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# Glenmore Gazette

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## **Christmas basket**

There is still time to make a donation to the Glenmore Christmas basket. The deadline is December 20. This year, Glenmore is sponsoring two Pierrefonds families. Each family has three sons; one set is aged 6, 5 and 1; the other set is aged 19, 17 and 7. Special needs are mitts and extra-large padded gloves, games, toys, a teen watch and a boy's snowsuit.

Generally speaking, items that can be placed in the basket include cereal, white or brown sugar, flour, rice, pasta, beans, canned salmon or tuna, jams, coffee, tea, juice, soup, canned tomato products, cranberry sauce, nuts, candy and cookies. No pork products, please. Also needed are detergents, shampoo, soaps and paper products. Much appreciated cash donations also accepted, in order to purchase turkeys, fresh produce, dairy and bakery products and Christmas cakes. Cash donations may be left for Ruth in an envelope with the bartender, or given to Carol. Thanks!

## **Letter of thanks – Mixed Quebec Champions**

Stan,

Thank you for the message you sent us during the week of the Canadian Mixed Curling Championships. I would have liked to have responded earlier but things have been pretty hectic since we got back.

Your words of encouragement did not go unnoticed and it was certainly nice to hear from our fellow Quebec curlers as we competed at the opposite end of the country.

We were proud to have represented Quebec and to have finished on the podium. Yes, it was a little disappointing to have been so close to gold but a record of 8-3 was rewarding nonetheless.

It is not forgotten that our trek to Whitehorse began with our regional playdowns at Glenmore where we went unbeaten to qualify through the “A” for the provincial. Obviously, Glenmore plays an important part in a very memorable curling experience for our team and in particular myself.

Thank you once again to you and all Glenmore curlers who cheered us on from afar.

Happy Holidays!

Dwayne Fowler

### **The Amazing Race – Family Edition**

Congrats to Karl and Rollie....Glenmore's newest TV stars! They were shown prominently in the December 13 edition of the Amazing Race, demonstrating the art of curling.



Photo from cbs.com

## **RESULTS**

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### **Grand Match**

Glenmore has won the Grand Match for 2005-06! Keep a look for the banner, which will be hung in the shed.

### **President's**

The President's Bonspiel took place on November 30, December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and a total of 18 teams participated. Thanks to all those who played. Congrats to the winners: Ghislaine Boivin, Shirley Hopkins, Eva Shepherd, and Patsy Jennings. Ghislaine made a great double-takeout through a narrow port in the 6<sup>th</sup> end of her team's 3<sup>rd</sup> game to seal the victory!

Special thanks to Cindy Kyle, Past President, for running a great event and also to all the volunteers who helped in the kitchen and with the setup. We couldn't do it without you.

### **Ladies provincials**

Congrats to Agnes and Kim, who will be representing the sud-ouest region at the provincials this year.

Good Luck Ladies!!

### **Beauchateau**

Congratulations to Tom Wharry, who was runner up in the "A" division and Team Monaghan, who won the "C" division in Beauchateau after 5 difficult games but definitely holding their own. Way to go!

### **Challenge Casino de Charlevoix Cashspiel**

Congrats to Glenmore's team of Agnes Lanthier for winning the 'B' final at this weekend's event in Charlevoix. They pocketed a cool \$1500 for their win.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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### **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.

### **Christmas Cheer**

December 16

The annual Christmas Cheer evening will take place this year on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30pm. Various hors d'oeuvres and snacks will be served. Like last year, there will be an auction for various items like clothes (shirts, sweaters, etc), decorations,

etc. There will be no TGIF curling, but you can come out and root for our Glenmore women's teams who will be playing in the Regional playdowns for the Scott's. This is the first step on the road to the provincials and the Scott Tournament of Hearts!

There will be a turkey shoot after the ladies curling is over for the evening (around 10:00PM), so start practicing your draw weight.

Once again, Kim and Susie are organizing the event after doing a great job last year!

Sign up posters are up and located at the entrance to the main lounge; cost per person is a measly \$10. Come out and enjoy an evening at the club!!! Sign up are posted at the club.

### **Scott Playdowns**

December 16-18

To be played right here at Glenmore. Come out and cheer our teams on!

### **Glenmore New Year's Eve Party**

December 31 (when else would it be?!)

Sign-ups are now available at the bar. We have a maximum of 80 people, so sign up now! Tables are going fast! For the low price of \$55, you get a choice of sautéed chicken breast with lemon cream sauce, osso buco (veal shank), or eggplant and Portobello lasagna as your main course, with salad, veggies and orange mocha cheesecake, champagne and a midnight sweet table, and DANCING!!!

## **IN THE NEWS**

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### **Gushue earns Olympic berth in Halifax**

11 December 2005



Gushue Rink  
Canadian Press

**HALIFAX (CP) - The emotion was written all over Brad Gushue's face as he dashed across the ice after winning a berth for the 2006 Winter Olympics.**

Gushue, from St. John's, N.L., had just won an 8-7 nail biter Sunday over Winnipeg's Jeff Stoughton in the final of the Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials. After throwing his arms in the air and giving his team mates a quick hug, Gushue, 25, ran to the boards and threw his arms around his mother, Maureen, who underwent surgery in early September for bowel cancer. She's undergoing chemotherapy. Gushue singled her out in the crowd of 8,450 fans at the Halifax Metro Centre.

"To my mom - you are my strength. I love you," Gushue said.

His mother Maureen, 53, father Ray and sister Natasha were in Halifax for the trials. Maureen ran her fingers through her son's hair while he engulfed her in a bear hug. "She's been my biggest fan and her biggest concern was being here all week to support me and the fact she put my curling that far above herself - well I guess that's what mothers do," he added. "My thoughts were with her all week and I'm just glad we won and I think it's going to make her really happy. I've just got to find a way to get her to Italy now."

The turning point in the game came in the fourth end when Stoughton came up light on a draw with his final rock, allowing Gushue a steal of two and a 6-2 lead. Stoughton fought his way back with a deuce in the eighth end and after Gushue was forced to take a single in the ninth, the lead had been reduced to 8-6. Stoughton scored a single with his final draw but a second stone that would have tied the game was measured and found just outside the rings, giving Gushue the thrilling victory. "It's very disappointing. The guys battled back and it was a great game and a good battle but what can you do," shrugged Stoughton. "Anyone who goes through here and plays as well as they did - they're more than a great representative for us to bring back the gold medal."

Gushue allowed himself a moment to reflect on his success after training for the trials for the past year. "Wow! What an incredible feeling. This is a special, special time for all of us," Gushue said.

Gushue raised some eyebrows before the trials by adding two-time Brier champion Russ Howard as his fifth player and then moving him to second where he skipped the games. "He was the turning point in this team," said Gushue. "A great player, a great guy, he's even so nice off the ice and so easy to talk to."

Howard, who will turn 50 while at the Winter Olympics, couldn't contain his glee after earning an Olympic berth. "Lord thunderin' Jesus," laughed Howard after using his best Newfoundland accent. "It feels awesome. I tell you I could swim to Italy right now."

The last thing that Howard expected to do was play in the Olympics. After failing to qualify, he started the year with a bad knee and wasn't training. Then he got the call from Gushue. Being an Olympian at age 50 is something that brings a smile to Howard's face. "I can't imagine there's many older than me but hopefully they're curling against us if they are," he said. "It feels like a Brier win. It doesn't feel any different. But I'm sure when we get to Turin and we are actually at the Olympic Games and are Olympians for the rest of our lives I'm sure my answer's going to change."

Gushue skipped his province at three Briers and won the Canadian junior and world championships in 2001.

## **Kleibrink sweeps into Olympic berth**

10 December 2005



Team Kleibrink  
Canadian Press

HALIFAX(CP) - Shannon Kleibrink is an Olympic trials runner-up no more. The Calgary skip, who finished second to Sandra Schmirler in 1997, came out on top in Saturday's thrilling final at the Tim Hortons Canadian Curling Trials in Halifax. Trailing 7-5 in the 10<sup>th</sup> end, Kleibrink made a takeout of Kelly Scott's final rock to score three and edged the young curler from Kelowna, B.C., 8-7. "It's been a long eight years," said Kleibrink as she and her team mates donned Team Canada jackets during the closing ceremonies. "We just got a little bit fortunate in that last end. This is a powerhouse young team and I expect them to do well."

Kleibrink seemed to have control of the game after taking a 5-3 lead in the sixth end. But Scott made a deuce in the seventh to tie it and then stole single points in the eighth and ninth ends to take the lead. Then the 10th end hit. "It did go pretty wrong pretty quick didn't it," said a tearful Scott. "The 10<sup>th</sup> had trouble written all over it for us once they got a couple of guards established so we were chasing probably from third stone." Scott, who finished first in the round robin, said she doesn't regret the effort she put into chasing her Olympic dream. "It's hard. There is no second place but I wouldn't give it up for anything. To not try would have been a shame because you'd miss out on so much more," she said.

Kleibrink, who downplayed her loss in 1997 for most of the week, finally came clean with reporters after the game. "It was kind of nice to have that in our back pocket that we were so close because we knew we could do it then," Kleibrink said. "That's a big thing in an event like this, kind of believing you can win, right to the very end." Third Amy Nixon was happier for Kleibrink than anyone else on the team. "She is just probably one of the best shotmakers in women's curling who has never quite broken through at a national like a Scott or a trials," said Nixon. "How many people in their lives get a chance to say, I'm an Olympian. Wow. That's phenomenal."

Both Jeff Stoughton of Winnipeg and Brad Gushue of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador spent time practising in preparation for Sunday's men's final. Stoughton expects Gushue to have the added advantage of the Halifax crowd behind him.

“We've dealt with a little bit of a hostile crowd before so we'll take what we can get,” said Stoughton, who beat John Morris in Friday's semifinal. “But he's from Atlantic Canada but that being said I think if someone makes a double-raised takeout the crowd's going to go crazy anyway no matter who throws it.”

Gushue will have last rock advantage, which will force Stoughton to play aggressively in the final.

The Gushue team was the target of Stoughton's derision for its decision to allow veteran Russ Howard to play second and skip the game. Stoughton said the team had “no chance” but has now been forced to revisit that opinion. “I've been proven wrong and I've been wrong before and this won't be the last time,” said Stoughton. “They had a fantastic week so hats off to them. It's sort of a group effort when you see them out there to make some of the big ends but Howard calms them down. Obviously, they've never played in a big game like this.”

Gushue said he will not change his game plan against Stoughton on Sunday since it earned him an 8-1 record during the round robin. Having Howard in the lineup is Gushue's ace in the hole. “If you get in a situation he's probably been there before and strategy-wise he's probably the best in the world,” Gushue said. “There's a comfort factor having him out there and he's going to know which buttons to push with us and what to do to get the most out of us.”

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