

## 2012 – Hamilton & District Men’s Bonspiel Enhancements

The Hamilton & District Men’s Bonspiel in the past two years has introduced a number of changes to encourage greater involvement and enjoyment for all potential participants. In our continuing efforts to achieve greater participant satisfaction we are incorporating several additional changes to the 2012 event.

The majority of these changes are incorporated into the 2012 Hamilton & District Rules which are posted on the HACA web site. For further clarification following is a list of the 2012 event changes to the Men’s bonspiel.

### Competition Dates:

- The bonspiel will run from Monday Jan 9 to Sunday Jan. 15, 2012. All three divisions will be conducted under the existing double knock out rules

### 2012 Divisions:

- **Intermediate Division:** We are eliminating the Intermediate division do to lack of suitable number of competitors. The introduction of this division was an attempt to grow the entry numbers. This did not occur and in fact the majority of the teams that did participate in this division pulled down the enrolment in the open division.
- **Open Division:** Age 16+. This division will compete Wednesday, Thursday evenings & all day Saturday, Sunday [No Friday curling].
- **Seniors Division:** Age 55+. This division will be a daytime competition commencing Monday & concluding with Friday finals.
- **Masters Division:** Age. 65+. This division will be daytime competition commencing Monday & concluding with Friday finals.

### Event Timing:

- All evening first draws will commence at 6:45pm sharp followed by planned second draw time of 9:00pm
- The 1hour and 50 minute rule will be strictly enforced at all venues for all divisions throughout the bonspiel. No end shall be allowed to commence after 1 hour and 50 minutes of playing time has elapsed unless the game is tie. Then only extra ends are allowed to break the tie. The timing clock may be stopped at the discretion of the host umpire for any unusual and/or game determining circumstance only.

### Miscellaneous:

- **OCA. Competition Rule:** Rule #4 governing OCA. competitions has been changed to drop the current year reference.
- **Commemorative Pins:** We are discontinuing the distribution to all participants of annual commemorative pins. A small quantity of 2012 pins will be made available to all curling club coordinators for sale to interested individuals @ cost.
- **Dundas Valley G&CC construction:** New clubhouse construction will be underway during the 2012 bonspiel. There will be no locker room facilities available. Come dressed in curling apparel and carry in all curling shoes.