

THE HOGLINE

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FROM THE PEN OF THE PREZ.....

Christine Hale-Sanders

Happy Holidays to all!

By now we are well into the curling season and I hope that yours is going well. If you have any last minute Christmas gifts to buy please consider our pro shop as a source. You can purchase all your curling supplies here as well as gift certificates for the hard to buy for person, just ask at the bar. You may also want to purchase a membership for a friend for the remainder of the year. As long as they are new to the club or have not been a member for at least 5 years, these memberships are available for just \$99.

I would like to thank you all for choosing the St. Thomas Curling Club as your club. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to experience some of our special events and if not then there are many more coming up. Don't forget the Board of Director's Breakfast Spiel in February and the Steak Spiel at the end of the season. These events allow you to actually see your board members at work. Various leagues also have events coming up see the club calendar for details.

As you know we are continuing to experience problems with the dehumidifier and with the roof leaking. Both of these are in the process of being repaired and I should be able to report more in the next Hogline.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Our New Year's Eve Party has been cancelled as a result of lack of ticket sales. Many thanks to Phil and Helen James for their efforts in trying to bring it to life.

LADIES' BELLES & BROOMS BONSPIEL

On November 24th & 25th we hosted 18 guest teams and 6 St. Thomas teams and celebrated the 30th anniversary of the event. The theme was 'A Cracker Barrel Christmas' and everyone enjoyed the warmth of an old fashioned Christmas and marveled at the array of antiques provided by Diane and Keith Ferguson. Everyone reflected with appreciation on the people who were responsible for the early bonspiels – Lois Bill and Lynn Rock and Tom Shaw who donated the trophy.

Our home teams did very well.

“A” Flight:

1st – Aylmer – skipped by Judy VanYmeren (Judy is also a member of our club)

2nd – St. Thomas – Marilyn Graham, Cathy Hedley, Anne Meeuse, Joan Martin, Patti Roberts

3rd – St. Thomas - Jean Matthews, Barb Burgess, Terry Vansevenant, Joanne Oldham

“B” Flight:

1st – St. Thomas – Barb Haskell, Jeanne Gray, Joanne Shields, Diane Marcou

4th – St. Thomas – Brenda Cairns, Diane Ferguson, Denise Cyr, Joanne Wilson, Sherry Rosevear

“C” Flight:

4th – St. Thomas – Sandy Ferguson, Joyce Hepburn, Bonnie Hepburn, Kathy Orsi

Congratulations to our St. Thomas teams and many thanks to all the volunteers who made this event possible.

Diane Marcou, Chair

BROOMS, SLIDERS, AND MUCH MUCH
MORE

It is a bit late for this Christmas, but don't forget that our Bar carries curling equipment. If you need new equipment, please check out the quality items that we carry. And if you get money for Christmas, and don't know where to spend it.....

OCA NEWS

St Thomas Curling Club hosted the Zone 15 Bantam competition on Saturday Dec 20, 08. In the girls competition there were 2 teams participating both representing St Thomas and they played to decide A and B side representatives. Both teams came to play and they put on a great show keeping the fans on the edge of their seats. Winning the A side was the team of Abby Weagant, Cassi Bolt, Riley Weagant and Rebecca Lane. Winning the B side was the team of Page Morneau, Samantha Lees, Katie Bolt and Emily Geer.

In the Boys competition there were four teams two representing St Thomas and 2 representing Brant Curling Club. The St Thomas rink of Nathan Cowderoy, Aj Villadolid, Mathew Lane, Scott Lane and David Lees had a tremendous day with two close games but just came up short in their second game against Brant to advance to the B Final. Winning the A side and going undefeated was the Dickson rink from St Thomas Mathew Dickson, Aaron Squires, David Easter and Jordan Morneau. The B final was an all Brant affair with Team Collyer faced off against Team Valoppi, Winning the B side was the Valoppi rink from the Brant CC Patrick Valoppi, Devin Cherubini, Dave Peterson, Derek Paterson, Derek Hambly. Good luck to all in January at the region 4 competition.

We will be hosting the Silver Tankard on January 17 - 18, 2009 so come out and watch this exciting two-team competition.

Tom Devaney, Junior Rep.

CURLING 101

Our first ever Curling 101 instruction recently concluded, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new members in to our club. I would like to thank Barry Westman, Shirley Westman and Christine Hales Sanders for all their help in making this a success. We are currently looking at running Curling 101 again in the spring of 2009, with our focus on new members but all current members will be welcome as well, so get the word out and watch the notice boards for details.

JUNIORS

All the familiar competitive teams have been hard at work representing our club at Zone and Regional competitions for Junior Men and Women, Gore School Boy/School Girl events.

Congratulations to Teams Fanset, Westman and Weagant on their success in making it to regional competitions in these very competitive events.

RENTALS

Did you know that we rent out our lounge &/or ice for events? Check out your calendar for available dates. It makes a great spot for a party or get together.

Contact Don Marcou at 519-637-0350 for more information.

Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates.

"In honor of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "You must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven."

The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. "It represents a candle," he said.

"You may pass through the pearly gates," Saint Peter said.

The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said, "You may pass through the pearly gates."

The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's panties.

St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolize?"

The man replied, "These are Carol's."

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND SEE YOU IN 2009!