



Glenmore Gazette

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GLENMORE NOMINATED FOR CLUB OF THE YEAR

Glenmore Curling Club has been nominated for Club of the Year 2004-05 by Curling-Quebec. The other two clubs are Etchemin in Quebec City and Port-Cartier in Cote-Nord. Curling Quebec established annual awards in various categories. This year marks the 4th edition of the awards and the first time that Glenmore has been nominated for Club of the Year. The club hosts numerous events year round and we're very proud to have been nominated. The awards will be handed out the weekend of November 24-27 at the Challenge Casino de Charlevoix event.



RESULTS

Indian Summer Equinox

The 2005 Indian Summer Bonspiel took place from Thursday, October 13th to Sunday, October 16th. This year marked the thirtieth anniversary of the Indian Summer Bonspiel at Glenmore. Twenty teams participated in the 3-game guaranteed, double knock-out event. A majority of the teams in the event were from Glenmore but one Lachine team had two players from Scotland and Glenmore past-president, Gaston Essiambre and his wife Gisele brought their mixed team from Brantford, Ontario. There were also two teams from Hawkesbury, one from Rosemere and one from St. Lambert.

The Glenmore team of Tom Wharry, Mark McClory, Yves Lanthier and Mike Whittingham won their four games and took home (or left at the bar) the "A" event first place prize money of \$640. At the other end of the spectrum, Bob Savard's team lost all three of their games but somehow managed to take home \$100 as runners-up in the "D" event. A good time was had by all and hopefully we can find four more teams for next year's event to fill the draw to twenty-four teams.

Indian Summer winners:

Tom Wharry (Glenmore) A winner
Richard Dupuis (Hawkesbury) A runner-up

Gaston Essiambre (Brantford) B winner
Alain Bellefleur (Hawkesbury) B runner-up



Rollie Pauqin (Glenmore) C winner
Damian Hum (Glenmore) C runner-up

Agnes Lanthier (Glenmore) D winner
Bob Savard (Glenmore) D runner-up -

Opening Bonspiel

The Opening Bonspiel at Glenmore was held October 26, 27 and 29 and while we were short two teams for two complete draws, we managed to have a very competitive tournament. Stanley Fong's team (Germaine Olson, Tom Stock and Fred Jennings) took top prize; they stole the last three ends of their last game to beat out John Adams' team (Lee Sleno, Dickie Young and Julia Sinclair) by 1 point. Congratulations to both teams, as well as all the participants in this year's event.

The Opening Bonspiel was light on attendance again this year, primarily due to many teams opting to play in outside events and the fact that it was Hallowe'en weekend. The Saturday dinner was well attended and it was nice to see some old and new faces present. We had some very decent prizes and we had a little fun with the "Finding my Family" game. Christ'l Thys stuck with it and won the escapade and four bottles of wine for her team. The meal (Cote St. Luc chicken) was well received, as usual. Bill Foliot would like to send his many thanks for Caroline McGarr's assistance throughout the week, who committed to helping some time back and passed up an opportunity to go to Philadelphia and watch Penn State blow away Purdue; and to Lorna and Laura Foliot for the great job in the kitchen. A photo album from the bonspiel is available on the Glenmore website.



Fred Jennings, Tom Stock, Germaine Olson, Stan Fong



Warren Grant, Louis St-Laurent, Christ'l Thys, Archie Manavian
Photos courtesy Bill Foliot

Mixed Classic

The first annual Glenmore Mixed Classic has come and gone for the 2005 year. Twelve teams played hard and strong in this competition, all for a big cash pot. Event organiser Dickie Young would like to send a big thank you to all the teams who played and made this spiel into a reality; Laval, Alexandria and Glenmore. Positive feedbacks were provided, indicating they all had a wonderful time on and off the ice. PHEW!

After all the games were played, the teams were invited to a wonderful hot Italian dinner catered by Lime Cater. The teams then stayed and watched the Montreal Canadiens lose to the Toronto Maple Leafs in overtime – oh well, can't win them all.

This year's BIG winners were:

- 1st Place – Team Dean Samson, Glenmore
- 2nd Place – Team Kevin O'Connor, Glenmore
- 3rd Place (Game high) – Team Don Marsh, Alexandria

A HUGE and SPECIAL thank you goes to Ms. Melanie Cameron, who made sure all the curlers were well-fed after each game – “YOU'RE the BEST MEL, luv you!!!!”

Additional thank you goes to Eric Lessard, Tracy Cameron, Martha MacEachen, Debbie De Roy, Angie Kyle, Cindy Kyle, Stanley Fong and Kevin O'Connor – all helping out one-way or another.

Hope to see you all and your friends at the 2nd Glenmore Mixed Classic in 2006!

Lord Elgin

(November 4-6)

Congrats to the Glenmore team of Greg Sleno, Bernard Castellon, Marc Don and Calvin Ray for their 'B' runner-up finish at the recent Lord Elgin tournament held at the Pointe Claire curling club.

Valleyfield Open

The Valleyfield Open, with a total purse of \$6,000, was held from November 5-13. Thirty-two teams from around the province competed. Congratulations to Tom Wharry's team, who was runner-up in the 'A' final. Also, a big kudos to Rollie Paquin's team who won the 'B' final.

Trois Rivieres cashpiel

The team of Martin Roy, Pierre Couturier, Norm Paul (sparing due to Michel Briand having a fever of 104) and Adam Osseyrane won the A final against Germain Bernier of Victoriaville.

Coupe Cage aux Sports

Congrats to Tom Wharry who this skipped the Benoit Gagne team in Quebec City at the Coupe Cage aux Sports cashspiel, held October 20-24. After qualifying for the final round of eight teams, Tom and his team went on to beat Martin Crete and Serge Reid and made it to the finals before losing to Quebec champion Jean Michel Menard. The team pocketed a cool \$2,500. The team of Michel Briand (with three Glenmore members) also participated but failed to qualify for the final round.

Harvest Spiel

In Ottawa, two women's teams participated in the Harvest Spiel at the Rideau Curling Club - Team Sandra Monaghan and Team Cindy Kyle. Congrats to Team Monaghan on their 2-2 record in the spiel.

Quebec Promocurl Curling Tour

Rolie Paquin's team (Karl Murovic, Lauren Steventon and Mac Baines) defeated Ghislain Thivierge of Alma in the Seniors final of the Quebec Promocurl Curling Tour, Sunday November 6th at the Echemin Curling Club in Quebec City. Prizes were:

- Roland Paquin - \$ 2,200
- Ghislain Thivierge -\$1,100
- Denis Gosselin -\$700

These prizes count towards the competitive points necessary for teams to qualify for the two 'wild-card' entries to the Senior provincial competition for the 2005-2006 competition year.



Photo courtesy Promocurl

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grand Dame & Grand Match

November 19 & November 29, respectively

Branch events. 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. Glenmore has 12 men's teams and 8 women's teams entered in to these events. Some Grand Dame games will be played at Glenmore; drop by the club and encourage our teams!

Grey Cup party

November 27

Yes...once again this year, the club will be hosting a GREY CUP PARTY!!! On Sunday, November 27th, come by the club to watch the game! We'll have party food on hand. Let's hope our Montreal Alouettes get to the final! Look for signups to go up shortly.



President's bonspiel

November 30, December 1 & 3

Sign-up sheets are posted; sign-up is individual. For the low price of \$25, you are guaranteed three games and a tasty meal featuring chicken parmesan. Dinner-only tickets are \$10. We are also looking for volunteers to help out during this bonspiel; add your name to the pink sign-up sheets today!

Junior Regionals

December 10, 11, 17, 18

The Junior playdowns are being held over two weekends in December. This is the first stage on the road to the Junior provincials, being held this year at Etchemin. The deadline for sign up is November 21st.

Christmas Cheer

December 16

Drop by the club and enjoy a pre-Christmas meal with your fellow curlers. Sing-ups will be posted.



Scott Playdowns

December 16-18

Ladies of Glenmore...are you feeling a little competitive??? Sign up for the Scott Regional playdowns, to be played right here at Glenmore. The deadline for signing up is December 5th. Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board; you must register for this event with Curling Quebec. This is the first step on the road to the Scott Tournament of Hearts!

Glenmore New Year's Eve Party

December 31 (when else would it be?!)

Yes folks, the New Year's Eve party is right around the corner! Despite the light turnout for last year's event, it was still a success and everyone raved about the meal. The good news is we have reserved the same caterer as last year so you can expect some great food to be served. So if you're looking for a fun New Year's Eve party to go to at a very reasonable cost, look no further than Glenmore Curling Club! Look for sign-up details in early December.

NOTES

Super Glenmore curlers

Congratulations to Agnes Lanthier and Sandra Monaghan, who are both in the top 10 skips (women's division) as per the Promocurl provincial circuit. Congrats also to Rollie Paquin, who is in the top 3 in the senior's division. The men's division includes no less than 3 Glenmore skips in the top 20: Tom Wharry, Sylvain Proulx and Marc Don.

Semi-annual general meeting

The Glenmore semi-annual AGM took place on Tuesday, November 8. Some of the items discussed included:

- Glenmore currently has 275 members (regular and retired), a net loss of one over the previous year. We also have about 16 Little Rocks and 18 Juniors;
- For those of you who curl in the evening leagues, if you are cancelling or postponing a game please remember to inform the Match Chair, Bill Foliot. Other teams may be looking for ice time;
- A lot of maintenance work has been completed recently. In the shed, the rear door has been repaired, new carpeting installed, shoe cleaners have been purchased and repointing has been completed. Elsewhere in the club, we have a new roof, the kitchen renovations have been completed, locker rooms have been painted, the sump pump has been replaced and an additional high-pressure sodium light has been installed in the parking lot;

- The to-do list includes replacing the outside deck as it is sagging and rotting, replacing the end-boards in the shed, reinstall the ceiling fan in the shed and adding a Nunavut flag;
- Two new motions were passed; 1) no smoking anywhere in the club during supper, including the doorway and landing, and 2) no smoking at any time on the landing or in the doorway. The reasoning behind this is a lack of ventilation in the doorway and landing and the awful welcoming smell for our curlers.

Dehumidifier

At the semi-annual General Meeting, a discussion was continued regarding the possibility of installing a dehumidifier for the ice shed. With this year's warm temperatures in September and October, the ice installation was delayed by one week. Condensation was severe in the ice shed, causing drips and consequently bumps to form on the ice. Some of the benefits of a dehumidifier include removal of humidity from the ice shed, allowing the ice to be installed in a timely manner early in the season and to keep it maintained in the late season. It also helps prevent frost build up on the ice all season long, allowing for more consistent and better ice conditions. The board is currently researching the possibility of installing a dehumidifier for next season, obtaining quotes from companies. We will also call on experts who can review our club and ice shed conditions to determine what exactly is required. Once we have gathered the information, we will bring our findings to the membership for approval. Stay tuned for more developments.

Volunteers needed

Ask not what your curling club can do for you; ask what you can do for your curling club! Bonspiels and events are run by volunteers (often the same volunteers, time after time). These generous people are what make or break the events. Please donate some of your time so that we can keep making these events successful. Look for the pink signup sheets posted around the club. We are currently looking for help with the President's bonspiel (November 30, December 1&3) and the Ladies Playdowns (December 16-18).

Advertising

Do you have a business to promote? There is plenty of room for advertising at Glenmore. Possibilities include in the shed, on the lounge tables and in this newsletter. Contact the Editor for details.

Christmas basket

The holiday season countdown has begun. Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Why not pick up a small toy for a needy child? Or some extra spaghetti sauce for a family that is struggling to get by? Glenmore's annual Christmas basket drive will be underway shortly. A basket to receive your items will be placed by the doors to the lounge. Cash donations can be given to Ruth Downard directly, or you can leave it in an envelope at the bar.



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