



## *“In The Ditch”*

### Tournaments

The One Novice Tournament was held at Niagara-on-the-Lake on October 7 sponsored by Oh Canada Eh! and Robert Christopher Financial. Our NOTL team of Elly Warren, Pat Rees and Donna Jansen played very well, but lost a close game to the Port Dalhousie team in an extra end and finished third.



Photo Courtesy of Paul McHoull

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Saturday October 17 at 11:30 AM.

After the Treasurer's report a motion was made and passed that the club will raise membership fees by \$10. This will not affect the fees for bowl rentals, lockers, or Social Memberships. We are expecting to see an increase in the amount paid to the Town and a charge for regular cleaning of the carpet. We are also still looking for ways to provide more shade for hot summer days.

The Town proposes to eliminate a tripping hazard along three sides of the Green by replacing the grass with concrete or some other artificial surface. A show of hands indicated that the club's membership is unanimously opposed to this proposal.

Ray Pettit presented Big Shot pins. This award is for scoring a perfect eight (pairs) or nine (triples) in an end. If you are part of a team that achieves this result, speak to a member of the Executive. (Urine samples are not required). Winners this year were Lindsay & Jim Cooper, Pauline & Derek Shervill, Cathy & Rory MacCon, Paul Rogers & Dan Jansen, and Heather Quick & Heather Pettit.

Jack Hazell presented the awards for the 2015 season of 4-3-2-1. This is Jack's 14<sup>th</sup> year of managing this friendly competition. Their season wrapped up with a social get-together on October 6. If you are interested in participating, join them on Tuesday evenings next season. Rory MacCon was our Champion with a score of 43.1, Jack was second with 41.3, Dan Jansen was third with 38.5 and Heather Pettit fourth with 37.7. This year's winner of the 'Most Improved' Award with an improvement of 6.9 is George Watson.

Heather Pettit presented awards to the top teams in the Friday Night Pairs League. In the first series, the joint winners were Cathy/Rory MacCon and Nancy/Doug Findlay. In third place were Heather/Ray Pettit and in fourth place, Donna/Dan Jansen. In the second series, the first place winners were Nancy/Doug Findlay with Heather/Martin finishing second. In third place were Heather/Ray Pettit and a fourth place finish by Elly Warren and Wayne Jones. Their season wrapped up with a party generously hosted by Wayne and Barb Jones on October 16. If you'd like to play next year, talk to Heather.



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Paul McHoull presented the Sportsmanship Award to Wayne Jones. It was almost a three way tie, with Joan Klooz, and George Watson close behind in the vote count.



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Paul also presented an Honourary Life Membership to Chris Barnes. She will always be a part of our club.

Cheques have been given to members who represented the club at a Provincial Tournament to cover the cost of the entry fee. This year it was David Taylor (Men's Novice) and Kathy Smith (Women's Singles Silver Medallist).

The Executive for 2016 will be:

President : Paul McHoull

Vice-President : Elly Warren

Treasurer : George Watson

Secretary : Brenda Cooper

Social : Heather Quick and Jenny Ley

Tournaments : Doug and Nancy Findlay

Membership : David Klooz

Greens : David Cooper and Derek Shervill

Past President : Ray Pettit

After the AGM we enjoyed lunch in the Mori Room. The club provided sandwiches and treats supplied by Sweets and Swirls, the Community Centre Coffee Shop. Unfortunately, while it was too cold for running a jitney, things warmed up inside celebrating birthdays for both Ivan Eaton and Cathy MacCon. Happy Birthday Ivan and Cathy and have many more!



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## Finally

A medicine man visited an ailing chief. He gave him a leather strap made from a moose hide and told the chief to chew on it and bite off and swallow a small piece each day.

When he came back two weeks later, he asked the chief how he felt.

The chief replied “The thong is gone but the malady lingers.”