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*** Last minute news flash

Provincial Competition in Summerland last week

John Demeriez
Joe Golumbia
Stu Carmichael
Jack Spencer

Win the Over Seventies
Graham Donaldson Trophy
for the Coastal division of the 70+

Team picture and how the got there... page 8

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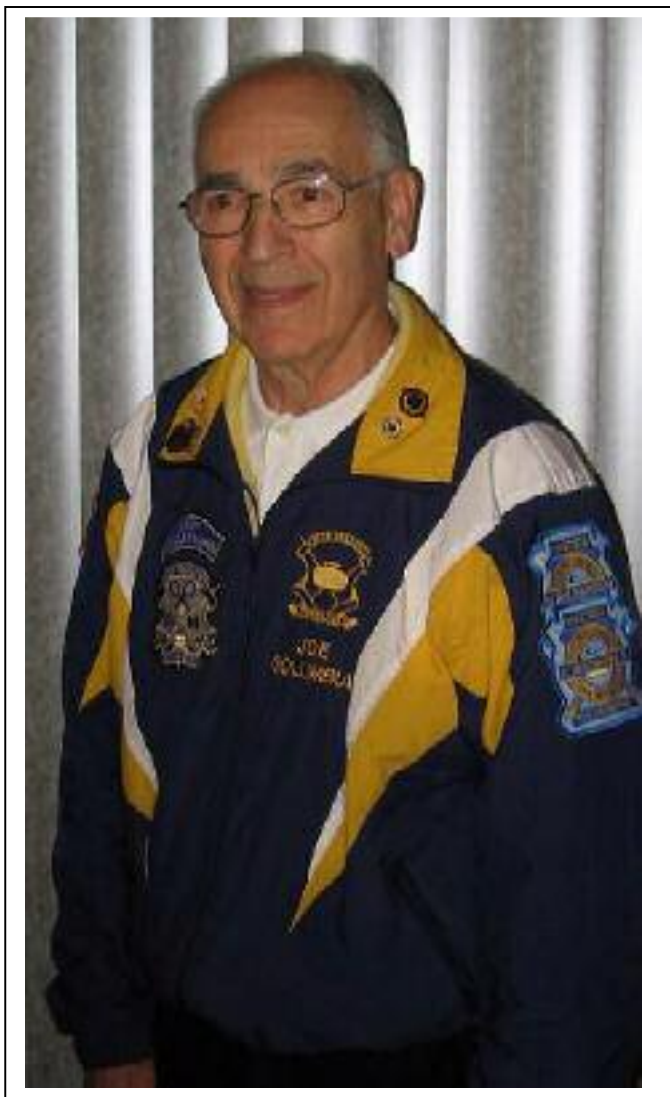
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Joe Golumbia

Prairie Champion in our Midst

By Lawrence Woytowich



Joe Golumbia has had a remarkable 68 years of curling and most of it has been very competitive. He began his long list of curling accomplishments at a two sheet natural ice rink in Macroric Saskatchewan (15 miles from Outlook). In 1951 Dr. Golumbia opened his private practice in Nipawan and his curling team was a regular contender in the car spiel circuit. In 1953 he moved to Melfort and from this area as the team's skip won the district 6 times (1961-67) in the men's playdowns to compete in the Saskatchewan provincials. His experience included being beat by the likes of the famous Richardson team.

In the seventies (now out of Saskatoon) Joe again made it to the provincials 4 times, this time throwing third rocks but unfortunately a trip to the Nationals was still illusive. When speaking to Joe one can quickly recognize the competitiveness when revisiting some of the most his memorable moments. Some of the greatest highlights of his triumphs were experienced during the 84-85 season. This was the winter when

their team enjoyed several world class victories with Joe playing third for Saskatchewan's Frank Sheirich. That season they had sweet revenge over the four time world champion Richardson Brothers by beating them in a cash spiel final winning the \$1500 first place purse.

Their next big event would be the Saskatoon World Invitational which featured 30 top teams including Canada Brier champions and other world contenders from Europe. In all, 23 status teams registered with the final 9 spots being filled from a local playoff. When the first draw was

set Joe's team was pitted against World Champion Al Hackner, who incidentally did not have his third Lang available that week, but used replacement no less than another World Champion by the name of Kerry Bertnyk. The local buzz in Saskatoon was that the morning papers would read Hackner defeats some unfortunate unknown. The game was exciting to say the least. Joe recalls Hackner having last rock in the first end, scoring one and then stealing another point in the second. However the third end was a turning point and the morning paper read Hacker handed an 8-2 loss by some unknown.

That spring would bring even more success with another district win resulting in still another trip to Senior Provincials. This time they were victorious in representing Saskatchewan and were off to the Nationals. This was still the days before play offs, so a round robin play format determined the winner failing any ties. To avoid a tie breaker their last game required a victory over Alberta, which fortunately resulted in a (near perfect) record of 10 wins and 1 loss giving them the Canadian Senior Men's Title. At the end of the week a national title with Joe Golumbia being named the *All Star National Third*.

This was not the last of Joe's provincial curling accomplishments. Although they would never win a birth for another national title, Joe went on to the provincials 10 more times with the Masters, 3 times as a skip and 7 times as a third. Three of these years they were runner ups to represent Saskatchewan.

In addition to the provincials Joe skipped 2 Canadian Medical Curling Championships between 1973 and 1989 and was runner up 3 times.

Inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

Inducted into Saskatchewan Legends of Curling Honour Roll in 2005.

After several years of retirement from medical practice Joe finally moved to Victoria in 2003 where he joined the Glen Meadows Masters as a spare. The following year his victories were once again common place, after joining the Spencer rink as third. Along with many event wins they won the Masters Super League with a first place finish three consecutive years and a BC Masters Provincial Finalist in 2005. In 2006 throwing skip rocks he was the BC Masters Zone winner in "Over 70" competition and this year throwing third rocks they again won the BC Masters Zone winner in "Over 70" competition.

Although his 81st birthday is next month, he remains an experienced opponent with his ease of big weight take out accuracy and consistent four foot draw weight. Take Joe Golumbia for granted and you will come off the ice with an embarrassing loss.

POLICE AND THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Police Island Playdowns and Special Olympics annual fund raising Bonspiel were hammered together after Christmas by Stu Carmichael, Dick Waller, Ron Thom and John Demeriez. They were held January 26th and 27th at Glen Meadows and with help from the Masters Leagues in particular, the event proved a smashing success.

With the mix of Lynn Wilson's Sunday League, Special Olympics curlers and their parents, along with players from the Ladies and Mens Masters Leagues, it all went to create an atmosphere reminiscent of small town curling on the prairies.

The Special Olympics Team proudly lived up to their motto: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." as for the Sunday League, most were experiencing their first Bonspiel and brought an enthusiasm to the game that was refreshing. Their curling ability, etiquette and good sportsmanship were what you would expect from Lynn Wilson's efforts.



Chantal Brodeur was to give an outline of the Special Olympics programs but was caught up in the snowstorm, so Mr. Murray, one of the parents, very capably filled in on the spur of the moment expressing thanks for the way the participants welcomed and interacted with the Special Olympics crew.

The mother daughter combination of Dorothy Shortreid and Joyce Mylymok mowed down all opposition until confronting the all male McKay team in the "A" Final. Right off the bat Doug put pressure on McKissock, Bauer and Harper saying, "We can't afford to loose this one." The team responded well at first, but began to fade in the later stages, which prompted Ron Thom to take a shot of rum out to McKay. With the ladies being crowd favourites and pressing hard, it was obvious the McKay team was becoming visibly shaken by the seventh end. Also McKissock and Bauer at this stage were at each other's throat and attracting attention. The last few rocks however, established male dominance.



"A" Event - Doug McKay, Jim McKissock, John Bauer and Glen Harper.



Runner-up - Dorothy Shortried, Barb Shortreid, Joyce Mylymok and Terra Houle

"B" Event winners- Earl Hagen, Carolle Hagen, Edna Bland and Willie Rapatz

"C" Event winners - Jack Spencer, Paul Addison, Bill Greaves and Dan Lord

POLICE ISLAND PLAYDOWNS

Kind of unnoticed in all of this, was the Island Police Playdown for the right to represent the Island at the Provincials in Salmon Arm February 7th to 10th. The **Demeriez team of Ron Thom, Dick Waller and Stu Carmichael** (picture page 7) prevailed over the other three teams to win the "A" Final, while the Rodger Pick team consisting of Ronda Stoner, Bill Foster and George Phipps won the "B" Qualifier.

Due to unfortunate circumstance a number of the players on the winning rinks were unable to compete at the Provincials in Salmon Arm and therefore the qualifying teams joined forces sending two players from each team. Ron Thom and Stu Carmichael represented the Demeriez team, while Bill Foster and Ronda Stoner were selected from the Pick Team. I'm pleased to report they did very well, falling just one game short of making the final to go to the Dominion being held in Kamloops this year.

Major Sponsors of the whole event, were Metro Toyota, Saunder's Subaru, Sports Traders and Glen Meadows Golf and Country Club. In addition some twenty other donors filled a generous prize table. A special thanks to Lynn and Donnamae Wilson, Gary Kaminski, Bill Gostik, Lawrence Woytowich and Dave Bolster. In addition to being a lot of fun the event generated \$1000 for Special Olympic/Victoria.

Curl BC Island Mens and Womens Masters

Playdowns (Region 8-10)

By Dan Eakins

Glen Meadows hosted the 2008 Curl BC Island Masters Playdowns from Friday, February 8th to Sunday February 10th. The Playdowns consisted of eight women's teams and ten men's teams. From these, three women's teams and two men's teams advanced to the BC Provincial Masters Playdowns to be held in Revelstoke March 13-15th. The winners of the Provincials will move on to play at the Masters Canadian Championships in Nanaimo March 31st to April 6th.

Lawrence Woytowich organized the event at Glen Meadows with the support from a large group of volunteers from both the men's and women's Masters Leagues. Volunteers included: Jack Campbell, Ron Juriet, Denis Sutton, Bob Donaldson, Ernie Morgan, Glen Canning, Lynn Wilson and Dan Eakins from the men's Masters and Joyce Mylymok, Sharron Manick, Val Noyes, Marsh Nicholson, Mary Trutman and Donnamae Wilson from the women's Masters. Kathy MacKenzie, the Regional Director from Curl B.C. plus two officials, Don Weeden and Russ Cozens, were in attendance throughout the Playdowns to assure the event was run by the book.

The Glen Meadows women's Masters ran continuous 50/50 ticket sales throughout the three days of the Playdowns, with sales in the vicinity of \$1000.00. The 50% collected from the sale of tickets was divided evenly amongst the three women's teams and two men's teams that advance to the Provincial Masters Playdowns in Revelstoke to help them defray the costs involved.

In addition to being the host club, Glen Meadows had good representation competing at the Island Masters Playdowns. The Glen Meadows Women's Masters League was represented by:

Team Mylymok: Skip Joyce Mylymok, Third Darlene Dressler, Second Jean Attisha and Lead Barb Danbrook.

Three Glen Meadows Men's Masters teams participating were:

Team Canning: Skip Glen Canning, Third Bud Taylor, Second Doug Schneider and Lead Ron Gardner.

Team Wigbers: Skip Wayne Scott, Third Ken Wigbers, Second Paul Addison and Lead Rick Gilmore

Team Wilson: Skip Lynn Wilson, Third Lyle Garraway, Second Dick Waller and Lead Dave Hemsall

Results of the Women's events.

Glen Meadows' Team Mylymok won the women's A Event to advance directly to the Provincials.

Congratulations to Joyce, Darlene, Jean and Barb!

Nanaimo's Team Obee won the women's B1 Event and Comox Valley's Team Sandberg won the women's B2 Event. Both teams also advance to the Provincials. [\(pictures page 7\)](#)

Results of the Men's events.

Glen Meadows' Team Wigbers defeated Glen Meadows Team Wilson in the finals of the men's A Event to advance to the Provincials. Congratulations to Wayne, Ken, Paul and Rick!

Esquimalt's Team Pick defeated Glen Meadows Team Wilson in the finals of the men's B Event to move on to the Provincials. [\(pictures page 7\)](#)

Note: A special thank you from Glen Meadows Curl BC reps Lawrence Woytowich and Joyce Mylymok is extended to all our club members for their assistance. The only complaint received during the playdowns was that there were more volunteers than assignments.

Glen Meadows Reception *hosted by Sharron Manick*

On Saturday Feb 23 our winning teams were recognized. Along with the Provincial Qualifiers Scott and Mylymok rinks, John Demeriez - winner of the PCMCA Guy Philip 70+ and Police Assc. Island Playdowns, and Lynn Wilson winner of the PCMCA Guy Philip 60 +.were honoured.

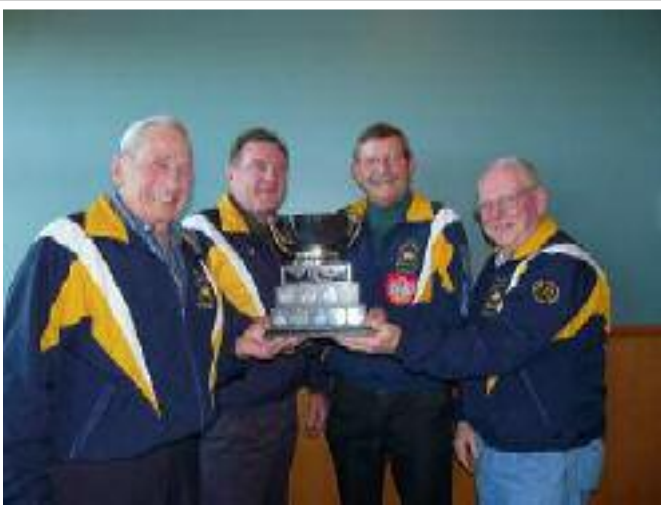
Provincial Qualifiers



Scott, Wigbers, Addison, Gilmore, (coach)



Mylymok, Dressler, Attisha, Danbrook



Police Playdown Winners
Demeriez, Thom, Waller, Carmichael



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PCMCA Zone Playdowns

By Dick Waller

The Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association provides for Zone and Provincial Competition for Masters Club Curlers in the over sixty (Guy Philps) and over seventy (Graham Donaldson) categories. Our zone is the South Island and this year involved teams from Duncan, Kerry Park, Juan de Fuca and Glen Meadows. One team from each category wins a berth to the Provincial Competition to be held this year in Summerland, B.C., February 24th to 28th. This year, zone competition was held at the Juan de Fuca Curling Club, February 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Glen Meadows had three teams competing in the over sixty category and two in the over seventy.

Over Sixties: Glen Canning, Bud Taylor, Schneider, Ron Gardner
Ken Wigbers, Paul Addison, Bob Jones, Rick Gilmore
Lynn Wilson, Lyle Garraway, Dick Waller, Dave Hemsall, 5th Al Mellett

Over Seventies: Earl Hagen, Frank Minty, Ray Yole, Bob Pederson
John Demeriez, Joe Golumbia, Stu Carmichael, Jack Spencer (skipped),
5th Gordon Schnell

In the **Over Sixties Category**, Glen Meadows Teams dominated the competition with the *Lynn Wilson team* winning the "A" Side of the draw and Ken Wigbers the "B" side. The Wilson Rink defeated the very strong Wigbers rink in a close, hard fought final.

The **Over Seventies** competition was a battle between the *John Demeriez/Jack Spencer rink* and Les Dale of Duncan. Dale won the first game by wicking in to the button from an outside guard with his last rock. The Demeriez/Spencer rink then persevered and won the next two matches in very close fought games.

*** WINNERS ***

Over sixty (Guy Philps)

Over seventy (Graham Donaldson)



Wilson Garraway Waller Hemsall



Demeriez Golumbia Carmichael Spencer

Glen Meadows 2008 Masters Bonspiel is a real success !!!!!

By Dave Bolster

Bob Donaldson and his committee did a great job of organizing this event. As well as many hours of preparation, Bob spent all day all four days at the rink. Special thanks to Jim McKissock and John Bauer for looking after scoring, making sure the teams were on the right ice at the right time and providing a constant supply of candy to the players. Bill Cauthers and Pat Clarke spent four days ensuring everyone had multiple opportunities to buy 50/50 tickets. Thanks to these members and all others who helped with the Bonspiel everything ran very smoothly.

This year we had 32 teams registered for the Bonspiel. Teams came from Victoria, Esquimalt, Juan de Fuca, Kerry Park, Duncan and of course Glen Meadows. Actually a great turn out from Glen Meadows with 13 GM teams!

It was a great final day with three Glen Meadows teams finishing in the top places in "A" Event.

"A" Event

1st Lynn Wilson, Lyle Garraway, Dick Waller, Dave Hemsall -- Glen Meadows

2nd Gord Irwin, Jim Milbrath, Gord McMorran, Lyle Wilson -- Glen Meadows

3rd Wayne Scott, Al Mellett, Stu Carmichael, Lyle copeland -- Glen Meadows

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Winners in "B" Event

3rd Cam Hall, John Larkin, Dan Eakins, Dan Lord -- Glen Meadows

Winners in "C" Event

3rd Glen Canning, Bud Taylor, Doug Schneider, Ron Gardner -- Glen Meadows

Winners In "D" Event

2nd Jack Spencer, Joe Golumbia, Gordon Schnell, Bernie Rostek -- Glen Meadows

3rd Don Malins, Roy Meikle, Ralph Marryatt, Barrie Baptie -- Glen Meadows

GLEN MEADOWS MEN'S LEAGUE

By Ron Thom

The Glen Meadows Men's Open was another great success this year for rinks from the Glen Meadows Club. Of the 30 rinks involved, our teams placed in the top 3 positions:

As our curling season is getting ever closer to the club play downs, the following teams are in contention for a playoff spot:

Winners of the Glen Meadows Open:

A Event Clair rink: Doug Clair, John Cooper, Brian Bishop and Wayne Spira.

B Event Fletcher rink: Jason Fletcher, Robin Hutchinson, Randy Hutchinson & Reid Handley

C Event Lovell rink: Kelly Lovell, Dan Kotyk, Chris Lawes & Keith Yeo

D Event Dale Kulyk of the Victoria Curling Club.

Monday Night Men's League

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| Jim Fletcher | 35 points |
| Doug Clair | 30 points |
| Lyle Wilson | 24 points |
| Don Leckie | 19 points |

Thursday Night Men's League

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| Kelly Lovell | 36 points |
| Jim Fletcher | 29 points |
| Jason Fletcher | 28 points |
| John Demeriez | 26 points |

We are not quite ¾ ways through our 1 Man Spiel but will declare a winner by the time we have our year end wrap up on Monday March 31st.

A big round of thanks to all the members of the Men's League for their cooperation and participation in all our events. I'd also like to thank Lee York for all his hard work as draw master for the past two years and Kelly Lovell for his assistance as vice and in particular making the 1 Man Spiel happen. Have a great summer and we'll see you all next season at Glen Meadows.

Masters Report

By Glen Canning

Well folks another curling season is winding down and WOW , what a season it has been for our Master Curlers. All “4” draws of our season have had a full compliment of 96 curlers, which are backed by approximately 20 other curlers who do not want to curl regularly , but are available for spare duty if called at the last moment by our Spare Co-ordinator Jim Milbraith. Keep that name in mind as next season he may be calling.

Our members this season have participated in Inter-Club competitions , Mini Spiel , when a number of our curlers were playing elsewhere in bonspiels , Christmas Turkey Shoot (which is one of the yearly highlites) , and for the first time a Two-Man Bonspiel which proved very popular , and will be attempted again next year.

Local Master bonspiels in Kerry Park, Juan de Fuca, Esquimalt, Victoria and of course our ever popular Masters Spiel were very well attended and our representatives fared very well and won more than a fair share of prize money. The winners have been recognized in our Masters Newsletter and a complete local Masters Bonspiel update appears elsewhere in this issue. Many thanks to Rick Gilmore and Dave Bolster for keeping our members informed via E-Mail. While I am on bonspiels it was sure great to have Lyle “Yah – Yah “ Wilson back from Selkirk ,Manitoba for our Masters Spiel.

As you will also read in this issue we as members are extremely proud of our Masters teams that have made it through Zone play-offs and are off to Summerland and Revelstoke to compete in Provincial competitions. They will represent our club admirably! “Good Luck and Good Curling”.

The Masters Wind-up luncheon and Annual General Meeting will take place on March 28, more information to follow. Get involved by giving your name to any of your executive members and I’m sure there will be a spot for you. As this will probably be my swan song as a reporter I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the members of the Executive that have put up with me over the past 5 years as an Executive member . THANK’S GUY’S



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FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED

The first half ended at Christmas and the winner was David Wright's team ahead with 15 points, 2nd place was a tie between Paul Addison and Stan Hegstrom. David Wright has lost his lead and 2nd, Janet and John Hansen who moved to Crofton and had to withdraw from the Club, we wish David well in getting his new lead and 2nd into shape as the overall winner of Friday mixed will take on the winner of the Wednesday mixed for Club Champs on the 28th of March. We have made up a team of spares to make 8 teams and now we avoid a bye, hope the spare team will join next year as regulars. We are enjoying good curling and with 8 teams we avoid Ice 1 & 6 . This has been a fun league thanks to all the members and we hope to see all at the windup on the 28th ---

A Salute to The 2008 Island Masters Women's Champions

*They stand before us
Masters Champs 2008
A force from Glen Meadows
Could it be more than just fate?
Upon winning they were asked
Have you played together long?
Did they really need more than 2 days
To come out and play strong?
When asked about practice
The stuff needed to win
They said, "we just play"
With a smirk and a grin
Darlene hates bonspiels
And Jean is just back playing
Barb has played forever
And Joyce, well it goes without saying
So what happens now
You might want to know
This rink is headed to Revelstoke
In the mountains and the snow
They'll represent the island
With grace and class
They'll play in the Provincials
Then get home to the green grass
So ladies it is with pride
That we send you on your way
From the whole Glen Meadows crew
There's just one last thing to say
Safe travels and good curling
We sent our wishes and our cheer
And show the rest of the province
We at Glen Meadows can drink our
beer!!!!*

By Theresa Dubas

DAY LADIES CURLING LEAGUE REPORT

February, 2008

It is only a few short weeks before we reach the season's end so preparations for the windup luncheon and annual meeting are underway. There are two teams at the moment that are "tied for first" but that could change in the next 2 weeks so we don't know as yet if a play-off will be necessary.

It has been a difficult time for our spare coordinator as there have been many who have been away for varying periods and those who have been ill or disabled with some injury. Jill Basynt has done a great job in filling the gaps and not often have we been required to play with only three players. Every year, after the Christmas break, we seem to experience this diminishing phenomenon, and we may have to seriously look at the number of teams we form after the New Year. No doubt there will be serious discussion on this point in the future.

On a positive note, we were pleased and proud of our Joyce Mylymok rink who, with a pickup cast of Darlene Dressler, Barb Danbrook & Jean Attisha, won the Ladies Masters Event on February 3rd. They are now off to Revelstoke, B.C., to compete in the Zone playdowns from March 12 to 16th and we send them off with best wishes for a successful and happy experience! The Day Ladies presented them with a cheque to assist them with their expenses.

We were also pleased to see some of our ladies rinks who competed in the Police Spiel were also successful. Dorothy Shortreed with her rink of Joyce Mylymok and their daughters, Barbara and Tara respectively, were runners up in the A event. It was the first time Dorothy and her daughter had ever curled together. Edna Bland played third for Earl Hagen's team and they won the B event. So we can claim some very talented players in the Day Ladies' league. Thank you gals, for your participation in these events.

Our annual meeting on March 17th will be preceded by a fun curling game for those who wish to curl that day. Although our numbers seem to be decreasing, the enthusiasm of those who remain is great!

Gwen Fletcher, President