

# **Club History**

# **Our First 24 Seasons**

It is hard to believe that this is the Business Women's League 25<sup>th</sup> curling season. I started curling 24 years ago when they offered Friday night curling and it seems like yesterday.

At the time that Marilyn and Oris started our league, many men were sceptical of a 5-7 league being successful. Really, who would let their wives go out every week at suppertime? Apparently, many men did not have much choice.

I have tried to do a history of each year of our club. I have used mostly notes that I had which are not all-inclusive. If you have something to add, were or know of someone who I have missed in here, please let me know. I am sure there have been a number of 8-enders scored but I could only find reference to one. If there is spelling mistakes, which there are bound to be, please advise me. This is something I would like to keep up-to-date. This booklet will be posted on the club's website at FortWilliamCurlingClub.com under the BWL tab.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the present and all previous executives of the BWL. You have done a fabulous job in making our league one of the best.

I would also like to thank all of you, the curlers, you have made our league a great success.

Lynda Chicorli President FWCC Business Women's League

#### Highlights of our first 24 years:

#### **Getting Started:**

On August 5, 1988, Marilyn Warf and Oris Shewchuk wrote a letter to Norm Allen, Manager, FWCC, with a copy to President Bill Charlebois, asking to rent ice for a Business Women's League (BWL). This was an opportunity to form a ladies' league for both social and competitive curlers suitable for women in the work force and to utilize unused or "dead" ice from 5-7 pm. This would also enable women who had family and work commitments to re-enter the game.

President Bill contacted each member on the FWCC Board of Directors (FWCC BOD) and they were in agreement that a survey be taken and a report submitted at the next board meeting. The following stipulations were made:

- 1. Not allowed to advertise in the newspaper which Club was offering a new League.
- 2. Ladies from the FWLCC (afternoon league) were not to be approached. (One league was not to be destroyed to create another).

Marilyn and Oris (with encouragement from Winnie Daniels and Joyce Bonnet) reviewed old membership lists from Lakehead Ladies for women who were no longer curling and sent out about 50 bulletins. A blind ad was placed in *Sports Dates* for women wanting to curl 5-7 pm. Within a week, the league was full, with 4 teams on a waiting list.

The FWCC BOD were presented with Executive, team and spare lists, our Constitution (based on Lakehead Ladies) and a copy of application for affilitation with NWLCA.

On August 9, 1988, a letter was received from the FWCC confirming ice on Wednesdays from 5-7 pm.

#### <u>1988/89</u>

First Executive Meeting of the FWCC BWL was held on Monday, September 19, 1888. Bill Charlebois, President, FWCC attended to welcome our league and advise that key cards were available. Bill also noted that the key cards could be used at the PACC - did you know that?

The BWL founding executive included: Marilyn Warf - President, Shirley Lang -Vice-President, Oris Shewchuk -Secretary-Treasurer, Winnie Daniels - Membership, Joyce Bonnett - Rules, Georgina McCallum & Pam McCallum - Draw, Judy Prystanski - Entertainment & Prizes and Linda Churchley - NWOLCA.

First draw of the BWL was held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 5, 1988. The first roster of the FWCC BWL:

Sandy Bird Myrna LeBlanc Leah Salini Wilma Timko	Bev Duffield Brenda Mork Penelope Aiken Diane French Heather French	Pam McCallum Coralee Dyck Nadine MacLeod Diane Heikkila
Linda Churchley		Bonnie Morton
Marilyn Warf	Trish Harasymew	Bev Rescigna
Shirley Lang	Mary Pat Bernosky	Fern Dumas
Oris Shewchuk	Lori Chow	Marie Clow
	Brenda Arthur	
Nancy Coutts		Sylvia Pretulak
Joyce Bonnett	Lorraine Lang	Winnifred Daniels
Carol Allan	Heather Houston	Irene Kiiskila
Phyllis Allan	Diane Adams	Connie Zaporzan
-	Alva Llewellyn	
Marne Crary	-	Judy Prystanski
Barb Siver	Joy Lappalainen	Dorothy Kushner
Helen Johnstone	Wendy Doran	Donna Green
Sandi Coleman	Debbie Rathje	Marg Prystanski
Carol Coulson	Ev Siczkar	
		Linda Syroid
Marlene Delorenzi	Georgina McCallum	Carol Manning
Beth Wilke	Trudy Korol	Trina Walker
Julie Grant	Lynda Myshok	Nancy Singleton
Donna Murray	Liz Dupuis	Tracy Harris

The first Semi-Annual Meeting was held after the draw. President Warf, welcomed all curlers and expressed the feelings of many when she stated how pleased we were to be able to come back to the FWCC. She stated many had left the FWLCC for career reasons and the new 5-7 league offered an opportunity to have a set time and day to curl and once again, be at our "home" club.

The BWL did not have lockers this season.

Caren Naismith

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, there would be no BWL curling as the Heather Houston team curled the Pat Ryan team to kick-off the McDonald's Classic and our membership was encouraged to come out and support the girls.

The 1989 Ladies World Curling Champions - Heather Houston, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams, Tracy Kennedy and fifth Gloria Taylor (who curled out of Lakehead Ladies, Thunder Bay Country Club) won the Scott Tournament of Hearts and went on to win the World's in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Tracy Kennedy was the All-Star Lead. After the closure of the TBCC, the banner hangs at the FWCC.

In recognition as the 1988 Team Canada, Heather Houston's team were given complementary membership in the inaugural year of the BWL.

Heather Houston was presented the Velma Springstead trophy that is presented annually to Canada's outstanding female athlete. It is named in honour of track athlete Velma Springstead whose career ended prematurely when she died from pneumonia in 1927 when only 20 years old. The Women's Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada founded this award in 1934.

#### 1989/90

We expanded to Friday night with 16 teams on each night.

Asked for lockers and were given 8 at the end of October. This meant 4 teams per locker. Asked for another night of 5-7 curling, were denied.

Heather Houston's Team Canada (Heather, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams, Tracy Kennedy and 5<sup>th</sup>, Gloria Taylor) lost in the semi-final of the STOH in Ottawa. Kathie Sinclair's team (Kathie, Kelli-Lynn Stevenson, Donna-Rae Craig and Diane Pushkar) played in the provincial STOH.

Donna Haverluck received the Curl Canada award of merit for coaching.

At the BWL's SA meeting, FWCC's President, Bill Charlebois welcomed the BWL and stated that we are an asset to the FWCC and was pleased we expanded to Friday.

President Warf accepted Team Canada's banner from skip Heather Houston which she in turn presented to FWCC's Pres Charlebois to hang in the club.

#### <u>1990/91</u>

All teams returned from the previous year. There were a number of teams that wanted to join our league but we were full. Asked for another night of 5-7 curling, were denied. More lockers were requested. Unfortunately, none were available so it would be 4 teams per locker.

Of note: Unique to the 1990/91 competitive curling season, is the establishment of the Province of Northern Ontario for the Senior Ladies and Pepsi Junior Ladies National Championships. Like the male competitors, our provincial championship teams will be identified at the National Championships by the green and yellow colours and the moose emblem.

Heather Houston's team (Heather, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams, Diane Pushkar and 5<sup>th</sup>, Mary Susan Bell) were Team Ontario at the STOH in Saskatoon. Rhonda Halverson's team (Rhonda, Pam McCallum, Carrie Kirby & Teri Pitura) went to the Canada Games Provincial Trials and the Pepsi Junior Provincials held at the Thunder Bay Country Club.

Lorraine Lang was inducted into the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame for her part in the 1981 Rick Lang Mixed Curling Rink - Canadian Champions. Team included Rick Lang, Anne Provo, Bert Provo and Lorraine (Edwards) Lang.

Many members volunteered at the Canadian Mixed hosted by the FWCC Mar 16-23.

Up to this point, the Annual Meeting and banquet were held after the last night of curling (a little mini-spiel). The members wanted something more private, either later in the year or a private venue.

#### 1991/92

All teams returned from the previous year. There were a number of teams that wanted to join our league but we were full. Asked for another night of 5-7 curling, were denied. Still only have 8 lockers for 32 teams!!

The FWCC has assessed us \$10/person for the FWCC building fund as there is talk of relocating the FWCC in 1995.

Heather Houston's team (Heather, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams and Diane Pushkar) curled in the Ontario Provincials and Rhonda Halvorsen's team (Rhonda, Corrie Manahan, Carey Kirby and Kelly Redden) curled in the Pepsi Junior Provincials'.

Purchased our club trophy.

Heather Houston designed and donated our club logo which we used on our stationery. We were in the process of incorporating the logo into a club pin which will be ready for the 92/93 season. Our logo is on the front of this booklet.

#### 1992/93

Full complement of curlers on both Wednesday and Friday. One new team on Wednesday and three on Friday. Other teams applied but we could not accommodate them. Asked for another night of 5-7 curling, were denied.

NWOCLA Notes - The CCA promised a ruling on the free guard zone by June 1993! Curling to have full medal status at the 2002 Olympics and will be included in 1998 in Japan. The age of eligibility for junior curlers will be raised by one year commencing in 1995. The OCA received \$88,000 from the Hamilton Brier. The money was used to create "Little Rock" instructional package. PACC ran a Little Rock program for ages 6 and up.

New club pins were available and presented by Past President, Marilyn Warf to founding BWL executive present at the SAM and Heather Houston, pin designer.

Competitive Teams this season were Tara Coulterman (Rhonda Halverson, Carey Kirby and Tiffany Stubbings) Junior Provincial, Lorraine Lang (Diane Adams, Diane Hogue and Joy Lappalainen) Scott Provincial and Donna McCormack - Senior Ladies Provincial.

Suggestion was made that we don't curl during the March break!!

The acceptance for the modified Moncton Rule (three rock rule) by the CCA & OCA for a two year trial period. We adopted the rule in order to give our curlers an opportunity to compete on an equal basis.

Lorraine Lang was inducted into the CCA Hall of Fame in the category of curler. Lorraine earned the distinction of being a team member of the 1981 Canadian Mixed Champions, 1988 and 1989 Canadian Ladies Champions and 1989 World Ladies Champion.

#### 1993/94

Fridays and Wednesday full complement. Asked for another night of 5-7 curling, were denied.

Rhonda Halvorsen's Wednesday night BWL team of Lisa Backman, Tiffany Stubbings and Michelle Boland (coach Marilyn Warf) represented PACC at the National Junior Championship. Heather Houston (Lorraine Lang, Liz Tod and Diane Hogue) went to the Provincial Scotties in Ottawa.

Our first 8-ender was scored by the Nancy Coutts Rink (Consisting of Phyllis Allen, Carol Allen, and Joyce Bonnet). Against who, we don't know.

We purchased a share within the Thunder Bay Ladies Shareholder Group for the 1996 STOH to be held in Thunder Bay.

The age for juniors was raised to 20. They are now eligible to play in both juniors and Scotts.

#### 1994/95

Friday and Wednesday full complement. Wednesday 1 new team and Friday 3 new teams. Asked for another night of 5-7 curling, Monday league to start next season! Another letter to the Men's club requesting more lockers was sent!

The 1988 & 89 Heather Houston Women's curling rink (Canadian & World Champions) inauguration into the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame in 1994. The team included Heather Houston, Lorraine Lang, Diane Adams, Tracy Kennedy and Gloria Taylor.

Heather Houston's team (Heather, Lorraine Lang, Liz Tod and Carey Kirby) played in the Ontario STOH.

#### 1995/96

Total of 44 teams. First year of BWL Monday night 5-7 curling.

We finally have lockers!!! Or at least, one locker per team. Only 7 years of hauling our stuff or squeezing 4 teams in one locker. Did anyone ever fit 16 brooms & shoes in one locker!!!

At the NWOLCA Annual Meeting there was talk of a merger or combining of forces with the men's Northwestern Ontario Association.

The Scott Tournament of Hearts was held at the Fort William Gardens. 75% of the BWL members were involved in this event. Heather Houston, Honorary Chair, STOH. The Carol Allen team (on behalf of the BWL) were hosts for the New Brunswick team.

Draw to the button contest held during the finals of the STOH. Participants determined during the regular curling draws (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) evenings. Cost was \$4

for 2 rocks + a practice shot. Winners determined by closest to the button. Open to all females, 18+. Diane Hogue and Alva Llewellyn coordinated this event that was won by Beth Prete and Cindy Stark. Cindy participated all the way to the 5<sup>th</sup> end of the final game in the Gardens!

The Rhonda Halverson and Heather Houston teams are headed to Ottawa (April 1996), to participate in a provincial high performance camp. Their invitations to attend came from the CCA due to their record at provincial playdowns.

Heather Houston's team (Lorraine Lang, Liz Tod & Carey Kirby) and Rhonda Halverson's team (Tara Coulterman, Tiffany Stubbings and Michelle Boland) represented us at the Scott provincials in Sault Ste. Marie.

Heather suggested we consider using registered juniors as spares in our league.

#### 1996/97

Full complement on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of 48 teams.

Due to lack of membership participation, this was the last year of the Semi Annual Meeting.

We held 2 curling clinics the first week of curling.

Heather Houston's team competed in the Provincial Scotties.

The FWLCC (Fort William Ladies Curling Club) wanted us to take over hosting their annual bonspiel. This year, Linda Buchan is going to try having a bonspiel to raise money for Breast Cancer.

#### <u>1997/98</u>

16 teams Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A full complement of curlers.

We were one team short so invited Kristy Dyke's junior team to join our league.

Held a "Kick-off Clinic" the first week of curling with the main focus being the "no back swing delivery" which many were finding easier on the body and harder to mess up!!

This being our 10<sup>th</sup> year, a newsletter of our 10 year history was compiled and written by Marilyn Warf and formatted by Heather Houston.

We hosted the Junior Women's District Playdowns.

Heather Houston's team completed in Scotties playdowns.

### 1998/99

14 teams Monday, 16 on Wednesday and Friday.

Tara Coulterman's team (Tara, Elaine Uhryn, Kari MacLean and Amy Stachiw) and Diane Adams team (Diane, Tara Adams, Liz Kingston and Diane Hogue) competed in District playdowns.

Deanna Tod's team (Deanna, Mary Stecky, Mary Ann Adams and Carol MacDonald) competed in Senior District playdowns.

Winning Gold at the OCAA Provincial Women's Championship were Judy Rutherford, Tara Coulterman, Kari MacLean, Amy Helmink and Leila Vandergraat.

This was the very beginning of our website.

#### 1999/2000

Full all 3 nights of curling.

Marion Ball's Senior Women's team (Marion, Madeline Gilbart, Lynn Reid and Judy Prystanski) went to the Canadian Senior Women's Curling Championship in Portage La Prairie as Team Northern Ontario.

Lorraine Lang's Team (Lorraine, Tracy Kennedy, Tara Adams and Diane Hogue) and Tara Coulterman's Team (Tara, Liz Kingston, Kari MacLean and Amy Stachiw) went to the Provincial Scotties.

Krista Scharf's Junior Team Northern Ontario (Krista, Angie Del Pino, Laura Armitage and Maggie Carr) went to the Canadian Junior Curling Championship in Moncton. Ashley Kallos' Team (Richelle Neilson, Amy Berbenuik and Amanda Bushby) competed in Junior Provincials.

Debbie Sargeant won the free membership.

#### 2000/01

Full complement of curlers.

November 29, 2000 - Deanna Tod's team of Annette McDonald, Mary Pat Bernosky and Ruth Kirby scored an 8-ender.

Tara George's team (Tara, Liz Kingston, Tiffany Stubbings and Kari MacLean) competed in the Ontario Scotties. Krista Sharf team (Krista, Angie Del Pino, Laura Armitage and Maggie Carr) went to the Canadian Junior Curling Championship in St. Catharines.

NWOLCA & NWOCA start discussions regarding amalgamation.

At the Annual Meeting it was voted on (and approved) that we stop having prizes for A & B squad winners and runner-ups and award a cash prize to each team for each game won during the curling season.

It was also voted on and approved that each team be responsible for canvassing for door prizes (penny auction prizes), with a minimum value of \$20.

Recreational curlers are finding Monday night curling too competitive. They are trying to lose in the second round to stay (or move down to B squad). Discussion included different options to make Monday night enjoyable to everyone.

It was proposed to have less squad rotation on Monday nights. An example would be if we had six major league teams they would be in A squad and only the other two teams would be rotated with the B squad.

Our updated Constitution was presented and voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

#### 2001/02

Donna Green's team (Susan Childs (Sr), Lynn Reid and Judy Prystanski) and Donna McCormick's team (Rose Jack, Barb Whitney and Jackie Grace) competed in the Senior Association Playdowns.

Wrote to the Men's Club asking if BWL members that curl 2 nights can get the same price as men for the second night. They agreed. Up to this point, we actually paid full price for each night we curled, minus our NWOCA dues the second night. Rebates were issued.

The free membership was won by Gail Zanette.

#### 2002/03

Full complement of curlers.

As membership in the men's league was declining, the BWL sent a letter to the FWCC to see if they would offer the BWL members these spots at the cost of the second night of curling.

Tara George's team (Tara ) and Leona Tarini's team competed in the district playdowns. Donna Green's team () competed in Senior districts.

Marion Ball's team of Madeline Gilbart, Sharon Rogerson and Marlene Delorenzi along Sharon Giertuga's team of Barb Ward, Lynda Myshok and Joanne McMacken went to the Senior Provincials.

Krista Scarf's team (Krista, Julie Risi, Kelly Dykes and Lisa Auld went to Junior Provincials.

NWOCA and NWLCA amalgamated and became NWOCA.

Angela Lee won the free membership.

#### 2003/04

We had 14 teams on Monday, 16 teams on Wednesday and Friday.

In June 2003, the CCA announced Canada would adopt the Four Rock Free Guard Zone Rule. The BWL curled this season with the new rule.

The FWCC Business Women Hosted the District Scott's January 8-11, 2004. Of the 7 teams competing, 4 teams (Tara George, Wendy Landry, Angela Lee and Leona Tarini) curled in the BWL.

#### 2004/05

This was a very memorable year for the BWL.

We had a full complement of curlers. It was a lot of work matching players to make teams and getting a few teams to change nights. Had to go by points. Lots are using the website and like our application, draw, etc. on there.

In the summer of 2004, just weeks before we were to send out our membership application, the Thunder Bay Country Club announced they would no longer have curling. Lynda Chicorli called Norm Allen, our BWL Executive and we added Tuesday night to our league.

After 114 years, women are finally voting members of the Fort William Curling Club and may be a Board of Director with the FWCC. This was done after a number of meetings of the BOD's, then with the BWL, members of the PACC that had done this a few years before and last but not least, a special meeting with our BWL members. Of note, we were the last curling club in Canada (probably the world) that was a boy's only club!

4 women's teams curled in the men's league (3 from the BWL). Leona Tarini's team won a squad in the men's league!!

We bought a few rock handles with the hope of finishing a sheet of ice in the future.

The free membership prize was won by Mary Ann Seabrock.

#### 2005/06

We were one team short one Monday night but had 3 teams on a waiting list for other nights. We offered the spot to the Kelsey Krawec's bantam team for a full complement of curlers on all four nights.

The FWCC and the PACC hosted the Canadian Juniors in January. Once again, the volunteers made Thunder Bay look great. The comments received from the curlers, parents, fans, CCA and sponsors were unbelievable. It was a job well done.

Krista Scharf's team (Krista, Tara George, Tiffany Stubbings, Lorraine Lang and Michelle Boland) went to the Scott Tournament of Hearts in London, Ontario!! Marlo Dahl's team (Marlo, Wendy Landry, Karen Furioso and Cathy Ross) also competed at the Provincial Scotties. Kelsey Krawec's team of Hillary Bernosky, Alyssa Grove and Kourtni Kilpatrick participated in the Ontario Winter Games.

We gave a \$5 per person rebate. This was interest from our investment that we were not expecting. This was the easiest way for us to ensure that everyone benefited equally in this.

Irene Hicks won the free membership.

#### 2006/07

We were eight teams short from last year. Our only full night was Wednesday night.

Keeping with our theme to purchase a set of rock handles, we purchased another this year.

Dave Forester and Dave Kawahara are in the process of trying to get an elevator in the curling club. The BWL agreed to help out with fundraising for the elevator.

We had women competing in bantam, juniors, seniors and mixed. Krista Scharf's team (Krista, Tara George, Tiffany Stubbings, Lorraine Lang and Heather Houston) were Team Ontario at the STOH.

We gave a \$5 per person rebate. This was interest from our investment that we were not expecting. This was the easiest way for us to ensure that everyone benefited equally in this.

JoAnne Burrell won the free membership for the 2007-08 season.

#### 2007/08

Same number of teams as the previous year with Tuesday's and Wednesday's full.

May 1/07 - NWOCA amalgamated with NOCA

Cristiene Hall's team (Cristiene, Barb McEwen, Jeannie Adams and Sandy Steinhoff) who went to Provincial Seniors along with Barb Ward's Monday Night BWL team (Barb, Janice Atkinson, Kate Bes and Jan Alexander), who ultimately won the Northern Ontario title representing the PACC. Ashley Miharija's team (Ashley, Sarah Lang, Jenna Enge and Jessica Williams went to the Canadian Juniors

For Club Championship, some felt the current format of only having the A squad winner for each night (based on third round) advancing to the Championship did not seem fair. This was created in the first place as the BWL is based on busy women with busy lives and playoffs were short and sweet. We tried a new playoff system starting after the last night of curling. The A & B squad winners of each round will played. Winner advanced, loser was out. The was only tried the one year, as the women did not like having to curl every night. Many just forfeited. We are now back to the original system.

We were able to give a \$5 per person rebate. This was the easiest way for us to ensure that everyone benefited equally in this.

Purchased 2 rock handles.

It is hoped the new elevator will be built by the new curling season.

#### 2008/09

10 teams Monday, 16 teams Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 team Friday.

This was our 20<sup>th</sup> year as the BWL. We even had our logo in the ice - hopefully this will continue in years to come.

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We invited our Inaugural Executive and Bill Charlebois to our Annual Meeting and banquet.

Cristiene Hall-Teravainen's Team (Cristiene, Barb McEwen, Gail Zanette and Jeanne Adams along with Barb Ward's Monday night BWL team (Barb, Janice Atkinson, Kate Bes and Jan Alexander) went to the Senior Provincial's. Barb's team went on to the Canadian Seniors for the second year in a row, representing PACC.

Although no longer curling in the BWL, Krista McCarville, Tara George, Kari MacLean, Lorraine Lang and Ashley Miharija were Team Ontario at the STOH.

We gave a \$10 rebate per person. Our expenses have gone down considerably with not having Scott or Junior playdown teams.

Members of the Bearskin Airlines Hope Classic Committee (most of whom are BWL members) were honoured for the outstanding work of raising over \$1.5 million. They received the June Callwood Award for Outstanding Achievement for Voluntarism in Ontario.

Our locker room was painted and we got new flooring but new lockers were not to be.

We updated our Constitution and Bylaws to included honorary members.

The BWL have purchased a rock handle for the co-founders and inaugural executive of the league. The handles have the FWCC BWL logo and the names of the executive on them.

The elevator ran into troubles the previous summer. Construction will start this summer.

#### 2009/10

Monday - 14 teams, Tuesday and Wednesday - full, Friday - 12 teams. We got 4 new teams from last year - unfortunately, the Lakehead Ladies did not have a league this year but we were very happy that 4 teams chose the BWL to curl in.

Elevator was open in late October/early November. A \$10 levy was placed on each member's membership dues. The BWL paid everyone's levy and gave a donation of \$1000.00 for the elevator fund.

We purchased enough rock handles to complete the set of rocks for a sheet of ice.

Honorary members - Marilyn Warf and Oris Shewchuk will be the first BWL Honorary Members. Honorary Members may spare at no cost.

It was a record year for the number of people at our banquet - 196 tickets sold.

Joy Lappalainen's rink of Joy, Linda Vetterli, Joanne McMacken and Gail Everall represented the BWL at Senior Provincials, along with Barb Ward's Monday Night BWL team representing PAWEC and Cristiene Hall-Teravainen's rink represented the PACC with a few members from the BWL. Also, Sharon Guetuga's team (Sharon, Barb McEwen, Diana Foreman and Gail Zanette) represented the BWL at the Provincial Dominion Championships this year.

Name tags were ordered.

Membership draw won by Marilyn Lozinski.

Of note, the FWLCC (Fort William Ladies Curling Club - Tuesday and Thursday afternoon league) was 100 years old on January 6, 2010. Taken from the FWCC's history book, "on January 6, 1910, a ladies' curling club was organized to play Monday and Thursday afternoons, with the privilege of practicing any afternoon. This club had a full slate of officers but it seemed to have operated as an auxiliary of the men's club and members paid no dues".

#### 2010/11

Monday - 9 teams, Tuesday - 12 teams, Wednesday - 16 teams, Friday- 11 teams.

Congratulations to our competitive teams. Barb McEwen's senior team competed in the final game at the provincials. Barb Ward's Monday night BWL team (representing PAWEC) went to the Senior Canadian Championship in Digby, Nova Scotia.

We miscounted and had to purchase one more rock handle.

We added Masters and Dominion sponsorship to our Sponsorship for Championships.

Membership draw won by Bev Cooper

#### 2011/12

Monday - 8 teams, Tuesday - 16 teams, Wednesday - 16 teams, Friday- 14 teams. An increase of 6 teams over last year.

This season was a very trying year for the BWL. We started the year off with an open house the last week of September. It was very successful. We had about 70 women come out. We had locker combinations available for teams to put their curling gear in their locker, instructors to help with curling techniques. This open house resulted in one new curling team and few other fulltime curlers.

Congratulations to our competitive teams. Barb McEwen's senior team (Barb, Diana Foreman, Gail Zanette, Harriet McMillan and Bev Junnila) competed in the Senior Provincials and Susan Lammi's Wednesday night team (Susan Lammi, Kate Bes, Susan Childs and Annie Burke) competed in the Provincial Dominion Championships. Late last fall, we made change in how you can pay your BWL dues. You can now use credit cards and debit at the bar. You can still use cash and cheques directly to the BWL.

The BWL donated \$600.00 towards the purchase of new ice cameras and purchased a computer for use by the members of the FWCC in the club room to look up schedules, bonspiel information, etc. We had hoped to get a computer program to do draws, etc. but, at present, they are too expensive.

Dorothy Daneff won the free membership.

## **Club Champions and Grand Aggregate Winners**

2011/12

Club Champions: Carol Bannon, Linda Poulter, Marilyn Lozinski and Leah Payne Grand Aggregate: Susan Lammi, Kate Bes, Susan Childs and Annie Burke

2010/11

Club Champions: Susan Lammi, Kate Bes, Susan Childs and Annie Burke

Grand Aggregate (Tie): Susan Lammi, Kate Bes, Susan Childs and Annie Burke; and Kim Zsaki, Megan St.

Amand, Jackie Lewtas and Ashton Huffman

2009/10 Champs

Club Champions: Janice Atkinson, Barbara Ward, Jan Alexander and Vicki Boland

Grand Aggregate: Susan Lammi, Kate Bes, Julie Ruoho and Lisa Foulds

2008/09 Champs

Club Champions: Joy Lappalainen, Jodi Judd, Kasey Etreni and Joanne McMacken Grand Aggregate: Susan Lammi, Kate Bes, Julie Ronkainen and Mary Ann Tuomi

2007/08 Champs

Club Champions: Liz Kingston, Heather Houston, Mary Kay Skinner, Alva Llewellyn and Diane Hogue Grand Aggregate: Liz Kingston, Heather Houston, Mary Kay Skinner, Alva Llewellyn and Diane Hogue

2006/07 Champs

Club Champions: Liz Kingston, Heather Houston, Alva Llewellyn, Mary Kay Skinner, Kari MacLean and Amy

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Grand Aggregate: Liz Kingston, Heather Houston, Alva Llewellyn, Mary Kay Skinner, Kari MacLean and Amy

Stachiw

2005/06 Champs

Club Champions: Jeanne Adams, Rosemary Steadwell, Colleen Valiquette and Francine Labbe

Grand Aggregate: Leona Tarini, Pam Caland, Jennifer Wiseman, Sharon Coulter and Lori Vander Ploug

2004/05 Champs

Club Champions: Patty Chuickshank, Barb McEwen, Lynda Chicorli and Nancy McKercher

Grand Aggregate: Wendy Landry, Karen Furioso, Gloria Russak and Cathy Ross

2003/04 Champs

Club Champions: Jody Judd, Cori Adamson, Erin Manahan and Tammy Depiero

Grand Aggregate: Jeanne Adams, Colleen Valiquette, Rosemary Steadwell and Francine Labbe

2002/03 Champs

Club Champions: Jeanne Adams, Harmony Simmons, Rosemary Steadwell and Francine Labbe

Grand Aggregate (Tie): Donna Green, Susan Childs, Lynn Reid and Judy Prystanski; and Patty Cruickshank,

Barb McEwen, Lynda Chicorli and Nancy Chu-McKercher

2001/02 Champs

Club Champions: Leona Tarini, Pam McCallum, Jennifer Wiseman and Lori Schnarr

Grand Aggregate: Jeanne Adams, Harmony Simmons, Rosemary Steadwell and Francine Labbe

2000/01 Champs

Club Champions: Lorraine Lang, Tracy Kennedy, Andrea Lee and Diane Hogue Grand Aggregate: Linda Syroid, Sharon Sargent, Roz Cox and Roxanne Koza

1999/00 Champs

Club Champions: Ashley Kallos, Richelle Neilson, Amanda Bushby and Amy Berbenuik Grand Aggregate: Tara Coulterman, Liz Kingston, Kari MacLean and Amy Stachiw

1998/99 Champs

Club Champions: Leona Tarini, Maxine Wiersema, Sharon Coulter, Jennifer Wiseman and Lori Schnarr

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Grand Aggregate: Leona Tarini, Maxine Wiersema, Sharon Coulter, Jennifer Wiseman and Lori Schnarr

1997/98 Champs

Club Champions: Heather Houston, Lorraine Lang, Liz Kingston and Alva Llewellyn

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Club Champions: Rhonda Halvorsen, Tara Coulterman, Tiffany Stubbings and Michelle Boland Grand Aggregate: Rhonda Halvorsen, Tara Coulterman, Tiffany Stubbings and Michelle Boland

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1994/95 Champs

Club Champions: Heather Houston, Lorraine Lang, Liz Tod and Carey Kirby

Grand Aggregate: Donna McCormick, Rose Jack, Janice Campbell, Lisa Jack and Roma Kopechanski

1993/94 Champs

Club Champions: Rhonda Halversen, Lisa Backman, Tiffany Stubbings and Michelle Boland

Grand Aggregate: Donna McCormick, Rose Jack, Janice Campbell and Lisa Jack

1992/93 Champs

Club Champions: Tara Coulterman, Rhonda Halvorsen, Carey Kirby and Tiffany Stubbings Grand Aggregate: Tara Coulterman, Rhonda Halvorsen, Carey Kirby and Tiffany Stubbings

1991/92 Champs

Club Champions: Carol Allan, Joyce Bonnett, Nancy Coutts and Phyllis Allan

Grand Aggregate: Fern Langlois, Vivian Missere, Maureen Feller and Brenda Culligan

1990/91 Champs

Club Champions: Joy Lappalainen, Wendy Doran, Debbie Rathje and Ev Siczkar

Grand Aggregate: Donna McCormick, Rose Jack, Janice Campbell, Lisa Jack and Gloria Taylor

1989/90 Champs

Club Champions: Marilyn Warf, Oris Shewchuk, Sylvia Hogan, Tara Montieth, Winnie Daniels and Eileen

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Grand Aggregate: Linda Syroid, Carol Manning, Trina Walker, Nancy Singleton and Tracy Harris

1988/89 Champs

Club Champions: Nancy Coutts, Joyce Bonnett, Phyllis Allan and Carol Allan

Grand Aggregate: Lorraine Lang, Heather Houston, Diane Adams and Alva Llewellyn