



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. I would also like to thank **Eric Lessard** for volunteering to translate the Gazette into French for the club.

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CAFÉ GLENMORE - REVIEW

The first Café Glenmore of the year was held on Friday November 3rd and was a great success! Our day curler chefs put out an Oktoberfest type meal which was enjoyed by all! Thanks to Guy Gervais, Ed Dubiel, and Chuck Burcar for cooking up a storm, and all those who helped out with serving and cleanup.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

After having a quick conversation with Benoit Forget, the after school program co-ordinator, I'm happy to report that it's going better than anticipated at the start of the season. Benoit mentioned that there are at least 8 curlers who are taking part in the after school program. It is

run on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

CBC @ GLENMORE REVIEW

The CBC came to Glenmore on November 15th to broadcast their nightly news from our lounge. With several curlers on the ice in the background and about 60 audience members in the lounge, the news broadcast went off without a hitch. Club President Barry Evans made sure things ran smooth on the club's end, and he gave a great interview describing our club and it's leagues and history. Way to go Barry!

DAY CURLER'S UPDATE

The Opening Bonspiel for Day Curlers was held on Oct 10, 11 & 12 with a full course roast beef dinner on the 12th put on by Social Director (and Master Chef) Guy Gervais (and crew) following the morning playoffs. The team of Ray Kalita, Neil Williams, Joan Gartner , Elfie Daigle and Carl Gaul had first pick of the prizes.

For the Monday Eskimo competition there are 22 teams entered with 6 teams playing at

0815h, 8 teams at 1030h and 8 teams at 1300h.

For the Tuesday Ladder there are 16 teams entered with hard fought but friendly games played at 0930h and 1300h.

For the Wednesday Bob Conroy competition there are 20 teams entered with draws at 0930h and 1300h.

Glenmore has 11 teams entered in Senior (50+) Interclub play this season.

The Day Curlers Christmas Bonspiel will be held on Dec 18, 19 & 20 with a full course roast turkey luncheon being served on the 20th. Look for signup sheets to be posted shortly for both curling (\$5) and luncheon (\$15). Signup early for the Bonspiel as we will be limited to 64 curlers + spares. You need not curl to enjoy the great luncheon.

The club is closed on January 2 and there are Interclub games on January 4. We will shortly be posting signup sheets for Skins games to be held on January 3 & 5. At \$5 per last year these games were popular and the limit of 64 curlers per day was quickly reached. Teams are drawn from a hat and will be different on the two days.

The Eskimo & Bob Conroy playoffs will be held during the week of January 8. Look for signup sheets to be posted shortly for the winter Monday, Wednesday and Friday draws to start the week of Jan 15th. The signup sheets will be removed following the Christmas Luncheon and the new teams will be made up over the holidays.

And finally, circle Thursday June 28, 2007 on your calendar for the Day Curlers Golf Tournament to be held at St-Polycarpe.

Price will be the same as last year (\$42.50 for golf with power cart and \$52 total to enjoy the BBQ and prizes back at Glenmore). The date was picked to avoid conflict with the Master

Curlers Tournament and Frank's Tour de l'Estrie in the Eastern Townships.

Frank Scott, Day Curlers President

GREY CUP PARTY REPORT

On Nov 19th, Glenmore hosted a Grey Cup Party which was well attended! Too bad the Alouettes couldn't play better in the first half! About 50 party-goers attended the evening to watch the game. Thanks to Debbie DeRoy for putting the party together along with Eric Lessard who allowed the club to use his projector and Jim Savard for providing the projection screen.

CIRCUIT PROVINCIAL RESULTS

Several November cashspiels to report on:

Valleyfield Open Nov 4-12: With several Glenmore teams in the tournament, one did much better than the others: Team Sylvain Proulx, along with Tim Colby, Eric Lessard and Bill Sheppard walked away the 'B' section victory. They earned \$720 for their victory. They beat out Pierre Couturier and Bernard Castellon also of Glenmore in the B final, who took home \$520 for their efforts. Team Damian Hum and Team Raymond Roy both lost the 'B' semi finals, so the 'B' section was an all-Glenmore final four. Good luck to all the Glenmore teams who took part in the event.

Circuit Provincial Finals – Nov 9-12: Four Glenmore teams participated in the Circuit Provincial finals held Nov 9 to 12. They earned entry into this prestigious tournament by earning enough money from last season on the Circuit Provincial. The men's team of Tom Wharry, Kevin Bleau, Yves Lanthier and Mike Whittingham played strong, but did not qualify for the final 8. Team Keri Knox, with Sandra Monaghan, Jennifer

Doyle and Dawn Sheppard also did not qualify for the finals, nor did the team of Joelle Belley, Agnes Lanthier, Virginie Lessard and Tracey Strunga. The only Glenmore team to qualify for the money round was the reigning champs of Team Rollie Paquin, Karl Murovic, Lawren Steventon and Mac Baines. They made it to the semi-finals in the Senior division, but lost a tough game. They earned \$700 for their effort. Congrats to all of our Glenmore teams who participated!

Laval Colts Bonspiel – Nov 17-19: Congrats to the team of RJ Awasthi, Marc Don, Cal Hugman, and Carl Gagnon and spare Shaun Casey for making the ‘A’ final at a Colts spiel in Laval Sur Le Lac. The tournament is for male curlers with less than 5 years of curling experience. Way to go guys! Keep up the good play.

Challenge Casino de Charlevoix – Nov 23-26: One of the biggest cashspiels of the year had a host of Glenmore teams in the mix! With 64 teams total, Glenmore had 7 teams represented, but one team rose above the rest. Continuing their hot play of late, the team of Sylvain Proulx, Tim Colby, Eric Lessard and Bill Sheppard made it all the way to the ‘A’ final of the Open Section. Sylvain made a beautiful raise double-takeout to score a 5-ender in the semi-final to help his team make it to the ‘A’ final. They lost a hotly contested ‘A’ final by a score of 11-9 after tying the game in 8th end after being down 9-3, but they still earned a nice total of \$1040 for their efforts! Way to go guys! Other results: Team Wharry lost the ‘A’ quarter-final, and Team Martin Roy with Robbie Retchless and Adam Osseyrane won the ‘D’ final and won \$540 for the victory.

Grand Match/Grande Dame – Nov 25th: The annual Branch event that pits all Montreal region clubs against one another was held on Nov. 25th. Glenmore had 13 teams represented on the men’s side, with 2 teams on the women’s

side. The overall winner for the women was the Baie D’Urfé Curling Club (BOOOOO!), with Glenmore coming in a close 2nd place by two percentage points.

Men’s results are still being calculated.

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, or check the Glenmore calendar.

HEARD AROUND GLENMORE

The ‘HEARD AROUND GLENMORE’ section is for funny stories and anecdotes that happen on the ice or around the club regarding our Glenmore members. If you have a funny story to contribute, please send it to me by Email at stan1020@hotmail.com.

Lost gripper? – During a mixed game Ann Cox went looking for her gripper after she had taken her shot, but it was not in its usual spot on the backboards. She searched and searched but could not find it anywhere. Finally, after a few minutes, she finally found her missing gripper – she had put her gripper onto her gripper shoe!

New Alouettes kicker? – A funny story from the Circuit Provincial finals. Tom Wharry’s team was up two with the hammer coming home in the 8th end. After his team struggled in the 8th end, Tom faced 3 opponent stones on his last rock. Thinking his last rock was light, Tom’s front end of Mike Whittingham and Yves Lanthier swept really hard...but a bit too much and it went

too far so the opposition had stolen at least two points to tie the game. Dejected from oversweeping the skip's last rock, Mike sat down on the bench upset with himself for sweeping the rock too far. After about a minute, he got up from the bench and walked over to the house and kicked the opponent's rock from the house to place it back neatly where the stones are supposed to go. What he didn't know was that the thirds were just about to measure to see who was third shot! So even though it was pretty sure that Tom was 3rd shot and the game should have gone to an extra end, the opposing team won by a technicality because Mike had removed the stone before it could be measured. To Mike's defence, no one had placed their brooms on the ice to indicate a measure was taking place! So the moral of the story...if you are measuring a stone, make sure the thirds place their brooms on the ice so no one moves any of the stones! And after hearing of the story of sweeping the rock too far, Louis St Laurent was overheard saying, "Been there...done that!"

Two 7 enders in one week? – This story involves yours truly! In my ladder game on Nov 21st against Frank Tonchin, we got off to a good start by taking 2 in the first end. In the 2nd end however, I missed my first takeout attempt and removed my own stones from play while pushing their stone in to sit 6! I could have thrown another takeout, but there was a freeze opportunity which I decided to play. Sadly, it came up short and Frank made a nice draw to score a 7-ender and make the score 7-2. We managed to come back and make it 7-6 after 6 ends, but we couldn't come back all the way and Frank won it 8-6. And then, only THREE days later in Charlevoix, playing against Natalie Audet of Boucherville (and Laura Wood, former Glenmore member), I once again tried to make a double-takeout on two opponent stones with my last rock, but missed, leaving Audet with an open draw for 7! Thankfully she didn't have Frank's touch on the draw and she was heavy

and drew out the back of the house, and they scored ONLY 6. So I was very close to giving up two 7-enders in 3 days! And I also lost at the casino in Charlevoix...so overall not a very good week for me!!! ☺

SMILE! ☺

You may have noticed someone taking photos around the club! That's our webmaster Tim Colby with his new camera taking photos of game action...so smile! You may be having your photo taken by Tim.

UPCOMING EVENTS – DECEMBER 2006

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.

Saturday Dec. 9th – Little Rocks Bonspiel

This fun event being organized by Nancy Harvey and Larry South is for little rock curlers from around the area, with perhaps some teams coming in from Eastern Ontario. Little Rocks are for ages 7 to 11.

Sunday Dec. 17th – Little Rocks/Junior Christmas Party Bonspiel

Ring in the Christmas season with a party for the kids! Santa Claus always makes an appearance and every child gets a gift!

Friday, Dec. 22nd , Glenmore Christmas Cheer

The annual Glenmore Christmas cheer will be held on Dec. 22nd to celebrate the holidays. Lots of great food, games and prizes, and the annual turkey shoot 'draw to the button', where the person closest to the button will win a turkey! Look for signups to go up shortly.

Sunday, Dec. 31st – Glenmore New Year's Eve Party

The annual Glenmore New Year's Eve Party will be held on Sunday December 31st. The party will have another great meal followed by dancing and the countdown to 2007. Debbie DeRoy is well under way in her preparations for the event. Look for signup book to be at the bar shortly.

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 or Senior Nationals, 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.