



# **In The Hack**

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## **Schooner Curling Club**

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The Schooner Club's annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser was held on Friday, March 15. It was another success as club members sold just over 300 dinners, helping to raise important funds for the club.

Thank you to all who sold dinners and to all the volunteers who helped organize, prepare, package and deliver the dinners. And thank you to Tommy Young who prepared the dinners to sell. They were delicious.

### **Coors Fun Nights**



The monthly Coors Fun Nights wrapped up for another season in March. Fun nights were again popular this season and introduced a lot of people to the sport of curling for the first time. As always, we hope to gain some new members next season based on their experience at the fun nights. We would like to extend a big thank you to Abbie and Robena Boudreau for organizing and running the events again this year and also a big thanks to Dave MacMullin and the Coors Light Brewing Company for returning as sponsor. Our fun nights could not happen without your help and we hope to see you back for the 2013-14 season.

### **Schooner Golf Day**

The organizers of the annual Schooner Golf Day, Lynn Kelly and Mary Foley, would like to gauge the interest in having the event again this year and have posted a sheet on the club bulletin board to find out how many people want to take part. The event is open to both Schooner members and guests and will be held sometime in June at the Alderdale Greens golf course in Point Edward. Anyone interested in taking part should sign the sheet or tell Lynn or Mary you want to take part. Include anyone from outside the club who will participate with you as well. The Schooner Golf Day is always a lot of fun so let's keep it going. Sign up today. Check the website for updates.

### **Skating Party**

The final on-ice event of the season is always the skating party when members and guests get to strap on their blades and take to the ice. It will be held on Sunday, April 14 at 2pm. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you all there.

### **Club Calendar**

April 9-13	Closing Spiel
Sunday, April 14 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Skating Party
Tuesday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
Saturday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Closing Banquet
June 2013	Schooner Golf Day
NOTE: All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the club website or bulletin board for changes and additions.	

### **General Meeting and Club Elections**

It's election time at the Schooner Club. All executive and committee head positions are up for grabs regardless if the current position holder reoffers. Any position being contested for by two or more members will be voted on at the closing general meeting. A sign-up sheet is now located in the club for anyone interested in offering for a position so throw your name on the ballot and give something back to our club.

Members are reminded that the Closing Meeting will be held at the club on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This is a change from the original date of April 17<sup>th</sup>. All members are encouraged to attend as, along with any required executive elections, many important topics will be discussed and decided on for the 2013-14 season.

### **Closing Spiel**

There's still time to sign up for the Closing Spiel taking place April 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Choose from Tues/Thurs/Sat or Wed/Fri/Sat divisions. A sign-up sheet is posted. Sign up today.

### **Closing Banquet And Dance**



Make plans to attend the closing banquet on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a change from the original date of April 27<sup>th</sup>. The venue is different this year as the banquet is being held at the Sydney Pensioner's Club on the corner of Prince and Inglis Streets. This venue allows for more people so the Schooner Junior program has been invited to take part in the dinner this year. Things get rolling at 6pm with a cocktail hour and then dinner starts at 7:00. Schooner members are asked to make a \$10 deposit which will be returned when you attend. Dinner is \$10 for non-member guests. Sign up and pay at the bar. After the award presentations are made the party gets started with entertainment and dancing until 1:00 am. So join us and dance the night away at the last big party of the season. See you there!

## Coors Open Fun Spiel



The Annual Coors Light Fun Spiel was played at the club on March 1st and 2nd this season and was a rousing success. Forty Eight participants made up twelve teams that competed on Friday night and all day Saturday which made for great curling and good fun. In the end it was the Tom Drover rink that came out on top. Tom Sr. was joined by Mate Barry Smith, second Bill Blackwood and lead Amie Sparkes. Congratulations to our winners. Following in second place was the Cal Thistle rink. Joining Cal was Barb Thistle, Rick Windsor and Amanda Windsor. In third was the Greg Ferguson rink with Greg, Matt MacPherson, Amie MacPherson and Todd MacAulay. Rounding out the top five were the Thomas Drover Jr. rink in fourth and the Brian Laughlin rink in fifth. Thank you to all curlers and to everyone who helped out in organizing and running the event. The weekend was capped off by a dance with entertainment provided by DJ Jimmy. The dance was very well attended by members and guests and everyone had a great time. Overall, it was one of the most successful Coors spiels ever and we hope to see that success continue next year.

## League Wrap-up

Play is pretty much wrapping up at the club now with playoffs continuing into early April before a champ is crowned in each league.

The first round of the mixed league playoff wrapped up late in March and now the top four teams of that round will continue on to play for the league title while the remainder of the teams will compete for another game in a consolation round. Making it to the final round is the Lynnette Chiasson rink, the Martin Campbell rink, the Greg Ferguson Rink and the Thomas Drover Rink. As a bit of a surprise, regular schedule champs the Gordie Cormier rink fell short of making it to the championship round. The Cormier squad started strong with three wins in the round robin but then fell to defeat twice in their final two games to end up in fifth place overall. Lynnette Chiasson built on a solid season to go undefeated in the first round and solidify a place for her team, one that might have to be considered a legitimate favorite to take the overall title given their strong play in the first round. Campbell, Ferguson and Drover all had strong regular seasons in the mixed with the second place Campbell rink narrowly being edged out late in the season by Cormier for the regular season title and both the Ferguson and Drover rinks staying high in the standings all year. This will certainly make for a highly competitive final round in the mixed league.

In the Sunday Team Entry League the final four to compete for the overall league title are also decided. Regular season champs the Omar Roach rink made it through along with the Ray Cameron Rink, the John Donovan Rink and the Wayne "Bull" Bonnell rink. Making it to the second round is a huge turnaround for Bonnell and his crew who finished dead last in the standings during the regular season. A 4-0 start in the first round solidified their spot in the finals. Ray Cameron's rink struggled a bit through a mediocre season to finish in the middle of the pack but re-found their winning form from a season ago and went undefeated in round one. Omar Roach and John Donovan carried on from strong regular seasons that saw them finish one and two on Sunday and now also have an opportunity to compete to be overall league champ.

In the Men's League, the final round robin game from the first round was played on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The top two finishers in the regular season failed to make it through to the second round. League champs, the Gary Landry rink went winless in the first round and second place finishers the Leo Fraser rink went 1-1-1 when they narrowly missed forcing a three way draw to the button tiebreak by stealing a single point in the last end of their final game of round one to tie Ray Cameron. A win for Fraser would have forced the logjam and the required tie breaking draw by the three skips. Joining Cameron in the finals are the Brian Laughlin rink, the Dennis Crosby rink and the Cal Thistle rink. The four teams making it through finished third through sixth but there is no surprise as the top six teams in the men's league this year were very close all season. The men's league will finish their playoffs on April 9<sup>th</sup> when a champ will be crowned.

Check the Schooner website for updated league results and final standings.

## The End of Another Season

With warmer weather, melting snow and longer days upon us we know that the curling season will soon draw to a close. It's been another great year at the schooner club with lots of good curling and great fun had by all. League play is wrapping up with final play downs underway in all leagues and champs soon to be crowned. The closing spiel starts April 9<sup>th</sup> and runs to the 13<sup>th</sup> and the final on-ice event of the year, the skating party, will be held on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. That same day the switch will be thrown to shut down the plant and start the melting process, the ultimate end to every great season. I would like to thank everyone who read the newsletter this season and I hope you found it both informative and entertaining. I would also like to thank the outgoing executive committee for all their hard work and wish the best to those who will pick up the torch and join next season's executive to help run the club. Thank you also to the many volunteers who give their time and hard work and make the club what it is. Without these many people we could not exist. And finally, thank you to everyone at the Schooner Curling Club for making it such an enjoyable place to be. I hope to see you all next season.

Have a great summer everyone.

*Bill*