



## *YORK NOTES - APRIL 2012*

### **A Note from Bruce Orrell, Vice-President**

Our President, Kent Milford is floating around on a cruise ship somewhere in the South Pacific. In his absence, here are a few of my thoughts as the 2011-2012 season comes to a close.

We are about to finish our second season as a six sheet club. Last year was one of unknowns, but your Board of Directors came into this season with some historical perspective and it showed in how we managed the business of the Club.

We have experienced unexpected increases in some of our expenses this year. Our property taxes have increased and, because of the warmer than usual winter, electrical costs are higher than budget. On the positive side of things, all of the costs associated with the expansion project are behind us now and the only outstanding item is the accessibility lift.

Some of the projects that were done this year were quite visible (new lounge furniture, cameras on sheets 5 and 6, video security system, etc.) but many more happened behind the scenes. For example, our entire membership registration process was done on a new central database system that allowed real time access for the membership committee. For the first time ever, the Club's financial "system" has been computerized. For a club of over 750 members, we could no longer rely on manual systems to maintain our information.

For next year, look for more change. Change is inevitable a club like ours. One of the most anticipated visual changes will be the new bar that we were able to acquire from Glenway.

We now look forward to the final two major events on the Club calendar. The **Night of Champions** is a great night to come out and watch the final games of the various leagues. Please come out if you can on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Experience the pomp and ceremony of a lone piper leading the players out onto the ice and then watch the games unfold.

Of course, the **Closing Bonspiel** is "the" big event of the year. This year registration for this event was sold out in 70 minutes. It is too bad that our lounge is too small to allow for another draw. Last year's Closing Bonspiel set records for success and we hope that this year will do the same. I can't wait to see all of my favorite TV characters on the final day of curling.

I'd also like to point out some other significant dates in the near future. Check the club calendar for specific times.



The annual **Men's Meeting** will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm here at York. I'd like to invite everyone that plays in the men's leagues, whether they are house leagues or team entry leagues, to attend this meeting. This meeting will be the conversation conduit between the various men's leagues and the Curling Committee around the leagues next year and in the coming years.

On Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> York will host the annual **Volunteer Appreciation Night**. We invite everyone at the club that has volunteered over the past season to come in and have a drink, some snacks and socialize with members of the Board and other volunteers. It is volunteers that make this club work and this is our token of thanks for a job well done!

The final date that I would like to make mention of is the **Annual General Meeting** on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This is the night that the membership gets a chance to hear from the various Board members as they report on their particular portfolios. You will also hear where the club stands financially and you are able to ask questions of the Board members. This is also the venue where new Board members are nominated and elected.

Finally, on the topic of Board members, we ran our Club with one vacancy on the Board this season. At the end of this season, we will have more vacancies and we are looking for members that can volunteer some time to run our Club. If you would like to join the Board, please reach out to any member of the current Board or JoAnn Inouye. We would like to have the opportunity to discuss a position with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of York Curling Club for your support of the Board, the staff, league conveners and volunteers of all stripes. I wish everyone a safe summer and see you again in October.



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### *From the Board*

It is that time of the year when change occurs on your Board of Directors. This year the following directors from the York Board are stepping down: Kent Milford, Linda Potter and Shirley Charles. On behalf of the membership we thank these individuals for giving of their time and energy to our Club! Looking forward we will need new members to step up to help complete our Board for the 2012-13 season. If you are interested, and would like more information regarding the responsibilities involved, please contact one of our present Board members (Kent Milford, Bruce Orrell, Linda Potter, Shirley Charles, Gerry Schnurr, Janet Lewis, Randy Slade, Sid Smith, Karen Morrison, Joanne McAndrew, John Wallace or Marie Wallace). We will have four vacancies on the Board (this year we functioned one member short) and would like to begin our new season with a full complement. This is a wonderful way to contribute to your Club's future and take part in the decision making process here at York.

### *From the Seniors*

The Seniors' Closing Bonspiel will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup> this year. As usual, the format of the event is skins and a dinner will be hosted on the last day of curling. Senior Golf Day will be June 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 9:00 shotgun start at the Highlands Course at Mill Run. The fee is \$55.00 which includes golf, lunch, drinks and prizes. For more information please contact Rick Charles.

As always, it was a great season for the seniors! New curlers were welcomed and the league is going strong! Once again this year, the seniors hosted groups from other Clubs, York was successful in all of these events. Thank you to all the volunteers that run this very busy group.





## *Recent Events*

### **York Bantam Bonspiel**

On February 11<sup>th</sup> York hosted its annual Bantam Bonspiel sponsored by Kelvin Johnston of Royal LePage, thank you to Kelvin and Evelyn! Theresa Wanless, chair of the event, reported a very successful day. The winning teams were the Barclay team all the way from North Bay and team Collyer from Brant. A special thank you to Toppers Pizza for donating half the pizzas for the curlers and a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped!

### **House of York Mixed Bonspiel**

This year the House of York was full...24 teams! The winning team was Mike Aprile, Laurie Shields, Sean Spencer and Sarah Bamber. Congratulations!

We had great support and sponsorship from the local community, including Vince's, the Maids Cottage and the Newmarket Downtown Business Association. Most importantly, the curlers had a great time and left with a fantastic impression of the Club and the curlers here at York. A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers. They did a phenomenal job from start to finish.

Bob Browne

### **Rose Bonspiel**

The Rose Senior Mixed Bonspiel was held on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Another great year for the event and Anne Perrin once again hosted the curlers. The bonspiel was won by Terry Robertson, Judy Sheridan, Roy and Julie Graham. Coming second by a very small margin was Ron and Kerry Isnor (nice to see the Isnor's back at York!), Mike Shields and Gerri Matheson.



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## Family Bonspiel

The annual York Family Bonspiel was held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. A great day was had by all. Many thanks to Jacey Toole, Corey Randell, Jack Inouye, Jeff and Theresa Wanless and Mike Morra who helped make the day a success. The winners from Little Rock division were Alexander Sever, Manfred Sever, Kieran Bhatia and Samir Bhatia! The Junior winning team was the Gulbranson team – Jeff, Matt, Chris and Rob!

## *Upcoming Events*

**Seniors' Closing Bonspiel** – April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>

**Night of Champions** – April 5<sup>th</sup>, two draws 7:00 and 9:00 pm

**Closing Bonspiel** – April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Men's Meeting** – April 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm

**Volunteer Appreciation Night** – April 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm

**Ladies' Golf Day** – May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Seniors' Golf Day** – June 13<sup>th</sup>

**Annual General Meeting** – June 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm



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## *Personal Notes*

Mike Shields will be retiring at the end of this season. He has been making ice here at York for many years. We have great ice and this is due to Mike's hard work and dedication. As we all know, his contribution over the years goes well beyond the ice preparation. He has been a hard working volunteer and has always had the Club's best interests in mind. A huge thank you to Mike for his many years of service to York!


We are also losing another important member of our staff, Jim Blue. Jim has been our custodian here at York for many years. Always working quietly behind the scenes, he has made sure our facility is spotless for our members and all our guests. Keeping our viewing glass clean, clearing snow, cleaning our lounge and change-rooms and always battling the popcorn has kept Jim busy! Time for a well deserved rest! Thank you Jim for all your help over the years and a job well done!!

## *Winners and Results*


This has been an amazing year for York outside our Club! We have had several teams and individual members represent us at provincial competitions over the past several weeks. Congratulations to the following:

Team Shields – Laurie, Lisa Rolfe, Trina Sweezie and Stephanie represented York at provincials for both the Dominion and OCA Intermediate competitions this year.


Laurie Shields will also be competing with Matthew Shepherd (another York member), Michael Shepherd and Heather Marshall in the OCA Mixed Provincials coming up on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Brockville. The team is curling out of East York Curling Club. Good luck!




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Team Inouye – JoAnn, Karen Morrison, Vicki Greenwood, Erika Buhlman and Karen Smith represented York at OCA Senior Ladies provincials in February.

Team Chisamore-Johnston – Kelsey, Erika Pasternak, Erin Walter and Darcee Stock all members here at York, represented Newmarket High School at the OCA Gore Provincials. The team was runner-up at this event, an amazing accomplishment! The girls also competed at the OFSSA provincials recently as well. Congratulations!!

Jeff Wanless qualified with a team from Dundas Valley Curling Club to compete at the Bantam Mixed Provincials held in Smiths Falls....congratulations Jeff!!

Craig Barfield, John Munsie, Kyle Kostiak and Michael Barfield were the winners at the Weston Beef Spiel on February 25th!





## *Lost and Found*

The Lost and Found tub is getting full again! If you are missing any items please check it out. The tub will be emptied at the end of the season.



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