



Glenmore Gazette

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Any articles, pictures, comments, ideas, or accolades for the Glenmore Gazette would be appreciated. I can be reached by e-mail at stan1020@hotmail.com. We are also still searching for a translator who can translate the Glenmore Gazette into French. If interested, please contact me at the email address above.

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President's Message

Glenmore members,

I am glad to see so many new faces around the club this season - it's a sure sign of a healthy club. To all our returning members, please take a moment to say "Hello" and show a Glenmore welcome to these intrepid curlers.

A big thank-you goes out to all those who participated in the clinics, teaching our new curlers how to play this roarin' game: Shirley Hopkins, Archie Manavian, Agnes Lanthier, Bernard Castellon, Nancy Harvey, Stan Fong, Kevin Yerbury.

And for those who helped with the Intermediate (or Returning Members) clinic: Lee and Greg Sleno, Mac and Lois Baines.

I would especially like to thank Joan MacCallum, who after ten years of leading the

clinic, has decided to pass over her whistle. We hope to continue her good work and will strive to maintain her high standard of teaching with a large helping of good humour.

CBC @ Glenmore

We will be hosting the CBC News on Weds. Nov 15th, from the lounge, anchored by Michel Godbout. Live broadcast will be from 6:00- 6:30 p.m., followed by a Q & A session from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. taped for airing at a later date. They have requested we provide an audience of 75 people, or so. We would also like to have some games underway as the background for the anchor desk will be the ice sheets. Kindly contact Carol, our office manager, if you plan to attend either to watch or play so we can keep track of limited seating.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming AGM, Nov 7th.

As my old mentor used to say, "Keep your stick on the ice!"

Barry Evans

Open House - Review

The Glenmore Open House was held on Sept 29 & 30 and was a huge success. Returning Glenmore members enjoyed an evening of seeing friends and renewing acquaintances, and guests got the chance to learn about the club and its leagues, and to sign up for the free instruction clinic. There were over 30 new signups for the free clinic, which is FANTASTIC. Thanks to Barry Evans and John Adams and their crew for handling the Open House.

Bonspiel Report - Indian Summer 2006

Over the first two weekends in October, the annual Glenmore Indian Summer was held in two divisions: Senior and Open. For the first time this year, the Open section was included as part of the Circuit Provincial, with money won going towards valuable Circuit points.

The Senior Indian Summer was a huge success with 24 top senior teams from all across the province. Mac Baines was the chief organizer for this round robin event. After the round robin, 8 teams qualified for the quarter-final playoffs, including Glenmore's own reigning senior men's provincial champs, Team Rollie Paquin. They had a great round robin, qualifying 1st out of the 8 qualifiers, but they lost a tough semi-final match to eventual winners Team Christian Crete from Jacques-Cartier, who beat Team St Pierre from Buckingham in the finals.



Team Paquin

In the Open section, Larry South organized a terrific event, and had his hands full with a complete 32 team event, up from about 20 teams last year. Larry was getting calls throughout the summer from teams wanting to register! The difference this year – it was on the Circuit Provincial!

This 3-game guarantee event was run from Oct 12 to 15, and included a full dinner on Saturday night catered by Don Stewart and Bar Hymus. Glenmore played host to some of the top Circuit Provincial teams in and around the province.

Glenmore teams had some great results in the event:

Team Wharry lost out in the 'A' semi-final to the eventual winner.

Team Glenn Eady, who doesn't play too many events, but would be a strong team if they did, lost in the 'B' finals.

Team Joelle Belley beat Team Damian Hum in the 'C' semi-final, and went on to also win the 'C' final and pick up \$600 total! The team includes Agnes Lanthier, Virginie Lessard, and Tracey Strunga. Way to go!



Team Joelle Belley – ‘C’ Winners!

Event winners:

‘A’ – Team Stuart Shea: Rosemere (on a sweet last shot come around draw, which the opposition then failed to remove with the hammer)

‘B’ – Team Michel Briand: Longue Pointe

‘C’ – Team Joelle Belley: Glenmore

‘D’ – Team Benoit Gagné: Rosemere

With 32 teams entered this year, and 6 teams on the waiting list, we possibly could expand to 40 teams and 5-day event in 2007 making it one of the largest cashspiels on the circuit.

The Sportsmanship Award goes to team Ruth Downard for keeping a smile even when told their 6pm Saturday game was actually supposed to be played at 10:30pm. A mistake in the printing of the draw (done by yours truly! ☺) mistakenly showed their game was at 6:00pm instead of 10:30pm. So thank you Ruth and team for your understanding!

Congrats to Larry South and his entourage of volunteers for helping make the event a success!

Opening Bonspiel Report

The first in-house event of the Glenmore season kicked-off with the Opening Bonspiel held on Oct 27 & 28. 63 curlers and 16 teams participated in the event, which is up from last year! That’s great news!

The event had a new twist this year with a unique scoring system derived from the organizer, Bill Foliot. Teams played for points, but after the game could also get points added or subtracted by choosing one of three envelopes in a ‘Deal or No Deal’ scenario! Not sure if Bill is as adverse to shaking hands as Howie Mandel, but I think the everyone enjoyed the envelope selection!

The winning teams:

1st place: Owen Hopkins, John Adams, Al Daigle, and Brenda ‘007’ Bond.

2nd place: Raymond Roy, Kendra Griffiths, Jocelyne Roy, and Gilles Milard

Everyone enjoyed the Cote-St-Luc chicken dinner and each participant walked away with a door prize, with Archie ‘I Twisted My Ankle’ Manavian limping away with \$50 for having his name pulled out last out of the hat. Archie promptly passed on the \$50 to wife Christina who also attended the dinner. Smart man! ☺

CIRCUIT PROVINCIAL RESULTS

Longue-Pointe was good to Glenmore teams once again this year, with two Glenmore teams winning the ‘B’ and ‘C’ finals at the Longue Pointe Open. Perennial cash team, Tom Wharry, with new 3rd Kevin Bleau from Otterburn, and Yves Lanthier and Mike Whittingham continued their success on the cashspiel circuit with a ‘B’ event win.

Newly formed team of Stanley Fong, Marc Don, Brad Hamelin and Jeremy Labrecque won the ‘C’ final, but they could not have done it without some MAJOR help from super spares John Adams, Mac Baines and Louis St Laurent. John and Mac spared for Stan and Brad for a scheduled 11:30pm start on Saturday Sept 30, but the game eventually started at 12:45 AM Sunday Oct 1st! And then Louis St Laurent came in on

Sunday for the two final games to replace Jeremy.

Other results: Team Damian Hum lost the other 'B' semi-final, otherwise it could have been an all-Glenmore 'B' final.

Keep a lookout in the Gazette and online at www.glenmorecurling.com for more results from Glenmore teams!

For full results and a list of cashspiels on the Circuit Provincial for the coming season, go to www.promocurl.qc.ca and click on Calendrier! Also keep an eye out on the bulletin board for posters on other cashspiels and Branch events.

NON SMOKING REMINDER

Just a reminder to all Glenmore members and their guests that Glenmore Curling Club is a non-smoking club. No smoking is permitted anywhere inside the club, INCLUDING no smoking in the main entrance. ALL smoking must be done OUTDOORS. Ash trays will be placed outside for your convenience. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

EVENING LEAGUES UPDATE

The Open Ladder and Mixed Ladder are well under way and the competition has been great. The Open ladder is at 40 teams, and the mixed ladder is at 34 teams, which is fantastic! It's great to see so many teams in our ladders.

Thanks to Agnes Lanthier (with assistance from Benoit Forget) and RJ Awasthi, our league coordinators. RJ especially worked hard to schedule the mixed league games with the 'odd' number of 34 teams. Some Saturday games are required during the season. It's not an easy task to do that schedule with 34 teams, so kudos to RJ.

Games are played Monday to Thursday at 7pm and 9pm, and Sunday's at 7pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2006

Friday, Nov 3rd: Café Glenmore

Sign up for the first Café Glenmore of the season is on the board outside the main entrance. Put on by Guy Gervais and his band of day curlers, treat yourself to a homemade Oktoberfest type meal of sausages, boiled potatoes, sauer kraut and beets, and dessert! All for \$10 a person.

Tuesday Nov. 7th – Semi Annual AGM

This semi-annual meeting should be attended by all members, and this meeting will include a vote on the dehumidifier project. A report on the status of the club and other projects and events will also be on the agenda. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, Nov 15th, CBC @ Glenmore

See the article in the Glenmore Gazette (President's Message) about the town hall meeting at Glenmore held by the CBC.

Saturday, Nov 18th – Glenmore Mixed Classic

The 2nd annual Glenmore Mixed Classic bonspiel is a fun 2-game point spiel event. This 16 team event is a fun day of curling with mixed teams (2 men and 2 women). Cost for the team is \$120 which includes both games, cash prizes for winners, and a homemade Italian dinner. Party after the dinner! For sign up details, contact Dickie Young at dyoung@herouxdevtek.com. Sign up is available on the Glenmore Events bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs next to the ladies' change room.

Saturday, Nov. 25th – GRAND MATCH/ GRANDE DAME

This annual Branch events puts together teams from each club in the Montreal Region against each other for curling club

bragging rights! Glenmore Curling Club is the defending champion on the men's side! We need at least 8 men's teams to sign up for Glenmore, and 4 women's teams. Games are played at Glenmore and other area clubs. It's one 10-end game, and traditionally, there is a shot of Scotch after 5 ends to toast the opposition!

For details: contact Greg Sleno at greg.sleno@sympatico.ca for the men's event or Cindy Kyle at cindyk@cae.com for the women's event!

December 1st & 2nd – President's Bonspiel

The 2nd of the Glenmore in-house bonspiels, this 2-day fun bonspiel is traditionally organized by the Past President and is for all Glenmore members to participate. Glenmore members may also bring 1 guest to play. Cost will be \$20 per person and includes a meal on Saturday evening. We need a sign up of 64 curlers! Teams will be randomly put together and play 3 games over the two days (8 ends on Friday, and 2 6-end games on Saturday). Look for signup to be posted on the bulletin board near the entrance to the ice shed in the main lounge.

MONTREAL REGIONAL PLAYDOWNS - REMINDER

Feeling competitive? For all the men's and women's teams interested in the first step towards the Scott Tournament of Hearts or the Brier, it's the Montreal regional playdowns.

Women's: Dec 15 to 17 at Longue Pointe. Deadline to register is **DECEMBER 4th**.

Men's: Jan 11 to 21, 2007 at TMR. Deadline to register your team is **DECEMBER 11th**.

Check out the website to download the registration form, or go to <http://www.curling-quebec.qc.ca/nouvelles.asp> to download the form yourself by clicking the Championnats link.

TGIF – ROOM TO PLAY

The TGIF league on Friday evenings still has room for 16 more curlers or 4 teams! The fun, non-competitive league is perfect for beginner's wanting to play, and for more experienced curlers to practice their techniques and help new curlers along! Teams are changed every week to allow you to meet new people, and snacks are served! To join in on the fun, contact Dickie Young at dyoung@herouxdevtek.com if you are interested in signing up for one of the remaining spots.

CURLING EQUIPMENT

In need of equipment? New a new broom, gripper, pad, or does daddy need a new pair of shoes?? ☺ Contact our office manager, Carol Fitzgibbon, and she will be happy to help you with your equipment requirements. Glenmore has access to a full line of curling equipment for the beginner to the seasoned pro, with names such as Performance Curling, Asham, and Olson.