

HAINSTOCK TEAM WINS MEN'S BONSPIEL

On the weekend on March 7-9 the Burntwood Curling Club was the "happening place" in Thompson, as 31 teams did battle for supremacy in the Thompson Men's Open Bonspiel. This year there were several communities represented, with curlers from Cross Lake, Snow Lake, Gilliam, Churchill and Winnipeg participating.

Pam and her bar staff ensured that no one went thirsty, Darlene made sure that we were all well fed and Farrol kept the ice in top shape for the entire weekend.

Special thanks to Mike Smith and Grant Brown for organizing the event and an exceptional **THANK YOU** to all our sponsors.

The big winners this year were some guys who have been members of the club longer than some of the other teams have been alive. The team of Rae Hainstock, Alex Sutherland, Claude Hykawy and Gerry Haight prevailed over one of the "young guns" by defeating the team of Shawn Parsons, Keith Belton, Kevin Parsons and Steve Daviduik. The game came down to last rock. Rae was one up without the hammer and Shawn had a chance to tie, but his last rock overcurled a couple of inches (or may have "picked") leaving Rae with the win. Rae's team had a bit of a different look this weekend, as long time third Gerry Haight was on the "injured list", so threw lead rocks and called the game. (He still made most of his shots, so I wonder if the "sore butt" was just a way to get out of sweeping?). In any case it seemed to work, so don't discount the possibility of them continuing this lineup.

Third in the first event went to Darwin Grahams foursome of Brian Clace, Lyle Miller and Rick Svenkeson, with the fearsome foursome of Farrol Asham, Glen Ringrose, Dave Green and Stewart Holditch taking fourth in the top event.

The second event was won by (can anyone say "sandbagger") Grant Brown, Tom Bryson, Mike Isaac and Cody Bodnaryk. They blew the doors off the team of Troy Millar, Tim Thompson, Lorne Hopkins and Dan Harris. Third in the second event went to the team of Boyd Horning, Al Turton, Perry Yamada and Rob Smith, with Gary Adams, Bob Desjarlais, Luc Spence and Dave Randell picking up fourth.

The third event was won by a junior team from Winnipeg. Geoff Laing, Alex Forest, ex-Thompsonite Kody Janzen, and Trevor Grenkow defeated the team of Ken Allard, Lee McIvor, Dennis Fenske and Ken Ament. Kody and his teammates finished as runner up in the Provincial Junior Championships this year and it was nice to see them come up the bonspiel.

Third in the third went to Wayne McLellan, Jim Davidson, Mike Buchan and Frank Martinez (Frank wants to thank Cheryl for letting him out to curl with the boys!), with the foursome of Rick Gallant, Adam Howse, Stephen Brake and Alex Kluge taking fourth.

The fourth event was won by Lou Lulashnyk and his team of Kelly Davis (part time), Murray Cameron and Hugh Condon, who defeated the team of Brad Ritchie, Garry Miscavish, Terry Condor and Trevor Anderson. Third in the fourth

went to Lawrence Kropodra, Reg Hitch, Rene Gareau and Colin Rushton, while Sam Antila's squad of Ian Graham, Curtis Ross and Jeff Antila took fourth.

In addition to the prizes for the winners there were a lot of terrific door prizes that had been donated by some of our sponsors. So even if you don't feel that you may be up to "kicking butt" in the first event, the chance at some top-notch door prizes should be enough to convince people to enter the bonspiel. In addition to the fine prizes, you can always expect great camaraderie, fellowship, socialization and generally good time at all of our BCC bonspiels.