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The Orillia Curling Club would like to spotlight Ron Jacques and The Brick as our March Sponsor of the Month.

Over the last 10 years, The Brick has helped support our community through numerous event sponsorships, sports teams, and fundraisers.

The Brick supports our Thursday Night Mixed League and it is very much appreciated by the club.

As community leaders, Ron and The Brick continue to lead by example and that is one of the reasons we are proud to have them as a sponsor. We look forward to many years of continuing support from The Brick and would like to thank their entire team!



Don's Monthly Message



Hi everyone, I hope your winter has been going well!

As we look forward to springtime, it is that time of year that our curling season is starting to wind down.

There are a few inter-league events going on over the next couple of weeks that are always fun, and I hear a few leagues are battling it out to the end!

This is a reminder that Saturday, March 18th is our Day of Champions and the last official day of our season. The top teams from our fall and winter draws will compete together to have a season champion- always fun and good quality curling! Feel free to come out on Saturday to cheer and watch them play off.

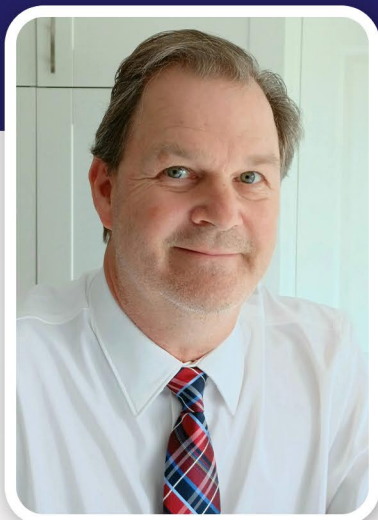
On another sadder note, some of our seasoned curlers may remember Tammy, that works at BPRC. She has not been seen around the club this year and I was informed she has had to take extended time off to help her teenage son who is battling Cancer.

This is the note I received from BPRC staff and thought it should be passed on in case you wanted to help in some way.

The note is on the next page

Don Kinzinger
President
Orillia Curling Club

Don's Monthly Message



I'm reaching out to everyone in support of our coworker Tammy Stocks.

As most are already aware, last fall she received devastating news about her son, news that no parent wishes to hear. News that would break any parent's heart, is that her son has cancer. This word unfortunately is the last word that any parent wants to hear, cause you don't know what type of cancer it is, all you know is that it is a long road ahead.

Upon receiving this news Tammy did what any parent would do, she immediately took a leave of absence from her position as a facility operator at Barnfield Point to be by her son's side during the entire process. Tammy would drive down to Sick Kids hospital multiple times while her son underwent 8, 5-day sessions of chemotherapy, staying down in Toronto anywhere she could to make the days less stressful for her son. The chemotherapy appears to have helped enough that the doctors decided it would be best for them to undertake a 16+ hour surgery, where they would take his own bone from his leg and reconstruct his arm to remove all the bone cancer that was present. During her son's time in chemotherapy he celebrated his 16th birthday, not the average way a kid would, most would be at the MTO trying to obtain their G1.

During this time Tammy has to be strong for her son, showing him that everything will be okay, even though deep down she doesn't know herself. She has to be the rock, the hope, and the uplifting spirit for her son, so he feels as if everything will be fine.

With the surgery now completed, the recovery road begins. This is a long road of multiple radiation appointments and following up with doctors to make sure everything is healing well.

As you could imagine, all of these trips to Sick Kids Hospital for chemotherapy, hotel bills for having to stay in Toronto and the medical bills not covered have put significant pressure on Tammy's financial situation. With months of treatment still to go, the pressure will only get worse. As a result, I'm reaching out to everyone to ask for your support for Tammy in any way possible, we have set up a gofund me account if you are willing to donate.

I know Tammy is strong and she wouldn't ask anyone for help, so if you are willing, would you please help me, help her get through a very difficult time. I know she will be greatly appreciative of the assistance.

We are aiming to make the donation to Tammy at the beginning of April,

If you are willing to donate would you please make donations by March 31, 2023,

Thank you so much

GoFundMe link has been attached to the email, as well as Don's message email

Twin Lakes S.S Boys Curling Team

On Tuesday nights the Men's League has had the privilege of curling with these young men from Twin Lakes Secondary. Ben Brown (skip) who curls out of the Coldwater Curling Club, Kole O'Connor (vice), Joey Szijarto (2nd), Richard Jones (lead), and Jaxson Bigelow (alternate). These young men have fared well in our league in their first season.

They curled in the North Simcoe high school region against teams from Innisdale, Barrie Eastview, and Elmvalle High. They cruised thru the round robin with no losses and 1 tie against Eastview but defeated them in the North Simcoe finals.

With this win, they earned a berth in the GBSSA event which had 4 teams entered, Huntsville High School, St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School, Nantyr Shores High School, and our Twin Lakes squad.

The GBSSA finals were played in Stroud on Tuesday, Feb 28th. The 2 winners here would proceed to the all Ontario final (OFFSA) events to be held in North Bay.

The boys played against St Peter's and what a nail-biter after 7 ends the score was tied at 5. The lead seesawed back and forth the whole game. It came down to the last shot and as a team, we just slid by a difficult takeout. Our high school curling for this year came to an end, but what a game and season they played.

Meghan Hendry Twin Lakes Teacher and Coach and I were honoured to coach and mentor these young men from Twin Lakes Secondary School. Thanks also to all the parents, who came to watch, and who came all season to deliver and pick up players for practice and games.

Ben Brown and Kole O'Connor are completing their grade 12 studies and are off to further their education. We wish you well and hope you continue to curl, wherever you go.

Next year there is a nucleus of Richard Jones, Joey Szijarto, and Jaxson Bigelow to continue to curl for the Twin Lakes High School team plus any other young men and women from Twin Lakes Secondary that wish to sign up to curl.



OCC Euchre Night

On Monday, February 27 the Club hosted a euchre night for members, friends and family.

It was a sold out event, with 60 card sharks joining in the fun.

Murray Kelly was the big star of the evening, winning first place for Pool 1 plus one of two 50/50 draw prizes of \$115! Paul Ross took first place in Pool 2, while Don O'Connor landed the second 50/50 prize. Plans are in the works for an even bigger euchre event in September!

Thanks to everyone who helped out: Sandy Furzeczott, Mary Jo Robertson, Lorri Gillespie, Doug & Jane Langman, Andrea Town, Liz Ross



Sturling Games Night

OCC's first Sturling Games Night sponsored by Don Corrick from Wine Experience was held on February 13th.

After Bill Baker and Brian Peterson instructed 15 new curlers in the use of the stick, half of the Eighteen teams of 2 took to the ice while the other half stayed in the lounge rotating through 3 game stations of Trivia, Pictionary, and Darts.

At approximately an hour in, teams out on the ice switched with the lounge players. Each team was issued a scorecard to capture the results of all the games.

After some pizza from Elie's sister and maybe a few beverages, prizes were issued to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and last-place teams. After that, a draw for a few extra bottles of wine was made. A few Johnson coffee mugs, compliments of Cathy Gould, were presented to those who hogged the greatest number of rocks. Maybe that extra shot of caffeine will help in the future. To wrap up the evening a 50/50 draw was made with the lucky winner being Lee Hanson who walked away with \$107.

First Place went to Mary Jo and John Robertson, 2nd place to Marion McGregor-Triano and John Triano, 3rd place to Marni and Mike Delong. The team that had the most fun was Pauline and Paul Stewart.

Tracy took very good care of us at the bar.

Everyone seemed to have a fun time and that was exactly what we were aiming for. | Charlene Ley and Sandy Furzeczott.



Family Day Bonspiel

On February 18 the club had its Family Day Bonspiel.

Organized by Tim Kent, and Don Kinzinger, the spiel was fully attended with 48 curlers and included both seasoned and new curlers!

It was a great day and a good event to bring families together for some quality time.

They all enjoyed the experience of playing all positions, and many comments of how much they learned playing unfamiliar positions including skip!

Although the curling was enjoyed by all, I think the highlight was the paper airplane contest!

We would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the club, as well as a special thank you to John and Belinda Robichaud for putting in 3 teams!

Good curling!

Thanks

Tim and Don



Golfing on Ice

On the afternoon of February 14th a few golfers from Couchiching Golf club, took to the ice for the first time.

We also got a bit of putting practice in 🏌️🤪

Charlene



OCC Invades Coldwater Curling Club

Quite a few of our doubles players invaded the Coldwater Curling club for a famous couples Bonspiel on February 11th and walked away with a few prizes. Jenn and Jonathan Woolhouse took top honours, Sandy Furzeczott and Greg Irvine placed 3rd in the draw. "Sonny and Cher" Ley won for best costume.



Mixed Tag Leagues Valentines Spiel

The Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mixed Tag curlers joined forces on February 10 to hold a fun pre-Valentines bonspiel.

Forty curlers participated in two – four end tag draws, featuring a mystery scoring format and light and heavy “heart” rewards for hogged rocks or draws thru the house. Post-game featured delicious appetizers served up by Elie and his staff and prizes to the deserving (and lucky):

Top individual scores (5) – wine donated by our “curling vintner” Don Corrick of Orillia’s Wine Experience: John Connor, Derek Cox, Chery Duncan , Gini Harrington, Paul Sauve.

The successful afternoon wrapped up with draws for donated door prizes.



Upcoming Important Dates / Club Notes

March

March 14, 2023

Day Ladies Closing Spiel

9:00am - 4:00pm

March 16, 2023

Day Ladies Pot O'Gold Spiel

9:00am - 4:00pm

March 17, 2023

Saint Patricks Day



March 18, 2023

Day of Champions / End of 2023/2023 Curling Season

9:00am - 6:00pm

Check the website under events for further information and to register.

NOTES

A Big Thanks to the decorating team of Gail Brown and Anne Collins who quietly work behind the scenes updating the restaurant dividers with seasonal decorations.

Gail and Anne have taken the time to organize all the club's decorations and items that we use for bonspiels as well as organizing the league bulletin boards.

The Board certainly appreciates all your dedication.



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