

**THE PEBBLER NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2006**  
**FORT FRANCES CURLING CLUB**

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**CURLING COMMITTEE**

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The curling committee applied for and received a grant of \$3000.00 from the Canadian Curling Association for a fall membership drive/promotional campaign. The campaign slogan was "Come on Over to Our House."

The curling committee is implementing a major fundraising effort to support our bonspiels. This sponsorship campaign is designed to give season long recognition to all of our sponsors. Sponsors who give \$250.00 or more are given ice area signage as well as sponsorship for all of our bonspiels, and recognition on the curling club website – [www.fortfrancescurlingclub.ca](http://www.fortfrancescurlingclub.ca). Sponsorship levels are Platinum \$500, Gold \$250, Silver \$100 and Bronze \$50. Check out the brochure in the clubroom for more details.

We have implemented a new league called "Your First End" on Tuesday evenings. This league consists of 3 new members and 1 MENTOR from our regular leagues. Anyone who is interested in becoming a "mentor" for one of these teams, please contact Tom Fry at 274-3584. There is no cost to the mentor.

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**GUY HEMMINGS "ROCK THE HOUSE TOUR"**

Guy Hemmings, the Rock Star of Canadian Curling will be arriving in Fort Frances on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for 2 days.

Agenda:

Tuesday, November 7th

4:00 pm Guy will meet with the Junior Curlers at the Club

5:45 pm Celebrity Curling Games with Guy Hemmings

7:00 pm Prime Rib Banquet with Guy Hemmings as Guest Speaker

9:00 pm Open House Mix and Mingle

Wednesday, November 8th

9:00 – 12:00 School visits by Guy to Robert Moore, JW Walker and St. Francis.

You can play in the game with Guy by entering the draw. Tickets are just \$5.00 and are available from the bar. Funds raised will go towards our building improvement fund. Come out to watch the game, enjoy a great meal and listen to a humorous and witty speaker. Banquet tickets are just \$35.00 and are available at the bar in the club, Sight and Sound and Northwood's Gallery. Get involved – support your club events. Get your tickets by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## LEE GARDEN AT THE CURLING CLUB

We are proud to say that Lee Garden has been the successful candidate at filling the vacancy in our kitchen this year. They are prepared to work with us to make the club a more inviting place to be. Please have patience while everyone gets settled in!! We are sure you will enjoy the wide variety of menu items that will be offered throughout the curling season – ENJOY . . . “The Top of The Rock Restaurant.”

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## SKINS BONSPIEL

November 28 and 29, 2006 will be our annual “OPEN” event for all curlers using the skins format. The entry fee is \$200.00 per team with 3 – 6 end games guaranteed on Saturday. The total number of entries will be 16 and teams will be seeded into groups of 4 depending on their record in competition and or club curling. All top, middle, and lower seeds will be in their respective sections playing each other in the preliminary round. The teams with the most skin money from each section after the preliminary round will advance to the semi-finals on Sunday with the winners playing in the final. The total prize money based on 16 teams will be \$3600.00. Get your team together and enter early.

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## SMOKERS NOTE

Just a note to let all of you smokers know that “Butt Bins” of some sort have been placed outside the front entrance – I have not seen them, but have been asked to ask you all to please use them – thanks.

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## THE PIG – 50/50 WEEKLY DRAW

Each Monday a draw is held for “the Pig.” On the first table in the clubroom is a binder with each member’s name and a number. You must pay your loonie and sign the book each week for your chance to win half of the pot. If your number is picked and you are not signed in, the monies will be carried over to the next week. ½ goes to the signed in member and the other ½ goes to the club for general maintenance.  
\*\*If your name is not in the book please go to the end of the name listings and put your name beside a number. Kim Beaudry apologizes if your name is spelled incorrectly or not on the list.

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HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO GLEN ROSTE THIS WEEK . . . . .!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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## MEMBERS ONLY ?????

There is a perception out in the community that the Curling Club is for members only. This is not the case and it is up to every individual member to do his or her utmost to change this perception.

Strategies:

1. Do Lunch! Do you go out for lunch on occasion? Why not the Curling Club?
2. Staff Meetings. Does your staff meet out of the office on occasion. Why not the Curling Club?
3. Staff Christmas Party. A great venue for small or large parties. Contact Rick for details.
4. Bonspiels. Do you know a curling team from another community? Why not contact them and encourage them to come to one of our bonspiels. See website for details. [www.fortfrancescurlingclub.ca](http://www.fortfrancescurlingclub.ca)

*\*\*Every member can play a part in making our club more successful “COME ON OVER TO OUR HOUSE”*

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## MIXED BONSPIEL

Although the number of teams was few (only 7 entries), the bonspiel for these teams was a great success. The overall winner was Jim Jackson with 3<sup>rd</sup> Sally Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Stewart and lead Maureen Jackson. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place team was Raymond Roy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cathy Gagne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Gagne and lead Kim Roy. All teams shared in the prize money and special draw prizes. The Top of the Rock Restaurant provided an excellent Chinese buffet and music kept the party going long into the night.

All those participating vowed that they would encourage others to participate next year. Suggestions were that the format should be open (any combination of males/females) and that individuals be allowed to enter to be placed on a team. There were also some great costumes and our congratulations go out to those who dressed up for the event. We encourage our members to get involved in club events.

LET'S MAKE CURLING HAPPEN IN FORT FRANCES!

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Thanks for reading: Kathie Jackson