



February 2016

The 2016 Italian Winterspiel

Choruses of ***New York, New York*** and ***That's Amore*** were bouncing off the walls as our curling center was rocking on the final night of this year's ***Winterspiel***. It was a great way to end a great week of food, drink and curling. The army of volunteers did a wonderful job preparing food each night of the week highlighted by a fabulous Italian feast Saturday night.

On the ice, twenty-eight men's and ladies' teams competed for bragging rights and a chance to go to a very well-stocked prize table. Once again, ***Pommier Jewellers*** sponsored the Ladies' competition and provided a great selection of prizes. On the Men's side several sponsors stepped up to provide an equally attractive prize table; our kudos go out to ***Bill & Denise Dickey, St. Lawrence Testing, Cornwall Dental Arts, MacEwens, the Squire Shop and the City of Cornwall.***



The five days of curling were concluded with ***Charley Wert's*** team of Vice Rob Mahon, Second Paul McNeil and Lead Jace Patkai winning the Men's A division over ***Angus McLeod's*** team of Vice Brendan Blakely, Second Lew Stanley and Lead Pierre Rozon. The key to Wert's come from behind victory was scoring 3 in the 6th end to tie the game at 6-6 and then a steal of 3 in the 7th end to take a commanding lead into the 8th and final end.

Marie-Claude Commeau's team of Vice Joan Sauve, Second Jane McDonald and Lead Allison Main won the Ladies' A division over ***Susan Fort's*** team of Vice Debbie Tropea, Second Debbie Bourdeau and Lead Norma Lamoureux.

The Ladies' A Consolation was won by ***Mitch Baker's*** team of Vice Samatha Dexter, Second Amanda Jacobs and Lead Sharyn Kelly.

The Men's A Consolation was won by ***Terry Lichty's*** team of Vice Ron Leroux, Second Rob Cotman and Lead Phil Riel.

Once again, the club ran a great event. Our congratulations go out to all who helped out and played.

Ladies' Invitational – 2016

The 2016 Ladies' Invitational was held on the weekend of February 5-7. Twenty-four teams competed in this year's event once again showing how popular this event is in Eastern Ontario. Bonus sponsor **Hunt Commercial Insurance** provided a great prize table and Saturday night's "**Ugly Dress**" theme made for a great evening of food, fun and refreshments.



On the ice **Anne Shulman's Utica, NY** team took top honours in the A division. Other out-of-town teams also did very well with teams from **Rideau, Ottawa, Russell and Richmond** winning the A Consolation, B division, C division and D division respectfully.

Once again, our club's organizers and volunteers did a marvelous job hosting this event.



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A big thanks goes out to all the coaches who offered their time and expertise for the club's **Intermediate Clinic** held on Jan. 9. Feedback from the participants was both positive and enthusiastic. Kudos to Cliff Crites, Jonathan King, Lynn Macdonell, Mike Villeneuve, Neil MacLean, Bill Sobering, Mark Seguin, Kevin Baker and Mike Marleau.

Youth Curling Program News

Ten bantam teams competed in the **19th ANNUAL MACDONELL MACLEAN BANTAM BONSPIEL** held on Jan. 10. It was a fun-filled day of competition, with three teams from our club welcoming our guests. A girls' team from Navan won the **Macdonell Maclean Bantam Cup**. Once again we received many positive comments regarding our wonderful facility and ice conditions. The event generated a modest profit which was donated to the youth program.

In other news, two of our youth curlers qualified for the OCA Hit, Draw and Tap Provincial Championship. Maverick Dupuis in the 6-8 year-old category and William O'Shea in the 11-13 year-old category will compete in Brantford on Feb. 7. They will play on the Tankard Ice and meet some of the players. A third curler, Rohan Mullur in the 9-10 year-old group just missed out of the championship.

Bantam age youth curler Nicholas Cleroux has been selected as a Junior Star at the Ottawa Brier. He will be going on the ice with the players on March 6.