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EME National

2ND ANNUAL COLONEL KAREN RITCHIE
MEMORIAL EME BONSPIEL – 8-11 APRIL 2010

INTRODUCTION

1. The tradition keeps on going. The Maintainers of 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (2 CMBG), of 2 Area Support Group (2 ASG), and of Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Petawawa are pleased to host the 2nd Annual Colonel Karen Ritchie Memorial EME Bonspiel, to be held at CFB Petawawa and the Pembroke Curling Club from 8-11 April 2010. Every year, the Committee works hard to build on the success of previous years and continues with the European Draw format. Similar to last year, forty teams will have the opportunity to participate.

GENERAL CONDUCT OF EVENT

2. The event will be hosted in Petawawa at the Pembroke Curling Club. Transportation will be available from the Base to the Curling Club.
3. Here is an overview of the various activities that will take place:
 - a. The Meet & Greet will be held at the Pembroke Curling Club Thursday 8 April 2010 at 1700 hrs;
 - b. The Opening Ceremonies will take place at the Pembroke Curling Club on Friday 9 April at 1000 hrs with your host and the guests of honor;
 - c. The Traditional Banquet will be held at CFB Petawawa's Reichwald Warrants & Sergeants Mess on Saturday 10 April. A reception cocktail will take place at 1800 hrs and dinner will be served at 1830 hrs; and
 - d. The Closing Ceremonies will take place on Sunday 11 April at approximately 1330 hrs, at which time prizes will be presented.

TEAM REGISTRATION AND TOURNAMENT RULES

4. Forty teams only will compete to accommodate a smaller curling facility. Cost per entry will be \$240 per team. A spare will cost an additional \$25.
5. The European Draw format uses a system of points awarded based on wins and ties, number of ends controlled, and number of points scored in a game. Each team will play five games during the Bonspiel. After the first game, teams will be pitted against opponents of a similar level of competition.

The competition commences at 1200 hrs, Thursday 8 April, and finishes on Sunday 11 April 2009. A total of 21 teams will be awarded prizes; the top four finishers in each of A through E events and a special consolation prize for the most honest team. The rules of curling for general play as set out by the Canadian Curling Association, including the four-rock Free Guard Zone regulation, will be in effect. The one exception is that tie games will be registered as a tie and no extra ends or skip stones will be used to break the tie.

6. A maximum of forty teams are to register for the Bonspiel on a first-come first-served basis. I highly recommend that you get your entry in quickly because the interest in this event has been strong to date. Again, entry fees are \$240 per four-man team with a cost of \$25 for each spare. If sufficient individual entries are received, the In-Charge (IC) of Registration will make arrangements to assign people to teams. Fees include Traditional Banquet tickets for each player. Extra Banquet tickets are available at a cost of \$25 per person. Registration must be received complete with the entry fee before 19 February 2010. Although this is the cut off date for registration, if forty entries are received prior to this date, it will be impossible to accommodate every team. Therefore, Registration Forms should be returned as soon as possible (enclosed at Annex A).

7. Due to the operational tempo, accommodations on base are extremely limited. However, a block of rooms at the Petawawa Quality Inn & Suites has been set aside for this event; the government rate starts at \$119.95/night. Please ensure you book a room early, as the rooms are only set aside for this event until 28 February 2010. In addition, there are many hotels and motels between Petawawa and Pembroke. If you require assistance in securing accommodations, please do not hesitate to contact the IC Accommodations, MCpl N. Barrett at (613) 687-5511-5655.

8. As always, we thank our sponsors for the tremendous co-operation and we are confident that you will find this year's event as enjoyable as previous years.

9. Please ensure this letter is widely distributed to all EME personnel within your local area. I look forward to seeing you in Petawawa. If further information is required please contact one of the following Committee members:

- a. The Chairman, Major G. Olivier, at (613) 687-5511-5418;
- b. The Assistant Chairman, Second Lieutenant W. Lister, at (613) 687-5511-6075; or
- c. The Registration OPI, Mr Tom Hummel, at (613) 687-5511-6209.

Arte et Marte.



A.T. Benson
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Commanding Officer

Annex A Registration Form