

Upcoming Bonspiels/Events

Men's Skins Bonspiel	Jan. 21-24th 2010
Men's and Ladies' Club Championships	Feb. 20-21 st 2010
Ladies' Skins Bonspiel	February 26-28 2010
Mixed St Patricks Day Bonspiel	March 12-14 2010
Bar-b-que Bonspiel	March 26-27 2010

Country Kitchen

We are happy to have Jane and Mansoon operating the kitchen and encourage all members to support them so that we can continue to enjoy their fantastic food. It has been a slow start for their business. If you haven't already done so, try their food and spread the word to your friends and neighbors. We might not have a restaurant at all if there isn't enough customers!

2009/2010 Fundraising

Heater Fundraising is still ongoing. We are just past the halfway mark which is great to see!

KFCC Dream Vacation Draw

\$5 gets you a chance to win a \$3500 travel voucher.
Proceeds support Junior curling at KFCC.

Member's Loonie 50/50 draw every night.
Member's Toonie 50/50 draw weekly and you don't have to be present to win!

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped Keith and Bob put the ice in this year your help is much appreciated.

We need more volunteers !

There are several positions open on the Board of Directors. Anybody interested can talk to a board member or leave your name at the bar.

President's Plea

The end is near...

Dear curlers,

I wanted to take the time now to let members know that I will not be available for a third year as president. This is despite the desperate need for even more help to keep our member run club operating. Many members have worked hard over the years to keep this club going and we have many positives to build on like the great junior program (generously run by a non-member this year), the new ice plant, and a small stabilization in member numbers and club revenue over the last 2-3 years. The most discouraging thing seems to be the attitude of some members who continue to assume the club can survive on their dues alone. Volunteer member effort **makes this club succeed**, it does not run itself. We need an Ice director, Secretary, Bonspiel director, Junior curling director, Rentals director, President, and perhaps more for next year. Some of these positions have been vacant for over a year. If you are a long term member of this club, and have never taken your turn on the board the **time is now**. We should especially try to avoid placing the burden on members with both full-time jobs and young families. Please consider this seriously as you look current and past volunteers in the eye throughout the season (hopefully, while buying them a beverage!). Remember, we know where you live - thought I should end this serious message with a joke!

Thanks, Kevin Belluz

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Big Congratulations

Our Ladies Club Championships team from last year, The Annie Macsemchuk Team, advanced to the provincial playdowns for the Dominion Championships this fall and were only 1 win away from going to the all expenses paid National!! Great job.

Team Tolusso, won the Men's Juniors provincials and is now going to the Nationals in Quebec January 18th. Peter DeBoer and Adam Lamers from that team both have strong ties to our club!

More Big Thanks

We have been very fortunate to have **Mindy Slusarczyk**, a non-member, running our Junior program this year. She stepped up when it looked like no one else was available and kept the program thriving. Thanks Mindy!

Michelle Keeling volunteered to manage our rentals for us when we had no members to help, please give her an extra thank you (or tip!) when you next see her.

Donna Vaillant is still helping out with the website this year after retiring from many, many years on the board so special thanks Donna!

Don Belluz and Brian Belluz are taking care of our **Sign Sponsors** and have increased totals again. This is a huge fundraiser for the club. Please take note of the sign sponsors and say a thank you to them when you visit their business.

NOCA, Dick Henderson and Bill Charlebois deserve credit for running the Let's Go Curling Weekend at our club. While there was a very poor member turn-out, I'm sure those in attendance appreciated it.

Dan Macsemchuk is filling up the Mens' Spiel and handling ALL the details for the 232nd consecutive year – big thanks Dan.

Jessica MacDonald and her crew of volunteers are putting together the Ladies' Spiel with an Ellen Theme. This year it moves back to February so let's FILL IT!!! Thanks ladies.

Bob and Karen McCluskey generously organize and run the Go Slow league. Great job and thanks!!

Other Changes of Note

New this year - we will be setting next year's fees and dues at the Annual General Meeting this summer – shortly after the end of the season. We also need to consider an annual capital fee to be put aside for building repairs. This is obviously a major issue and so hopefully we get a large member turn-out to contribute ideas to this member run club.

We will hold our volunteer appreciation the same evening as the AGM. Sometimes members/citizens do something for the club and the board doesn't always know (or remember!). Please let someone on the board know if there is someone who deserves recognition.

President: Kevin Belluz
Past-President: Andrew Sinclair
Vice-President: John Lamers
Treasurer: Mike Harding
Secretary: shared
House: Dale Jackson/Kevin Belluz
Ice: Bob Kyrlyuk
Bar: John Lamers
Draw: Sandy Steinhoff
Membership: Linda Vellinga
Bonspiel: Laurie Ross
Rentals: Linda Vellinga (Michelle Keeling)
Junior Curling: Kevin Belluz (Mindy S.)
NW Rep: Kevin Belluz
Fundraising: Brian Belluz
Newsletter: Sandy S./Linda V./Kevin B.
Website Volunteer Donna Vaillant/Kevin B.

Special Thanks to New Members Dale Jackson, Linda Vellinga, and Sandy Steinhoff and also to Glenda Dykstra for helping membership start up.