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# Leighton Electric Skins Spiel a huge success

March 15-17 was the weekend that the Leighton Electric Skins Bonspiel took place in Stirling. Leighton Electric of Trenton, title sponsor of the event in this year's Skin's along with the 77 other sponsors helped to make the Skins in Stirling once again the premier men's

bonspiel of the year.

Twenty teams from across Ontario and New York State flocked to Stirling in search of the big prize being offered at this year's Leighton Electric Skins Bonspiel. Because of huge generosity from the community and surrounding area, Stir-

ling Curling Club was able to offer the largest cash purse in the area this season. The Leighton Electric Skins was able to provide a purse of \$15,200 for the weekend. The lucky team that made it to the A Event final would be playing for \$250 per end or skin.

The 20 team field began Friday evening using the skins format. Each team is on the offence at all times, defence is very rarely used. It is great to watch that many rocks in play and it always comes down to a team's last rock of each end before the skin can be decided. There is very rarely no shot to score. The team without last rock only needs to score a point, while the team with last rock must score two or more points to get the skin. If this does not happen then the end is carried over at which time the nerves can get quite stretched because each shot could decide the game. A three game qualifying round was held on Friday night and Saturday.

**After the dust settled the standings were as follows;**

- Farquhar Cabinets (Matt Dupius - Cornwall) - \$300 three game winner.
- Sullivan Auctioneers (Rick Barnard - Stirling) - \$235. three game winner.
- Exit Realty-Shawn Lumley (Ryan Rowe - Napanee) - \$295.
- Wilkinson & Co. (Jon Tuer - Quinte) - \$255.
- Dafoe Roofing (Scott Ray - Quinte) - \$235.
- Royal Lepage - Darren Guerard (Jim Brownson - Campbellford) - \$235.
- Pro One Stop (Dennis Murray - Quinte) - \$220.
- Hastings Vet. (Andre Chapman - Ottawa) - \$215.
- Lyman's Landscaping (Patrick Fitzgerald - Schenectae, NY) - \$185.
- G.H. Manufacturing (Chris Ripley - Quinte) - \$185.
- Campbellford Chrysler (Ian Laver - Campbellford) - \$170.
- Royal LaPage Trish Clarke (Jeff Brown - Stirling) - \$160.
- T.H. Logistics (Dave Collyer - Quinte) - \$160.
- McCurdy GM (Ben Ripley - Ottawa) - \$160.
- Foley Tree Service (Calvin Newman - Campbellford) - \$155.
- Woodbeck Auto Parts (Jason Brien - Utica, NY) - \$145.



Napanee Curling Club's Brad Simpson Scott Dickson Ryan Rowe and Rob Dixon (skip) won the Leighton Electric 'A' event title at last weekend's Leighton Electric Skins Spiel in Stirling.



Scott Ray (skip), Mike Collyer, Shawn Ray and Cody Harder from the Quinte Curling Club won the Northstar Refrigeration 'B' event title at last weekend's Leighton Electric Skins Spiel in Stirling.

- Thompson Plumbing (Norm Bretherton - Stirling) - \$140.
- Jason Hodge Electrical (Dave Brandt - Stirling) - \$120.
- Sean Mckillop & Ass. (Brandon Hackney - Quinte) - \$105.
- The Ranch (Frank Sinko - Marmora) - \$75.

Because standings are determined by dollars won teams quite often end up tied with the same dollar amounts. To make it fair and to give the team some control of their own destiny in this bonspiel we use a shoot-out system to break ties. Each team member will throw one rock each, measuring its distance from the button in the centre of the rings. The total distance accumulated is then used to break ties in dollar amounts between teams. To make it a little bit more competitive the field was broken up into groups of four teams. Each group would then be competing for \$100 and the overall winner would get