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Correction on Opening Spiel Result



In the November Newsletter it was reported that Gary Landry's first place rink included Dave Boudreau. It was actually Mike McGrath who played second on Gary's team. I apologize to both Mike and Dave and congratulate Mike on sharing the victory.

Coors Fun Nights



We all know Christmas is around the corner and will be here before we know it. Why not take a break from all the hustle and bustle of the pending Holiday season and join us at the Schooner Curling Club for a night of fun and relaxation. The Next Coors Fun Night of the season will be held on Saturday, December 17. The fun gets going at around 7:00 and is only \$5.00 for the public and \$2.00 for Schooner Members for curling, pizza and prizes. Please bring clean, dry footwear for the ice area. So drop your shopping bags and head on over to the Schooner for some fun with your friends. See ya there!

Turkey Spiel



The annual Schooner Christmas tradition, the Turkey Spiel, will be held from December 5th through the 10th. As always, curlers have a choice of the Monday/Wednesday/Friday division or the Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday Division. The Turkey Spiel is open to both members and non-members so talk to friends and family and bring them along. Entrance fee is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members and you get a great week of curling and a chance to win great prizes. No matter what you win, turkey, ham, chocolates or even bologna, the Turkey Spiel is lots of fun and a great way to get into the Holiday Spirit.

Food Drive



A food drive will be held in conjunction with the Turkey Spiel. All participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items. All proceeds go to Loaves and Fishes.

Club Calendar

December 5-10	Turkey Spiel
Saturday, Dec. 10 th	Turkey Spiel Social
Saturday Dec. 17	Coors Fun Night
December 19	Christmas Break Begins
Monday, January 2 nd	Curling Resumes
January 13-14 th	JDRF Spiel
January 20 th – 22 th	Open Cash Spiel
Saturday, January 28 th	Coors Fun Night
February 10 th – 11 th	Sweetheart Spiel

NOTE: All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the club website or bulletin board for changes and additions.

Membership Dues



All Schooner members are reminded that the first payment of \$100 toward your 2011-12 membership was due on November 15th. Those that have not paid are **PAST DUE** and you are asked to pay as soon as possible. Second payments are due January 31st. Anyone joining after the Christmas break can pay \$125 (HST included) for the remainder of the season, also due on January 31st. Overdue membership fees can result in your membership being revoked.

Equipment

Anyone wishing to order equipment should contact Lynn Kelly at the club. Catalogues and price lists have been made available for your shopping convenience. If you need Christmas delivery you should order ASAP.

Open Cash Spiel

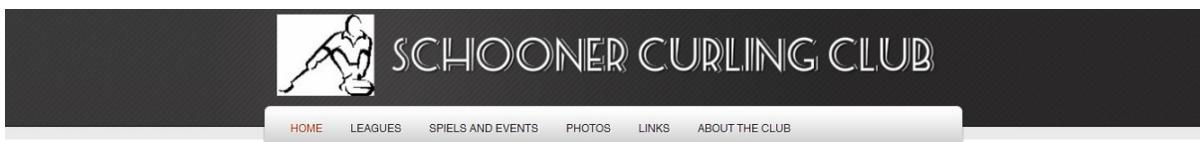
The annual Schooner Open Cash Spiel will be held January 20th – 22nd 2012. This is a change from the originally scheduled dates of January 27th – 29th. Open to any teams in any combination of men and women curlers. All entry fees returned as prize money. Get you team together and get ready for the cash.

Fundraising Spiel



Mark your calendar and get your team ready for the annual JDRF Fundraising Spiel in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation being held January 13th and 14th. Team or single entry available. Check the club or our website for more information.

Schooner Website



The Schooner Curling Club Website has undergone some changes. A little over a year ago the site hosting was moved to Google Sites, a free website editing and hosting service. The Google Sites service proved difficult to use and limiting in what could be accomplished. Many members had trouble getting updated information and, when trying to visit the site, were being redirected by Google and asked to login. Janet Confiant had been looking after the site for the last while but, due to other commitments and ongoing trouble with Google Sites, she could no longer do it. Bill Farr has taken over the website in the interim. During the change over from Janet to Bill, Janet recommended that we switch the site from Google to a different host she had been looking into called Weebly. Weebly is free, allows a very easy to use interface to create and edit the website and, while not perfect given that it is free, is proving to be a much better service. We owe Janet our gratitude for recommending it. If we had stayed with Google Sites we would not be much further ahead than we were.

For those who have visited the site recently you have noticed a new look. The site is still under a reconstruction with things being added but most of what is essential to us is in place. League rosters, schedules and results are all there. There is a full event calendar and all upcoming club events are listed. You can also access the monthly newsletter, link to the club's online photo albums or view upcoming events or club news in a scrolling slideshow. Watch for more new features and more information to be added soon. So check out the newly redesigned website and visit often to get the latest club news and schedules. The address is the same:

www.schoonercurlingclub.com

All member feedback is welcome.



The Snowball Even Split is back again!

This is a major fundraiser for the club and all members are asked to participate. The Snowball is run for all scheduled league games and, new this year, will also be run during Senior curling on Friday afternoons. Since the Snowball will only be drawn once per day, if Senior curling is rescheduled from Friday to another day with other league curling, the draw will be made at the completion of all curling for that day. To play the Snowball you simply need to sign in when you are in the club and pay the \$2 entry. Each club member is assigned a number and, at the end of curling for that day, a number is drawn randomly. If it is your assigned number and you are signed in for that day's draw, you win. Prize money is a 50/50 split of all entry fees collected since the last Snowball winner. While you don't have to be in attendance to win, you must personally sign in for each Snowball draw. You cannot be entered by someone else or call in your entry, you must enter yourself. If the number drawn belongs to a member who is not signed in to that day's draw, there is no winner and the prize money is carried over and "snowballs" into a bigger prize each time it is not won. One of the first winning draws this season had snowballed into \$120, another was in the \$180 range and prizes last year got pretty high as well. Remember, it only costs a twonie to enter and money raised helps with club expenses and keeps our membership fees low. So don't forget to sign up for the Snowball the next time you are in the club.

League Wrap-up

League play is now in full swing at the club with the Team Entry, Mixed and Men's leagues all getting underway early in November. Three teams in Sunday's Team Entry, Brian Laughlin, Ray Cameron and Greg Ferguson remain undefeated at 3-0 and tied with 6 points. Omar Roach stands with the top teams with 6 points as well with a 3-1 record. The mixed league is close all around but, as of games played up to November 29th, Cal Thistle and Brian Laughlin lead the way with 6 points followed closely by Kevin Bates and rookie Skip Wayne "Bull" Bonnell with 5 points respectively. There's lots of season left and some teams have played fewer games than others due to postponements. Men's League standings, as of Monday, November 28th, have Omar Roach and Cal Thistle tied with 6 points and Ray Cameron and Brian Laughlin close behind with 5 points each. At this early stage in the season it is way too soon to pick any favorites in any league. There's lots of curling to go this year.

All members curling in the mixed league should be aware that there are changes to the original schedule in January due to changes in the dates of the annual Cash Spiel. Updated schedules are now posted at the club and available on the website.

If you have an older printed schedule at home it may be incorrect. Mixed league games postponed due to weather in November will be rescheduled and you will be notified.

Don't forget that Senior Curling goes every Friday at 1pm and is open to all members. The Junior Program takes the ice Saturday from 2:30 -4:00. The last day of league curling before the Holidays will be Sunday Team Entry on December 18. Curling resumes in the new year with the Men's League taking the ice on January 2nd. A full calendar of league schedules and other events is available on our website.



Happy Holidays to Everyone

