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Opening Spiel



The Schooner Curling Club Opening Spiel will be held Oct 28-30 and November 1-2. It is a single entry spiel with a cost of \$20 per person and is open to anyone wishing to curl. To register, a signup sheet will be posted at the club, you can call 564-1975 or call the club at 539-3992. Sign up early as this spiel is expected to fill up quickly.

Schooner Social Nights

New to the club this year will be Schooner Social Nights. They are an opportunity for members and a guest to enjoy a night at the club and do some curling, play darts, play cards, watch TV or just sit around, enjoy a beverage and chat. The Schooner Executive hopes these evenings will allow members to enjoy our club more and also bring in some extra revenue to cover expenses. Check the club calendar for dates. Hope to see you there.

Inter-Club Curling

In an ongoing effort to bring the Sydney Curling Club and the Schooner Curling club closer together, this season will see an inter-club curling league held 8 times during the season. The league will be held Friday nights throughout the year and will feature games using all six sheets of ice available to both clubs and a mix of members curling on the same teams. There is no additional charge to take part and all Schooner members are encouraged to join in to make this a success. There will be more information on our website as it becomes available or contact our draw master, Cal Thistle.

Coors Fun Nights



Coors Fun Nights are back this season and will be coordinated again this year by Abbie and Robina Boudreau. Coors nights are lots of fun with curling, pizza and prizes, all for just a few bucks. They are a great way for groups to get together for a lot of fun and are also a great way to introduce new curlers to the sport. Many of the new members who have joined the club in the last few years have started at Coors night. The first Coors Fun Night is scheduled for Saturday, November 23rd so plan to attend, bring your friends and have a great night out!

Shorts and Shades

The CB Curlers Association held a fundraiser over the summer called shorts and shades. It was a dance with Andrew Doyle, a silent auction and BBQ. It was a great success raising over \$1800 for the association. Check our website or the CBCA Facebook page for updated information about the efforts of the association.

Club Calendar

Wednesday, October 2	General Meeting
Saturday, October 5	Maintenance Day 1-4pm
Oct 21-25	Clinics and Practice Time
Oct 28-30, Nov 1-2	Opening Spiel
Thursday, October 31	Closed for Halloween
Sunday, November 3	League Play Begins
Friday, November 8	Inter-Club Play
Saturday, November 9	Schooner Social
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day – No Curling
Saturday, November 16	Super Saturday
Saturday, November 23	Coors Fun Night
Friday, November 29	Inter-Club Play
Friday, December 6	Inter-Club Play
December 10-14	Turkey Spiel
Saturday, December 22	Coors Fun Night
December 22 – January 4	Holiday Break

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

2012-2013 Executive

Elections took place during the General closing meeting to select the executive and committee heads for the coming season. Here is a list of the executive, committee heads and other position holders for the 2013-14 season.

President	Thomas Drover
Vice President	Gordie Cormier
Treasurer	Dennis Crosby
Secretary	Frances Ford
Draw Master	Cal Thistle
Bar Steward	Matt MacPherson
Ice Crew Director	Brian Laughlin
Bonspiels	Kelley Laughlin
Housing	Georgette Sparkes / Amy MacPherson
Membership	Frank Kokocki
Public Relations	Mary Foley
Coor's Night	Abbie & Robina
Coordinator(s)	Boudreau
Ways and Means	Lynn Kelly
Website	Billy Farr
Newsletter	Billy Farr
Annual Golf Tournament	Lynn Kelly, Mary Foley

Action Week Kid's Day

A Kid's Fun Day was held at the club during Sydney's Action Week and had curling-related games, balloons, a magician, face painting and more. It was a great success with over 80 people attending and the club raised \$180 on the sale of hot dogs and soft drinks. Thank you to the junior curlers, their coordinators and parents for working the event on behalf of the club.

Welcome Back

It seems like not that long ago we were finishing up our curling season and looking forward to the lazy days of summer. Well, summer has past us by quickly, and what a great one it was, the evenings are getting chilly, the mornings are crisp and we are getting ready to begin another year of curling. The coming season is packed full of new and returning events and promises to be another successful, fun-filled winter of activities at the Schooner Club with spiels, fun nights, league play and social events to keep us all busy and entertained throughout the winter. The season gets rolling with free clinics from October 21-25 to allow returning curlers to regain their form and new curlers to learn and practice. The Junior Program takes the ice on October 26 and 27 then we have the Opening Spiel being held from October 28-30 and November 1-2. Regular League play gets underway Sunday, November 3 when the Team Entry league will take the ice to officially start the 2013-14 competition. This season, for the first time, there will be inter-club play with members from Sydney and Schooner getting together and using all six ice surfaces in a joint league. Keep an eye opened for more info on that new development, part of the ongoing efforts of the CB Curlers Association.

I would like to thank all the members who have taken on executive and committee positions at the club as well as all who have given and will be giving time as volunteers. Without your generosity our club could not exist. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all returning and new club members, wish them well and encourage everyone to participate in all events and volunteer your time to help out as much as you can. So now it's time to pick up our curling brooms, dust off the rocks, wish everyone a hearty "**Good Curling**" and get the season started.

Schooner Golf Outing



The Annual Schooner Curling Club Golf Outing was, as it has always been in the past, a huge success with everyone who participated having a great day of golf and a great meal back at the club. Held once again this year at Alderdale Greens, the weather was perfect for a day on the course. A huge thank you to Lynn Kelly and Mary Foley for organizing and running another successful and very enjoyable event. After a well-fought battle on the fairways and greens of Alderdale, It was the team with Cal Thistle, Tom Drover, Lonnie Howe and Todd MacAulay taking top honors. In conjunction with the regular round of golf, participants also took part in a "Fantasy Round" played on scratch cards. Winners of the Fantasy round were Omar Roach, Gary Landry, Mike Cormier and Doug Landry. After golf, Schooner members and guests returned to the club for a fabulous barbeque, some well deserved refreshments and some much embellished bragging.

Steaks were prepared on the new club BBQ grill that was purchased with funds raised by previous golf events.

Overall, the 2013 edition of the Schooner golf outing was a great success. This year's event saw some of the members from the Sydney Curling Club participate, thanks in part to the efforts of the CB Curler's Association. We want to thank everyone who took part, thanks again to Lynn and Mary and to everyone else who pitched in to help.

See you on the links in 2014!!

Closing Spiel Results

The Ralph Lloyd / Dan MacKinnon Memorial Closing Spiel was the final curling event of the 2012/13 season and was a fitting way to end a great year. Twelve teams took part in two divisions that culminated in a Saturday of curling that saw all teams play to decide our winners. At the end of the day it was the John Donovan Rink who prevailed as our first place winners and the Wayne "Bull" Bonnell rink that finished second. Joining John Donovan in the victory was mate Tom Drover, second Yvonne Donovan and lead Frances Ford. Skip Bonnell had mate Peter MacIntyre, second Lynn Kelly and Lead Eileen Bonnell. Congratulations to you all. Third place was taken by the Cal Thistle foursome that included mate Barb Thistle, second Eric Boutilier and lead Donnie Boutilier. There was a tie for fourth place between the Greg Ferguson Rink and the Thomas Drover rink that had to be decided by a flip of a coin. In the end it was Drover in fourth joined by three members of the Schooner Junior Program, mate Rowan Worth, second Gabby Drover and lead Ethan Kent.

Ferguson's fifth place rink was made up of mate Elaine Arseneau, second George Plumridge and lead Todd MacAulay. After the curling was over and winners decided, a draw-to-the-button contest was held for anyone who had stayed around to the end. Two skips, Russell Fitzgerald and Daryl MacAulay put their rocks on the button and forced a head-to-head showdown to take the honors. In the end it was Daryl MacAulay who bested Fitzgerald and took the prize.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the spiel and to all who helped out in any way to make this event a huge success. It was truly a great way to end another successful season at the Schooner Club. Full results are available on the website.

League Wrapup

November 3rd will be the first day of competitive league play for this season so, for now, we take a moment to look back on last season and congratulate the playoff winners of 2012/13. In the Mixed league, Martin Campbell and his team of Peter MacIntyre, George Plumridge and Frances Ford went undefeated in the championship round robin to take the league's playoff title. In the Men's league, Ray Cameron led his squad to a playoff victory. Joining Ray were Brian Bernie, Keith MacEachern and Matt MacPherson. Cameron continued his winning ways in the Team Entry League where his team also took playoff honors. Joining Ray on Sunday were Martin Campbell, Russell Fitzgerald and Les Ferguson. Now, our attention can turn to the 2013/14 season that lies ahead. One notable change in Team Entry this season will see Wayne "Bull" Bonnell enter his third campaign as skip with a new squad. Gone are Mate Wally MacDonald and Second Chris "Slugger" MacLeod. Bonnell has kept former lead Rick Windsor and moved him to the mate position and joining the team as second will be Richard Lorway. The lead spot is still open at this time. MacDonald and MacLeod plan to ice their own team this season in the Team Entry. Also of note for the coming season is the Inter-Club League that will be launched this year. This league will see Sydney and Schooner pool resources and members for a joint league that will meet 8 times this season on Friday nights. Check the website for the inter-club schedule, watch for more information and plan to take part. Schooner's men's and mixed league will both return this season on their traditional days and times, Monday for Men's and Tuesday to Thursday for mixed.