

GM Masters Team Wins South Island Zone Playdowns

Over the weekend while you were watching the Continental Cup in Las Vegas on television there was a terrific battle on the ice in Esquimalt that included a number of teams from Glen Meadows. It was the South Island Zone playdowns for the Pacific Coast Masters Curling Association (PCMCA).

In the 70+ category our team of **Lynn Wilson, Foster Roze, Jim Begg and Grant Marshall** finished as Runners Up to the Merriam rink. The final game was better than the games on TV from Las Vegas. It was decided in the 8th end by a last rock double take out on a Wilson rock covering the button guarded by another well placed rock just outside the 12 foot. Cliff Merriam made a miraculous shot to win the game.

In the 60+ category our Glen Meadows Senior Competitive team skipped by Lawrence Woytowich, who was the defending champion for the zone, beat out the Danderfer team to remain the South Island PCMCA 60+ champions. **Congratulation** to the team, consisting of **Lawrence Woytowich, Steve Beggs, Bud Harbidge and Paul Addison.**



The Woytowich team will now go on to the Provincial Championship to be held in Salmon Arm in March.

The other Glen Meadows team competing in the competition, which did not make it to the finals, consisted of **Jack Campbell, Ken Wigbers, Dave Bolster and Bob Powell.**

Today at Glen Meadows I chatted with Lawrence about the playdowns; below I relate that conversation for your enjoyment:

Dan..... With your last year's Zone win and previous provincial success why not go with your regular team of Lynn Wilson, Wayne Scott and Frank Nash?

Lawrence..... That would have been the normal choice, but Lynn formed his own Glen Meadows PCMCA 70+ team, Wayne had a holiday conflict and Frank decided to take a year off curling.

Dan..... How was the new team formed?

Lawrence..... Well losing one's complete lineup is a little disconcerting. I think Wayne felt guilty abandoning the team and knowing I really had no intentions of competing without him and Lynn, however he personally recruited this team for me. It was handed to me on a platter, nice eh?

Dan..... What was it like going into a major competition with no experience as a team whatsoever?

Lawrence..... I was pleasantly surprised. It seemed as if no one knew what to expect, so there was absolutely no pressure.

Dan..... How difficult were the playdowns?

Lawrence..... The competition was definitely stronger than last year, but it really felt like we were in control of every game by the 5th end. In the six games of the playdowns we never gave up more than two points in any end. Besides like I have always said, we are very fortunate at Glen Meadows to have a great pool of Masters to draw from.

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