

New year of play starts at King Curling Club

By Shellee Morning

Now that the golf clubs have taken over the broom's spot in the closet, King's hurry hard crew are more than ready to embark on yet another exhilarating and spirited season of curling.

And, with this being an Olympic year, the eagerness and desire to get back on the ice adds further to the dynamic play on the sheets of King.

King's youth program began as well and the passion of fire has continued from last season, as the junior team took part in their first spiel of the year. The Optimist International held in Oakville went from Sept. 29 to Oct.1 and King's Team Harris represented the club with a keen attitude and a spark in their broom. The Optimist Club in Oakville, a service club dedicated to 'Bringing out the best in Youth,' have supported the youth in Oakville since 1948 and is highly recognized for their commitment to youth. Skip Codie Harris and his squad of Vice Ben Harbridge, Second Matthew Murphy and Lead Jonathan Brunato played in the B Division that included teams from Burlington, Brampton, Hamilton, Kitchener, York, Milton, Acton, Mississauga, Coldwater and Oakville. With two of their games ending in ties, extra ends were needed in both to determine a winner. The boys were sharp, focused and determined throughout the schedule. The King team didn't disappoint, as the first extra-end game concluded with a win and the second was only lost by a single point. The boys finished second, earning a spot in the playoffs. Unfortunately, the rocks didn't curl in their favour, resulting in a loss. Team Harris did finish in the money prize round, to which the boys decided to put their winnings toward extra ice time for practise.

'They are a good strong team, and I look forward to the season this year, and watching some great curling,' Coach Julie Oakley commented.

The boys played as a team last year and have formed a great bond that we're sure to hear about a lot more as the year progresses. Oakley also said that they have moved up a level from the TCA division to the Goldline division for this year.

Ladies League

Rocks were in action this past week to a house bustling with enthusiasm and a new found energy.

It was music to our ears as the sound of granite connected within the hits and the hurry hard crew were back to shouting for the sweepers to sweep. The vivacity grew with a momentum that not only echoed across the ice, but it seemed to be contagious among the club's top women curlers.

The Tuesday night Ladies League opened the club's 2017-18 season in which is once again anticipated to be another great year of curling.

This year's 10-team league roster is host to returning teams as well as a few new ones, all vying for the inevitable Ladies League Champion.

Last week's winners on the first draw were Oakley, Morning, Bones and Abbotts. The late draw featured new Skip Jodi Bellaera-Reid against Team Anne Jessop. The game went back and forth between each other for the entire eight-end game, resulting in the close win of 5-3 for Bellaera-Reid.

As the clubs many leagues get underway for the 2017-18 season, the Board of Directors, convenors and the many dedicated volunteers would like to wish everyone continued success and a great season of curling. Keep calm and curl on!