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SCHOONER CURLING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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649 Entries are due	February 20
Schooner Fun Night	Saturday, February 27
Curling Day In Canada	Saturday, February 27
Doubles Spiel Team Entry	March 5-6
Schooner Cash Spiel	March 12-14
Schooner Fun Night	Saturday, March 20
Fun Doubles Spiel Single Entry	March 26-27

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

League Roundup



League play is finally getting back to normal after the Provincial Government relaxed restrictions on regular sports play in late January. After a continuation of the restrictions earlier that same month, the club's executive decided to begin offering practice time and pickup games which were all permitted at the time, but now we can play scheduled league games without restriction. Special events are also permitted as long as Provincial guidelines are met.

The Pepsi Mixed League will be wrapping up its first round early in February and there are a number of teams who are still in the hunt for the title. Gary Landry sits atop the standings now but there are four teams that may still have a shot at overtaking him for top spot. The Sid Murray, Gordie Cormier, Richard Lorway and Cal Thistle rinks all are just behind Landry and are within reach of grasping first place for themselves. It will come down to the final games of round one to determine a winner.

The Pepsi Mixed league will be starting round two soon and teams and schedules will be posted to the website. The number of teams in the league has expanded from nine to eleven with the addition of some new members, the return of some members who didn't curl in the first half and some current members deciding to join the league who had not played Mixed in the first half.

The Old Triangle Men's League is now well into round two of their season and things are getting tighter in the standings there as well. The top three teams in that league have stumbled a bit in round two and allowed other teams to work their way back into the hunt. There will likely be a third round in this league, given there are only six teams competing this year, so pretty much all teams will still have a chance to overtake current leader Gordie Cormier.

Things have also tightened up a bit in the Don Cherry's Team Entry

League. The Gary Landry rink had rattled off six straight wins to start the schedule and looked like they may run away with the regular season but two straight losses after our return to play have put his first place tenure in a somewhat precarious position. Landry only has one game remaining to play in round one of the regular season and that is against the Kevin Gouthro rink, the team that has the best chance to overtake him, scheduled for the last day of January. Results weren't available at the time of writing but this game could very well decide the first place team as, with a win, Landry would position himself well but, with a loss, would likely have no chance at the title, leaving Gouthro the most likely top finisher. Meanwhile, the Gordie Cormier, Brian Laughlin and Richard Lorway rinks all have a chance to overtake the top spot but will have to rely on other team's wins and losses to help them out. This is another league that will likely come down to the final games of the season before we will have a winner.

Matinee Curling

Matinee Curling is enjoying a good year with numbers of members participating staying strong. Matinee Curling is held every Friday unless there is a special weekend event like a spiel taking place. It goes from 1-3pm and is open to all Schooner members. No sign up is required, just drop in and play. It's a great way to get a little bit more curling out of your membership. Watch the Schooner website and Facebook for Matinee Curling and plan to take part.

Sweetheart Spiel

The Schooner's Sweetheart Spiel, one of the premier events at the club for the season, is scheduled for February 12 and 13. Open to all female curlers, you can enter as a team or there is also single entry. Cost is \$20 for Schooner members and \$30 per person for guest curlers. You will get three games, wine and cheese on Friday night and dinner on Saturday. There will also be lots of prizes to be won. This is a great spiel and there is always a lot of interest so sign up early. Registration is now open. You can sign up at the club or contact Lynn Kelly to register. We would like thank returning sponsor CC Computer Solutions for supporting this event again this year.

Doubles Spiel

Mark your calendars for March 5-6 and plan to take part in the Schooner Doubles Spiel. This will be a team entry event, enter as a team of two players for \$40 per team. Another doubles spiel is scheduled for later in the month that will be a single entry format. Teams can be made up of any combination of male and female curlers. Prizes and number of games will be determined by the number of teams participating. Watch the Schooner website and club bulletin board for more info as the event gets closer.

Schooner Cash Spiel

The Schooner Club's annual Cash Spiel that was originally Scheduled to be run from February 12-14 is now rescheduled to go on March 12-14. Entry fee for the spiel is \$200 per team with all proceeds being returned as prizes. Three games are guaranteed and there will be dinner on Saturday. Registration is now open and will be limited to sixteen teams.

Glance bay Townhouse Fundraising Spiel

The Schooner Curling Club along with Glance Bay Townhouse sponsored the second annual Meals on Wheels Fundraising Spiel that took place at the club on January 29 and 30. While government restrictions loomed over the event this year and made planning difficult, it still went off well and was very successful. A total of ten teams, including four made up of junior curlers, took part, each playing three games that were more about the fun than the winning and all curlers were eligible for a number of door prizes that were drawn. Ticket draws, donations and other fundraisers netted the event over \$1200 for the Meals on Wheels program in Glance Bay. While that was down a bit from the inaugural event last year, given the circumstances this season it's a fantastic total. Congratulations to team Townhouse, skipped by Schooner president, Richard Lorway, for taking top spot, narrowly edging out Team Gordie Cormier by only half a point in the standings. The Townhouse squad takes home the coveted Meals on Wheels trophy and maintains bragging rights until next year's event. Third place was taken by one of the junior teams, team MacLeod, and in fourth were the defending champions, Peter MacIntyre's Titans. Overall it was a great event and a big success for a worthy cause. The Schooner Club and Townhouse Glance Bay would like to thank everyone who took part, everyone who helped out in the planning and running of the event and all local businesses, organizations and individuals who helped by sponsoring teams and making donations. We hope to see everyone back again next season for the third annual spiel. Planning is already underway.

Schooner Fun Nights

Schooner Fun Nights will finally be getting underway in February, barring any further restrictions put in place by the Provincial government. The first event is scheduled to go on the 27th in conjunction with Curling Day in Canada, while next month it is scheduled for March 20th, our annual St. Paddy's day event. Fun Nights begin at 7pm. As always, fun nights remain an important part of the Schooner schedule as they introduce many new people to the club and the sport of curling and, in some cases, gets them hooked so they want to become members. These are people that would likely not be exposed to curling otherwise. Everyone is encouraged to gather some family and friends and join us for one of our scheduled Fun Nights. Not only will you be bringing new people to the sport, it's also a great night out for not a lot of money. The cost is only \$7 per person (\$4 for Schooner members) and that buys you a night of curling and some pizza. There's no better deal in town for a night of fun. Plan to join us on February 27 and March 20 for a great night out and see how much fun curling at the Schooner Club can be.

649 Fundraiser



The Schooner club will be holding a 649 fundraiser in February. Entries can be sold up to February 20 and draws will start on Wednesday, February 24th. Entries are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Each entry consists of six, unique numbers between 1 and 49, just like in Lotto 649. Numbers that are drawn in each 649 draw on Wednesday and Saturday are ticked off and the first person to tick off all their numbers in a single entry will be the winner. If there is more than one entrant that ticks off all of their numbers on the same draw, they will share the prize evenly. The prize will be 50% of total sales. Entries can be purchased at the club or from any Schooner member. Full details and a printable entry form are available at the Schooner website.

All members are encouraged to sell as many entries as possible. Not only will that make for a better prize, it will give the club much needed funds to help pay the monthly bills. Fundraisers like this are even more important this season given all of the lost time and cancelled events we have experienced that have robbed the club of important revenue. Entry forms are at the club bar and available on the website. Any questions can be directed to treasurer Lynn Kelly or any member of the executive.

Provincial 50/50



The Schooner Club is now part of a province-wide 50/50 draw that is run online through a service called Rafflebox. There are a number of clubs involved and when purchasing tickets you can specify the club you are wanting to support by choosing it from a drop-down list. The club administering the draws is the New Caledonian Curling Club of Pictou. Tickets can be purchased online at the Rafflebox website with draws running every week and ticket sales for a given week finishing on Monday evening at 10pm and a winner being picked on Tuesday morning at 9:30 am. Tickets for the following week go on sale later on Tuesdays. Ticket purchasers do not have to be associated with any club but do have to be a resident of Nova Scotia and nineteen years of age or older. The only form of payment accepted is a major credit card. Participating clubs get a percentage of sales that were tagged in support of them and the sales that do not have a club specified go into a general pool that will be distributed as well. There are no direct costs to any club to participate.

Please help support the Schooner club and curling clubs in Nova Scotia by visiting the Rafflebox website and purchasing tickets. Make sure you select the Schooner Club before completing your purchase. Use this link below or visit the Schooner website to get there. Thanks for your support.

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/nccc/18>

New and Returning Members

The Schooner executive and membership would like to welcome all of the new and returning members that will be joining us for the second half of our curling season. There's still lots of time and lots of curling left in the season with both league play and spiels scheduled into April. We wish you all the best and good curling.

