



Glenmore Gazette

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With contributions from Mac Baines and Stanley Fong.

Welcome

Over the summer, the club has seen a lot of improvements. A large portion of the ice shed has been painted and new carpets installed, the locker rooms have been painted, we have a new website, a new roof, a new soda machine, shoe cleaners, we even have lower prices on equipment and draft beer! Many thanks to Barry Evans, John Adams and their dedicated team of volunteers for all their hard work on club maintenance.

A special welcome to our new members. Have you signed up for any leagues? If not, you can always put your name down as a spare. Also, if you missed the October 14 deadline to sign up for TGIF, don't worry because you can still play in the next round. Ready to experience your first bonspiel? Sign up for the Opening Bonspiel, which takes place October 26-29. Details on all these and more are contained in this newsletter.

If you have an article or some photos to contribute to the newsletter, you can e-mail me at kevin-helen@sympatico.ca. If you have any ideas or suggestions or if you'd like to volunteer to translate the newsletter, let me know either by e-mail or if you can find me in the club. I'm usually around on Thursday nights.

Good curling!

Helen Chanfat

Glenmore Gazette Editor



This Year's Board

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Please feel free to stop any of them at the club to discuss any concerns or ideas.



President's message

Fellow Glenmore members,

Welcome to the Glenmore 2005-06 curling season! Here at Glenmore, we pride ourselves on having one of the best curling clubs, if not THE best, in the entire province of Quebec. With our rich history and strong membership, we strive to make the club better and better each year. And this year we have made some significant improvements to the club which we hope will make your curling season that much better.

Once again this year, membership is strong. While we lost some of our long time members to work commitments and moving away, we did have a strong open house and have signed on several new members and we wish them a very warm welcome to Glenmore.

For our new members, you will find that Glenmore has a lot to offer in both the sport aspect of curling as well as the equally important social aspect of curling. And the best way to learn about the club and to enjoy all of its benefits is to GET INVOLVED! Glenmore has several in-club events (bonspiels, social events) all season long, so stay tuned and sign up! Signups are posted on the bulletin and message boards, as well as our new web site.

On behalf of your board of directors, I welcome you all to the Glenmore Curling Club, and I wish you a great season of curling!

Stanley Fong

President, Glenmore Curling Club, 2005-06

Second Vice-president's report

Once again, the "elves" have been busy sprucing up the club while the rest of the members enjoyed their golf and basked in the unusually warm summer sun. Special thanks go out to the following, in no particular order of preference: Ron George, Frank Scott, Al Turner, Andy Smith, Al Mair, John Adams, Bill Foliot, Bill Cox, Larry South, Stanley Fong, Angie Kyle, Cindy Kyle, Debbie DeRoy, Charlotte Arthur, Jo-Ann Hamelin. You can put down your paint brushes and hammers and pick up your curling brooms and enjoy another season of this great game.

Without volunteers, we'd get very little done. There are a few jobs left on the "to-do" list so please don't be shy. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who gave of their time to pass on their wisdom to our future curlers at the clinics: Stanley Fong, Nancy Harvey, Martha Don, Rj Awasthi, Ray Kalita, Bernard Castellon, Peter & Germaine Olson, Joan Maccallum, Shirley Hopkins., Mac Baines, Greg & Lee Sleno. (Again, in no particular order of importance).

On the membership front, we decided to do away with flyers sent by mail and opted for several ads in the local papers. Did you see them? Were they effective? We'll assess that by asking those who come to the open house and any new members who sign up. One consideration for next year is to provide a discount to current members who refer a new paid-up member. This practice was done in the past but was allowed to lapse. Any input on this would be greatly appreciated. My door is always open (watch the wet paint!)

Have a great season and play nice!

Barry Evans

Second Vice-president, Glenmore Curling Club, 2005-06

SUMMER NEWS

New website

Have you seen the new Glenmore website? Tim Colby has been working very hard getting it up and running in time for the new season and everyone agrees that he has done a **fantastic** job. The website is very comprehensive; information available includes:

- League schedules
- Calendar of events
- Photos
- Curling rules
- Member forums (a place to ask questions or make comments and suggestions)
- And much, much more!

You can visit the website at www.glenmorecurling.com. The full-colour version of the Glenmore Gazette is also available on the Glenmore website.

The club has also installed high speed wireless internet, so if you have a laptop with a wireless card you'll be able to access the Internet at the club. Contact Tim Colby for instructions on what you need to configure to get access.

If you have any suggestions or comments for the web, send them to Tim Colby at glenmore@tcmp.ca

Curling Softball League

Summer 2005 once again saw Glenmore members take up their mitts and play ball against other curling club teams. The Dodgers and Geese ended the season 1-13 and 4-10, respectively. More importantly, the season ended with a new curling club finally taking home the trophies; Baie D'Urfé won both the regular season and the playoffs, leaving the Lachine Samis to cry in their beer.



Photo courtesy Cindy Earl

Next year we hope to have enough people signup to play to create a third Glenmore team.

Open House

The annual Glenmore Open House was held on September 23 and 24 and it was a huge success. As per the norm, the Friday night was mainly returning members coming back to sign up their teams and have a drink or two at the bar and get re-acquainted with other members. However, we also were able to sign up 12 new members (paid in full!).

On Saturday, we had a steady stream of newcomers throughout the day, some just coming in for information about the club and others to sign up for the free clinic. We added 8 new sign-ups for the free clinic with an additional 6 or 8 more interested. So potentially, Glenmore could have as many as 26 to 28 new members this coming season.



RESULTS

The Circuit Provincial curling season is well under way, with several Glenmore teams playing for big dollars! No less than three cashspiels have taken place already! Below are the results.

Boucherville

(September 11-18)

Glenmore teams dusted off their curling brooms, put on their shoes and found their curling gear (maybe a little tighter than the last time they put it own).

There were in 6 teams that had Glenmore members on them:

M Briand (L-P) - M Roy, P Couturier, A Osseyrane - Lost in the A semis. Close!!

M Raby (Ott/Glenmore) - A Guillemette, R Majumdar, C Pollice -- Won the B

R Roy (Glenmore) - C Hugman, J Savard, not sure who -- made their last game interesting... so close, Jimmy!!

T Wharry (Glenmore) - M McLory, Y Lanthier, M Whittingham -- lost in the C semis

T Colby (Glenmore) - E Lessard, J-F Leclerc, A Goertzen -- let's just say they won money!

M Don (Glenmore) - S Fong, B Cliffe, R Awasthi, D Sansom -- felt good just playing

A Lanthier (Glenmore) - Elaine D, and two curlers I don't know -- just happy to be curling again!

My favourite quote of the bonspiel... "hey... that's more money than I won all of last season"! And no the quote wasn't from Tim's team!

Longue-Pointe

Seniors (September 23-25)

- A Winner: Claude Bergeron (Laval-sur-Lac)
Finalist: Rollie Paquin, (Glenmore)
- B Winner: Jacques Dufresne (Amos)
Finalist: G Bouillon (Victoria)
Semi-Finalist: Louis St-Laurent (Glenmore)
- C Winner: C Guay (Victoria)
Finalist: Raymond Roy (Glenmore).

Open (September 25-October 2)

- Team Proulx - 'B' Finalist
- Team Wharry - 'C' Winner
- Team Don - 'B' Semi-finalist

Border Oktoberfest Open

(October 7-9, 2005)

- Team Wharry was a semi-finalist
- Team Lanthier made the consolation round, but I hear enjoyed the party!

Congrats to all the teams!!!

Glenmore has also hosted a cashpiel:

Indian Summer – Seniors

(October 6 – 9)

This bonspiel was off to a rough start, as high temperatures on Thursday resulted in bad ice. However nobody was complaining by Friday and the ice was excellent Saturday and Sunday. Twenty-four teams competed for cash prizes. As this was the 30th anniversary of the Indian Summer Bonspiel, all the curlers received a complimentary t-shirt with a Bonspiel logo to commemorate the event. The club was full all day with teams and curlers enjoying the competition and the free sandwich lunch. The round robin format kept most of the competitors at the club until midnight Saturday, waiting to see who qualified for the "wild-card" slots. As expected, the best teams qualified and the elimination rounds on Saturday went very well, bolstered by the smoked meat sandwiches that were served for lunch. The winner was Jean-Marie Bouchard and his team from Longue Pointe. They beat Jean-Marc McSween in the final, 9 to 5 with an excellent shot for four in the 7th end. You can find all the details of the games and the winners on the Glenmore website. Mac would particularly like to thank Tim Colby for designing an exceptional web site and keeping all the game scores and information up to date for those who followed the competition from the comfort of their homes. In fact, due to Tim's speedy updates of our website, the final scores and prize winners were published on Gerry "Soupy" Campbell's national weekly bonspiel report before Mac had a chance to contact Soupy himself! Curlers can sign up for Soupy's weekly report by e-mailing him at soupy47@telus.net.

For those interested in playing in some tournaments, go to the Glenmore website at www.glenmorecurling.com and click on Bonspiels to find out about cashspiels, Branch

events, and in-club fun bonspiels! Also be sure to check out Glenmore bulletin boards for upcoming events and bonspiels from other clubs!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Indian Summer – Equinox

(October 13 – 16)

24-team competition for cash and prizes

3 games guaranteed;

30th Anniversary t-shirt for all participants;

Post-game snacks after each draw;

Friday pizza supper provided;

Lunch on Saturday and Sunday;

Winners' prize: \$800! Total purse: \$3,100!

Opening Bonspiel

(October 26 – 29)

The first in-club bonspiel at Glenmore is the Opening Bonspiel. Always a fun time, new members can get their first taste of a Glenmore event and also meet new friends! The sign up sheet is on the board in the upstairs lounge near the entrance to the ice. Sign up today!

Mixed Classic

(November 11 & 12)

The Glenmore Curling Club is hosting its first Mixed Classic cashspiel this November!

Here's what's included:

Two 8-end games guaranteed;

Friday night snack;

Saturday snacks and dinner;

Music and dancing Saturday night!

Preferred starting draws:

Friday, 7:00 pm and Saturday, 12:45 pm;

Friday, 9:15 pm and Saturday, 2:45 pm.

Saturday, 8:30 am and 5:00 pm.

Saturday, 10:30 am and 7:00 pm.

Registration deadline is November 5th, 2005. Contact Dickie Young for additional information.

Café Glenmore

(November 4)

Oktoberfest. This tasty sausage dinner is hosted by the Day-curlers. Sign-ups will be posted in the club.

Lord Elgin

(November 5-7)

Deadline to sign up is October 25. This men's only competition is usually played in a single weekend with the winner receiving the Lord Elgin Trophy. It is usually three games and includes a dinner Saturday evening at the Host club.

Grand Dame & Grand Match

(November 19 & November 29, respectively)

Branch events. Some Grand Dame games will be played at Glenmore. These bonspiels are one-day events. The winning club is determined by a modified scoring system (points scored, number of teams, etc). The Grand Dame is for women only; the Grand Match is for men only. Deadline to sign up is usually a week prior to the event.

NOTES

Payment of Membership and Past Due Accounts

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

To all Glenmore members, you must REGISTER your membership by filling out the registration form and submitting your membership dues PRIOR to stepping out on the ice. You can pay in full by cash or cheque, or by three monthly instalments, directly to our office manager, Carol Fitzgibbon, during the daytime, or to any of our bartenders in the evening. In addition, for those returning members with PAST DUE ACCOUNTS from previous year(s), you must pay your account in full prior to playing your first game. We thank you in advance for your prompt payments.

Lower equipment prices

With the start of the season upon us, it may be time to look into buying new equipment or upgrading your existing equipment. The good news for this year is we have lower prices on all of our equipment. Need something that we don't have in stock? No problem! Simply contact our office manager Carol with what you need and she will order it for you. A catalogue showing most of our equipment is available at the bar.

Coaching clinic

Interested in taking the first step in becoming a curling coach? A Level 1 clinic will be held at Hudson Whitlock, on November 12 and 13. You must register to take the course. The cost of the course is \$135, taxes included. Make cheque payable to Curling Quebec. Upon successful completion of the course (theory and practical), the ARCM will reimburse you 50% of the course fee.

New addition

Congratulations to Dickie Young and Melanie Cameron on the birth of their son, Mathew Cameron Young. He was born on September 11, 2005 at 11:15pm. He weighed in at a very healthy 7 lbs and 14 oz. Mom and dad are doing just great!

Just Got Married

Congratulations to Russell D'Silva on his marriage to Alison Bright. The happy couple were married on September 23rd, 2005. All the best for a long and happy marriage!

Glenmore t-shirts & turtlenecks

Glenmore has some new long-sleeved T-Shirts and turtlenecks for sale. T-shirts are available now and turtlenecks should arrive sometime the week of October 11th. They are on display at the bar. T-shirts come in white, black, or royal blue. White shirts are \$14 each (tax incl.) and black or royal blue are \$16 each. Show support for your club and wear them with pride!

New Boot Boy cleaners and garbage bins

We have put in two new mechanical shoe cleaners at each entrance as you walk on to the ice. We ask that all curlers going on to the ice to kindly clean their shoes. Simply place one shoe at a time onto the brush and gently pull the curved handle down to activate the cleaner. We hope that this will help reduce the debris on the ice and keep the ice as clean as possible. In addition, we now have eight garbage bins for cleaning your brush heads located at the end of each sheet. Use the brush provided to clean your brooms over the garbage cans, and not on the ice sheets.

Reminder

During the last Annual General Meeting (May 17, 2005), a motion was passed banning pets (other than seeing-eye dogs) from the club.

Planning a party?

Glenmore members can take advantage of reduced lounge rental rates. The cost is only \$250 (\$175 without kitchen facilities).

Revised spare rule

The spare rule seemed to have worked well last year, but we have tweaked it a little bit this year. Please note the following new spare rule, for both the open and mixed ladders:

A team in need of a spare may use spares from any ladder section, or any regular member not already in the ladder, subject to the spare rules below:

- A spare may NOT throw skip stones (rocks 7 & 8), and a spare can ONLY be in the house calling line when skip stones (rocks 7 & 8) are being thrown.
- A spare may only play two games for any one team during a particular round. If, however, a skip wishes to permanently replace a player, the skip must advise the match committee.
- Any rink may designate a fifth player provided that he /she is not a member of another rink in the Open Ladder. Once designated as the fifth player on a team, they will remain part of that team for the remainder of the year.
- The spare must play in the position of the missing player or lower. If the missing player is the skip, the spare can play any position but skip.

Do you have a submission for the Glenmore Gazette?

Send your article or suggestion to the Editor at kevin-helen@sympatico.ca



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