



# AROUND THE HOUSE

## The Grand Forks Curling Club Newsletter

- ❖ ALL SIGNED UP
- ❖ 106 REGISTERED CURLERS
- ❖ LET THE GAMES BEGIN
- ❖ GOLF & CURL THE SAME DAY

### SO MANY TO THANK

*The Registration and Social Event was well attended. Folks enjoyed some appies and drinks. We heard quite a lot of, "Wish I hadn't had supper".*

*A generous thank you to Brenda Clark, Pat Blew and Linda Clifton for assisting me in the food prep, food presentation and decorating. An extra thanx to Brenda Clark for donating her yummy homemade buns and for her beautiful decorating skills. We received many compliments.*

*Thank you to my hosts for the evening Tom Sprado, Kevin Lennox and Xavier Nitti. A special thanx to Xavier for staying and helping me clean up and pack.*

*Thank you to Lyle Ramsey for organizing the Registration and Hank Blew, John Mackey, Gord McIntosh, Jenna Campbell and Alyssa Welwood for their support.*

*Those who haven't registered yet please do so in a timely fashion so the leagues can be finalized. Sign up now....don't be disappointed. For those that have yet to pay their dues please do so now.*

*Mark Kostash was the winner of the Reserved V.I.P. Parking stall. Check out the sign next time you arrive at the rink.*

### 21 NEW REGISTERED CURLERS

*The Learn to Curl Clinics were a significant opportunity for new curlers joining our club. Thank you to Doug Noren for coordinating the program and bringing future curlers to the rink. As quoted by Doug Noren, "We had 16 students on Thursday, 19*

*on Friday and 9 on Saturday. (Several showed up more than once) It was a promising turnout and I think this was a result of all the good advertising work that everyone has been doing. There were several comments about the advertising and it will be interesting to see the results of Steve's sign-up sheet Survey". 21 New Curlers registered by the completion of the clinics.*

## **JUST A REMINDER:**

*The rink is open every Sunday from 12:00 to 2:00pm for practice. Someone will always be there to help you out if required.*

## **TIME TO FLIP A COIN**

*The first week of curling has begun. Welcome all the new curlers. The young and old were super excited to get back on the ice then head for the lounge for a cool one and catch up with everyone.*

*Monday night mixed is asking for more to join their league. They only have 4 teams with lots of beginners. Let's help them out.*

*Tuesday afternoon mixed has 10 teams signed up. After taking a vote to either have 2 teams with a bye or play Tuesday mornings it was decided to play. The schedule is 10:30-12:30. This makes it tight to get spares but so far we have 3 that have signed on.*

*Tuesday night men's has a total of 8 teams. Always looking for additional teams.*

*Thursday afternoon ladies has many new faces which is exciting to see. So far they have 6 teams of enthusiastic gals and the spare list is increasing daily. The new curlers commented on how much fun they had.*

## **SLICE & ICE/SLICE & SLIDE**

*It was promoted under 2 names, but the event was a complete success, thanks to the generous donation from Kevin's Pro Shop. We had 24 participants show up for golf, and the weather held for us.*

*Prizes were awarded to:*

- *Maria Stubbington & Wayne Clark for KP's on hole 5, with Lyn Mackey & Mark Kostash on hole 9.*
- *Long putt on hole 2 to John Mackey.*
- *Team scramble with a score of -2 to Payton Maffioli, Dave Brown, Rick Cuttler and Tom Lund. No one went home empty handed.*

*Thanks Kevin!!*

*After an excellent dinner we reconvened at the Curling Club for a 6-end game with pizza provided by Kevin-s Pro Shop.*

*Thanks everyone for participating and we look forward to holding this event again next year!! Tell your friends!!*

## **HURRY, HURRY HARD....to sign up for the Combined Bonspiel**

*We're holding the Combined Bonspiel on November 18, 19 & 20 (Friday -Sunday) for Ladies and Men's Teams. Get your team's name on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.*

*Dinner and dance on Saturday night with a live band, 50/50, draw to the button with Cash Prizes for Bonspiel winners.*

*Please support this annual club event by curling, volunteering or both.*

## **PLAID SUNDAY 1955**

*Of all curling's controversial moments, perhaps none is as historically significant as the riot that followed Team Quebec's suspension from the 1955 Brier for wearing pants that were "too flashy".*

*Officials handed down the suspension during Round Robin play after eventual champions Team Saskatchewan complained of feeling "dizzy" and "potentially hypnotized" by the ostentatiously plaid trousers. Quebec Skip Henri Pronovost suggested their punishment was motivated by ant-francophone bias and defended the pants as fashion-forward.*

*Team Quebec's rowdy fan base took to the streets in agreement.*

*89 arrests and \$3 million in damages later, the incident stands today as a crucial factor in the Quiet Revolution.*

*Please forward any ideas or suggestions for the next Newsletter.*

*.....until next time*

# **LEARN – COMPETE – HAVE FUN**