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Hello, again I have to mention the weather, I am really looking forward to the great summer we are going to have, we deserve it, after the winter we are having this year.....For those of you who are not aware yet, I am sorry to have to pass along that lifelong Bradford resident and former BCC curler Doug Westlake passed away last week, our sympathy goes out to the Westlake and Varga families.....Just a note on our new scraper, hopefully the problem holding up the CCA tax program will be settled within a week, or so, and we will be able to start processing your donations to help offset the cost.....While on the subject of ice, which by the way I think is really good this year, even through all those loses. Pleased to say through a lot of hard work and lots of hours that sheet one is back to normal and playing like it was prior to our incident. It is great to see how the team came together at a time of adversity and got us back up quickly.....The OCA Traveler's Tankard starts on Monday, our representative, Team Frans, failed to qualify this year, but lots of good teams will be there, check your local cable station for coverage. Will Team Howard come through again or is this the year to see an up and coming team rise to the top, much like was done across the country in The Scotties.....Our two Fairfield entries came home empty handed from Trenton, but had a great time in doing so, watch for this event next year it is always a good time, especially if you make it to the second weekend.....Don't forget the Men's Village Inn is fast approaching and usually fills up pretty quickly.....Also the March 15th Junior-Senior sign-up sheet is on the board at the club, this is open to all curlers whether they belong to the club or not, gives you a chance to curl with your grandkids, kids or neighbour's kids....Another young Bantam team is forming in the club, Connor Ramsay is taking his team of Evan Mott, Cameron Gardiner and Scott Bowen to events in Churchill, York and Port Perry, good curling boys....We are hosting the SCAA (High School) boys and girls play downs on Feb. 20th, 8 teams in each group with 2 advancing to the Provincials, our BDHS team is ranked up near the top and has a great chance of advancing.....The M & M Beginners league wrapped up their first schedule last week and pictures of all the teams can be found on the club's Facebook page....Plans are well under way for our Family Day, an Open House during the day and a Mixer Bonspiel at night, information for both events can be found on the website. Volunteers are needed for the Open House, Bob Kelsey is waiting to hear from you....Any ladies out there who have the odd Tuesday morning open are welcome to drop by the club, just for the day, the Ladies are trying out Sturling this upcoming week, a two player form of curling, and good news, there is no sweeping.....Until next time, drive carefully it looks like a windblown weekend with little visibility, so be careful on the roads.