



**Bradford Curling Club**

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Hello, and Happy Canadian Olympian's Day, our athletes did well, the men's hockey team came through in big style but to me they took a back seat to the Women, what a performance. That game, in my mind, was the highlight of the Olympics and showed just how heart can come through to win a game. There were many wonderful Canadian performances throughout the games but none better than the Gold Medal USA-Canada Ladies' hockey game.....Can't stop on the Olympics without mentioning the curlers, Team Jones was great right from the first rock of the first game to the last rock of the last game, and after a slow start in the first three games Team Jacobs pulled together and matched Jones the rest of the way, can't get any better.....Okay stop the Olympic cheerleading and get on with the BCC happenings....We had our own winners over the weekend, Team Bradford (Lynn Williamson, Mike Donelle, Rick Dafoe, Bob Merkley, Shawn Amyotte, Christian Lapalme, Russ Gale and Matthew Kemp) perhaps the underdogs, took on a strong team from Stroud and won the two team Silver Tankard zones, thus advancing to the Regionals in Kitchener in early April. It was tight right to the last end, Bradford was one up and both teams had one hammer, Amyotte made a fantastic shot to pick up a five and seal the win.....With happy news comes sad, long time Bradford curler Jackie Johnson passed away early Saturday morning at Bradford Valley. Condolences to both the Johnson and Lapp families, Jackie will be remembered as a top Ladies curler in the club and a strong backer of, and worker in, the Junior curling program. Arrangements are not known right now but should be on the Skwarchuk website soon.....The year end banquet has been set for Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center, watch for tickets soon.....Also the CCA/OCA have patched up their differences and it's back to normal for the programs offered to clubs. This was something which should never have happened, and to me at least, it is a black eye for curling in the province and it will be some time before relations are back to where they should be, to serve the curlers of the Ontario.....I think it is safe to say we have our ice plant problems solved, it was a rough week with a lot of troubleshooting and work put into solving the issue. In the end it was a faulty valve which had to be replaced, but not before many curlers were inconvenienced and lots of hours spent by the Ice Crew trying to work around it, let's hope we can now go to the end of the season problem free.....Once again a big cheer to Anna Royce and her Yuk-Yuks team who raised \$13,000. for the club.....Until next time, and closing with the Olympics, those early morning alarms to catch the events won't be missed, there have been some nights of little sleep in the past 17 days, but it was enjoyable.