



Ching Chatter

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THANKS, VICTORIA PARK

FROM THE PREZ—Chris Nowak

Well, we have drawn to the close of our season that I fondly called “our home away from home”. And in looking back, I think and feel strongly that we have become a Ching family. And as a family we learned to share:

- we shared and experienced the feeling of “arena ice”
- we shared the victories when our great teams won provincial banners
- we shared new friendships as all leagues welcomed new curlers
- and above all, we shared the cold

This has been an experience for all of us—one that we will look back on with warm feelings and with thanks that we enjoyed a good and successful curling season. I thank the arena staff members who have always, always gone beyond being helpful with anything we asked for. To *Liz van Eysinga*, to *Paul Giddings* and of course all the bar personnel—our thanks. To *Dave Carruthers* who wonderfully provided us with 6 sheets of ice, thereby saving us money and saving us from a possible nightmare in scheduling. To my Board, all of you were innovative and supportive as we worked for this wonderful club that we call Chinguacousy. But I would be greatly remiss if I were not to extend a special thank you to the person who made this year of curling possible—Councillor *Sandra Hames*.

As we return to what will be a new, wonderful club facility, we will hopefully return with our regular cast of characters. But we also need to pay particular attention to not only “growing the sport” but also to growing our membership. That will be one area of focus for the new year.

When I joined this Club 17 years ago, I never dreamed that one day I would be its president—yet here I am. This Club has been friendly, supportive, competitive [as we witness by our new banners] but above all welcoming. It has been an honour to serve as your “prez” and thank you all for the support. Next year we will meet again and curl in our “state of the art” Club. I wish you all a safe summer.

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Thanks to all our contributors this curling season. - Editor	

A PROVINCIAL BANNER YEAR – *John Earl/Trudy Burnside, OCA/TCA reps*

Congratulations to all teams who competed outside the Club this year – either at an OCA competition, a TCA competition, or any of the many bonspiels that played host to Ching teams

Chinguacousy Curling Club women, men, mixed, junior and bantam teams did us proud again this year as they represented Ching at a variety of OCA, TCA and other competitions. We have had entries in almost all of the various sanctioned competitions and all teams did very well.

To recap some of this year’s major successes:

First off we have to acknowledge again our Banner winners.

Susan Burnside, Meagan Trevail, Torie Abbott and Kaitlyn Rankin represented Ontario and Chinguacousy at the **Dominion Club Champions** National competition.

Meagan Trevail went on to field a team (*Meagan Trevail, Kaitlyn Rankin, Ginger Coyle and Frances Pritchard*) in the **Best Western Women’s** competition – coming home the Provincial Winners.

Not to be outdone, *Darrin Harkness* skipped a new team (*Darrin Harkness, Andrew McGaugh, Jonathan Cassidy and Roland Clark*) to his second Provincial championship in the **Fairfield Marriot Men’s** event.

Yes, that means three new banners to go up in the new clubhouse next year.

In addition, Darrin also skipped a different team to the Finals of the 3rd Event of the **TCA Goldline Spiel** in early January

We also had our **Junior Mixed Team** skipped by *Andrew McGaugh* participate at the Provincial Championship. (*Andrew McGaugh, Ginger Coyle, Michael McGaugh, Frances Prichard*)

But let’s take a minute and go over the teams that made it out of our Club, then out of our Zone 9 playdowns – to represent Ching at the Regional level or beyond.



The Dominion Club Championship	<i>Susan Burnside’s Team</i> wins Provincials and goes on to Nationals <i>John Earl’s Team</i> to Provincials
Senior Women	<i>Diane Ketch’s Team</i> to Regionals
Senior Men	<i>Dave Furness’s Team</i> to Regionals
Best Western	<i>Megan Trevail’s Team</i> wins Provincial’s
Fairfield Marriott	<i>Darrin Harkness’s Team</i> wins Provincial’s
Master Women	<i>Juli Roslin’s Team</i> to Regionals <i>Chris Nowak’s Team</i> to Regionals
Gore Schoolgirl	<i>Emily McGaugh’s Team</i> to Regionals
Intermediate Men	<i>Al Corbiel’s Team</i> to Regionals
Colts	<i>Ray Hussain’s Team</i> to Regionals <i>Steve Olford’s Team</i> to Regionals
Junior Mixed	<i>Andrew McGaugh’s Team</i> to Provincials
Senior Mixed	<i>Dave Furness’s Team</i> to Regionals
Mixed	<i>Lynn Wilson’s Team</i> to Regionals

That is quite a list for a Club this size.



Every curler should be encouraged to enter competition. There are so many, many competitions – from Orangeville to Oshawa to Oakville. There are events for beginners, novice, intermediate and advanced level curlers – and there are events for all ages – Little Rock, Bantam, Junior, Open, Intermediate, Senior, Masters and Grand Masters. So take the plunge.

Good Luck and Good Curling!



YOUTH REPORT – *Wendy and Joe Bodhaine*

This season sure did go by fast and we had a great year! Why was it so great? Because this year we had 62 children registered in our Youth Program! There were 15 children out on Sundays and 47 children on Wednesdays. Twenty-three children were awarded their Little Rock Badge – 11 received their Red badge and 3 Bantams earned the Blue Badge. The children worked very hard and every child has improved their curling skills.

We also had three Ching teams participate in the **Bantam Interclub League**:

Team Bailey: *Shelby Bailey, Spencer Dunlop, Austin Martins-Robalino and Rebecca Shaw*

Team Dunlop: *Lucas Dunlop, Peri Newman, Sarah Bailey and Hayley Duff*

Team McNulty: *Trenton McNulty, Kaylene Bodhaine, Meghan Stronach and Kelsey Duff*

The youth curlers wrapped-up their season with the 10th Annual **Greg Morris Little Rock/Bantam Parent Bonspiel** held on Saturday, March 12th. Fun was had by all, and for those parents who were non-curlers we believe they now have a whole new appreciation for the sport.

Al Morris awarded Gold Medals to *Aaron, Ryan, Sean and Rebekah Mackey* the winners of the **Little Rock/Parent Bonspiel**:

Silver Medalists: *Dylan Maguire, Madeline Maguire, Shelley Higgerty and James Maguire*

Bronze Medal Winners: *Nicole Prete, Kurtis Barber, Marc Prete and Gertie Piaskoski*

The Gold Medalists of the **Bantam/Parent Bonspiel** was *Team Bailey: Shelby, Sarah, Steve and Lisa*.

Silver was won by *Lucas, Spencer, Tom and Sue Dunlop*

Bronze was awarded to *Kaylene Bodhaine, Mackenzie Hadden-Pitman, Liz Harris and Sean Coulter*

Presented at the bonspiel were two special awards given to curlers who are enthusiastic about curling, are continually developing and improving their curling skills and strategy, show good sportsmanship and assist other curlers. The recipient of the **Little Rock Achievement Award** was *Jacob Martins*, and the **Pat Arbuthnot Award** was presented to *Lucas Dunlop*.

Congratulations to all of the Youth Curlers – job well done!

It is the coaches that make the Youth Program possible at Ching. Therefore, we would like to thank them for their assistance and dedication:

Sunday Coaches: *Jim Rankin, Todd Sarjeant, Liz Harris and Shelley Higgerty*

Wednesday Coaches: *Dave Duff, Kelly Stronach, Karen Haas, Andy Cassidy, Sean Coulter, Dave Pritchard and Chris Nowak*

Interclub Coordinator: *Tom Dunlop*

So what is next? Have a great summer and don't forget to sign up for curling! We hope to see everyone back in the fall.

GRIMBLEBY LADIES SCORE 8-ENDER

On February 19th, at the Business Women's Krystal Bonspiel, Noreen Grimbleby invited her two daughters, Debbie Redrup & Terry Mayhew (former Junior members) and Margaret Watson to put an entry in Ching's annual one-day event. In one of the three games the team skipped by Terry scored an 8-ender!

CURL CANADA INSTRUCTIONAL CLINICS

This curling season, our club has sponsored an opening all-day clinic & four review clinics for our membership and other leagues using our facility. It would not function without the many instructors who volunteered their expertise and time. As a result, we would like to think that the level of skill for our members has increased.

Thank you, Les, Agnes, Don, Rik, Audrey, Liz, John, Juli and all the others who spent their time with our members.

MIXED REPORT - *Paul Docherty*

I am pleased to report that the league was full again this year. Thanks to those who helped us to achieve this by agreeing to play backend or fill in where needed. Unfortunately during the season we lost a few curlers through health and personal reasons. Hopefully they can rejoin next season.

I hope everyone enjoyed our season at Vic Park I would like to thank all the staff that made us feel welcome and bent over backwards to accommodate us. A special thanks to *Dave Carruthers* and his team for getting and maintaining 6 sheets for us to curl on.

I could not do this job without a team behind me: *Pat and Donna Arbuthnot, Doug and Lorraine Hogg, Rachele Ford and Mike Gnoyke Dave Furness and Lynne Simone.*

On March 25th we had our finals and crowned *Martin Post, Patricia Keffer, Carol Reid and Shane Savard* our Club Champions. The following night we had our Awards Dinner and Dance. It was well attended a great time was had by all.

Congratulations to this year's **Grand Aggregate Winners:**

Thursday: *John and Lynda Earl, Dan and Debbie Nadon*

Fri 7: *Rik and Diane Aikman, Richard and Raija Swindells*

Fri 9: *Bill and Dale Matheson, Lynne Rabey and Paul Gallant*

Sunday: *Les and Cathy Kovacs, Bill Mayo and Leslie Moir*

Our bonspiels went well as usual thanks to all the volunteers that contributed.

I would like to thank all our sponsors whose contributions make our bonspiels as successful as they are.

Bill and Sylvia Jackson

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Please support them if you can.

What can we say about *Ray Husain*? Great job for your work on the website.

In closing I will be continuing as the Mixed Rep on the Board.

MEN'S REPORT

- *Stuart Craft*

We had quite a year this year curling out of Victoria Park Arena and *Dave Carruthers* and his crew did an amazing job on the ice for us. We would like to congratulate *Team Carruthers* for winning the **2011 Club Championship**. It was another great year of curling and I know some of us will miss not only the arena, but also the warm and friendly crew from the City that was there for us every night.

Looking ahead to 2011/2012 the Men's league has extended an offer to the first 4 new teams to join us at the newly revamped Chinguacousy Club. Next year they will receive a 25% discount on the yearly fees. We are looking at adding more teams to the League and this is one way of getting some new faces to join the great group of members we currently have.

The Men's Executive would like to take this time to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and looking forward to seeing everyone back at the newly renovated Chinguacousy Curling Club in the fall.

DAY LADIES REPORT - Karen Rethoret

Like most mutual funds, the last report of the Day Ladies' season is back end-loaded with lots to brag about! Our annual **Spring Thaw Bonspiel** took on an appropriate theme "Under Construction" and feted club and visiting teams alike. As usual, the ladies drew on their many talents to make this illustrious event one to remember. A last-minute team entry of *Susan Burnside, Allison Docherty, Roberta Awde and Diane Rosehart* from Ching came out on top.

The "Under Construction" entertainment featured *Ruth Hay* narrating Ching's fairy tale version featuring the 3 Little Pigs, Snow White's dwarves, the Big Bad Wolf, et al. We really "Blew the house down"!

The spring bonspiel circuit also saw *Audrey Greenwood's* team of *Helen Stennett, Margaret Lea and Wilma Goodfellow* placing well enough to "bring home the meat" at the **Putting on the Ritz Spiel** in Alliston. Well done!

Congrats to the season's **3rd draw** winners *Jean McQueen, Jean McCrossan-Prue, Kerry Pomroy, and Debra Robinson* and the **4th draw** winners – *Lynda Earl, Jean McCrossan-Prue, Brenda Kirkpatrick and Lesia Forse*.

Finally, as a fitting tribute to *Jannette Trussler* who leaves CCC to join the curlers in Parry Sound, she was named skip of our 2010/2011 Dream Team with *Jean McCrossan-Prue, Brenda Kirkpatrick and newcomer Jean Pether*. Our year end banquet, featuring a "Jannette Roast" and more musical entertainment by our members was a huge success. Can't wait 'til next year!

CURLING Á LA DAVID LOZOWSKY

I delivered this speech at my home Toastmasters club (here in Brampton) to an audience of about 15 people. That was back in November. David Lozowsky

YEP. YEP. HUR-RAY. HARD. HARD. Those are the commands of a skip barking his sweepers into action to keep a rock online and carry it farther down the sheet.

Sounds from the other sport that Canadians play on ice in the winter. Referees are not required because team members are expected to announce any violation of the rules on their own. There's no fighting. The only body contact is a handshake at the beginning and end of the game or maybe a high five after a good shot.

I'm talking about curling. A game played by over a million people in 35 countries around the world. 90% of them are Canadians. If you're not one of them yet, perhaps I can spark your interest.

I started back in high school. I wasn't good enough to play basketball or hockey. Maybe not good enough for curling either but when the female voice on morning announcements mentioned "no experience necessary" I just had to find out more about the game as well as the girl!

It didn't take long before my delivery and sweeping techniques made me a competitor. In my very first year our team advanced to a regional play off.

By my senior year I was playing two nights a week and practicing weekends. That team went to Thunder Bay to

compete for the Provincial School Boy Championship. Sadly, I suspended play for three short decades then, four years ago responded to an invitation to play in a Knights of Columbus bonspiel, that's curlspeak for tournament. It was in Midland, the home of Russ Howard –a world champion and author of a book CURL TO WIN. Like a mosquito bite once I started to scratch it, I wanted to play more and more. It's a little like golf. Easy to remember the great shots and compare those with what I see on TV.

Curling is the only sport I know in which I get to throw rocks at a house. That's what the coloured concentric target rings are called. The widest being 12 feet in diameter. From the point of release to target, the sliding distance of the stone is about 100 feet. On a typical hockey rink it's like shooting the puck from the blue line and trying to get it to stop at the face off dot in the opposite end. A shot like that would be called "a draw to the button" the smallest of the circles, only two feet in diameter.

I'd like to explain some of the terminology and nuances of the game for better understanding.

A team is made up of four players named by the position in which rocks are delivered. Lead, second, third (also called vice) and the skip, who is never called fourth.

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BUSINESS WOMEN'S REPORT - *Melissa Pearce*

I would like to start by thanking all of the members for their patience and input towards making 2010/2011 season success. We finished up last year not knowing what to expect from this season and we ended up having a very positive year curling at the Victoria Park Arena.

We were pleased to have this year's draws full and we hope the same for next year.

Before the season started, we were all preparing for 5 sheets. When the news broke that Dave and his crew were able to create 6 sheets, along came the task of scrambling to find extra teams to fill the draws. Some emails and personal phone calls completed this task. I won't mention any names but a special thank you to those who chose to return and curl as well to the new curlers of the Business Women's League.

Congratulations to all the winners. I hope you all have great summers and look forward to seeing you all next year at our new club

David L. – cont'd

Collectively these four players are called a rink, not to be confused with the place that we play which is also a rink. Each of the players throw two rocks apiece alternating shots with the opposition. Skipper stands at the other end of the sheet with broom on the ice –setting the target. The skip "calls" the game deciding which shots are to be made depending on the position of ALL the rocks in play. He'll indicate with his broom, really a brush, the desired path and stopping point and hold up a hand to indicate the direction of rotation. That's what creates the curling action, typically 2.5 turns of the rock as it travels down the ice. A rock for delivery is usually held with the handle pointing in the 2 o'clock or 10 o'clock position and then let go with a gentle twist of the wrist. Much like the foul line in bowling or basketball the rock must be released before the hog line; otherwise opponents make funny noises like HMMM. Remember what I said about players calling their own rule violations.

Players start by sitting in the HACK – a foot rest device imbedded in the ice. The stone is turned on its side and cleaned of any debris on the bottom. The curler then squares shoulders and hips to the target broom. Taking note of which hand the skip is holding up, sets the handle at two or ten then pushes out of the hack with a downward body action getting close to the ice and transferring momentum to the stone. It sounds a lot more

complicated than it really is. Just imagine looking at a person 100 feet away, who looks about this big, aiming at the stick in his hand and getting a 44 pound stone to slide to a stop where he wants. It's really pretty easy.

One of my favourite aspects of the game is the social part.

After the game winning team members get to buy the first round of beverages for the second place finishers in the club lounge. We get to replay some of the shots from the game, but mostly the conversation covers other topics. We get to know each other.

There are two clubs here in Brampton where spectators are welcome almost any time. Come out and get close to the action. The Chingaucousy club, where I play, has review clinics on a regular basis. This past September my wife attended one of these. Mary had never curled before thinking she would be too cold on the ice. Her ideal ambient temperature is 33 degrees Celsius. She picked up on the basics quickly and discovered that sweeping really warms her in a hurry. We curl together now in a Sunday night mixed league with other couples. It's a regular date night for us.

I'm suggesting that each of you be as bold as my wife. Try playing in a weekend bonspiel. Give it a shot. Join nine hundred thousand fellow Canadians and see what it's like to throw rocks at a house.

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MARV WHITE AWARD

This award is given to a member who greatly contributes to the betterment of the club and the game of curling both on and off the ice. It is awarded to someone who competes within the club with sportsmanship and enthusiasm and also acts as an ambassador for our club when competing elsewhere at bonspiels or OCA competitions.

This year at the LTD Mixed Bonspiel, two distinguished members received this prestigious award – **Stu Scheffer & Ray Husain.**

Stu has been with our club for a long time & truly has been a curling ambassador wherever he goes whether it's in our region, in Ontario, in Canada or the USA.

Ray came up from our Youth program & has a passion for the game that is contagious to everyone. His skills in maintaining our website provides the best PR for curling, not only for our own members, but for newcomers to the game.

Both these gentlemen have taken positions on various executives in our club, competed in OCA competitions & indeed, have made their mark on the curling world.

Remember to check out Ching's Website – www.chingcurling.com