

BARRIE CURLING CLUB GENERAL MEETING –APRIL 25, 2023

SENIOR DIVISION REPORT

President Renee Dadswell, Members of the Board, fellow club members.

The Senior Division is composed of three mixed leagues plus a men's Super Senior League curling weekdays, between 9am and 4pm.

Mon/Wed. Senior Mixed League.

Tue/Thurs. Senior Mixed League.

Monday Senior Mixed C.Y.O. League.

Simcoe Super Seniors. – with 70 curlers from Barrie, Stroud and Bradford.

Susan Stanbury is convening our Mon/Wed Senior Mixed League, sponsored by Levita Barrington Retirement Residence with Wayne Jennings looking after the Tue/Thurs. League, sponsored by Marshall Insurance Brokers. Like many leagues we are not yet back to full strength but did have a total 85 curlers on the ice this season.

Nelson Jordan convenes the senior men's Simcoe Super Senior League on Fridays with a little help from me; very little! This league was formed 47 years ago with the Barrie Country Club, the Orillia Curling Club and the Barrie Curling Club. We now rotate with Barrie, Stroud and Bradford, curling two 6-end games at a different club each Friday. It gives us all a chance to meet new curlers and visit our neighbouring clubs.

Ray Martinelli managed the Senior CYO League again this season. They curl Monday a.m., 'normally' with 16 teams plus 10-12 spares participating. This year Ray had 10 teams, competing, plus 8 spares with hopes to have their numbers return to normal moving forward. Their sponsors are Moffatt Mazda, Zenetec Collision, Michael & Marion's Restaurant and Loblaws.

The Senior Ladies Bonspiel returned on March 16th with Charlene Strudwick as convener, once more. The ladies from the Orillia Curling

Club joined, as usual, and they filled all 7 sheets. A very successful Bonspiel that all you ladies should consider entering next March.

The 50th year for the Harry Armstrong Memorial Bonspiel was held on March 04, 2020, and is a senior men's event. We had 28 teams participating that year with prizes for one and all. This event has been put on hold due to Covid but will return in 2024. Our sponsor for many years is Marshall Insurance Brokers who have recently guaranteed me they will be ready! With their help we have been able to put on a Senior Men's club bonspiel to be proud of! Over \$2,000 in prizes were given out to teams from all over southern Ontario at our last event. Again, many thanks to Will and Colin Marshall for all their support. This may be the largest annual one-day Senior Men's Bonspiel running! This year after contacting several regular team entries, we all agreed it was not prudent and cancelled this year as there were still too many unknowns, as of February for 120 senior participants to sit down to dinner and mingle between games.

A special vote of thanks to our Board of Directors who give of their time to make our club a better place to enjoy the sport of curling. This has been a difficult year with many decisions affecting the very survival of our club that had to be made. This year we all watched as Covid seemed to be pulling back and things were getting back to near normal. Through out it all they remained optimistic and did their very best to keep us all safe and curling.

To all our staff, Dave McLean, who keeps our bar humming, our ice team for the great ice they made and especially Melanie Hughes our wonderful club manager who had to deal with so many new and challenging endeavours. Jessica, of TC Caterers, looking after our kitchen and providing tasty dishes for us all. Thank you, one and all.

More than ever, I encourage and challenge the members of our club to seek out ways to help their leagues expand and our club to grow. Every person you talk to is a potential member. Maybe there is a golfer or a neighbour you know who is looking for a new winter activity; talk to them. We need to get our membership but up to strength once more so we can ensure our great sports survival.

This report respectfully submitted by:

Bill Brown – B.C.C. Senior Representative