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Cookstown curling season closes

By Chris Simon

Gord Turner has been curling for years, but the end of each season never seems to get easier.

Each spring, the Cookstown Curling Club member says goodbye to comrades, in hopes of seeing them again for the start of the next curling season. Often, he won't see his team members until the start of the next season, mostly because many of the club members come from areas throughout Innisfil, Bradford West Gwillimbury, and Essa and Adjala-Tosorontio townships.

It's hard for them to get

together away from the rink. It's what makes one final curling bonspiel so special, said Turner.

"It's nice to have the season come to an end, but you know you're going to miss people that have been here all year," he said, surrounded by several peers preparing to curl.

"We come from quite a wide area, all over. It's mixed emotions."

About 25 curling club members gathered to play a few final rounds of the sport, before the ice is taken out of the Cookstown facility for the summer, last week.

Afterwards, the club hosted a year end awards ceremony, where about 40 people met to discuss the recently completed season.

Three awards were presented at the ceremony. Marie Wistoski's team earned the Ross Award, which is presented to the top curler for the first half of the season. Vern Eveleigh's team received the Crawford Award for second half performance, while Malcolm Lumsden's team won the No Problem Award for the overall season.

"The ice is going to be here another week and a half," said club member Jim

Arnold. "This is our last day, our wind up. This is a fun day, with two six-end games and a banquet tonight. We've got three trophies to give out. This is it until next October or November."

He says the day is a chance to curl one last time, have fun, and honour great play throughout the season.

Turner enjoys curling for its simplicity and ability to attract players from different backgrounds.

"You can enjoy the game without being an expert at it," he said. "It doesn't require tremendous physical abilities, you can have handicaps and still curl."



Photo by Chris Simon

About 25 Cookstown Curling Club members hit the ice for the final time this season last week.

Decorators Edge captures county title

Lefroy's Decorators Edge finished off a tremendous season with a game five series victory at home over a tenacious Schomberg team Saturday afternoon.

Schomberg rolled into Lefroy Sunday March 16 for game one with a win on their mind. They did just that playing hard for three periods burying three goals on a groggy Lefroy team. Lefroy could not solve Schomberg's stellar goaltending and only managed a single marker in the second from Brandon Twine, with assists from Thomas Dunn and Hayden Adams-Peacock.

Lefroy had other plans for Schomberg in game two Tuesday night, as they hit the ice with a renewed enthusiasm.

Despite continued intensity from Schomberg, Lefroy pressed to the net as Grant Scott got the first goal assisted by Josh Holm and Zach Hellings. A scoreless

second period kept the game on edge until midway through the third when Brandon Twine provided the go ahead marker from Thomas Dunn and Lucas Reimer.

Grant Scott secured the win for Lefroy with a goal in the dying minutes of the game assisted by Brandon Twine and Zach Hellings.

Tied at one a piece, Lefroy hit the pavement to Schomberg with renewed confidence. Schomberg went to work right away with a marker midway through the first and held the lead until the dying seconds of the second when Grant Scott buried a rocket unassisted.

This was shortly followed by Josh Holm's goal assisted by Zach Hellings. Zach Hellings and Brandon Twine would put two more past Schomberg's goalie both assisted by Grant Scott.

Game four in Schomberg

opened with the excitement of a penalty shot for Lefroy as Brandon Twine found the net just under the crossbar. The Lefroy centreman would go on to score two more for a hat trick with Hayden Adams-Peacock assisting on one of them. Grant Scott, assisted by Julia Timbers, would then go to work and light the lamp twice to ensure the win. A great defensive game by blue liners Michael Norris, Julia Timbers, Brendan Heenan and Thomas Dunn who made sure net minder Luc Bujold was well protected.

The series returned to Lefroy for game five Saturday afternoon. This was a goaltenders' game, as both were tested early making for a nail biter of a match.

Brandon Twine for Lefroy struck first with two goals in the first being assisted by Hayden Adams-Peacock, Lucas Reimer,



Submitted photo

Lefroy's Decorators Edge recently won the Simcoe Region Cup.

Zach Hellings and Julia Timbers. Schomberg answered back with one late in the second, but with the quick reflexes of Lefroy net minder Luc Bujold that was all Schomberg could manage. Luc would then go

on to assist Grant Scott's goal midway through the second to complete a 3-1 win over Schomberg.

Game five proved to be the championship game and the summary of an overall fantastic season, as Lefroy

captured the Simcoe Region Cup. Many thanks to the coaches Jeff Hellings, Don Timbers, Lawrence Hellings, Steve Twine and Sean Peacock, parents, fans and the executive for an incredible season.

Old Duffers sponsor Lefroy hockey player

By Chris Simon

A hockey team and restaurant joined up to sponsor a budding player.

The Old Duffers of the Lefroy Men's Hockey

League, which were sponsored by The Earl of Alcona, donated \$400 to a young hockey player earlier this season. The money allowed the player to

participate in the Lefroy Minor Hockey Association's program this year. The money was raised at a golf tournament for the men's league team, said team

member Russ Evans.

"(We) donate funds to various community organizations when asked and when the funds are available. The amount

donated helped a young man play hockey this year."

Minor hockey association treasurer Tina Deroy was pleased with the donation.

"Lefroy minor hockey

would like to acknowledge and thank The Old Duffers for their donation," she said. "Thanks to (them), another child will enjoy the hockey experience."