



# ROCK TALK

## Issue #4-February 2010

### ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

It can't be March already! -----we just finished putting away the Christmas decorations? We are only a month away from Section Closings and if Mother Nature cooperates, we could be on the golf course by then.

Again, we thank all the Section Executives for a job well done. The success of this club continues to be the result of the commitment and talents of a number of our dedicated members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Burton McClelland for chairing the All Sections meetings. These meetings provide excellent communications for all Sections to share successes and failures and a great opportunity to question concerns and offer suggestions for improvement for the entire club.

I understand from Joan Smith that Saturday night curling has been very successful this season,-- numbers are excellent and everyone seems to be having a good time. We thank Joan for her leadership and organization of this club function.

Our monthly theme dinners have been a great success this season, thanks to Wendy, Brian, Pat and staff. I don't know what is responsible for the good numbers – good food or strategic placement of the advertising in the washrooms????? I would guess both.

You will recall in one of my previous Rock Talks, I mentioned this coming fall would be our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at this location. At that time I asked for volunteers who might be interested in working on a committee to celebrate this milestone. Due to poor response, it looks like this will not become a reality.

Congratulations! to Harry Litvin and his rink for winning the Regional Grand Masters. Harry and his rink of Jim Robinson (Vice), Nick Nickson (Second) and Ken Koyanagi (Lead) will be heading to Thornhill at the end of March for the Provincials. Good luck guys!

I realize our AGM is 3 months away; however, we are trying very hard to get members out to this important meeting. AGM meetings require many hours of preparation to provide information that is important to all members. If we are to continue to run this club successfully we need your interest and involvement. We are trying something new this year which might encourage you to attend. We are offering "free" draw prizes to member attendees. For example, there will be a draw for a \$100 voucher towards basic club membership (does not include section fees), a GT Carbon Fiber Lite curling broom, food vouchers for kitchen and wine. Please come out and show your support!

In closing I would like to remind you, due to retiring Directors, we are looking for replacements on the Board again this year. If you are interested, please contact Donna Powers 742-8803. If she is not available, please call me at 745-0396.

Donna Kimball

### ***CLUB MANAGER***

The curling season is almost over! Where did the time go?

Once again we are starting our Sponsor a Rock advertising campaign! Please find details on the last page of this issue of rock talk.

Our Hip of Beef Theme Dinner, which was held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, was a great success, 104 attended!

A reminder that we have an "In Appreciation" section in every issue of our Rock Talk. Feel free to mention someone who has contributed their time or efforts or have gone out of their way in helping the curling club! Please

remember that we only have room for so many every issue, therefore, your request may not be added until the next issue.

Until next time, happy curling!

Wendy Blackman

### **LADIES' SECTION**

The last of our schedules are under way - where has our curling season gone?

Our section participated in an interclub league with seven local clubs again this year. Our thanks to Doris Nickson for organizing this. A very successful "Fun Bonspiel" was held in Campbellford on Feb. 19 with all seven clubs participating. This event was sponsored by Jack Ride in memory of his wife Faith.

The Leads and Seconds League will conclude with the Ciss Peterson Memorial Bonspiel being held at Peterborough Golf & Country Club on March 12.

Thank-you to Darlene Carrick and Brenda Smart for their part in running this league. This has been a very popular interclub, and I'm sure it will continue to be so.

Our Spring Fantasy Bonspiel will be on Monday and Tuesday March 29th and 30th. We look forward to welcoming many out of town teams. Our closing will be on Thursday April 1st. There will be curling in the morning followed by lunch and the Annual Spring Meeting. Have a great summer!

Barbara Krohn, President

### **BUSINESS WOMENS SECTION**

Well ladies, our season is winding down. And what a season it has been. There have been many highs – like our opening night social, our Christmas campaign for the troops, and our social night in February.

Our social night in February was an excellent way to say thank you to our members and to celebrate our many good fortunes. Some good food, great dessert and some ridiculous curling challenges made for a great night. We heard a lot of positive feedback about the event. As such, you can expect more of these types of events in the future. Many thanks to our social committee, Sandy Simmons and Lorie Kelly, for planning and organizing the event.

The constant need to shuffle team members each and every week to ensure that we have enough players on each team continues to be a problem. Your commitment to the league and your team members is important. We are always open to suggestions on how to improve the league so that attendance is not an issue. Please feel free to contact any member of the executive you're your suggestions. Thank you to the many members who do attend every week. The executive appreciates your support.

Lastly, in an effort to attract more members to the Thursday Night Business Women league, we are hosting a "Bring a Friend to Curling" night on March 18. On this night, we will provide instruction to friends who wish to give curling a try. In addition, ice will be available for members and friends with some experience to play a few ends. With the treasurer's permission, there may even be treats.

Karen Ellis, President

### **SENIOR MEN'S CURLING**

Our last Rock Talk was issued in December 2009 when Christmas was upon us and we were all bracing for the winter that never happened – at least not so far! Now, here in February, we are already starting to think about spring – and golf – especially those of us who got a jump start in the sunny south. It has been a very enjoyable curling season so far with several interesting activities still ahead – but first a look back.

**December 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas luncheon** – organized by our esteemed social director, Jeff Lawrence, with the much appreciated table decorations prepared by his wife, Marianne. Our turnout was a little lower this year, just 63, so we'll have to work on that in 2010. We again enjoyed the company of seasoned curling warrior, Keith Harrison, as a special guest.

**December 17<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Christmas Kettle program** – was again supported by our Senior Men's section. Even in these trying economic times the local program exceeded their \$80k goal by \$2k. Special thanks to our volunteers: Larry Cormack, David Prescott, Wally Feschuk, Paul Morgan, Jim Rowland, Gerry Kimball and Art Murray. It is always nice to give something back to the community at this special time of year.

**January 10<sup>th</sup> Funspiel** – attracted only 62 curlers, down from 84 last year. However, those attending had a great day – especially Al Dean, David Dodd, John Corless and Jim Mitchell who won draw #1 and Nick Nickson, David Prescott, Robin Maughan and Barry Parsons who emerged victorious in draw #2. Thanks again to our spielmeister, Bill Pezzack, and his trusty sidekick, Ken Roffey, for another enjoyable day.

**Interclub action** – included the 31<sup>st</sup> annual **Burritt Smitheram Interclub Bonspiel** on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the PCC. We had a full house with 6 PCC teams and teams from Omeme, Dalewood, Lindsay, Ennismore, Lakefield, Bobcaygeon, Norwood and Campellford. The winner of draw #1 was the Norwood team of Dan Selby, Brian Radnor, Raeburn Scott and Gord Montgomery, The winner of draw #2 and overall winner of the spiel was the PCC rink of Tom Love, Rick Lewis, Howie Hillson and Jim May. Congratulation to Tom and the boys – don't forget to bring the grandkids in to see you names engraved on the trophy! Special thanks to Geof Dudding, Ben Gaertner, Ken Koyanagi and Ken Featherstone for a smooth running, fun-filled day.

I am also pleased to report some interclub activity of a different sort. Recently the team of Harry Litvin, Jim Robinson, Nick Nickson and Ken Kayanagi entered the **Grandmaster's Playdowns** (for those over 70 – how these youngsters got in I do not know). So far the team has won the zone playoffs and are now off to the Provincials to be held in Thornhill March 26-27. Congratulations gentlemen – and good luck down the road.

**Saturday Social Curling** continues with the Senior Men's section hosting the evening of February 13<sup>th</sup>. We had a great turnout with a number of regular members bringing family and friends out for a fun – and inexpensive – evening of curling. Saturday evening curling continues throughout March, so think about joining in- regular members curl free and non-members pay only \$5. pp with all equipment and instruction provided. Special thanks to Leo Doiron, Frank Delemarre and Ken Featherstone for helping out.

### **Upcoming Senior Men's events**

Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> - Bill Rough Bonspiel (team entry)

Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup> - Hugh Ferguson Closing Bonspiel + Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Sign up sheets for all of the above events are already posted. That's it for now. Enjoy the remainder of the curling season and watch for golf tournament announcements coming soon.

### **Ken Featherstone, President**

#### **WEDNESDAY OTE**

Wednesday OTE has had an exciting season as we enter are 3<sup>rd</sup> and final schedule. As teams jockey for positions for this year's playoffs the Wed OTE coordinators are scrambling to come up with a playoff schedule that all will like. Making it difficult is the 20 teams we have this year to end up with 3 Championship and 3 Consolation games on closing night. Never the less we will have an exciting finish on Wednesday March 31.

We are looking for volunteers to run this section next year as we will be stepping down as your section coordinators at the close of this season.

Congratulations to those Trent University and Fleming players who did so well at their respective competitions this year. Thanks also to Dave Farnell and Steve Whitehill for fielding 5 teams for our section. Without these competitive curlers we would only have 15 teams to compete on Wednesday night.

The curling members of Wednesday OTE would like to give Jane Adams and her family their heartfelt condolences on the loss of her father, John Blodgett, who passed away this week.

Good Curling!!

Bruce & Krista Thompson

### **FRIDAY EVENING MIXED SECTION**

Well the big news is that the Skippers Bonspiel presented by lead sponsor Windsor Dry Cleaning was a big hit with those who participated. Special thanks go to the organizers (lead by Ken Hitchcock) who put a lot of work to make sure the event went off without a hitch. The money winners were as follows: First Draw: Winner – Bruce Thompson (man does he know how to clean up); 2<sup>nd</sup> – Glenn Garneys, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kevin Mooney. Second Draw: Winner – Donna Powers, 2<sup>nd</sup> – John Epping, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Glenn Owers.

Another special thank you goes to the sponsors who have been long time supporters of this event. Without them this event would be as successful as it has been.

I like to think the biggest winner of the Skippers this year was the junior team going to Sweden. Ken tells me that \$346 was raised from the 50/50 draw and net proceeds from the Silent Auction Table. I know the team lead by Tim Metcalfe will represent our club well so good luck guys.

Now that we're in our final Draw its time to start thinking about the playoffs. They take place on March 19<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup> and the finals on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you mark these dates on your calendar as I'm sure the closing dinner (held after the finals on March 27t) will once again be filled with lots of fun and entertainment once again.

Terry Woods, Section Head

### **MEN'S SECTION**

The Men's Section held a referendum on February 22nd and 23rd regarding altering the current playoff format. In a tight vote, the members decided (50.8 percent to 49.2 percent) to keep the current playoff format the way it is.

Congratulations to the Jason Hogan rink for winning the Merrett Home Hardware Bonspiel on February 22nd. Members of the rink include: Scott Whitehill (fourth), Jason Hogan (skip), Andrew Gerrits (second) and Joe Hogan (lead). Rob Lewis' team was the first place finisher on the other draw.

Any member interested in submitting a by-law amendment to our current Constitution, please do so by March 9, 2010. This is in accordance with the rules set out in our by-laws of 30 days notice required. **The AGM will occur this year on Friday April 9th, 2010 at 9:00pm.**

"Nacho Night" will occur on March 22nd and 23rd. Please inform all members of your team so that they can enjoy some great hospitality from the kitchen!

Jason Hogan  
Men's Section President

## ***SCHOOL CURLING PROGRAM***

The school curling program is well under way again for this curling season, the curling club provides basic curling instructions to grades 7 & 8. There are six schools presently enrolled in this program with approximately 25 to 30 students from each school. The program is provided on Wed. Thur. and Fridays each week of the curling season , Thursdays' instructions are provided by the Ladies Section and the Wed. Fridays by the Senior Men's Section .This program fills what would be down time at our club , provides fun time for the students and provides extra income for our club ." keeps your fees down" If you are interested in helping with the program please contact one of the following Nancy Cavanagh 745 1077 ,Roger Boutette 748 4704 or Art Murray 743 6787.

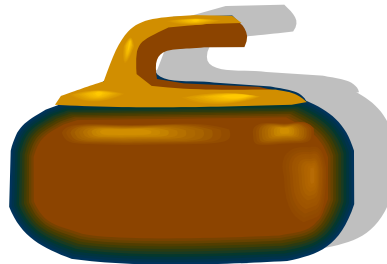
## ***CURLERS 4 THE CURE***

We are looking for walkers and runners to participate in the "Run for the Cure" on Sunday, October 3, 2010. It is a 5 km walk and a chance to visit with your friends.

This event is in support of breast cancer. Our team had 23 members last year and we hope to have many more in 2010. Let's put Peterborough Curling Club on the map with our support of a good cause. Watch for our flyers!!!

Karen Kavanaugh (Team Captain)

## **Sponsor A Rock!**



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