure to see in action the band "Rebound" both Friday and Saturday nights.

The sign up will come up on April 4th and you can register as an individual or as a team. For the first week, the same rule will be applied as it was in previous years, i.e. you are allowed to invite one guest for each member on a team. The bonspiel will be limited to 40 teams (160 curlers) and we will ask you to pay immediately when you sign in order to confirm your entry. Dinner-only signup will be posted at the same time. The first 40 paid will have their place confirmed for the dinner. All these decisions were taken due to the limited number of people that the club can legally accommodate and to avoid frustrations of the past years as much as possible.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to Sandra and Sylvain, it will be our pleasure to answer you.

Jimmy Savard's All-Night Bash

This event, thought up by Jim Savard, will take place after the Café Glenmore on April 22. Curlers who sign up will form teams and play from Midnight to the early hours on Saturday morning, April 23rd. Breakfast will be included Saturday morning. All this for \$10 per person! Look for the sign-up poster to go up shortly.

Softball

The curling-softball season starts in May. We play against other curling club teams every Friday evening. This is a mixed social league; we try our best, but ultimately this is for FUN!!! Cost should be between \$30-\$40 dollars per player, depending on the price of fields and balls. Open to all members of Glenmore Curling Club. Even

if you played last year, we would appreciate it if you would sign up so that we don't forget to call you. Sign-up sheets are posted in the club. For further info, contact Kevin O'Connor at 514-684-0502 or by e-mail kevin-helen@sympatico.ca

In brief

Colts 2nd stage, April 1-3
Teen mixed 2nd stage, April 2-3
Lady Gilmour 2nd stage, April 8-10
LCA Gillies Wallinford 2nd stage, April 9
Mixed provincials, April 11-17
Ladder playoffs, April 18-22
Café Glenmore – Awards night, April 22
Jimmy Savard's All-night bash, April 22-23
Spring Fling, April 24-30

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!

Thanks again to everyone who contributed articles to the Gazette especially Stanley Fong, without whom the newsletter would often have been only one page long.

See you all next year!

Helen

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