

THE PEBBLER
FORT FRANCES CURLING CLUB
NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2009

Welcome all curlers, new and returning to the 2009 – 2010 curling season. The curling committee is trying to find new ideas to make the season a little more exciting and fun for all. The first change is "SKINS" format for the first game of every month. A quick run down of the rules will follow in this newsletter.

The Dominion Club Playdowns

Kris Sinclair and her 2008-2009 league team of Lisa Penner, Cathy Gruttner and Cyndy Strand represented the Fort Frances Curling Club at the Dominion Curling Playdowns at the Copper Cliff Curling Club the weekend of October 30th this year. They ended up with a record of 1-4 but said all games were close and could have gone either way. They won the first level in Atikokan last year which gave them the birth into the Provincial Playdowns.

2008-2009 "A" Club Champions were Maureen Thomson and Al Holt. These 2 teams will be representing the Fort Frances Curling Club in Sioux Lookout next March.

THIS COULD BE YOU NEXT YEAR. . . . The Club Champion from each year will now be eligible to go to next year's Dominion Club Playdowns. It is a great opportunity for club teams to travel and compete against other club teams. Congratulations Kris and girls on representing the Fort Frances Curling Club.

HUSKY PROGRAM – Mohawk gas bar

As some of you may know, the curling club has a card at Mohawk that gets us return on gas purchases. If you purchase gas at Mohawk just ask them to swipe the Fort Frances Curling Club's reward card and we get money back from them. What an easy way to fund raise for the club!

NEW GATE

Thank you to Mark Paldio and Maureen Thomson who headed up the "Gate Project." They purchased and installed the gates themselves. Thank you also to Busch's Auto for donating the galvanized posts and to Mario Venerus for welding.

SKINS format

As you are all aware (if you curled the first week of November) all club games during the first week of each month will be Skins format. The difference in this format is mostly in the scoring. If you have last rock you must score a minimum of 2 points to receive a SKIN. If you have last rock and only score 1 point, the SKIN carries over to the next end, thus making the next end worth 2 SKINS and so on. If you steal a point, you get the SKIN. That is it in a nut shell! Any more questions, just ask, someone will know!!! Good luck with this, we all think it will add a little twist and excitement to the curling year.

SENIOR INTERREGIONAL PLAYDOWNS

The Senior Men's and Ladies Interregional playdowns are being held here in Fort Frances January 8-10, 2009. The club will be looking for volunteers to help out over the weekend.

If you are interested in curling in the Senior Playdowns this year, you must register (sign up) on line at www.noca.ca. Any questions regarding entering playdowns please contact Rob Sinclair 274-4440.