



After The 8th. End!

Periodic Sweeping News

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**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**

A blue pot of gold with yellow coins spilling out of the top, positioned below the text.

And Top of the Morning to you all!

Mid March, St. Patrick's Day - must mean that the curling season is not far from closing. That being said let's bring you up to date with what is happening and going to happen.

First off - Don't forget the annual St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday March 16th. down Main St. Be sure to wear some GREEN.



Legion and Curling Members will be participating in this year's Parade. Put on your GREEN and join in on the fun!

As we mentioned to you last week, the Legion Curling Nationals will be starting in P.E.I. on the weekend. Representing Quebec will be team of Jim Putnam, Mike Normandeau, Matt Stephens and Jim Tisdall the fifth player joining the group will be Linda Putnam. Good Luck to all and bring home the honours. Rob Maclean and Dan Beliveau will be representing The Legion and Quebec in the senior men's national Brier, also being played in P.E.I. Keep up to date on the progress of this bonspiel by checking the Legion web site. @ < www.hudsonlegion.com >

A special thanks to all the volunteers who made the Provincial Ladies Masters such a special week.

There was nothing but praise for our ice facilities, our officials and the Legion hospitality. Of special note was the roast beef dinner prepared by Sandy Eades and the her masterful crew and which was sponsored by Tony & Jen Marquis. It was the highlight occasion for all the participants.

The Legion Team skipped by Barbie Robinson unfortunately did not make the finals, but none-the-less performed very well for a full house of spectators.

**Thanks to all the Legion Members who 'showed the flag'
It was a great event.**



Opening ceremonies



It was a special week at the Legion when our facilities were used to host a very successful Provincial Ladies Masters Championship Bonspiel. Chicoutimi won this event.



On March 17th there will be another special occasion. The Defi-Masters Curling Tour will be holding their finals at the Legion. They are probably the best 'over sixty' teams in the province and they will be playing very seriously because there is money involved. Having played in four bonspiels through out the winter in four different curling clubs; the top four teams, will now be playing for the top prize. The Defi-Masters was started 4 years ago by Pierre-Yves Roy from Boucherville, and our own Bill Driver. When they realized that it was no fun playing against 45 year olds, who were playing against the Seniors. With 12 teams competing in the first year there are now 24 teams enrolled and 5 more teams on the waiting list. Come out and watch these curling finals and see some extraordinary curlers. It should be quite interesting,

Hudson Legion receives an award from the Canadian Curling

Assoc. *The Hudson Legion Curling Club has been awarded a Canadian Curling Association 'Bricks & Mortar' grant to improve the air system in it's curling building. The Canadian Curling Association generates revenue through the televising of events such as the Scotties and the Brier and uses part of the revenue to help curling clubs the local level. The CCA. runs a competition each year, open to all the clubs in Canada, to find the club programme which has the most beneficial effect on curing in their respective area and this year the Hudson Legion CC was one of the 23 clubs selected this year.*

The criteria used by the CCA are diverse, but it is clear that they have weighed the Junior Programme and the 'Hardy Rocks' day programme for Seniors very highly in their analysis of the Legion. These are highly acclaimed programmes which not only provided 'in house' competition but weekly senior inter-club tournaments and many outside bonspiel successes for the Juniors and Seniors.

The recognition afforded by the CCA to the Legion CC shows that the diverse programmes and operational excellence in a small 2 sheet rural curling club can

significantly influence the local community, in competition with larger clubs in larger urban settings. (Bill Driver)

Kurling for Kids

Now is the time to sign up!

If you have been thinking about joining us the KURLING FOR KIDS fun-spiel, not is the time to act. This event takes place on April the 6th. at the Legion. We understand there is a lot of pressure on your time and money, but we need more teams to sign up. This fundraiser will benefit The Montreal Children's Foundation and the Saint-Justine UHC Foundation. This even is open to everyone, Legion curler or not.

Our goal is eight teams. With that number, each team will play two four-end games, which will be played between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. We will reveal the results of our Montreal-wide K4K efforts during an evening of great musical entertainment!! A dozen excellent local musicians are donating their time to support this event. WILL WE SEE YOU THERE??

Registration: is \$40.00 per curler - includes games, lunch and dinner, a chance to win a great door prize and maybe trophies! Yes, each curler is asked to raise a minimum \$150.00 in sponsorship, either through donations or raffle tickets sales...but it is VERY easy with on line tools and you will earn incentive prizes based on sales. Just ask Meredith!

This is the link to the Hudson Legion Kurling for Kids page where you can register to play or sponsor a participant <<http://kids.akaraisin.com/HudsonLegion>>

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This Year's Group of Hardy Rocks have been having a great Season!

The season is winding down for the Hardy Rocks. They are presently playing in the final bonspiel - The Beliveau Memorial - which will come to an end with the semi-finals and finals being played on April the 18th. Following these play-offs, the annual AGM and closing luncheon will take place at 1:00 p.m. Reserve this date now, so that we may have all the members present for this end of season get together.

The Ladies Curling lounge has been spruced up!

Thanks to Sherry Pauli, Jeannette Albert, Fred Albert, Bruce Ruiter & Derek Halbert, this room now has a beautiful new look. The walls have been painted and the room has been redecorated. A super job by a great group of volunteers.

Our own local artist Derek Halbert has painted a beautiful mural of the Vivery River on the back wall. Looks great guys and should give the room a warm feeling for our curling guests.



Derek is seen here putting the final touches on a great looking mural of a winter scene on Hudson's Vivery River.

Hey guys, when the girls are not in the room, sneak in and take a good looks at Derek's work.

It might just inspire you to get Derek to paint that dull looking room wall in your home.

Thanks Derek a great job!

Zbig is looking for some historical information!

He is looking to compile information to put on the Lakeshore Bonspiel web site. He has found some 1960's and 70's newspaper articles but it would be very helpful to him, if anyone who can remember, for example, the dates when the bonspiels took place during a given year. Anyone with any of this information should contact Zbig through contact page of the Legion web site. <www.hudsonleagion.com> Let's try to give him some help.

Legion Events



This month's Friday night Cribbage will be taking place on March 22nd. at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion. |Everyone is welcome. This month's cribbage will have an Easter theme and participants will be playing for hams. Rollie and Sheila are always happy to have new people join in on the fun. Refreshments are served at the end of the evening.



Pub Quiz at the Legion :

Come on down on Wednesday March 27th at 8:00 p.m. You can enjoy a pint and have a good evening of fun, laughter and memories while being challenged to some good trivia. Everyone is welcome and profits go to one of the local communities charities.

Friday Night Dinners continue at the Legion.



Joan and her Crew continue to put on great Friday night dinners, you just can't go wrong. Always something special. The next Dinner will be on April 12th.

Keep your eye out for more news in the Weekly news that appears in the Hudson Gazette.



You don't know what to do with those old outdated penny jars? Then gather them up and bring them down to the Legion and donate them to the Poppy Fund. They will be put to good use in the different community projects that the Poppy fund supports. No use keeping them in the drawer the retailers don't want them anymore.



Enjoy the weekend and celebrate with the Irish.

Cheers to everyone Sylvia & Gerry