

Curling Club News

by Pete Vidler
Now that the festive season is over and gone, I hope I can keep up with the writing of this column. Besides, sproty wants to hear all the latest gossip. Talked with Jerry Sprout New Year's Eve. He said he was the best curler in Mexico. Word has it that Jerry is coming back for this year's President's Spiel. Spare us, Jerry.
Our club has had some tremendous social bashes lately. The Christmas Jitney was a fantastic success. Four 2nd games were played with everyone playing all positions. Boy some weird strategies were planned that night. It's a night that Charlie Davidson won't forget. He won that huge bottle of Christmas cheer. That certainly is enough fuel for the winter, Charlie.
Our Boxing Day Spiel was a day of great fun. Thanks to Bill Toth who generously sponsored the spiel, everyone came away a winner. Most of us went to the spiel to get away from holiday feasting. Instead we all got a super-delicious hot roast beef dinner. To the cooks — good

cooking. The winner of the first draw was the rink of Wally Hewitt, Doug Rhynard, Randy Ridley and Brenda Wallinga.
Second draw winners were Pete Vidler, Marg Toth, Chris Geggie and Nancy Vidler. After our "feast" everyone settled down to progressive euchre. I, myself, didn't progress much as I sat in the same seat all night. Howard Campbell certainly showed us he is more at home at the euchre table than he is on the curling ice.
Ontario curling Association events start this month and our club is trying to win them all. This weekend our club will be represented in the British consuls by Fred Archibald, Bill Cripps, Pete Vidler and Brian Robertson. Coits, Seagrans Mixed and Governor Generals are a few of the events coming up. By the way, we sure hope Brian Robertson is feeling better. He finally had to sweep last Sunday - 2 ten end games. Did you have enough bandages, Brian?
Draw curling has two more games to be played so we're eagerly awaiting results.

Wednesday afternoon ladies has finished for the 1st draw. After a gruelling play-off match Marilyn McArthur's rink of Sue Beemer, Ann Ridley and Thais Brown defeated Pat Near, Finni Verbik, Norma Hickling and Judith Hacke.
Wednesday night competitive This is certainly a good draw to curl in. The calibre of curling is high and all games have been close. Bill Toth's team of Earl Steckley, Bruce Barber and Bob Lovell; Ted Tyler's team of Mac Sprowl, Bill Porter and Carl Rosenquist and Don Ross's team of Tony Verbik, Jim Coughlin and Gord Reed are all making charges into the first place with six points. Andy McKenzie's rink of Udo Fieback, Roger Nelson and Richard Hignett have tailed off a bit but still have eight points. Fred Archibald's rink of Bill Cripps, Peter Vidler, Doug Rhynard and John Mintern's team of Howard "late night" Campbell, Doug Appleyard and Graham Peel are tied for second with 10 points. Sitting on top with 12 points is Ken Marchment's team of Sherry Few, Bruce

Min. atoms blank W'loo

Minor atoms shut out Waterloo in league action with four goals Monday night in Albert McCormack arena. Steve Taillefer was in the nets for Acton.
With just 11 seconds remaining in the first period Mike Hudson scored what proved to be the game winner on a pass from Jamie Lawson.
Near the end of the second period minor atoms slammed in two goals within 38 seconds.
First Bruce Raine found the mark from captain Hudson and Dave Thomas then Hudson again scored from Lawson and Raine.
Midway through the third period Ed Wilson put the game further out of Waterloo's reach when he pulled the trigger on a Tony Van Dam pass.
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Coaches predictions on boys' basketball

The 1977 high school boys' basketball season starts today when Blakelock plays here against the midgets, juniors and seniors, but according to the coaches, the Acton teams will have their work cut out for them this season.
The seniors get an automatic bye into next March's All-Ontario Competition at Walkerton and are only entering the Halton League for the experience, says coach Rick McArthur. Acton is the only A class school in Halton.
Few Seniors
Very few schools are fielding senior teams because they can't compete, Mr. McArthur said. Milton, White Oaks and Perdue are Halton schools with no senior level basketball, he said.
On the junior level coach McArthur said that in the realistic view, fourth place out of nine teams is what he's expecting. Other schools have larger gyms and are grouped with AAA schools, he said. Milton is in that group, but Georgetown is the only AA school in Halton.
Lyn McLaren is in charge of AHS' midget cagers and he says that the team won't be outclassed, but in order to win, must play pretty near faultless basketball.
Milton's midgets won Halton's Early Bird Tournament last year and several members joined the junior team for the Redmen tournament here. They showed extremely well, Mr. McLaren said.

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