

Editor's Note... As I read the various league submissions to this issue of Rock Talk, I was struck by what a special place PCC really is. In every league there are people giving their spare time to make sure that it's members have a great season. I encourage you to thank your various league executives for all of the hard work they do on your behalf!

Special thanks...

To our board of directors... you've done a great job getting the club back on track! We know the time and effort it has taken and appreciate it!

To Our Advertising Committee...thank you for the work you do in our community promoting our club!

To Kim, Jeff and their staff ...Thank you for your hospitality throughout the curling season.

To Gary Cound and his ice crew... Thanks for great ice during a year when you had many challenges!

Thank you to Nancy and her bar staff...
for excellent service throughout the season!

And last but not least,
Thank you to all of you for your donations of time and money. Our members make this club the envy of other clubs all around us...Keep up the good work!



Faith Ride Bonspiel...The very popular Interclub Ladies' League Faith Ride Memorial Bonspiel was this year hosted by the Marmora Curling Club. Once again, the spiel had a scramble format with each team having members from four different Clubs. Sandy Chapman from Campbellford skipped the winning team with Maria Langley, Marmora, the very happy Judy Curvin, PCC, and Kim Kemp, Keene. Jennifer Ride presented the trophy in memory of her Mother, Faith, who was a PGCC member. A great time was had by all. Doris Nickson, Convenor.



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Ontario Winter Games... The Ontario winter games were held in Orillia March 1 to 4. In the wheelchair curling competition 5 teams took part, two from Northern Ontario and three from the south. Team Bax representing the Peterborough Curling Club finished with a bronze medal. PCC member Jon Thurston filled in as skip for Team Joseph, skipping them to a silver medal. Team Dean from Thunder Bay were the gold medal winners.



The bronze medal game featured 3 PCC members, skip Carl Bax, second Alec Denys, and lead Dan Flint. Anita Mellow from Ottawa completed the lineup. The opposition was the current Provincial winners of Team Rees of the Cricket Club. It was a hard fought game with the win decided on the last shot.



SUNDAY TAG... The Sunday Tag section wrapped up the season with a fun spiel and lunch. We had 32 of the approximately 55 members of the section participate in the closing.

We had a very enthusiastic fun crowd show up every week for a casual game of curling on Sundays throughout the season. Our roster was bolstered after the Christmas break by the addition of many of our LTC curlers who got their first taste of league curling.

If you're looking for an excuse to get out of the house on a Sunday afternoon and get another practice game in come out and join our league. All of our games are meant to be fun and casual. We have a great mix of old, young, experienced and not so experienced curlers every week.

This is my last season as the section head for tag. Next season the section will be headed up by Katelin Langford.

Thank you all who participate and make this league so much fun every week. Dave Levecque

Friday Afternoon Mixed... Our 2017-18 curling season concluded Friday March 23. The format for curling was 2 draws of doubles curling games using the Stirling Rules in which players alternately deliver 6 stones for 6 ends. The games last no more than an hour & each player throws 18 rocks. Following the curling, 81 members & guests attended our closing dinner starting with a minute of silence in memory of Sherry Bulmer & Jane Adams.

After the meal President Paul Harris-Lowe gave a report on the status of the club before presenting Past President Rose Tallevi with a plaque for her contributions to the club. Rose was a finalist in the Canadian Curling Association 's Volunteer of the Year award. Rob Cory then gave a delightful musical tribute to Rose- his longtime teammate. We will miss Rose & Mike as they embark on the next chapter of their lives with a move to Woodstock.

Susan Barnard announced the winning teams: 1st place the undefeated Doyle team, 2nd the Bannon team, tied for 3rd the Hogan, Hitchcock, & Beatty teams. Our section will be donating \$1180 to the condenser fund including \$180 designated for prizes. Enjoy your summer activities & hope to see you for the start of the 2018-19 curling season Friday October 12. For more photos, go to the club website. Chairman Pete MacLoughlin



From the President...

Dear Members:

I am pleased to announce three pieces of information today.

First. We are the lucky recipients of a \$70,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. I spoke with our representative from the Ontario Trillium Foundation today and he has confirmed. This is great news for the club as it will allow us to go ahead with the new condenser as soon as possible.

The Condenser Committee which consists of Gary Cound, Gord Page, Earl McLeod, Bruce Thompson and myself will be in contact with our preferred supplier immediately to begin the process.

Second. Our fundraising efforts have been a tremendous success. We have raised approximately \$50,000 prior to last weekend's Yard Sale! Every section participated in our fundraising efforts as did many of the bonspiel committees. The support of our members has been overwhelming and, on behalf of the board, I can't thank you enough.

During my presentations at the section year-end meetings I spoke about how we felt positive regarding the Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant. We also spoke about our feeling we were in a good position to receive the funding.

Our expectation for the condenser fund is that the actual cost may be \$75,000 to \$80,000. Once we have the condenser fully paid for our belief is we can redirect additional funds to addressing our leaking roof.

Third. We have a commitment from Gary Cound to remain as our ice maker. Bruce Thompson and I met with Gary and we are thrilled to have Gary return. As part of the board's commitment to the members and getting the best ice possible we will be working closely with Gary and his team of assistants to give Gary the support he needs.

Once again, on behalf of the Peterborough Curling Club Board, I would like to thank each and every member for their tremendous support this year. With these capital improvements and Gary's return I believe we can make some significant gains in ice quality this year.

Thank you. Paul Harris-Lowe, President



Strategy Clinic a Great Success!

Strategy Clinic Includes “SAM” Discussion and Acceptable Miss

The March 15 strategy clinic presented by Dave Farnell and Steve Whitehill was attended by 36 PCC members. Everyone came away with some new concepts about their curling strategy. Some of the points discussed were –

- * Definition of strategy – playing the right shots
- * Definition of tactics – playing those shots right
- * What type of strategy does your team use most –
- * Offensive – good at the soft stuff; tend to draw; lots of rocks in play each end
- * Defensive – tend to hit, tend to be patient; do not take chances
- * Blended – equally throws draws and take-outs; team needs to be good communicators
- * If your opposition is equal to your own team (skills) make them play your game
- * If the ice is heavy and straight play a more defensive game
- * Never be wide on a hit, never be narrow on a draw. Your sweepers can't help the shot.
- * “SAM” – shot after miss – make your shot after your opposition misses their shot. If you don't, you are missing an opportunity to take the advantage
- * Think shot tolerance (right way vs wrong way to miss). When is short better than long for a shot and vice versa. An acceptable miss is clearing a guard when the skip called for a come around take-out.
- * When you are up, usually the guard isn't
- * You can't skip if you can't draw

Thank you to Dave and Steve for giving their time to present this clinic for free at our club. \$410 was raised for the Ice Condenser fundraiser. Pauline Orpwood.

World Mixed Doubles Championship - Ostersund, Sweden

April 21 to 28 - Streaming on World Curling Federation YouTube website, <https://www.youtube.com/user/WorldCurlingTV>



Juniors....The junior section held their annual closing bonspiel and award day on March 18. We had two games that day along with lunch and awards after the second game. The winners of this years bonspiel were Skip - Hayden Tekauc, Vice -Kaitlin Langford, Second - Madison Nolan and Lead - Nahum Roberts. We also gave out trophies the top 12 point finishers accumulated during the year. Finishing first this year is Andrew Cote with 90 points. Tied for second was Toula Pappas and Hayden Tekauc with 87 points. Tied for fourth are Katelin Langford and Hunter Tekauc with 82 points. Sixth was Clayton Forsyth with 74 points. Seventh - Nicholas Moore - 72. Eighth was a tie with Kaitlyn Fancy and Jack Bolton with 70 points. 10th was Isabelle Lain with 60 points and tied for 11th were Mitchell Shedden and Zane Brooks with 55 points.

Many thanks to Lynne Cook, Dave Leveque and Bob Bolton for helping out during the season. Hope you all had a great season and have a great summer and we'll see you all in October.
Enzo Tarantino, Email: enzotarantino1@gmail.com



Men's Section Report ... This year's activities ended Thursday March 29th with 6 sheets of keen competition. We congratulate the club champions team Hogan, who now have the mandate to represent the club in the OCA Travellers competition. Team Hogan comprises: Jason Hogan skip, Robert Lewis, Michael Fleming, Tyler O'Shea

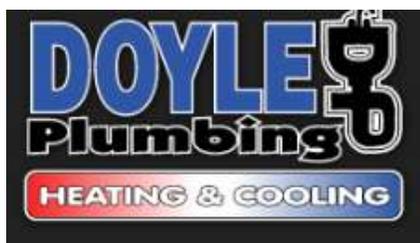


Honourable mentions also to: B Division winners– Brant Doyle skip, Kevin Smith, Dale Sokolowski, Tony VandenBroek.

And to those teams with the best records during regular season play: Monday Night, Grand Aggregate – Ab Doyle skip, Enzo Tarantino, Rob Roy, Don Evans Tuesday Night, Grand Aggregate – Glenn Garneys skip, Bob Bergmann, Tim Orpwood, Dean McNamee

The Men's section collectively threw its support to the Condenser replacement fund

when the members agreed to donate the section prize money to the fund and additionally raised other funds through Brier betting, raffles and auctions. The total Men's Section donation to the Condenser Fund will be \$4400.



Grand Slam - Champions Cup Schedule

- April 26 - 2 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm
- April 27 - 2 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm
- April 27 - 2 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm
- April 28 - 2 pm (1/4 Finals Women), 6 pm (1/4 Finals Men), 10 pm (Semi-finals Men & Women)
- April 29 - 12 noon (Women's Final), 4 pm (Men's)

Rose Tallevi Given Honorary Life Membership

Rose was given an Honorary Life Membership to PCC to recognize her dedication to the club. Rose took on the position of Club President at a difficult time in the club's history. She, along with the Directors, made the tough financial decisions necessary to keep PCC alive, with Rose taking the brunt of the criticism concerning the changes.



The Board also presented Rose with an award to acknowledge her leadership over the past years. The inscription read – ‘True Leader. Presented in appreciation to Rose Tallevi for your generous commitment of time, support, and inspiration in distinguished and unselfish service to the Peterborough Curling Club. 2015 - 2018

Rose's Curling Canada jacket arrived just in time. Another acknowledgement of how special Rose is- It is embroidered with National Finalist Curling Club Volunteer of the Year 2017 Ontario.

We will miss you Rose, and your husband Mike. Our loss is Woodstock's gain.

Did You Know?

Local businesses continue to support our curling club so we need to return the courtesy. When you are shopping, please tell businesses that support our club that you are a member of the Peterborough Curling Club and that you noticed their advertising at the club and that it is very much appreciated! I have heard feedback that some business are questioning whether or not the advertising is worth it.

We need to make them feel that it is worth it! Remember the Committee can get them but we need your help to keep them! Our latest support in the form of advertising has come from:

Peterborough Mitsubishi, Gold Level at a cost to them of \$1130.00.

Currie Tire, a wall sign at a cost of \$339.00.

Gardens of Peterborough, a wall sign at a cost of \$339.00

And BrokerLink Insurance, a wall sign and a scoreboard sign at a cost of \$762.75

Remember, if you want them to support us, we need to support them!!

Your Advertising committee:

Doris Nickson, David Leveque, David Barr and Pauline Orpwood (Board Representative)

Learn to Curl... Well we have closed out another successful Learn To Curl program and our class of graduates should make a very positive impact on the Peterborough Curling Club membership next season. Our finale was well attended and included games, planning exercises around interest in next year's leagues, snacks and a cake. Our graduates set some records this year which will be tough for future classes to beat; **Most Bonspiels attended by LTC participants and staggering Thursday night bar bills** are two of the more impressive ones that we will mention here. Our graduating class is on the lookout for teams in a number of our Leagues next year so if you are in need of some players to fill out your teams, check the Member tab on the website for available LTCers or contact Kevin Casselman to find out who might be a good fit for your Team. Have a great summer and we will see you all at the rink next year.



Friday Evening Mixed... It was a great year of curling in the Friday Evening Mixed league! The year culminated with our final playoff games on Saturday, March 24, followed by our closing dinner and dance. Over 80 members stayed to dance the night away! Over the course of the evening, the executive sold tickets on a Google Home Mini (won by Ryan McCracken) and a \$100 Gift Certificate off of next year's membership (won by Brian Northey). We raised \$570 for the club's condenser fund just on this raffle! Along with this, we gave an additional \$1140 back to the club for a total donation of \$1710! Thank you for your generosity!



This year's League Champions were:

A Division: Glenn Owers, Sue Collins, Ian Owers and Cat Trask.

B Division: Enzo Tarantino, Nancy Houle, Jacques Houle, Lynne Cook

C Division: Don Evans, Carolyn Hoy, Gary Henderson, Juaneta Henderson

Your executive would like to thank you all for your support and help throughout the year. You made many good suggestions on the year end comment sheets that we sent out. We will be implementing alot of your changes next season! Have a great summer! We hope to see you back on the ice in October!

Ladies Section: With the 2017/2018 season coming to an end, we want to congratulate all the winning teams from the Ladies League!!

Tuesday Draw Results-

Series 1 Susan Barnard, Janet Schmidt, Lyne Edington, Linda Livingston

Series 2 (tie) Mary Ellen Bannon, Joan Murray, Lyne Edington, Holly Cox
Hazel Litvin, Kathy Burns, Sylvia Woodcox, Johanna Peirson

Series 3 (tie) Mary Ellen Bannon, Carol Terry, Tina Grant, Johanna Peirson, Susan Barnard,
Jane Moore, Mary Calvert, Cathy Fraser, Sheila Bolton, Kathy Burns, Kathy Baker, Dianne
Page

Series 4 (tie) Mary Ellen Bannon, Mary Frances Thompson, Gloria Morley, Dorothy O'Brien,
Diana Payne Joan Smith, Jane McGhee, Lucie Hillson, Linda Morrice

Thursday Team Entry Results

Series 1 Round Robin -- Krista Thompson, Pearl Dixon, Monica McNamee, Anne Beckett-
MacNeill

Series 2 Division A /Club Champions- Patti Watson, Ruth Epping, Kathy Burns, Kathryn
Hunsberger. Patti's team is eligible to play in the CurlON Travelers Women's Club
Championship competition.

Division B- Lisa Kannakko, Jane Reid, Pat Bennett, Debbie Pollock

Division C- Margie Grant, Helen Davidson, Cathy Sandy, Mary Calvert

The Ladies league voted to donate the prize monies to the club and \$1400 was designated for the condenser fund.

Congratulations also to the Bonspiel committee for another successful spring bonspiel. On March 27, 24 teams from the area

participated in the 60's-
70's Rock the House
format and there was
plenty of flower power on
the ice. The Armstrong
trophy (1st draw) was
won by the PCC team of
Krista Thompson, Pearl
Dixon, Monica McNamee

and Anne Beckett-McNeill. The winners of the Past
President's Trophy (2nd draw) were Mary Ellen

Bannon, Donna Farthing, Wendy Stamplecoskie, and Freda Latour.



Our thanks to the social committee too, for organizing the Ladies closing held March 29th
...Many members enjoyed trying the game of doubles with a 6 end game of Stirling rules. 78
were in attendance for lunch and the closing meeting. Krista Thompson, outgoing president,
called upon Anne Beckett-McNeill, incoming president, to join her in thanking all for a
successful season.

Business Women... Well it's hard to believe that another season has come and gone!



Our annual bonspiel took place on March 3rd with a “Beach Bash” theme. This year we had 22 teams participate. As a result of proceeds from our bonspiel raffle table and a generous raffle donation from Mary Louise Colquhoun and Latitude Countertops, we were able to present a cheque for \$1400 to the club for the condenser fund. A great day was had by all and the winning team was from the PCC. Congratulations to Team Collins (l to r: Sue Collins, Joan Moore, Alana Hawks, and Tracy Kennedy)!

Thank you to The Medical Centre Pharmacy for sponsoring our league this season! Their generous support allowed us to put on numerous social events throughout the season and award prizes to our winning team at our closing dinner. I would like to congratulate our winners, Team Collins!



Left to right: Lori Thompson-Unger, Chrissy McDannold, Michelle Cain (representing our sponsor), Sue Collins, and Susan Forsyth.

As the season wraps up, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our executive (Brenda Hill (VP), Nancy Houle (Scheduler), and Amy Schultz (Secretary/Treasurer) as well as our social committee and our bonspiel committee. Their hard work and commitment to our league is very much appreciated.

In closing, I would like to wish all of our members a wonderful and relaxing summer. See you in the fall!

Julie Byrnes President, Business Women

~ Club's Office Hours ~
April 9th to September 1st
Tuesday ~ 9:00 am to 12 noon

Senior Men's Section

President's 2017-18 Year End Report

The lead story of the 2017-18 season for the Senior Men has to do with the grant application for \$25,000 to install handicap access doors at the front and west side of the building. The application was submitted on behalf of the Club to the New Horizons for Seniors program by Rob Roy, with the help of his wife Doreen Anderson-Roy. Thanks Rob and Doreen for your hard work on this important project.

The Senior Men kicked in the extra money needed to complete the installation of the new doors. The work was completed on April 6, 2018. The new doors look great!! Quite a few of the guys got their hands dirty with the demolition needed. I can't thank everyone who was involved, the list goes on and on. I do, however, want to give a special thank you to Gord Page and Gord Schmidt for going way above the call of duty to get this project completed. The Club is really fortunate to have the two Gords and their buddies keeping an eye on things and doing the work.

This is great news for our wheelchair curlers and for the Stonehouse Hall. It will also provide us with some good press and raise the profile of the Club in the community. We may now be able to host the Provincial Wheelchair competition. It is a project that has been on the Club's "To Do" List for quite some time. It will be good to get it completed.

As for the curling? We had another very successful year. I won't go into detail here. I'm sure everyone had a great time.

Simply put, everyone on the Executive did an excellent job. It has been a pleasure for me to work with such a dedicated and talented group.

Looking forward to next year, the super news is that everyone will be back on the Executive doing their usual great job on your behalf to make sure that you have the best possible curling experience.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to the Senior Men's Golf Tournament, which is being organized by Bob Ford. There is still room to sign up, so get in touch with Bob or myself if you are interested. It will be on Monday, June 4th at Heron Landing.

Have a great summer everyone and I look forward to seeing everyone back on the ice next October.

Dave Calvert, President, Senior Men's Section.



If you have any suggestions regarding the Rock Talk Newsletter, please contact Kelli Casselman (kcasselman@live.com).

Wednesday Open League...

Congratulations to the Gagne team for being this year's champions!



Left to right: Matt Straathof (Second), Dan Murphy (Lead), Kat Murphy (Vice), Adam Gagne (Skip)

Many thanks to the section for foregoing their usual closing dinner and having pizza instead. This enabled us to give \$1100 to the club for their condenser fund. Given the popularity of the league it is likely that we will be having more Thursday night games next year to accommodate incoming teams. Also, because of the popularity of the league, teams are asked to confirm with me as soon as they know if they are returning next year or not. If people are looking for teams to join or need players they can let me know. Existing members can use the club's website to post their availability using the Request Spare/Player/Team feature under the Members section of the site.

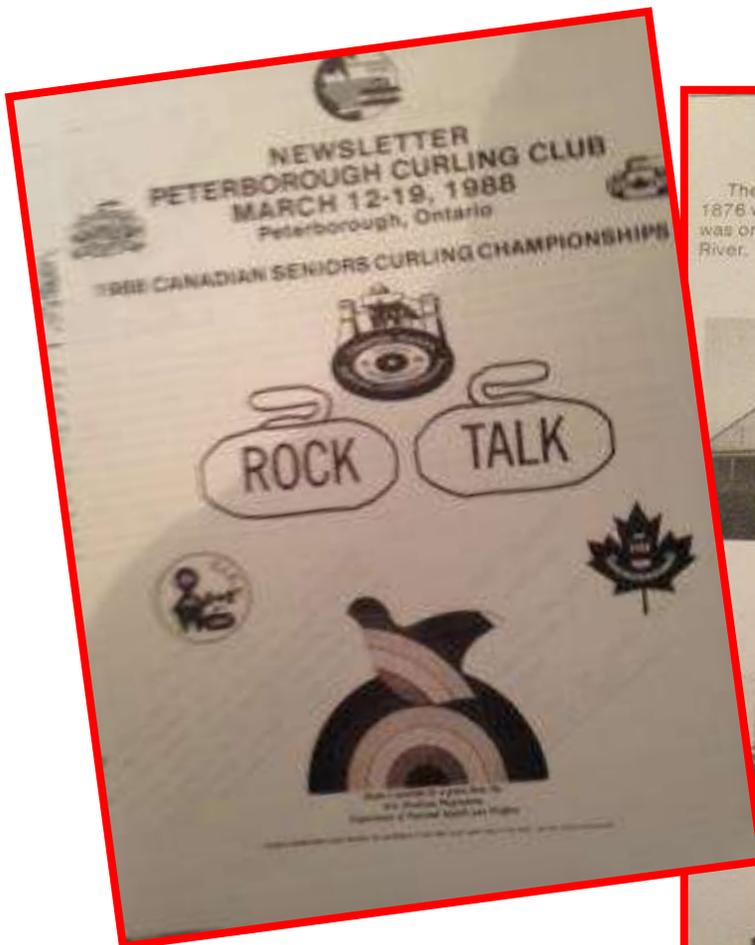
Have a good summer!
Jim Watson
jameswatson@trentu.ca

A blast from the past!

Did you know... the first editions of Rock Talk were published in 1988 when PCC was hosting the 1988 Canadian Seniors Curling Championships.

(Thank you to Bob Ford for providing me with copies of the originals!)

From one of the first editions:



PETERBOROUGH CURLING CLUB

The Peterborough Curling Club is one of the older clubs in Ontario, officially dating from 1876 when it joined the Ontario Curling Association. However, there is evidence that a club was organized as early as 1859 . . . playing games, as weather permitted, on the Otonabee River.



In 1910 women were granted permission to use the sacred ground known as "The Ice". Eight women, paying \$2.00 each for the season pioneered the Ladies' Section of the Club. This group affiliated with the Southern Ontario Ladies' Curling Association (the LOCA) in 1913.

In 1862, the first of four indoor curling facilities was erected serving the curlers and skaters for fifteen years before being lost to fire. The next building, containing three sheets of ice, was opened in 1877 and was used for curling and skating for 23 years before it too was burned. The third curling facility, completed in 1909 with seven sheets, was home ice to hundreds of curlers for the next 75 years.



On December 16, 1984, fire again destroyed the building known to many curlers throughout Ontario as the Peterborough Curling Club. Fire could not destroy the spirit and the dedication of the members and the Peterborough Curling Club commenced the season and a new era in its history with a bonspiel at the new Club, November 30, 1985.

Currently the Club has a membership of approximately 900 members including 50 Juniors.



Have a safe and happy summer, Everyone!