



1952-53 Curling Club women

Women weren't admitted to the Midland Curling Club until 1942. These were the women members for the 1952-53 season. Many of them are still active curlers. Front row (L-R) Dorothy Shaw, Jean Keith, Win Merchant, Isley Nicholson. Second row: Irene

# Midland Curling Club prepares for new season

by Shirley Whittington  
The brooms are coming out of the closet, not for Halloween but for another season of curling. The local season begins next week, and if you've never tried this popular Canadian winter sport, you can give it a whirl by showing up an evening between October 17 and 22nd. There is no fee, and equipment will be supplied. All you need is warm clothing, a pair of rubber soled shoes (not street shoes) and a sense of adventure.

Midlanders have been curling since 1919 and a list of the founding fathers reads like a chapter from Midland's history. The first contractor was J.C. McMullen and some of the original members were Capt. Ed Burke, Digby Horrell, J. B. Hanly, A.W. Bald, Capt. J.H. Hudson, J.J. Moores, R.G. Nesbitt, J.B. Roebuck, J.H. Parker, N.K. Wagg, M.J. Bray, M.E. Tully, Charles Hartman, W.E. Preston, D.S. Pratt, Norman Playfair and Nap Laurendeau.

By 1929, there were 110 curlers at the Midland rink—all of them men. They curled on natural ice and it wasn't until 1933 that the Arena Gardens began supplying artificial ice to the Curling Club. Midland's artificial ice plant was the only one between Toronto and Winnipeg for many years. Ladies were not allowed into the male curling preserve until 1942, when they were

petition was won when Jim Clark Jr., Lin Hurlburt and Kent Carstairs took the Harvey J. Sims trophy at the Kingston Club. The 1976-77 season was a profitable one as three "first-overs" were brought to the Midland Club. Russell Howard, skipping Paul McDonald, Len Patterson and Kent Carstairs, was one of the winners in the Ontario British Consols' Spiel. Shirley Stokes and Lynn Morton brought Ladies' Tankard honours to the Club, and June Walton, for the second year in a row, piloted her team to the district win of Ladies' Senior's Competition in Orillia and Penetanguishene.

There are trophies aplenty for sweeping in the Midland club. In its 30th year of competition is the Edward's Trophy for Ladies' Open Bopspiel. And in 1964 the Midland Ladies hosted the first All Grandmothers' Spiel at the Midland club. These days, the club is busy reinforcing the rink's structure in order to conform to Ministry of Labour guidelines. Past-president Jim Nicholson says "We have added steel beams in the club room areas, and there are plans for additional arches on the ice surface. The \$80,000 contract has been let, but unfortunately the company which supplies the reinforcing arches has gone of strike. We're going to have to live with monitored occupancy for another year."

Nonetheless, it looks like a good year. A major event is the Golden Anniversary of the CSL sponsorship. A three day 32-rink event will draw competitors from Montreal, Toronto, Collingwood and Welland. It's to be held the first week of March.

Open to all Club membership is open to anybody, and it isn't expensive. Fees are \$85 for men, and \$65 for women. Juniors may join for \$30 and a social membership is available for \$20.

Club membership embraces not just curling, but a fairly active social scene. "Very often," says Nicholson, "there will be a couple of tables of bridge going in the afternoon. We have a snooker table and a bar. Each year we host a New Year's Eve party, and we celebrate the end of the season by skating the ice out. And in between there are parties and dances, and the fun of out-of-town spiels."

In 1919, the minutes of one of the first meetings of the Midland Curling Club read in part, "The Club looks forward to being a permanent success for years to come." A success it is. More than that, it has become a permanent component of Midland's social and recreational life. Members still recall with fondness the day when four generations of Midlanders were under the Curling Club roof. Long time member J.H. Bridges curled with his daughter Mrs. Harold MacAllen and his grand daughter Mrs. Bob Morton. And watching was his great grandson, Jeffrey Bell.

## Fall luncheon popular with HDH auxiliary

by Marion Sheep  
Inclement weather failed to deter a record number of H.D.H. auxiliaries from attending the fall luncheon at the Midland Golf Club. Including several guests, 82 ladies were welcomed by the president Mrs. T. Luke.

Guests from the HDH staff were Margaret Wilson and Pat Plaus, who along with Lorna Davis, have coordinated the excellent Candy Stripers program at the hospital. Convener Betty Ann Bell thanked the nurses on behalf of the auxiliary. Thirty girls have worked during the summer in the program. Mrs. Bell announced that the capping ceremony would be held October 20 in the hospital cafeteria.

Mrs. Nancy Keefe, president-elect of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario was also congratulated by the president Mrs. Keefe, who has worked on the provincial level for 16 years, will be installed as provincial president during the H.A.A. convention in Toronto, November 6-9.

The Gift Shop, which has received many compliments from summer visitors is doing well financially, reported convener Belle McKee. She also reminded members that the shop is operated on a "50 per cent

service, 50 per cent profit" basis. Mrs. Bert Nicholls, flower convener and Mrs. Annie Bauer, magazine and book convener, were congratulated on the success of these new departments.

Dominion Store Tapes are still being collected with an August 31 balance of \$159,212.38, according to convener Joan Lynn. Fran McGaw, a guest at the luncheon received applause for her summer contribution of \$100,000, in tapes.

Delegates to the fall convention will be the president Mary Luke and vice-president Barbara Simpson. Details of a night meeting in October will be included in the next newsletter.

The luncheon, a social gathering as well as a lively work meeting, launched the HDH Auxiliary into another busy season of volunteer work, fund raising and projects.

## Scout Apple Days October 15 and 16

An apple a day may keep the doctor away, but it will also help keep the area's cubs and scouts on their feet this year.

This Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15 will be Apple Day for four groups of cubs and scouts in Midland.

Groups from Penetanguishene, Lafontaine, Perkinsfield, Port McNicoll, Victoria Harbour and Waubesa will be holding their Apple Day on Saturday, October 15. All boys participating will be in uniform or will be accompanied by a boy in uniform. They will also be able to give their group name and the name of their Akela on request.

In addition, the area scouts would like to remind its members and organizers that the South Georgian Bay District Council's Annual Meeting

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No doubt a landowner is much more likely to allow an insured hunter on his land than an uninsured one, the Federation says. A 17,000 member conservation organization which is about to enter its 50th year of operation. Head office for the organization is in Peterborough, Ontario.

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