

Cornwall Curling Club President's Report 2015-2016

2015-2016 was another very successful season for the Cornwall Curling Club, both competitively and recreationally. With the strong volunteer base at the club and an enthusiastic membership, supported by a very capable and committed staff, Cornwall enjoys a very viable and vibrant club.

Many thanks to the many hands and organizational skills that make this happen. In particular, I would like to express appreciation to our able manager, Bev McCormick; our skilled ice-maker, Lance Lowther; our meticulous custodian, Ray Biagé; the cheerful bar staff, Al MacCormac, Kelley Arnold and Debby Sigsworth; our Junior Program Coordinator, Brenda MacMillan and our volunteer draw masters, Lorianne and Angus Davies, Bill Hope, Paul and Joanne Durant, Derek MacEwen and Myrna Sanderson.

It has been a pleasure serving on the 2015-2016 Board of Directors. I am grateful for the support and commitment of each board member throughout the curling season. I wish to thank, in particular, the departing board members, Carlene Peters (Bonspiel and Socials), Derek MacEwen (Publicity and Bylaws), Edgar Coffin (Finance), Jeff Taylor (Facility) and Frank Martin (Past President) for their hard work during their terms on the Board.

Some highlights of our season were: the October Curling School, the Rocks n' Rings Finale, the Ice Queens Ladies Spiel, the Kenmac Spiel, Saturday Morning Junior League, Newcomers' Nights, U-18 Provincials, Maritime Stick Championship, Traveller's Provincial Championship, and the second annual PEI Brewing Company Skins Closing Spiel.

Congratulations to the many teams who achieved success at the personal, club, provincial and national levels. Derek MacEwen's annual comprehensive list of these success stories can be found on the club web page.

In closing, I feel that curling is alive and well in Cornwall and look forward to the continued success of the club.

Have a great summer whether it's on the beach or the golf greens and come fall, we'll meet again on the ice!

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Ling, 2015-2016 President
Cornwall Curling Club Board of Directors

April 4, 2016

Junior Coordinators Report for the year 2015-2016.

I would like to submit the following Annual report to the Board of Directors of the Cornwall Curling Club.

We had approximately 32 Little Rock Curlers along with 22 Novice Juniors in our Junior Instructional Program this year. Our Program ran on Tuesdays from 5 to 6 and on Sundays from 3:30 to 5:30.

I would like to say that I believe our Program was very successful.

We had a successful Saturday Junior league this year under the guidance of Brent and Edgar. It was well attended and the curlers would like to see it again next Fall.

We hosted the Glen Afton Golf Course Junior Funspiel on February 6 and we had 14 Little Rockers and 22 Juniors participated. We served pizza and awarded cash prizes to the winners from the entry fees that were collected. The curlers played 3 - 6 end games and the winners were decided by a point system. The winners were the Noah Gallant team from Summerside. It was a great turnout and the kids and parents enjoyed themselves.

Under the Skills Awards Program, I had one curler complete Level 1 and 13 Junior curlers completed Level 2 of the Skills Award Program. These curlers received certificates and T-shirts for their accomplishment from CurlPEI.

I also would like to say that we can be very proud of our Provincial Under 13 Winner and Runner-Up teams. Both the Chase MacMillan and Rachel MacLean teams took part in our Junior Instructional Program and volunteered on ice with our Little Rockers.

I want to say that without the help of the following people I don't believe the Program would have been as successful as it was: Carl Nicholson, David Ross, along with juniors, Lauren Lenentine, Breanne Bourgoyne, Donald DeWolfe, Chase MacMillan, Liam Barbaric, Gracie Gaudet, Rachel MacLean willingly gave their time to instructing the Little Rockers with me. I believe the Juniors enjoyed it as much as the little rockers.

Our closing party and Awards was again a huge success. The parents brought in treats to share with all of the kids and the parents. The skating part of the party was a great treat. The kids were excited about skating on their curling ice.

We handed out medallions and certificates to our Little Rockers, Certificates and trophies to our Novice curlers and certificates, trophies and t-shirts to the Junior Novices.

Expenses for the Closing party were:

Medallions and Refurbished plaques from Trophy Hut \$177.00

Cake from Sobeys \$20.00

On behalf of the parents I said I would express their thanks also to the members who gave the wonderful donations of mitts, shoes to the kids. They (the shoes, mitts) were greatly appreciated by the parents.

I also want to say kudos to the members for the donations of the trophies as I had many of them refurbished and passed them out at our party for different accomplishments and the kids were estactic. You were so kind to do this for us.

Last but definitely not least, I would like to personally thank Bev, Brent, Edgar, Lance and Kelly for all of their help and support to me and the Program. We were a great Team!!!!

See you on the Ice,

Brenda MacMillan
Cornwall Curling Club Jr. Coordinator

Cornwall Curling Club Bonspiels & Socials Committee
Annual Report
2015 – 2016
Carlene Peters and Lisa MacEachern

This season, the club held 2 drop-in curling nights from 7 – 9, on the Friday evenings of October 30th and November 27th. These events were open to members at no charge and to non-members at the regular drop-in fee of \$10.00. Approximately 30 participants attended the one held in November with these curlers enjoying pizza after coming off the ice. Two other drop-in nights were scheduled; however, the one in January was cancelled due to weather and the one scheduled in March was cancelled due to another ice rental commitment.

The Ice Queens Ladies Funspiel was held November 13th and 14th. Ten teams participated in this event. A round-robin style schedule was used with each team playing three six-end games. Food was served throughout the spiel with a potluck banquet on Saturday. The team with the highest points was presented with prizes and also crowned as Queens for their success. Matos Winery provided a basket of wine and goodies. Tickets were sold on this basket and a card game of “Chase the Queen of Diamonds” was played in an attempt to win it. Additional prizes, either donated or purchased, were drawn as door prizes.

A Mixed Doubles Cash Spiel, coordinated by Myrna Sanderson, was held on November 21st. Sixteen teams participated in this one-day event, with lunch being made available. Teams were organized into four pools for round robin play and a winner was declared from each pool. Positive comments received from the participants, seems to suggest that the Board should consider having two of these cash spiels next season.

The Kenmac Energy spiel was held on January 15th and 16th, and once again had a full slate of 24 teams. On Friday night, curlers were treated to some lively music performed by the group Tip-Er-Back. A total of 48 curlers received Mel’s Gift Certificates. Kenmac also generously provided toques, caps and t-shirts as extra prizes. Lunch was purchased from Cornwall Pizza Delight on Saturday, and food for the banquet was ordered from KFC.

The Travelers Club Championships, coordinated by Kimberely MacDonald, took place on February 26, 27, and 28th. Seven teams (4 men’s, 3 women’s) entered this spiel. Debbie Rodenhizer and Angus Kennedy rinks were the winners and went on to represent our club at the Provincial Travelers Championships held at the Cornwall Curling Club the following month.

In March, the Cornwall Curling Club hosted the 3 day Maritime Stick Curling Championships with 6 teams representing each of the 3 provinces. The Chair of this event was Ernie Stavert. It was noted that the success of this event and the compliments received are the result of the wonderful staff and volunteers that our club is fortunate to have.

The Closing Spiel, held on April 1st and 2nd, was a big success. The PEI Brewing Co. once again sponsored it by supplying our club with jugs of their tasty beer. The group Undertow performed on Friday night. The traditional competition of Red Team versus Blue Team took place with a Skins Spiel format and 72 curlers participated. A baby food tasting contest was held between the teams in an attempt to assist the Red Team with additional funds; however, the **Blue Team succeeded to win everything!** Tickets were also sold on a “reverse draw” and a “closest to the button” draw.

The Bonspiels & Socials Committee wishes to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to make these events successful – all help is very much appreciated.

Facilities Chair Report
Cornwall Curling Club – AGM
May 13, 2016

Another very successful year of curling completed at the Cornwall Curling Club!

This curling season began with the arrival of our rocks from Ontario, where they were sent to over the summer months to be reconditioned. This process brought the running surface and striking bands back to original condition, and will greatly extend the useful life of the stones.

Overall this was a very quiet year as Facilities Chair. With a new clubhouse, new ice plant and having taken advantage of enticing government grants in previous years to make necessary upgrades to equipment, our Club is in a great position going forward.

A big thanks to Icemaker Lance Lowther for his continued hard work in providing us with some of the best ice conditions on the Island. We lost a great club member and evening-pebbler, when Bob MacWilliams and his wife Doris moved to New Brunswick this past fall. A big thanks to Danny Kneabone for stepping up to the plate to fill Bob's shoes. Also a thank you to Al MacCormac for his continued assistance with the ice, and to Ray Biage for ensuring we have a clean Club to enjoy.

This was my final year on the Board of Directors, an experience I greatly enjoyed. I thank all Club members for the opportunity to serve on the Board, and I strongly believe our Club is in great shape for moving forward into future years.

Sincerely,

Jeff Taylor
Facilities Chair

Fundraising and Volunteers Committee Report 2015-2016

During this curling season, the Fundraising Committee was able to ensure all draws had sponsorship and had this in place by mid-October. This allowed the draw masters to present draw winners with prizes immediately at the end of each draw.

The committee was also successful in maximizing our capacity for advertising signage at the club. Five new sponsors were secured and one sponsor previously in arrears was brought up-to-date. Currently, all space is utilized and the committee is entertaining the idea of potential "in-ice" sponsors for next season. However, the new board would have to decide rather early in order to have signs ready for the ice installation.

The Fundraising Committee is actually assigned the area of volunteer support as well. This year, during registration, members were asked if they were willing to volunteer to assist with events. A database was created but rarely accessed for various valid reasons. Moving forward, we hope to have a volunteer board, available for sign-up at registration and in the early season, listing the various events requiring volunteers during the curling season. Our events and special occasions are only as good as our volunteer base. Thank you to the numerous volunteers this year!

A special thank you to Derek MacEwen for his efforts keeping the website updated. Sponsors and advertisers appreciate the exposure and the recognition helps the Committee promote and secure additional sponsors as required. Also, a thank you to all club members for supporting our various local sponsors and advertisers!

Submitted by: Kimberley MacDonald and Alan Mason

Membership and Draws Committee Report 2015-2016

Colleen MacDonald had responsibility for the committee this year.

Our membership this year was 307 members, with 6 of these members belonging also to another curling club. This is an increase over 2014-2015 when membership was 288. Of the 307 total, 87 were new members to the club. For varying reasons, 68 members did not return from the previous season. This season we had 24 unlimited day/night curlers, 109 night time only curlers, 72 day time only curlers, 3 social curlers and 99 juniors (this included instructional Little Rockers and novice, team practice, Saturday League and 16 that curled in the evening leagues).

Letters were mailed to all previous members in September, leading up to registration in October and a number of phone calls were made to members to see if they were returning. Thanks to all who came out to help on Registration night, as well as our Curling School nights!

There were not enough members interested to warrant a Sunday evening or Thursday night late draw. Monday Evening Mixed Draw 6:30 p.m. and Thursday Evening Mixed Draw 6:00 p.m. were both full. There was room for two more teams for the Tuesday Night Draw and three more teams for the Wednesday Night Draw. All evenings will be offered again in 2016-2017, and all members will be accommodated if at all possible.

Big thank you to the draw masters for their commitment and hard work keeping the draws running throughout the season! These people are: Monday – Lorianne Davies; Tuesday – Bill Hope; Wednesday – Derek MacEwen; and Thursday – Myrna Sanderson.

Many thanks goes to Lance Lowther for his keen attention to ice conditions throughout the season, and also to Jeff Taylor, Danny Kneabone and any others who assisted in getting the ice ready for each draw.

Thanks also to Bev McCormick and Derek MacEwen for ensuring that the draws appeared in the Guardian newspaper and on the Cornwall Curling Club website each week.

I look forward to seeing everyone back next year to do it all again!

Submitted by Colleen MacDonald

Morning Curlers Committee Report 2015-16

The 2015-2016 year was very active with our morning curlers participation, as most mornings we had our ices filled with some mornings having an overflow.

Our Wednesday Competitive League had a very successful year with many thanks going to Paul and Joanne Durant for organizing this Wed. group.

As had been the practice for the last 17 years, the daytime curlers continued to use some of their funds for improvements to the club. This year we bought a Chair Lift to help Ray in his ongoing efforts to keep the place tidy.

We enjoyed 3 social events, the annual Christmas party, our Closing Bonspiel, and the Interclub Exchange which was hosted this year by Charlottetown.

In closing, I would like to thank the manager, Bev McCormick for all her help during our year. Also Lance and Ray for all their efforts on our behalf. I would like to thank the committee members: Carolyn Crockett, Joanne and Paul Durant, Bernie Field, Bryan Sutherland, Sterling Stratton, Lew Black, Jim Orr and Joyce Gauthier for their great support and H el ene LaPalme who finished off her term in December.

Respectfully Submitted by

Paul Field (Chairman)

Publicity and Bylaws Report

Publicity

I sent out almost 400 website posts on CornwallCurling.com during the course of the year. Links to the posts also go simultaneously to our 262 email subscribers, the 253 people who have liked our Facebook page, and the 374 who follow us on Twitter. Our website had 59,113 views in the past year, down very slightly from 59,200 views in the previous year. It should be noted that Facebook continues to increase in popularity, and many people get their club news from there, and do not always click through to the website for more details, so Facebook is replacing some of the website views.

Photos of the various events at the Club are among our most popular posts, and, now that digital cameras and smartphones are everywhere, there are always event photos, even if I can't get there to take them personally. Thanks to everyone who sent them along.

As well as using our own website, and its automatic posting to Twitter and Facebook as well, we promoted some events via PEICurling.com as well. The Guardian has also helped promote our events at no charge, with free Sport Notes, as well as publishing the draw for our daily leagues and our bonspiels.

I also sent out a number of postings in the early fall, explaining the many advantages of joining our club. Several new members told me they chose our club because of the info they found there.

I also chaired the provincial U18 event at our club, and provided photos and stories for it. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this event a big success, both from a curling and a financial perspective, where we made almost \$1000 in profit, primarily from the 50X50 draws. A special thanks to David O'Connor of O'Connor Glass who paid for the piper and anthem singer, to Robbie Lenentine of ADL who donated the cookie dough for the very popular cookies we sold, and to the Town for providing the on-ice PA system for the opening ceremonies and practice music, at no charge.

At the end of the season, I prepared a list of our many winners from our very successful season. I am again planning to reconcile our winners over the years with the plaques donated by the Seniors in the Club entranceway. I didn't get it done last year, but I'm going to make another attempt. It's a big job, as we have a lot of winners!

Bylaws

No constitution or bylaw changes were made over the past year.

Wrapup

This concludes my (second) term on the board. It's been another great experience. The Club is in good shape going forward, with new facilities, great staff, a good financial situation, and a great Board of Directors!

- Derek MacEwen

