



# **In The Hack**

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## **Schooner Curling Club**

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### **Ralph Lloyd and Dan MacKinnon Memorials**



The Ralph Lloyd/Dan MacKinnon memorial closing spiel will be held April 13-18 and is an open, single entry spiel. Entry fee for members is \$10 and for non-members is \$15. Curlers can choose between a Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday schedule. Prize presentations and a social will follow curling on Saturday evening. Sign up sheets are now posted at the club so get you name down early and take part in the final Schooner Spiel of the 2008-2009 curling season.

### **Coors Fun Nights**



Another successful year was capped off with the final Coors Fun Night of the season held in March with over 40 people attending. Coors Fun Nights are coordinated and run by Abbie and Robina Boudreau who do a wonderful job of looking after everyone when they come to the club. Many thanks to you both for all your hard work. We are also thankful to have long-time sponsor Dave MacMullin of Coors Light Brewing who donates all prizes and makes these nights possible. Coors Fun Nights are very important to the club as they have recruited many of the new members that have joined over the last few years and expose new people to the Schooner Curling Club and the sport of curling.

### **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**



This year's spaghetti dinner fundraiser was another great success with over 600 dinners being sold and over \$1700 being raised for the club. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in selling, preparing and delivering the dinners and a special thank you to Bill Jessome who did another fantastic job in organizing this important event.

### **Lena Chaisson Presentation**

Lena Chaisson, organizer of the Juvenile Diabetes fund raising spiel at the club along with many other events, will be presenting her scrapbook outlining all of her efforts in raising funds to support juvenile diabetes research. Lena has also been honored as "*Maritimer of the Week*" by CTV Television. Drop by the club on Monday, April 6 at 7pm and meet this fascinating little girl and learn more about her accomplishments. Lena is the daughter of Albert and Lynette Chaisson and the grand daughter of Mickie and Frank Kokochi, all great supporters of the Schooner Curling Club.

### **Upcoming Dates of Interest**

April 3-5	Moosehead Mixed – Sydney Club
April 6	Lena Chaisson Presentation
April 13-18	Closing Spiel
April 22	General Meeting
April 25	Closing banquet
April 25	Membership Ticket draw
June 13	Schooner Golf Outing

Subject to change. For a full year's schedule see our website or check the club

### **Curler's Choice Awards**

Schooner members will have a chance to vote in the Curler's Choice Awards again this year. Each member can cast one vote in each of the following three categories:

- Most improved new curler
- Best Sportsmanship
- Volunteer of the year

Members can cast ballots at the club up until the General Meeting held April 23. Votes will be tallied and winners announced at the closing banquet. Best of luck to everyone.

### **General Meeting and Club Election**



The year-end General Meeting will take place at the club on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm. All club members are strongly encouraged to attend as a summary of the past year and the club's current position will be presented. Many important issues will also be discussed and voted on which will impact all members and the overall future of the club. Executive and committee positions will also be decided on at this time and any position where more than one member has expressed interest will be voted on. Please note that members can still sign up for positions they are interested in filling. Get involved and make a better club for everyone.

### **Moosehead Mixed Spiel**



The Moosehead Mixed Spiel will take place at the Sydney Curling Club April 3-5. There are a number of Schooner teams taking part so why not drop in and cheer them on. There is a Dance Saturday night at the Sydney Club from 9-1. Best of luck to all teams.

## Closing Banquet



The Schooner Curling Club Closing Banquet will be held Saturday, April 25 at the club. Festivities get under way at 6 pm with cocktails and dinner will be served at approx. 6:30. All members who plan to attend are asked to pay a \$10 deposit that will be refunded to attendees only on the night of the banquet. There is a sign up sheet at the bar and all members are asked to sign up as early as possible along with any guests they have attending. Cost for a guest is \$10 and is non-refundable. Following dinner there will be league and individual award presentations including results of the voting for the curlers choice awards. Once all the formalities are done you can dance the night away to the sound of everyone's favorite disk jockey, *DJ Jimmy M.* Jimmy always gets the crowd rockin' and keeps the party goin' to the wee hours so come on out and enjoy the last party of the curling season with all your Schooner friends.

## Coors Mixed Spiel Results



The Coors Mixed Spiel was held March 20-22 with a total of 40 curlers on 10 teams taking part in the single entry event. After a fun weekend of good curling, the team skipped by Leo Fraser with mate, Bill Farr, second Wayne Bonnell and Lead Eric MacLeod took top spot with the most points. Second place went to Abbie Boudreau, Greg Ferguson, Albert Chaisson and Lynnette Chaisson. Overall, a successful weekend with good fun, good food and good curling. Special mention of Scott Deveaux and his team made up of Chris Macleod, Jeff Steele and Diana Evans for taking part. Scott is a Schooner member but the remainder of his squad were new curlers that were introduced to the sport at our Coors Fun Nights and who really wanted to take part in the spiel. They all did very well and had a great time. Other new curlers were Eric Macleod and Lynette Chaisson who were on the first and second place teams respectively. Great showing from the newbies. Thanks to them for taking part and thanks to everyone who participated.

All proceeds of the spiel went to the club since spiel sponsor Coors Light donated all prizes. A big thank you to Dave MacMullin and Coors for their support. Coors is a long time supporter of the club and without them many functions may never take place.

## Team Entry Playoffs

Playoffs in the Team Entry League got underway on Sunday, March 29 with eight teams making it to the single elimination play downs. In the first round, the Greg Ferguson rink got past Ray Cameron and his squad, Kevin Bates defeated Abbie Boudreau in an extra end, Coralie Richard's rink defeated Omar Roach and finally Brian Laughlin defeated Rob Agnew in a close game that was decided in the last end. In round two, Greg Ferguson will play Coralie Richard and Brian Laughlin will take on the Kevin Bates foursome. Winners will move on to play for the championship. For the results of these playoffs and all other league standings, check the club bulletin board or the Schooner Website.

## Schooner Golf Outing



The Annual Schooner Curling Club Golf Outing will take place Saturday, June 13 at the Passchendaele Golf Club in Glace Bay. Event organizers Lynn Kelly and Mary Foley hope for another good turnout this year. Cost for the event is \$30 and includes nine holes of golf and a steak dinner afterwards at the Schooner Club. This event is open to members and non-members as well. A sign up sheet is posted at the club so get your name in early as this popular event always fills up quickly. If you wish to attend just the dinner afterwards you can sign up for that and pay \$15. All interested are asked to sign up and pay on or before the closing banquet.

## End of Another Season

It's hard to believe that another season of curling is coming to an end, even harder given that, as I write this final newsletter of the season, I am looking out at 30cm of freshly fallen snow and I hear the rumbling of the plows as they work to push it aside. It seems like not so long ago we were throwing the first rocks of the new season and now, all too quickly for some, we are soon getting ready to throw our final stones. With the exception of a few minor bumps along the way, this has been another successful year for the Schooner Club and one I have enjoyed as much or more than any previous. I hope you all share that feeling. I also hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletters throughout the season and have found them informative and I welcome any suggestions for next season to help make them better. But for now, as we get ready to put down our curling brooms and pick up our golf clubs and garden rakes, I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to seeing everyone again next year for another great season of curling at the Schooner Curling Club. Take care.

