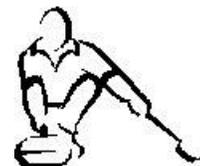


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NOTE: All dates are tentative and subject to change. Check the club website or bulletin board for changes and additions.	

League Roundup



League play resumed after the Holiday Break on January 2nd when the Pepsi Mixed League took to the ice to kick off 2017. The mixed league is now into its 'second season' of sorts as first round play ended on January 18 and teams were reformed for round two. Round one champ was the Sid Murray rink who cruised through the schedule, winning all but two games, only losing one game and recording one tie. Murray wasn't the only team vying for the title as the Greg Ferguson rink and the Peter MacIntyre rink were hot on his heels all season, each finishing with two losses and only one point behind Murray. Heading into his final game of the season, Murray needed a win or a tie to lock up the title and avoid a tie break situation with Ferguson and MacIntyre. It wasn't looking good for Murray as he entered the eighth end of his final game down by one point to Rick Windsor's team and was facing one of Windsor's rocks buried on the button and counting as he prepared to take his final shot. The only option Murray had was to play a very difficult angle raise to try and put one of his stones in scoring position to gain a tie. Murray was up for the task and made a spectacular shot to raise his stone to the button, bumping Windsor's rock into second shot and scoring the point he needed to tie and solidify the championship. Congratulations to Sid and his team, Chris 'Slugger' MacLeod as mate, George Plumridge at second and Julia Cormier as lead. Also contributing to the victory was Laura MacRae who played lead for Murray for the first part of the season. Round two of the mixed league got underway on January 23 with a whole new slate

Mid Season General Meeting

of teams. Check back for second round results or visit the Schooner website anytime to see how teams are doing.

The Old Triangle Men's League is well into round two of its schedule and two teams still lead, the Omar Roach rink and the Brian Laughlin rink. Laughlin has taken over first place from Roach after a recent win in a head to head matchup but it's still only one point that separates the two. With four games remaining in the schedule, every other team in the league is still in striking distance if one or both of the front runners start to falter. Wayne 'Bull' Bonnell had jumped into third place by himself, three points behind Roach and four behind Laughlin, with all five other teams sitting tied, one point behind Bonnell. Given this level of parity in the league, anyone can win on any night so the front runners will have to be cautious not to take anyone too lightly.

The Don Cherry's Team Entry League Has tightened up a bit with three teams leading the way and two others still within site of the title.

After an abbreviated schedule in week one of round two due to teams travelling for the ship hector, a full slate of games was scheduled for the final Sunday of January. The Wayne 'Bull' Bonnell rink won against the Keith MacEachern rink early in the day, lifting them, at least temporarily, into a tie with the Gordie Cormier rink for top spot. Cormier was taking on the Wally MacDonald rink that same day and a win would put him back on top alone and put the MacDonald foursome close to being out of reach of first.

Cormier, however, wasn't able to come up with a victory and lost to the MacDonald rink after a close game was blown open in the late ends by MacDonald. That meant that Cormier and Bonnell remained tied for top spot with sixteen points and MacDonald was still close behind with fourteen. Two other teams within reach are the Omar Roach rink and the Martin Campbell rink, both with twelve points. Campbell has one less game remaining than the other top contenders but does have a game against the Cormier rink and the Bonnell rink which could play a big role in the final standings if Campbell wins both. Cormier also has a head to head matchup with Bonnell left in the schedule which could decide the final winner if both teams can win their other remaining games. It looks like the final results will come down to the wire and won't be known until the final games are played.

The Schooner Junior Program continues to run on Saturday afternoons at the club. While numbers are down a bit this season, things are still going well in the program. The Schooner Juniors took to the road in January and headed to an event being held at the Baddeck Curling Club. Thanks to all the junior curlers for representing the Schooner Club proudly and thanks to all the parents, grandparents and others who made the trip and helped out.

There was a mid-season general meeting held at the club on Saturday, January 7th. This mid-season meeting has been going on for the last few years and is always coupled with a wine and cheese social to allow Schooner members to ring in the new year together. The meeting is a good way for members to get up to date on what is happening at the club and to find out and have a voice on what plans are in place for the remainder of the season. This year, weather was a factor in attendance as there was a winter storm forecast to begin later on Saturday evening. There were, however, eighteen people were in attendance which wasn't too bad considering the impending snow.

Gordie Cormier brought the meeting to order and delivered the President's report. Gordie welcomed everyone and wished them a happy new year and then went on to say that he is happy with the way things have been going so far this season. He did say he was a little bit concerned that both membership and spiel participation were down a bit and said that he had a few ideas to remedy that and they would be discussed under new business. Gordie then went on to say that repairs at the club were minimal this season, mainly due to the amount of work that was done at the club last season. Gordie then closed his report by reiterating that this would be his final season as club president and that he would not be reoffering for the position. He encouraged others to consider taking on the role in his place.

The next report to be given was the financial report and they was presented by treasurer Thomas Drover. Thomas started by saying the club was in a good financial position and has a healthy bank balance even though revenue was down quite a bit over the previous year. This was due mainly to the Chase the Ace draw not being run early in the season, the loss of revenue due to lower membership numbers and less money being taken in on the two spiels that have already been run this year. While both spiels have come out in the black, the revenue from the Turley Spiel was down because two nights of curling were cancelled for weather and the sponsorship that we had for the last couple of seasons was not renewed this year. Thomas was encouraged that Chase the Ace was to start very soon and, if it goes well and lasts for a while, can really help the revenue at the club build back up.

The Ice Director's report was up next and Brian reported that things are going well and there hasn't been an issue since the October storm. He also said that a flood had been done over the Holiday break to bring the level of the ice up and refresh it. Brian also reported that ice maintenance such as shaving was being done twice a week now instead of once as it was in previous years. The ice crew now does maintenance on Thursday evening before league play along with the usual Sunday maintenance.

Draw Master Cal Thistle reported next and said that league play was going well this season and had not seen any cancellations due to weather, although there were a few make up games do get done because teams had cancelled for schedule conflicts. He also said that the move to Thursday night for the Men's league had seemed to work out well and that there were still eight teams competing as there had been in previous years. The mixed league is coming to the end of its first round and will have the teams shuffled when that is over. Cal said he is hoping to get a few new members to play in that league. Cal also said he appreciated the ice crew doing maintenance on Sunday and Thursday as this allows for league play on Thursday night to go ahead instead of being cancelled for shaving before a spiel weekend.

Rescheduling curling on Thursdays this year means affecting both the Men's and Mixed leagues. Cal also reminded everyone that there is a free sheet of ice on Tuesday evening that can be used to make up games that have been missed. These games should be scheduled so as not to get double booked and have four teams show up to play a game at the same time.

The Schooner bar is being run by committee again this season with a few people taking charge of tasks involved with its operation. Cal Thistle does stocking and inventory, Gordie Cormier looks after scheduling and miscellaneous and Thomas Drover handles the deposits. There are also a

good group of volunteers that are handling bartending. Gordie reported on behalf of the committee that things are going smoothly and he is happy with the way it runs. He doesn't think we will soon see a volunteer to run the bar so, for the foreseeable future, this is how it will be done. Lynn Kelly reported for ways and means and said that most signs in the ice area have been paid for but she was going to verify with Thomas as to which ones were outstanding. She also noted that there were two new sign sponsors, GoCapeBreton.com and Fire Stop Enterprises.

The website/newsletter report was next and outlined some of the changes that have been made to the website this season. First was the addition of a compressed calendar that focuses on a few days rather than a full month so people can more quickly read a schedule for that day or a few days forward. Also, the adoption of daily Facebook posts that indicate what is going on that day. Those posts then get sent to our Twitter account and subsequently get posted to the front page of the website through a Twitter feed. By using multiple tools it is hoped we can reach more people with our information. It was also noted that feedback from users was solicited in the December newsletter so we can better focus the efforts on the website. Since all of the tools we use for our online presence are basically free, there is little in the way of reporting that allows us to see how things are being used. It was also reported that the newsletters continue to be published monthly with little changes this season. They seem to be well received by the membership. The meeting then progressed to deal with new business. Gordie reiterated the concern that membership was down from previous years and put forward the idea of offering a \$99 membership for new members like the Sydney Curling Club does. We do offer pro-rated rates and the \$99 for January to the season for a new member is not far off what we would charge for that time period anyway. It just makes it sound a lot cheaper if you can advertise a price. It was decided that this would be adopted and that a new member would be defined as someone who had not held membership in the club for at least three years.

The next order of new business also revolved around attracting new members to the club. Given that the Learn to Curl that was advertised for the first three weeks of January at a price of \$45 didn't attract any takers, it was discussed that we should offer less formal lessons that would be free. It was decided that these lessons would be offered on Tuesday, January 10 and Tuesday, January 17. Richard Lorway agreed to promote them on GoCapeBreton and other online tools and they would also be put on our club's website.

Next up for discussion was fundraising and Gordie talked about Chase the Ace making its return to the club in late January. He discussed the new rules and new format for ticket sales as well and told everyone that we had ordered 5000 tickets at an approximate cost of \$168. Discussion then turned to other possible fund raising projects we could also undertake like running another 649 or returning to the spaghetti dinner sale but it was decided that, since we are asking members to support the Chase the Ace and we are still running our regular Snowball fundraiser, that it would be too much if we undertook yet another fundraising project. Given the success of past Chase the Ace draws, if this one has the same success, it will be sufficient in raising the funds we need so no other fundraiser would be started at this time.

Ship Hector Spiel

The final order of business revolved around the Traveler's Club Championship that, this year, are being held in Truro for the men and in Wolfville for the women. For the past two seasons we have had a representative at the Travelers in at least one of the two categories, mainly because the Sydney Curling Club has played host, one year for men and one year for women. This year there does not seem to be any interest in the club so Gordie Cormier does not think there will be any in house club championship play this season.

Gordie then took the floor for a final time but, before calling the meeting to a close, went over some of the many events that are on the Schooner Calendar in the near future, calling special interest to the two on two spiel that was only a week after the meeting. Gordie then called for a motion to adjourn and those in attendance got to relax, enjoy some wine and cheese compliments of the club and discuss their Holiday season and what was in store for the coming months. Overall a great meeting and a great night at the Schooner Club.

The Ship Hector Bonspiel is a large curling event that is held in four curling clubs in the New Glasgow area every year around the end of January. The popularity of this spiel with curlers from Nova Scotia and beyond is evident every year in the large number of teams that it attracts. Schooner has been well represented in this event for a number of years and this season was no different. A total of four Schooner rinks made the trip this year to compete with a fifth, the Brian Laughlin rink, having to bow out at the last minute when one of their players had to bow out for personal reasons and one wound up sick with the flu. Kelley and Brian still made the trip and Brian wound up sparing for the Wally MacDonald rink. Also joining skip MacDonald was Sid Murray, Rick Billard and Dave Boudreau. Other rinks making the trip to the Hector were the Thomas Drover rink, the Wayne 'Bull' Bonnell rink and the Gordie Cormier rink. Joining Thomas was Amy MacPherson, Matt MacPherson and Nadine Neima-Drove while Bull had Rick Windsor, Richard Lorway and Bryant Cormier. Skip Gordie Cormier was joined by Stephen Leslie, Bill Farr and Mel Windsor. Counting curlers and supporters the Schooner contingent numbered over twenty people.

The Ship Hector is not an easy spiel to compete in with a hectic schedule of four games over two days, one on Friday and three on Saturday. Those who win their way to play on Sunday can play up to two more games. This year, two Schooner teams were left standing on Sunday morning, the Wally MacDonald rink and the Gordie Cormier rink. MacDonald had a very successful opening round, winning his first two games and losing his third, earning him a bye on Saturday night and a guarantee to play Sunday. MacDonald stayed in the high division with his wins and faced some very tough competition. His game on Sunday morning was against one of those strong teams but MacDonald dominated, jumping out to an early lead and finally scoring a knockout blow in the sixth end when he scored five that put things out of reach and ended the game. That victory put them into the championship game for the Bluenose Division on Sunday afternoon. While team MacDonald dropped that game and wound up in the runner-up position, they still had a very successful spiel and we should all be proud of

what they accomplished.

Gordie Cormier's rink also made it to play on Sunday but weren't successful in making it to a championship when they lost their game in the morning. Cormier had two wins and two losses in his first four round robin games. Wayne 'Bull' Bonnell won his first game on Friday night but was unable to come up with a victory on Saturday and finished 1-3. The Thomas Drover rink ran into some tough competition early, playing a previous overall spiel winner in their first game and then lost another heartbreaker by a draw to the button and were unable to find the win column.

Wins and losses aside, it was another very successful Ship Hector for our Schooner representatives. Everyone had a great time and the club was well represented at the party held at the Bluenose Curling Club on Saturday night. Thank you to all the curlers and supporters who made the trip and represented the club well. We are proud of you all and hope that even more teams can make the trip to the Hector next season.

Schooner Fun Nights

Fun Nights made their return for the season in January with the first one being held on Saturday, January 28. There was great turnout for the season's first event with around forty people in attendance and a great time was had by all. Curling got started shortly after 7pm and continued throughout the night with many participants going out multiple times to play. Instruction was given to all new curlers and was handled by Nadine Neima-Drover with help from Gordie Cormier and Joe Erickson. The Fun Nights are being coordinated this season by Janet Gallivan and Kathy Gale. With Kathy handling bar duties on Saturday, Lynn Kelly helped out with coordinating the evening. They did a great job of greeting visitors, keeping the curling sheets full and making sure there was lots of Pizza for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to everyone who helped out and everyone who came and made the first Fun Night of the 2016-17 season a great one.

The February fun night will be held on Saturday, February 18th and we are hoping for another great crowd.

Sweetheart Spiel



The annual Sweetheart Women's Spiel will be held at the club from February 10th to 11th. This spiel has always been very popular and one of the favorite events on the club calendar every season for many members and guests. The spiel will be sponsored once again this year by local business Compu-Clone Computer Solutions. This spiel is open to any woman curler, club member or not and no experience is necessary. Entry fee for the weekend is \$20 for Schooner members and \$30 if you don't have Schooner membership. That will get you three six end games, wine and cheese on Friday evening sponsored by Schooner member Martin Campbell, dinner on Saturday catered by Tommy Young and snacks all weekend. Registration is now open for this spiel and you can sign up at the club, phone or email registrations will also be accepted. Hurry and get signed up because this event always fills up fast.

Open Cash Spiel



The Annual Schooner Cash Spiel will be held in February, running from the 24th to the 26th. Registration has been open since before the Holidays and has resulted in a number of teams already signing on to compete. A maximum of sixteen teams will be accepted with the entry fee being \$180 per team. All entry fees will be returned in prize money. Teams can be any combination of men and/or women. Anyone wishing to enter a team that has yet to sign up should do so as soon as possible since it looks like there is a good chance this spiel will fill up. Each team will be guaranteed three games and dinner will be served on Saturday. There will be snacks all weekend and there is usually a light breakfast of coffee and muffins available Saturday morning. This the premier event of the curling season at the club so why not gather a team and take part. Even if you don't compete, plan to spend some time at the club and take in the action. There will also be a dance held on Saturday night with entertainment by DJ Jimmy. It's always a good time when Jimmy plays.

Two on Two Spiel

A two on two spiel was held at the club in January on the 13th and 14th of the month. The format has seen a growth in popularity at the club since it was introduced a couple of years ago and in the world of curling in general as you see more events with pro curlers that feature the format and the inclusion of mixed doubles in the 2018 Winter Olympics in Korea. The rules we use at the club are slightly different from the standard doubles game and have been adopted from the "Sturling" website, started by curlers who want to see stick, wheelchair and slide curlers all be able to compete against each other in the same game. The game we play sees members of each team play on opposite ends of the ice and not change ends or even be allowed to cross center for the entire game. Games are six ends each and see each team deliver six rocks per end. The first three rocks cannot be removed from play, no matter what position they are in, until the fourth rock is being thrown. Once the end is over, your teammate delivers the six stones back. Scoring is the same as regular team curling but there is no sweeping allowed until the rock crosses the hog line at the end it is being delivered to. This format allows curlers to get great practice in delivering stones because you deliver six in a row and throw a total of eighteen rocks per game as opposed to sixteen in a regular eight-end team game. You also have to adjust weight considering there's no sweeping. It also introduces curlers to calling line and thinking about strategy because, for three of the six ends, you are skip. The popularity of this format certainly shone through in this year's spiel as there was a full roster of sixteen teams and there were even more on a waiting list. Sixteen teams is all we can accommodate in the time frame we have. Play got underway on Friday evening at 6pm with five games scheduled for that night, seeing all sixteen teams play their first matches and the winners of games one and two play their second game as well. Teams that won their first games would stay in the "Championship" bracket and guarantee themselves at least two more games while losers of game one would drop to the "Consolation" bracket where a second loss would mean elimination. Friday night's winners included the teams of Dave Boudreau and Rick Billard, Gordie Cormier and Brian Laughlin, John Donovan and Greg Wall, Chris 'Slugger MacLeod and Walter Nichols, Thomas and Nadine

Drover, Bryant Cormier and Richard Lorway, Bernadette Cormier and Bill Moss and finally Wayne 'Bull' Bonnell and Rick Windsor. The Boudreau/Billard team played its second game of the evening against the Cormier/Laughlin squad with Cormier and Laughlin coming out on top while another game saw Donovan/Wall fall to MacLeod/Nichols in their second game of the spiel. Losers of these games went to consolation while winners stayed in the championship bracket.

Saturday play got underway early with the losers of game one all taking the ice at either 10am or 11am. If you lost this second game you would be eliminated while winners would move on in the consolation division to face the losers of game two in the championship division when they dropped down. At this point, for everyone in the consolation division, it was basically win or go home. Saturday could make for a grueling schedule with lots of games to be played for those who kept winning. For the team of Richard Lorway and Bryant Cormier, they had to play five games on Saturday after losing their first game of the day in the championship division and dropping to consolation with little or no breaks in between. Curlers were kept fueled up with coffee, muffins and fresh fruit in the morning and Pizza later that day, all compliments of the club's executive.

By mid afternoon the semi-final games in the championship bracket were ready to go and saw the team of Brian Laughlin and Gordie Cormier taking on Chris 'Slugger' MacLeod and Walter Nichols in one match and Thomas and Nadine Drover taking on Wayne 'Bull' Bonnell and Rick Windsor in the second game. Cormier/Laughlin and Bonnell/Windsor were both victorious and would meet for the spiel title while the Drover team would have another shot at a final when they took on Lorway/Cormier in one of two consolation semi-finals with the second seeing the MacLeod/Nichols team take on the father/daughter duo of Peter and Val MacIntyre. Lorway/Cormier and MacLeod/Nichols were both winners and advanced to the consolation finals that were scheduled to be played at 7pm along with the Championship final. While things had gotten a little behind through the day, the final games went off pretty close to their correct times thanks to breaks between that had been worked into the schedule.

For the team of Lorway/Cormier, this would be their fifth game of the day and fatigue was certainly starting to play a part. Earlier that day, a game they had won against the MacDonald/Murray rink had come down to a draw to the button to break a tie after they had erased a three point deficit in the final end. The draw would include one rock from each team members.

MacDonald and Cormier would throw first for their respective teams.

MacDonald made a near perfect shot and dropped his rock directly on top of the button. Not to be outdone, Cormier also was near perfection and also covered the pin, essentially creating a tie. That meant it came down to Sid Murray and Richard Lorway to decide the game. Murray would shoot first and when he came up just short of the house it opened the door for Lorway to complete the comeback and just hit the paint to steal the victory. He made no mistake, putting his rock on the edge of four to vault he and Cormier into the semi-final game they eventually won against team Drover.

As mentioned earlier, fatigue was a factor in the finals for Lorway and Cormier and they wound up being defeated by the MacLeod/Nichols rink in the consolation final, but still won a \$100 prize for the effort while the winners

took home \$160. In the Championship final between the Bonnell/Windsor and the Laughlin/Cormier rinks, it was a back and forth match that saw Laughlin and Cormier come out on top and take the top prize of \$220 while the Bonnell/Windsor duo had to settle for second place and \$160. After curling had ended there was a dance at the club with entertainment provided by DJ Jimmy. There were around twenty Schooner members and guests that stayed around to dance the night away and a great time was had by all.

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the spiel and to those who signed up but didn't make it in, we apologize. Thanks also to everyone who helped out in any way, to Steve Leslie, bonspiel coordinator, to the ice crew, to bartenders and to everyone else, thank you. Without the hard work of volunteers we could not run an event such as this. So that wraps up the 2017 edition of our two on two spiel but, given its popularity, we're pretty sure you'll see it on the schedule for next season so plan to sign up early. Members are reminded to keep an eye open for casual two on two events that will be held at the club on evenings when our schedule allows.



Fundraiser

Chase the Ace has returned to the Schooner club with the first draw being held on January 31. This time around, tickets will be sold all week leading up to the draw that will be held each Tuesday evening at 8:15. The winner of the weekly draw no longer needs to be in attendance but can have a proxy draw a card on their behalf instead. Tickets are being sold in books of three for \$5 a book and can be purchased anytime from the bar. Members who want to take tickets to sell can do so by seeing Gordie Cormier. We are also investigating other outlets to sell tickets. Any tickets that are taken to be sold outside the club have to be returned by Sunday afternoon.

The first draw was very successful with a total of \$595 in sales. In the previous Chase the Ace event that was run last year, first week sales were a lot lower at \$185. The weekly prize for this draw was \$119 and was won by Andy Ford. The winner was called and chose to have the card drawn by a proxy at the club. The card drawn on Andy's behalf was the ace of diamonds. Congratulations to Andy and thank you to everyone who took part. Draws will continue every Tuesday until the jackpot is won. The next draw is scheduled for February 7 with an estimated jackpot of over \$800. The Chase the Ace fundraiser is very important to the club as the money raised allows us to keep costs to members low and have money on hand for extra expenses as they arise. All members are encouraged to participate to boost sales as much as possible. We all benefit.

Weekly Tarbush Games

Members are reminded that the weekly tarbush games on Tuesday nights are still going on at the club. They get started at 7pm and are open to members and guests so you can bring a friend. Pre-registration is not required and you can get more info at the club. These games have been very successful in bringing new people into the club and have been a great benefit at the Schooner bar.

Men's Elite 10 in Port Hawksbury

Everyone is reminded that the Pinty's Grand Slam of curling is returning to the Port Hawksbury Civic Center from March 16-19 when the Elite 10 Men's curling event will take place. The Elite 10 is unique in the series in that it features a match play format where teams compete for ends rather than total points. Teams must either score two or more points with the hammer or steal at least one point without the hammer to take an end. The Elite 10 winner is guaranteed a berth to the Humpty's Champions Cup, the season-ending Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling event featuring all of the top champions of the year in one final showdown. Some teams you will see at the event include defending Champ Brad Gushue, Niklas Edin, Mike McEwan as well as other top men's teams from Canada and around the world. Tickets are on sale now and can be had by visiting the Port Hawksbury Civic Center website. Your tickets are also good for access to the evening pubs being held in the Bear Head Conference room inside the venue. A number Schooner members are planning on making the trip to the Elite 10 and we wish you all a great time at the event. Party on!

Free Learn to Curl Program

There was a "Learn to Curl" program at the club in January and was very successful. This free instruction was provided by Nadine Neima Drover and Thomas Drover and they were helped out by Matt MacPherson. After trying to get a pay-for-entry program going for the first of January through the CB Curlers Association that didn't get any interest, it was decided at the mid-season general meeting that we would run two free nights of instruction in hopes that we could entice those who took part to become members. The first night saw two people in attendance but the second night saw the number grow to six. Participants were put through the paces over the evening and were taught proper form for delivery, how to sweep a stone and also some of the finer points of the game like calling line and weight. They then put their newly acquired skills to work in a short game. Everyone who took part seemed to really enjoy curling and enjoy learning how to curl properly. Many said they would return for future events.

Matinee Curling

All members are reminded of Matinee Curling that takes place at the club on Friday afternoons from 1-3. This is open to all members. Anyone available on Friday afternoons can drop by the club and teams are formulated from those curlers attending on that day. This is a great way to get a little extra curling in and stretch your membership's value even more. So whenever you have some free time on Friday just drop by. Casual 2 on 2 nights will also continue and you can watch the club's bulletin board to sign up. There was a 2 on 2 night held in January that was very successful.

Fun Spiel

Members are asked to keep in mind that there will be a fun spiel held the second week of March. Registration will likely get underway around mid February. Keep an eye on the Schooner website and club bulletin board for more information and sign-up sheets. Following curling on Saturday there will be a dance with live entertainment by Full Circle. This popular local band will surely put on a great show and party into the night. Keep the dates open and plan to take part.

