

It's Johnny Cornelius



JOHN CORNELIUS

"The Cornelius is full of fun and laughter; Because of the man They named it after. With his pleasant smile and quick wit He's always out to keep us fit. If there's a rock to measure Or a decision to make, It's Johnny Cornelius There for our sake. So have lots of fun and enjoy your games, For you, Johnny, we honor your name."

This poem, penned by a clubhouse bard, could easily be signed "Unanimous" as it reflects the esteem in which John Cornelius is held by the

10 years. In a complimentary fashion, he could easily be called a club institution. He is the official referee for the club's Men's, Mixed and Junior curlers and acts as scorekeeper whenever the need arises, which is quite often. For the last eight years, the final event on the curling calendar has been the John Cornelius, Bouspiel. The enjoyment and pleasure that the curlers get out of the event proves a fitting end to the season. This is what John planned and hoped for when he

decided to lend his name to the bouspiel. John's idea was to get as many people as possible involved, especially the single club members who sometimes get left out, and the response since the bouspiel's inception has been overwhelming. The event was first planned as a one-day affair, then extended to three days and its present format has it running a full week. The number of participating curlers has

averaged 120 and the committee running the event, at John's urging, has made the competition as even as possible. In the first place, a man and wife may not play on the same rink. The rinks are selected as follows; the committee chooses the Leads for the various rinks. The Leads then draw for Seconds, the Seconds draw for the Vices and the Vices draw for the Skips. This

formula has worked well in the past and in fact insures that the competing rinks are evenly balanced. In a sense it takes away a lot of the competitive edge and places the emphasis on the sheer enjoyment of the game, which is what the Cornelius Bouspiel is all about. The first event winners are the overall winners and they receive the Cornelius Trophy as well as individual trophies and prizes donated by the club. The runners-up in the first event also receive a trophy as well as prizes. The wealth is shared as much as possible and the second, third and fourth event winners as well as the runners-up receive prizes. This is as it should be, with the character of the bouspiel reflecting the character of the man whose name the event bears.

Chappel wins final event on curling calendar

By Jeff and Diane Duck

The "Johnny Cornelius" Bouspiel, the biggest mixed event at the club, was held all last week with the finals on Saturday night. Harvey Chappel skipped his rink of Joy Noble, Blaine Mitton and Joan Brown to be trophy winners, defeating the team of Mike Makovynk, Margery Taylor, Bill Steley and Norma Carlisle.

Jamie and Stacey Cornelius, Johnny's grandnephew and grandniece, presented trophies to the winners and the runners-up. It is interesting to note that Mike Makovynk, absent the entire curling season except for one game a month ago, nearly won the trophy.

The second event winners were Wayne Taylor, Maddle Howat, Don Thornton, and Norma Rush. They beat Morley Taylor, Joan Mustard, Stu Cameron and Mary-Ellen Bridge.

The third event was captured by Harold Fobert with Sharon Wood, Allan Dean and Ann French. Jim Lusby's team of Verna Schenk, Bill Sieveking and Louise Nugent made for exciting watching when they tied the game forcing an extra-end to be played.

The fourth event was won by Pat Chamberlain's rink of Lyn Gerrard, "Jungle" Jim Evans, and Joan Sanford. The runners-up were Harold (the Rabbi) Martin, Doreen Geofreda, Gary Knight, and Dynese Griffiths.

A presentation of a green blazer and shirt was made to our official referee, Johnny Cornelius, in appreciation of all the work he does for the curlers of North Halton.

Dancing was enjoyed by everyone after the presentations. Congratulations go to Jim and Norma Wilson and the mixed committee for a terrific bouspiel.

Prizes were also presented to the teams who finished first and second in the last mixed draw. Lynn and Joe Gerrard teamed up with Sherrill and

Kerry Collins to have high total points followed by Pearce and Norma Porter and Chris and Mary-Ellen Bridge.

On Sunday many families took advantage of the "Big Skate-Off". They turned North-Halton into a real

family-oriented club by skating together, playing broomball together and brunching together. I wish

there were more occasions on the curling calendar when the whole family could enjoy the club facilities.



THE CURLING SEASON ended last week with the John Cornelius Bouspiel. The winners were the Harvey Chappel Rink. Mr. Cornelius' young niece and nephew made the trophy presentation. Flanking the trophy, are (left) Stacey Cornelius, and Jamie Cornelius. The winning rink (from left to right) Harve Chappel, Skip; Joy Noble, Vice; Blaine Mitton, Second and Joan Brown, Lead.

Warriors walk to one game lead in finals

The finals in the Halton Hills Men's Basketball League got underway last Thursday evening at the GDHS gym, with the Warriors recording a relatively easy 63-47 win over the Cougars.

The game was close in the early going and at the end of the first quarter there was little to choose between the two teams. The Warriors picked up the pace somewhat in the second half and by halftime held a 13-point lead, 30-17.

Fred Harris, the smooth dribbling, hustling back court man for the Cougars fouled out early in the third quarter and this left a gaping hole in the Cougars' game. The Warriors

held the edge in play throughout the second half to wrap up the 16-point win. The Warriors hit on a higher percentage of their shots and their rebounding, especially that of Jim Costigan, took away potential Cougar scores.

For the winning Warriors, Gary Louth notched 18 points, while Jim Costigan added 14. Jim Ridley played a fine game as he picked up a game high of 24 points for the Cougars. Brian Cosgrove chipped in with eight for the losing side.

The next game in this best three out of five series will be played this coming Thursday evening at the GDHS gym. Game time is 8:00 p.m.



BILL BINGHAM (left) and Jim Ridley leap high for the opening toss in last Thursday's first game of the finals of the Halton Hills Men's Basketball League. The Warriors took the opening contest over the Cougars by a comfortable margin, winning 63-47.

GDHS track teams

GDHS track and field coaches, Murray Hall, Karen Cosgrove and Donna Metcalfe are extremely pleased and mildly surprised at the response of GDHS students to this year's team. To date, 58 students have turned out for the team and this represents an almost 50 percent increase over the number who turned out for last year's team.

With this many student athletes vying for places on the team, the coaches expect competition to be keen and performances to improve. Coach Hall expects all three teams—Midget, Junior and Senior—to do well and is especially optimistic about the Midgets' chances as he feels they have a strong team.

The meets scheduled so far include: a Halton schools meet at Sheridan College in Oakville on the 29th of April; a GDHS-convened meet at Sheridan on May 6th; a Midget meet at McMaster University in Hamilton May 10; on the same day, the Juniors and Seniors will be attending a meet at the University of Waterloo; finally a meet at Milton High School on May 13.

Hopes are high for several individuals. Cathy Clark is expected to do well as a long distance and cross-country runner. Granny McKenzie, who as a Junior won the Halton and Peel-Halton hurdles titles and set two records in the process, hopes to continue his success in the Senior division. Jim Clark should be a top ranked contender in the 1500 and 1800 metres and two newcomers to GDHS are expected to excel. Rod Gimpel and Ross Jeffries won Halton sprinting titles last year as Grade 8's and both look to be in fine shape.

The team has been working out indoors until just recently, but the improving weather conditions have signalled a step-up in training as the date of the first meet approaches.

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