

Snowflake Spiel brings out the best in Blackstock

The second annual Blackstock Curling Club's Snowflake Spiel was very successful again this year.

Some last minute entries had to be arranged due to a sudden outbreak of influenza. One of the dangers of a family type of Bonspiel is a whole team can be lost when the household comes down with something which was the case of the Vernest family and one of the conveners, Jodie Duff.

The idea behind this event is to give families and friends something to break up the post Christmas, mid winter blahs.

Families there were. The Martyns had two teams, Blair and Ron, the Fords had two teams, Fred and son, John with brother R.J., the Grays, the James Gang, the Vices, the McLaughlins led by Alex, the Kellys, the Green/VanCamp connection, the Fielden/Shortridge last minute connection and the Purple Hill bunch led by Mark Graham.

The big winner of the day was Josh Martyn whose team came second but who also won the

button draw contest and the door prize. John Ford and Jack Gunter were close seconds in the button draw but the button eluded everybody and full in the four foot won it. Gerald Kelly was the judge. Joyce Kelly won the fifty-fifty draw.

Overall winners were the Ron Vice team with Ron, Debby, Tony Duivesteyn and Rob Knowlton. Second was the Ron Martyn team, with the Grays close behind for the third and the Green/VanCamp connection fourth.

Time to sign up

Registration for the local YMCA floor hockey and basketball programs will be held this coming week.

The floor hockey registration is Jan. 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Cornish School, and for basketball on Jan. 11 same times at Cawker School.

The programs are open to boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14 years.

The winners will be able to veg out over a mid winter hibernation break and view their prizes which were videos from Country Convenience in Blackstock and Nestleton Country Store.

A jumbo bag of chips went along with that. The door prize was compliments of Country Convenience's Ginny Masterson.

The next big event in Blackstock will be the Fletcher Bonspiel scheduled for February 8, followed by the Golden Slider Challenge on February 13.

The cost for ten weeks is \$40 and floor hockey participants are reminded that helmets with face shields are mandatory.

There are plans to have the Port Perry teams play exhibition games with other Y group over the winter months.

For more info or to pre-register for the programs give the Y in Port Perry a call at 985-2824.

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