

Social leagues crown 2014 champions, as curling season heads into 2015

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For the King Curling club, 2014 has come to an end.

But not without crowning the first half champions in the club's Social Leagues.

Three different, but exciting, playoff rounds have been completed and the winning teams have all been determined.

The Wednesday night Social League featured Team Sowerby versus Team Heise for the title. A tough battle to the bitter end, it was Team Sowerby who claimed victory earning league championship. Congratulations to Skip John Sowerby, Tom Ellison, Sue DiFebo and Barb Ellison.

Consolation champions were Skip Chris Welch, Eric Heise, Mike ?Blister? O'Hara and Judy Trip after a great game that went end for end against Team Patrick Lee.

The Friday night Social League crowned its champions after an exciting close game between Teams Duffy and Kyle Barber. Winning Skip Gerry Duffy, our local Scottish Nook entrepreneur, and his team of Stephen Niepage, Rick Yates and Tamara Niepage, played a strategic game of accurate weight setting the house in their favour. Barber kept the game close with the exception of one end, when the Duffy team collected the extra point, securing the lead into the eighth frame.

The consolation championship title went to Skip Shellee Morning (Jody LaPlante spared) and her team of Darryl Firth and Chris and Suzanne Fielder. Runner-up was Team Quick.

League Convenor Rosie Kamstra would like to extend a very big thank you to all that donated toward the Friday Night League's food drive. Under the lounge Christmas tree was a full box of various items that were donated with pride to the community's local food bank.

And finally, the Sunday night Social League champions were Team Howard. Skip Diane Howard, Gary Boose (Anne Jessop spared), Nicholus Beck and Sheila Kelly prevailed over regular season first place winners (yet another close scoring game) Team Heise. Both Heise and Howard benefitted from great shots by their mates, making it a great and fun game to be part of.

Wrapping paper, bows, ribbons and of course the traditional Christmas meal are all now behind us as we await the beginning of 2015 play. The year welcomes new teams, new challenges and new friendships for the Social Leagues and as they eagerly await the start of their second half to the curling season. The club congratulates everyone for a successful first half and wishes all its members continued success and good curling for 2015.



Tamara Niepage delivers her stone towards victory during the club's Friday Night Social League Championship game.