



# Bantam & Junior Newsletter

## Club Championship Day Results

The 2005-2006 Club Championship Day was held on a sunny Saturday back in April where our Bantam and Junior teams put on a spectacular display of curling skill. The incredible shot making lead to comments from behind the glass like "wow", and "I'm glad that we didn't have to face these curlers", illustrated the new curling talent that is being developed in the Bantam and Junior Section at the club.

Winning for the Bantam Section was skip Alex Elliott, with his team of Emily Chan

playing vice, Chris Gemmell as second and Jeffery Vanier playing position. Runners -up were skipped by Nicholas Richard, Samantha Elliott as vice, Curtis Nelson playing second and Matthew Chan as lead.

Representing the Juniors, Matt Lowe and his rink of Craig Trought, Marissa Tsoi, and Grant Stott took this years honours. The runners up were skipped by Adam Tonan, with Derrick Chow, Ben Kinsella sparing for Melissa Wilson and Matthew Wiles.

Congratulations Curlers!

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome to the start of a new curling season. We look forward to a year of fun, challenge and skill development. We currently have 34 registered curlers in total for the two sections with a few more expected which could see our ranks increase to 40. Like last year, we will work with both groups at the same time enabling us to have the flexibility to have some of our curlers to move from one group to the other as need or skills dictate. We ask that curlers arrive by 10:45 which allows us time to set up the teams and to get out on the ice by 11:00 am.

## Curlers Earn Awards

This years Club Championship Day was also the time where those curlers who participated in the Curl Ontario Skill Awards program, received their badges in recognition of their accomplishments in completing the requirements of the skill level

they were working on. Successfully completing the Red Badge requirements were Grant Stott, Chris Powell, Scott Morrison and Curtis Nelson

Daniel Ng, Alex Trought, Craig Trought, Derrick Chow completed the Bronze Badge

skills. Earning his Gold Badge requirements was Matt Lowe. Well Done All!

### Special points of interest:

- Bring a friend day Sunday October 22,
- Halloween Dress up Curling Sunday October 29th
- Bonspiel Sunday November 12th, 11am-3:30pm, Sign up Nov 5th
- 1st Skills Clinic Sunday October 22 1:15 pm- 2 pm (red badge)
- No Curling Sunday November 19th, 26th, December 24th, January 28th, February 4th, February 25th

## Curl Ontario Skills

We will continue with the badge program (red badge with dates to be announced for other badges), sponsored by the Ontario Curling Association, commencing on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> running from 1:15 to 2:00. This program recognizes five levels of skill development: red, blue, bronze, silver and gold. Participants receive a badge and certificate to recognize their accomplishments.

The red badge is an excellent way of polishing novice curlers' abilities in order

to enhance their enjoyment of the game. The subsequent levels progressively provide excellent training to hone those skills, right up to the level which is a highly challenging test of our most experienced curlers' grasp of fundamental. There will be no charge for participating in this program. Coaches (i.e., instructor volunteers) will be on-ice to help with the practicing and testing of required skills.



## Snacks... Mmmmmmm

Curling is a social game and the curlers enjoy the opportunity to sit together after the game and discuss some of their finer shots. Parents are asked to assist us by providing snacks for the group a couple of times this year and we are fortunate once again to have **Wendy Griffiths** coordinating this part of our program this year. Snacks include a drink and something small to eat. Wendy can be reached at 905-471-7859.

## Fundraising Proposal to go to Board

At the next board meeting the Juniors and Bantam section are going to request permission to use the Club facilities to raise funds to be used for running the Bonspiel and the prize tables.

While the response to our request for sponsors was fantastic for the Spring Spiel and curlers enjoyed a super prize table, we would like to be able to have a contingency fund available to help fund other activities for this section.

Specifically, we hope to raise funds by selling lunch to curlers who participate in both O.C.A Zones for senior men and women, as well as the Men's Energizer Bonspiel held Saturday January 7th at the club.

Parent and curler volunteers are requested to help out. Please contact Chris or Rob Trought @ 905-209-0400.

P.S. This activity could be used to count toward community service hours for High School.

## Committee Volunteers Welcome

There is room for more help on the Bantam/Junior committee in a number of roles which can prove to be a very rewarding experience. If you or anyone you know would like to help sponsor one of our events for this season or next, or to find out how you can help with a little of your time, please contact Chris or Rob Trought at 905-209-0400 or [old.nippy@sympatico.ca](mailto:old.nippy@sympatico.ca)

## Oops, I can't make it.

If curlers will not be able to attend on a given week, we ask that you contact us in advance so that we can make the necessary changes to our line-ups. We can be reached at 905-209-0400.



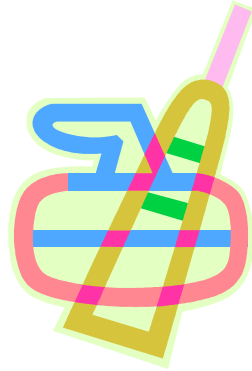
Chris & Rob Trought

## Call for Bonspiel Sponsors

Our two bonspiels this year will be held on Sunday November 12th and March 4<sup>th</sup>. We are hopeful that we can count on the resourcefulness of our adult members to help us find some sponsors who could help with either cash donations or prize donations. We really need you to help recognize our Bantam and Juniors.

We have also undertaken to do some fundraising through events like the OCA Zones and the Men's Energizer Event by allowing our Junior Curlers an opportunity to sell a reasonably priced lunch (soup, sandwich and dessert item) to visiting curlers.

Our second bonspiel last season was generously sponsored by a number of our members, allowing us to put together an absolutely fantastic day of curling with lots of pizza, drinks, snacks, not to mention fun and a fabulous prize table which helped motivate kids to put in some excellent ends of curling. Our sponsors in the past have included: Pat Seawright (member); Stephen Orr (Men's Section) of ATI Technologies; Ron and Wendy Griffiths (Harrison is a Bantam member); Jill and



Howard Morrison (Toshiba Canada & Jill is in the Business Women's Section while son, Scott, is a Bantam Member); Jennifer and Mac Cosburn (Members); Andrea Twizell of Invis Insurance (Business Women's Section); Tracey Breton of RBC Royal Bank and Sum Tang (Men's Section); Melinda and Tim Stott whose son Grant curls; Peggy Lawrie (an honorary member) a number of businesses including Reliable Foods, Signature Bakery, Upper Crust Bakery and Campbell Soups: all gave generously to help support our young curlers. recognize our Bantam and Juniors.

Call Rob or Chris Trought  
@ 905.209.0400

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## Curling Events

- Tam Heather Bantam Spiel Dec 2nd
- TCA Bantam/Junior Energizer Dec 29, 30  
Hosted by Tam Heather, St. Georges, Leaside  
\$200 Junior team entry, \$120 Bantam
- TCA Goldline Junior Curling League pick up information sheet
- Others to be announced as information becomes available