

BONSPIEL REPORT

The ladies one-day Holly & Mistletoe Bonspiel was organized by Mary Lou Wood on December 6.

On the weekend of November 19 to 21, our club hosted the first Chatham Granite Cashspiel run by Ben Curtis. It attracted several spectators and twelve competing teams. The Sunday afternoon final pitted the Jim Lyle rink from St. Thomas against the hometown rink of Bob Stafford, Ben Curtis, Mark Patterson and Ed DeSchutter with the Lyle team prevailing 6-5. Top prize was \$1550 and second \$850. Ben is excited about building on this format for next year.

On November 10, we hosted 20 teams from Southwestern Ontario in a Tier 55 Senior Men's Bonspiel. The event was organized by Ron Robertson and sponsored by Hugh's Carpet & Upholstery. The first draw was won by Chuck Beedle of Windsor, followed by Bill Frank of Ilderton and Earl Dunmore of Leamington. The second draw had Wayne Quinn of Leamington taking first, Dave McMurren of Leamington second and Leon Freeman of Bowling Green third. We will be hosting another Tier 55 event on March 11 with Paul Johnston organizing. In addition, there will be the DeKoning Memorial Senior Mixed Bonspiel on January 15 with chairperson Reg Johnson.

The two-day mixed bonspiel was held on January 8 and 9 and was hosted by Gina Ferster and Ginny O'Neill with an "alien" theme. Twenty teams competed in the bonspiel including 8 out of town teams. Home entertainment was hosted by Phil and Lori Snider and Dave and Kim Chinnick. The Sunday afternoon final saw the Ferster Rink against the Bracket Rink with the Bracket Rink prevailing. Congratulations to all who attended. A Special thank you to the organizers – great job.

John Dumoulin will be putting together the elementary school bonspiel for March 5 and the Funspiel run by Rick Roelandt and Shawn Winter is tentatively scheduled for March 19.

Therefore, there is great opportunity at our club to play in or be involved with (or both) a bonspiel. Anyone who does so will love the social interaction and the sense of accomplishment.

Ron Robertson

