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Tim Kent, right, is shown with the turkey and gift basket he won provided by Wes Stitt, left, during Tuesday Night Men's League Turkey Draw on December 10, 2024.

OCC Santa Spiel

On December 7th the club hosted it's annual Santa Spiel.

This was a well attended event and a lot of fun and festive holiday spirit was on display.

At the conclusion of the second game, it was clear that there was some stiff competition! There was a tie for first and a tie for third! It was decided that since scores and ends were all tied, skips had to settle this by draws to the button..using sticks and no sweepers.

After the rocks were thrown and measured, the results were confirmed.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

1st Place- Team Donald

Steve Donald, Darryl Moland, Kelvin Pang, Amanda Hill

2nd Place- Team Kent

Ray Little, Tim Kent, Mark Finnigan

3rd Place- Team Stewart

Paul Stewart, Pauline Stewart, Greg Irvine, Sandy Furzeczott

Most Honest- Team Booth

Mark Booth, Renate Booth, Margo Moulton

Best Costume- Team Sanderson

Janet Sanderson, Barb Horne, Lydia Courtney, Wendy-Lou Bouwhuis

50/50 Winners- Sandy Furzeczott and Kevin Bennett

Thanks to everyone who participated!

Don Kinzinger





Day Ladies Christmas curling bonspiel

Date: December 17, 2024

Information:

- Open to any OCC women curlers
- The bonspiel is in a tag format with one eight end game in the morning and a six end game in the afternoon.
- Lunch is included in the \$25.00 entry fee, as well as some games and prizes.
- There is a sign up sheet outside the women's change room and registration on the morning of the 17th starts at 9:00 am, with first game at 9:00am.



High School Curling Regular Season

The Simcoe County Athletic Association Curling Season kicked off on November 27th, 2024, with an exciting match between Twin Lakes and Orillia Secondary School (OSS) at the Orillia Curling Club.

This season sees Simcoe County divided into two divisions: North and South, with Orillia and two other schools competing in the North division. The Girl's varsity division boasts 8 schools in the South, while the Boys' varsity division features 5 schools.

Regular season play will continue until December 18th for the Girls, resuming on January 8th, while the Boys' teams will play until December 11th, returning to the ice on January 15th.

In the Girls' first game, OSS secured a narrow victory over Twin Lakes with a score of 6-5, winning 2 ends compared to Twin Lakes' 4 ends.

The Boys/mixed first game saw Twin Lakes dominate with a final score of 8-2, taking 4 ends while OSS managed 2 ends.

Both teams' performances were commendable, especially considering many of the curlers are new to the sport. Teachers, community coaches, parents and grandparents were present to support and cheer on the young athletes, contributing to a vibrant and supportive atmosphere.

Special recognition goes to the dedicated teachers and community coaches who invest their time and effort into nurturing these athletes:

Orillia Secondary School Coaches: Missi Waite, Elizabeth Botman, and Community Coach Margie Hewitt

Twin Lakes Secondary School Coaches: Elaine Armstrong, Susan Flores, and Community Coach Tom Ormsby

Orillia Curling Club High School Program Coordinators: Charlene Ley and Brian Peterson

Their dedication and support play a crucial role in the development and success of the high school curling teams.

*Team Photos on the next page



(Left to Right) Twin Lakes - Karli Fair, Ava Mederak, Josephine McNiven, Addy Bennett
Orillia Secondary School – Lauren Kohler, Hailey Devine, Leah Clark, Kylie Hewitt



(Left to Right) Twin Lakes – Jaxon Bigelow, Campbell MacLennan, Graydon Asselin, Joey Szijarto,
Matthias Angel (front) - Orillia Secondary School – (L-R): Max Hawkins, Isabelle Strachan, Finley
Buchanan, Luke Sweet, Kirel Wood (front)

OCC Breakfast Club

Come on out and join us at The OCC Breakfast Club!

The Mixed Tag Social League offers a fun and flexible way to enjoy curling with friends or meet new ones!

Each week, participants have the chance to rotate teams and play different game formats, ensuring a fresh experience every time.

Whether you're into traditional team play, fun twists on the rules, or short, fast-paced games, there's something for everyone.

This is the perfect opportunity to socialize, try out new strategies, and have a great time on the ice in a laid-back, inclusive environment.

We are there every Sunday from 9:30-11:30, and hope to see you there as well!

THE OCC BREAKFAST CLUB

**ALL SKILL
LEVELS
WELCOME**



**SOCIAL MIXED TAG
DRAW
EVERY SUNDAY
9:30AM**

Sunday Pay to Play Curling

The Instructor Led Pay to Play program, held every Sunday from 2 to 4 pm, continues to be a fantastic success. Established with the aim of providing multiple opportunities for curling enthusiasts throughout the season, this program has become a staple for many.

Here are the key benefits the program offers:

- Numerous Dates for Curling: With multiple dates available throughout the season, participants can try their hand at curling whenever it suits them.
- Family and Friends: Members can bring friends and family along to share the joy of curling.
- Skills Training: Both members and Pay to Play participants can benefit from skills training to improve their game.
- Shift Workers Welcome: The program accommodates those who work shifts, ensuring everyone has a chance to participate.

As of December 1st, we have averaged 19 participants per week, with approximately 57% being non-members. This diverse group even included a participant from Morocco who quickly picked up the game and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

With two more Pay to Play dates before the Christmas break, now is the perfect time to invite anyone interested in trying curling or looking to join a winter league. It's also a great opportunity for those already registered for a winter league to get some training or reacquaint themselves with the sport. To register, simply visit the "Event Registration" section of our website. There is no cost for members (ensure you are logged in), and it's only \$20 for non-members.

Here are a few pictures from our session on December 1st:



We look forward to seeing you on the ice!
Charlene Ley, Barb Horne, Brian Peterson, and Paul Stewart



Photos from the Santa Spiel on December 7, 2024

Curling Social Fun with OSMH Surgical Team

Tyler Gray organized a delightful Curling Social for his Surgical Services colleagues on November 17th from 2:00-4:00 pm. The event saw a turnout of 20 participants, including 4 seasoned curlers and 16 individuals with little to no prior experience in curling.

The atmosphere was lively, with comments like “this is fun” echoing around the rink. Following a period of instruction, everyone had the opportunity to engage in a thrilling curling game. The excitement and camaraderie were palpable as participants, regardless of their experience level, enjoyed learning and playing together.

The event concluded with a group photo session, capturing the smiles and memories of the day, followed by a relaxing time at the bar where everyone enjoyed a few beverages. Special thanks to the instructors who supported both our group and the regular Pay to Play participants who frequent the rink on Sunday afternoons. We extend our gratitude to Connor Earl, Barb Horne, Charlene Ley, and Paul and Pauline Stewart for their invaluable assistance in making this event a success.



What kind of motorcycle does Santa like to ride? A Holly Davidson!



Parade



“—
| **Why did Santa go to music school? So he could improve his 'wrap' skills!** —|”



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“—
| **Why does Frosty the Snowman like solving mysteries? Because he has a nose for cold cases!** —|”



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What did the gingerbread man put on his bed?

A cookie sheet!



RD

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
Snowflakes.

Southern Living



Happy Holidays from Wednesday Tag League

Upcoming Important Dates

December

December 17, 2024

Day Ladies Christmas curling bonspiel
Orillia Curling Club | 9:00am - 5:00pm

December 24, 2024 - January 1, 2025

Orillia Curling Club Closed for the Holidays

January

January 11, 2025

Nuts & Bolts bonspiel
Orillia Curling Club | 9:00am - 5:00pm

January 18, 2025

OCC Games Night
Orillia Curling Club | 6:00pm - 10:00pm

February

February 8, 2025

Ladies Invitational
Orillia Curling Club | 9:00am - 4:00pm

February 9, 2025

Scottish Festival Skate & Curl
Orillia Curling Club | 1:00pm - 4:00pm

February 15, 2025

Family Day Bonspiel
Orillia Curling Club | 9:00am - 5:00pm

February 22, 2025

OCC Euchre Night
Orillia Curling Club | 6:00pm - 9:00pm





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