



**Fall 2010 Newsletter**

**Celebrating 76 Years**

*Near the end of the Great Depression and in the midst of the economic recovery of the New Deal the Bemidji Curling Club was organized. During the Winter Carnival of 1932 the Hibbing Curling Club put on a demonstration of the sport which was not officially organized in Bemidji until a Sunday afternoon meeting at the Tourist Information Building on January 13, 1935. This year will mark our 76<sup>th</sup> year as a club. We look forward to a very busy, event-filled season!*

### **President's Report – Doug Underthun**

Welcome Back curlers! I can't believe that the curling season is already upon us. The ice is ready for those who wish to get into the club to practice. First I would like to welcome Evonne McKinzie as our new bar manager. We have made several improvements in the club over the summer months. I'm very pleased with the work that was done and I think that everyone will appreciate the improvements as well. We have key cards available to those people who wish to practice in the club during the off hours. Anyone interested in obtaining a key card should contact Quentin Way. I recommend that all league chairs get a key card. League starts Monday, November 8. **Just a reminder: early bird dues must be paid by December 1, 2010.** I look forward to a great year on the ice and am looking forward to seeing everyone at the club again this year. Don't forget, we can always use new members so encourage family and friends to join you at the Bemidji Curling Club.

### **Leagues and Draw Times for 2010-2011**

This year's leagues and league chairs are listed below. League chairs should be contacted for specific league information. If you are interested in joining a new league you should also contact the league chair. League play begins the week of November 8, but because all league start dates are different, contact league chair.

Monday Junior League 3:30	Harry Vollen 751-9591
Monday Two on Two 5:30	Jeff Nelson 586-2485
Monday Open 6:30/8:00	Chase Jackson 368-1667, John Faulkner 444-4458
Tuesday Legends 2:30	Buck Buchanan 759-2281
Tuesday Open 4:30	Tim Johnson 243-3174
Tuesday Open 6:15/8:00	Chase Jackson 368-1667
Wednesday Men's 6:00/8:00	Dan Haluptzok 751-8948
Thursday Businessmen's 1:15	No Chair
Thursday Businessmen's 3:00	Terry Matson 444-1579
Thursday Businessmen's 4:45	Jerry Pickett 444-8397
Thursday Businessmen's 6:30	Clyde Horlick 751-9130
Thursday Businessmen's 8:15	Kent Bahr 751-9750 (day); 751-2552 (evening)

*Monday and Tuesday Open Leagues will start the week of Nov. 8. Contact League Chairpersons for starting dates of other leagues.*

## **Member Application Form and Procedures**

Each League Chairperson will provide the team Skip with a roster form for individual team members. These are to be filled out on the first night of league, and returned that night. Payment of dues can be made at anytime during the season, but must be paid before **December 1, 2010** to be eligible for the \$50.00 "early bird" discount. Don't forget--membership dues are subject to state and local sales tax, so include that amount on your membership form. There is a sales tax table on the back of the form to help you with this calculation. If you have any questions regarding the membership process, contact your League Chairperson or Pete Fenson.

## **Treasurer's Report- Eric Fenson**

I would like to welcome everyone back for another great year of curling! The club is ready and waiting for action!! Earlier this fall we took care of a much-needed project of insulating part of the walls. All of the panels on the bottom nine feet were taken down, and the old "wet" insulation was removed. It was replaced with a "spray-in expanding" waterproof insulation. This should take care of the draft that has been coming in at ice level. We also have purchased two new TV's for upstairs. We will have a 46" above the bar, and a 55" over by the dance floor. The 55" is going to be raffled during the whole year, so be sure to get your tickets! Speaking of the bar, we also purchased a new ice-making machine. The old one had seen its better days. This will help our new bar manager, Evonne McKinzie, keep everybody's drinks cold. Evonne will be taking care of all the duties during the week and on the weekends. Lastly, if each member brought in one new curler, we would see all our leagues fill up. It would be nice to have all the draws with SIX full sheets going at the same time! Hope everyone has a great season, and GOOD CURLING!

## **Junior Committee Report – Randy Westhoff**

**State Playdowns and Curling Rocks Junior Bonspiel:** This year the Bemidji Curling Club will be hosting the State Junior Playdowns. Brian Glynn will be chairing this two-day event that will take place between December 28 and January 2. Kent Bahr will chair this year's "Curling Rocks" Junior Bonspiel to be held December 10-12. Please contact Kent at 751-2552 for more information.

**Junior Curling Classes:** The Sunday Community Education class will begin in early January again this year. Members who are willing to help coach on Sunday can have their kids participate without charge. Please contact Jamie Quello at 759-7296 for more information.

**Financial Support for Junior Curlers:** As in previous years the Junior Committee will support junior curling in Bemidji by providing financial support to our competitive junior curlers, reducing the dues of junior members of our club and supporting the "Curling Rocks" Junior Bonspiel and our Sunday and Monday junior leagues. This year we will pay state playdown entry fees for our junior members and reimburse travel expenses for junior members of the club who curl competitively for up to five events at \$75 per event and Sunday or Monday class participants for up to three events at \$50 per event. We will also reimburse uniform expenses for competitive juniors up to \$50 per curler and supplement the dues of junior members so that they pay as little as \$60 to be members of the club. If you are interested in providing financial support for junior curling in Bemidji a tax-deductible donation can be made through the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

## **Calendar 2010 – 2011**

Oct 18, 21, 25, 28, Nov 1, 4, 2010

Dec 10 - 12, 2010

Dec 30, 2010 - Jan 2, 2011

Jan 8, 2011

Jan 15, 2011

Jan 29, 2011

Feb 4-5, 2011

Feb 6, 2011

Community Ed Classes, Kent Bahr - Instructor

"Curling Rocks" Junior Bonspiel

State Junior Championship

Sons of the American Legion

Clark Vanasse Memorial Bonspiel

Clearwater Men's Bonspiel

Beaver Pride

Charlie Schmitt Memorial

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Feb 12, 2011	Mixed Bonspiel
Feb 18-20, 2011	Leroy Zarling Memorial Men's Novice Bonspiel
Feb 26, 2011	Clearwater Women's Bonspiel
Mar 4-6, 2011	Paul Bunyan Men's International Bonspiel
Mar 18-19, 2011	American Legion Mixed Bonspiel
Mar 20, 2011	Lyle Derosier Memorial Beverage Bonspiel
Mar 25-26, 2011	First National Bank Lumberjack Bonspiel

### **Supporting Businesses**

THANK YOU to the following businesses that are supporting the Bemidji Curling Club with the purchase of an ice ad or other form of advertising at the club. As members of the club, you can return the thanks to them by patronizing their establishments throughout the year.

1st National Bank	Dave's Pizza	McDonalds
71 Bar	Detail Plus	Miller, McDonald
American Legion	Dick's Northside	Naylor's
AmericInn	Dondelinger Chevrolet & Buick	Nei Bottling
Beltrami Electric	Eagles Club	Noel's Bottle Shop
Bemidji Chrysler	First Realty GMAC Real Estate	Northern Amusement
Bemidji Dental Clinic	Ground Round	Northern Liquor Off-Sale
Bemidji Discount Liquors	Gustafson & Goudge	OtterTail Power
Bemidji Rotary Club	Haluptzok Floor Covering	Paul Bunyan Communications
Bemidji State University	Hardee's	Peppercorn
NorthStar Telcom/Verizon Wireless	Higgins Heating	Perkins
Bernick's Distributing	Honda of Bemidji	Peterson Sheet Metal
Big North Distributing	Insure Forward	Raphael's Bakery Cafe
Bob Lowth Ford	Keith's Pizza	Richards Publishing
Budweiser-Big North Distributing	Ken K. Thompson Jewelry	RiverWood Bank
Burnie Built Custom Cabinets	Kentucky Fried Chicken	Rodgers Law Office
Cattails Bar and Grill	Kinetico (Northland Quality Water)	Security Bank USA
Cenex/Bemidji Co-op	Kurt Davis Bobcat	Skeeter Stitch
Chalet Car Wash	Lake-N- Woods Realty	Slim's Bar & Grill
Citizen's State Bank	Lakes Concrete Plus	Sparky's Construction
Coca-Cola	Larry's Carpet	Super 8 Motel
Corner Bar	Lazy Jack's	Tutto Bene
Country Kitchen	Living Touch Massage	Wes' Plumbing
Culligan	Majestic Carpet Care	Up North Sports
Dale Schmidt Agency	Mark's Frame House	Grimes Realty

