



The Sweep

Royal Kingston Curling Club

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A word from your President Wayne Gilmour...

Hi Everyone!

I trust you are all having an excellent Summer and that you are looking forward to another year of good curling in the Fall.

The Club looks TERRIFIC!! The Lounge Enhancement Committee has worked very hard and I must say their labour has been successful. The new colours in the Club and the new furniture around the fireplace make the lounge a much warmer place to relax after the game and enjoy a beverage with our friends and guests.

Graham has been working hard with his rentals and upkeep of the building all Summer. We're definitely one step closer to becoming a year-round facility.

The Board has decided not to increase the membership dues for this season. We all know that the costs of utilities, taxes and wages will increase, so I ask that you support our pro shop, bar and sponsors. This way we can try to maintain and keep our dues as low as possible.

John Berry and Vic Matthews have been working hard to find ways of improving our ice conditions. This is not an easy fix because we are still learning about our new facility. Things are being done though and I'm sure our ice conditions will improve.

I want to thank all of you for showing confidence in making me your President for the next two years. I

promise to work hard to make sure our Club remains the best around. I know I have big shoes to fill "Bigfoot Tureski" but with the help from an excellent Board of Directors that I have been blessed with, I am confident we will do what's best for the future of The Royal Kingston Curling Club.

I am looking forward to seeing you all this year.

Good Curling!

OPEN HOUSE & BARBECUE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008
12 NOON to 3:00 P.M.**

BBQ
Jumbo Hot Dog or Hamburger,
Beans & Corn on the Cob
\$4.00

TOURS
See all the new lounge
enhancements

INFORMATION KIOSK
Check out the great plans
and events for the coming Season

BRING A NEIGHBOR
BRING A FRIEND
Introduce someone to our great game
And to our fantastic facility!

Advertising Committee

Bruce Jeffery

Your 2008-09 Advertising Committee is made up of Bruce Jeffery, Dan O'Neill, Garry Dupuis and Brad Finch. We got off to a great start by getting all invoices mailed out to existing advertisers in early June, and as of this writing, we had received/confirmed payments from 26 of 51 companies. So far only one Wall Advertiser has dropped out and we have added three new companies. We are still trying to fill the Ice Advertising position for Sheet #5. Your Committee is working hard to maximize the revenue available to the Club through various advertising opportunities.

Evening and Day Ladies Opening Pot Luck Dinner

Monday, September 29, 2008
Coctails 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Meet new friends and greet the old
One is silver and the other gold

Come and enjoy RKCC's opening
pot luck dinner!!

It's a chance to welcome new
members and chat with friends we
haven't seen in some time
As in the past, new members do
not participate in bringing a
potluck dish,
they simply enjoy the delightful
variety of food that our members
have prepared.

Friends, food and fun – can't think
of a better way to get the curling
season started.

See you on the 29th.

Zak Sieben and Sandy Duncan

RKCC Day Ladies

Nancy Page

I hope everyone is having a good Summer, and spending lots of time at the golf course, bowling green, cottage and horse shows! Fall is not far away and I am looking forward to our third season of curling on Days Road.

I would like to say 'Congratulations' to the following teams who made it to the playoffs:

Betty Bush, Mary Dupuis, Nona Mariotti, Dora Milton
April Welsh, Betty Doherty, Nancy Gray, Sheila McHenry

Betty Bush, Helen Noble, Pat Hardy, Cathie Bolton
Tish LaVallee, Dorothy Hector, Pat Young, Linda Watts-Dagnone

Playoffs were held over three days and April Welsh's team was the overall winner.

Championship night was held on April 18th. The Welsh Team was narrowly defeated by the Evening Ladies Team skipped by Betty Bush.

The City Championships were held on April 29th and our 'A Flight' Team of Joan Doucet, Mary Smith, Helen Noble and Claire Dominik represented RKCC, defeating Cataraqui in their first game but losing to Garrison in the final.

The RKCC Curling Committee has been working hard over the Spring and Summer to make sure our 2008-09 curling season is a success. In order that all sections have the best possible ice, there is now more time between games for ice maintenance, and, as such, there have been some changes in the ice scheduling. Lin, Lois and myself spent a long morning working out our schedule and are confident that the calendar offers something for everyone.

As most of you know, our section has been 'full to overflowing' for the past two years. We managed to get some extra ice time last year, but many Ladies were not happy playing later on Tuesdays. This season, our Section has been allotted additional ice time for Club Curling on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Our Club Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:45 and 1:15.

Club curling will consist of four draws, and will commence on Tuesday, September 30th. Please make sure you get your Card of Intent filled out and returned to us no later than September 10th.

We do have a slight change to our Flight Schedules. In order to provide the best possible ice conditions for every section, it is necessary for us to start our Wednesday morning 'A' Flight Games at 8:30.am. 'B' Flight will start at 1:15 pm. These teams are 'self-chosen' and, YES, you can play in both leagues. The only restriction is that 'Rated Skips' cannot play in 'B' Flight.

Flight curling will have practice times on Wednesday, October 1st, with games commencing on Wednesday October 8th. Cards of Intent are due by September 10th.

The 'Mixed Pick-Up' Curling is now going to be held on Friday mornings at 10:45. This is a great chance to come out and play for practice and fun.

The 'Stick League' is another way for the Day Ladies to get in more time on the ice. These six-end games will be played on Wednesdays at 10:45 and 12:00.

The 'Buzzer System' has been slightly altered to ensure fair play. This season the buzzer will sound 1 hour and 30 minutes after the start of your game. At this time, you will finish the end you are on and then play one more end. This will be strictly enforced at all games this season.

The Curling Club will be opening the last week in September, with Day Ladies holding their Open house and Practice Curling from 1 – 3 pm on Tuesday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 24. Bring a friend and introduce them to our game!

The first Skips' meeting will be held on the morning of Thursday, September 27th. Our AGM will be held on Thursday, September 25th at 1pm and I encourage all Day Ladies – new and returning - to attend this meeting.

The Ladies Opening Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Monday September 29th. It is the Day Ladies turn to organize this event and I'm sure Sandy, Zak and their team will do a superb job!

See you in September...

Evening Ladies

Betty Bush

Welcome to the 2008-2009 curling season. Your Executive hopes you are looking forward to meeting new and returning faces on the ice this year.

A few dates to remember:

September 29 – Ladies Potluck Supper – Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. All are welcome. Please bring your favourite dish for us to enjoy. New members just come – no dish required – please be our guests.

October 1 – Club Curling begins – Mary Skeggs Convenor, Karen Peters, Assistant Games are Wednesdays at 6 and 8 P.M. - there will be 4-6 game draws

For your benefit there will be instruction available every Wednesday at 5:30. If you need help with your delivery then this is for you!!!

Note: New Buzzer Rule – Buzzer will sound ½ hour before the end of the scheduled ice time. At this time the current end shall be completed and one additional end will be played.

October 6 – Flight Curling begins – Lil Rynbend Convenor – Self chosen teams – Mondays alternating between 5:10 and 7:15 and Thursdays (2 sheets) at 5:10 if necessary

November 15 - Ladies Annual Bonspiel – Mary Paterson and committee are convening "Christmas in November" and have been very busy planning. They hope to attract 24 teams again this year.

March 11 – Bring a Friend Night – Organized by Lynn Witheridge and Pam Davison – Open for all members to introduce a friend to our great game. On ice instruction and a short game will be played followed by munchies.

March 28 – In-Club Rated Bonspiel – Only for members of RKCC - Convenors Betty Bush and Linda Lott. Last year many curlers had their first taste of a bonspiel and had a great time.

April 15 – Ladies Closing Dinner – Open to all RKCC ladies – Lynn and Pam on behalf of the Evening Ladies will host you to a wonderful dinner followed by entertainment.

Congratulations to these 2007-08 Evening Ladies' teams -

Flight Champions – Mary Paterson, Joanne Manion, Mary Skeggs and Kathy King

Club Champions & Winners of the City Championship – Betty Bush, Renee LeClair, Joanne Gizzi, and Karen Peters

Your Executive for the 2008-2009 season –

Chairperson – Betty Bush

Vice Chairperson – Linda Lott

Past Chairperson – Colleen Bennett

Secretary – Gwen Mitchell

Special Events – Lynn Witheridge and Pam Davison

Club Curling – Mary Skeggs

Assistant Club – Karen Peters

Flight – Lil Rynbend

OCA – Linda O'Sullivan

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to approach any of the above.

May you have a fun-filled and successful season.

From your Curling Committee

NEW FOR 2008 – 09

The Buzzer will now sound ½ hour before the end of the scheduled ice time.

The end being played shall be completed and one additional end will complete the game. (This applies to ALL sections.)

Junior Curling

Renee LeClair

It is hard to believe that the 2007/08 season came to an end so quickly! Being the Junior convenor makes life busy but the curlers and volunteers in the program make it so worthwhile – even fun!

First, the Good Stuff ---- Congratulations to all curlers who played in Championship Night and the

City Championships. RKCC is proud to call you members of the club – for your play and your sportsmanship. The Junior team who participated in the City Championships played a very experienced team from Cataraqi. The game went down to the final end. Cataraqi won but our RKCC team played phenomenally well. They should be proud of themselves! The team line-ups are below but may not be in the order of actual position played as the teams were free to switch their order.

Bantam Winners: Shannon Maxwell, Leah Maxwell, Kaitlyn Welch, Jonathan Pap

Bantam Runners-Up: Ross Fabbro, Dylan Welch, Kevin Gibson, Adam Ray

Junior Winners (City Championship Runners-Up): Peter Andersen, Zack Hawley, Nick Couckuyt, Robbie Meyers

Junior Runners-Up: Nick Schroeder, Brendan Coughlin, Michael Suenaga, Matt Walsh

We are changing the program for the 2008/09 Season. Last Season there was interest in a club league for the curlers in the badge programs (Red badge and up). The younger curlers will still curl from 12:00 to 2:00. For these younger curlers, we are going to section off two sheets of ice (instead of only one sheet like last year on Sheet 6 for the Little Rocks).

That means more younger players will have the opportunity to continue playing on ½ sheet of ice.

The curlers in the Red Badge program and above will begin their curling days at 2:00 with 50 minutes of instruction, followed by a short 10-minute break, and league play will run from 3:00-4:30. This gives us time for a 6-end game. My thanks to the RKCC Curling Committee and management for giving us this extra ½ hr of time each week. For this 2:00 group, during the first two weeks, curlers will receive instruction from 2:00-4:00. We will rate you and place you on a team – trying our best to get evenly matched teams.

For curlers who wish to continue playing in the Eastern Ontario league, we will make arrangements for you to continue practicing and receiving instruction when you are not out-of-town for league play. Or, you can spare in the league play!

I am, as always, looking for more volunteers. I really need assistance in running the Junior/Bantam bonspiel on November 8 and 9. I had a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers last year – but discovered that I really need more help! Most of the work will involve either keeping track of the draws and/or helping to get the food organized (I buy most of the food pre-made so it won't be a lot of work – just set up and clean up). A sign-up sheet will be available on our bulletin board at the club. Even if you can come to help out with one meal, it would be very much appreciated.



LANDINGS STICK LEAGUE

The Landings Stick League begins Wednesday, 1 October 2008 at 11:00 am.

We commend this League to Club curlers and newcomers. We play once a week, generally at 11 and 12 on Wednesdays. We work on a friendly atmosphere, rather than cut-throat competition. The teams consist of only two players, and games are restricted to six ends, so the games are only an hour long. It is of special interest to the following:

- a. new curlers who are intimidated by the standard form of delivery due to bad knees or other physical problem (or feel a little old to learn this more complicated method of delivery)
- b. new curlers who are intimidated by entering a new activity, in which they are social strangers (We play a round-robin, so that every team will, in the year, meet every other player, and the format puts you side by side with another player who is biting his/her knuckles in uncertainty over the amount of ice to give, or what shot to call).
- c. members who are thinking of converting to stick as their bones complain
- d. members who want to learn more about reading the ice, and the strategy of the game (you will have to make the decisions!)

- e. stick curlers who enjoy a chance to improve their skill

The games are fun, and while we all do our best, it is the personal challenge of learning to deliver the rock with the stick better, and at the same time, having to learn how to read the ice, how to build an end or destroy an opponent, in a friendly, "it is not the Brier" atmosphere, that makes the League a pleasure.

At the closing lunch in March, the Committee noted our concerns about scheduling and ice maintenance. We were not slick in the playoff management. As a result, the League Committee has been expanded to include Diane Labrie and Joan Roantree, and we have been welcomed to schedule discussion with the Curling Committee.

The Curling Committee has been most helpful, and has incorporated these provisions into the 2008/09 Schedule:

- a. The ice will be maintained just before our first game at 11:00
- b. The Committee found alternate dates for us in February-April to reduce schedule gaps due to the string of bonspiels on Wednesdays during that period.
- c. We have been allotted Friday, December 12th for a fun spiel and lunch (we will give details later).

We will post the team lists at the Club as soon as we receive the Cards of Intent, and for those who provide us with Email addresses, we will confirm by Email. For those who do not wish Email communications, we will contact you by phone.

For those joining us for the first time, we will talk to you separately, explaining where schedule information is posted and arranging personal contact at the Club for the first game. If you have not found a partner, we will find a team-mate. We want to make sure that you are comfortable with this new venture.

League Committee decisions for the coming year are these:

- a. We must complete playing each game within the allotted one hour, and if the play is slow, then the game will have to be decided in fewer ends. For this reason, among others, we do not want mid-sheet consultations, as they slow play. (To get ice maintenance before we play, and to allow ice maintenance for the Day Ladies who start at 1:15, it is mandatory that we finish within the allotted one hour per game.)
- b. Tie games will be resolved by having a designated player from each team drawing for "closest to the button". We do not have time for a more elaborate method, and we do not expect any suicides over this method.
- c. Select substitutes from the "Substitute List", and if you can't get one this way, you are free to ask any other player in the Stick League.

The Landings Stick League Committee is open to comment and suggestion, and includes:

Phil Neatby	(613) 389-1519 (pneatby@primus.ca)
Bill Worthy	(613) 389-3077
Diane Labrie	(613) 549-6856
Joan Roantree	(613) 546-9657

From your Curling Committee

NEW FOR 2008 – 09

Mixed Curling
and
Learn to Curl
Everyone Welcome

Friday – 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Just show up and
play for a great time!

Dominik, Bill Duffe, Dan O'Neill, Jim Rines, Mary Stevenson, Mike Tureski, Sylvia Wright, Steve Vermeer, John Koronyi and Betty Bush have been meeting bi-weekly during the Spring and Summer. Many hours have been spent making plans so that you will find your Club more inviting, relaxing and esthetically pleasing.

Some plans have been completed and others are a work in progress.

Painting – The lounge, entranceway, lobby and hallway have been painted.

Windows – The windows have been tinted and glare in the lounge and on the ice will be substantially reduced.

Ceiling - New tiles that have a greater sound absorbency than those now in place have been ordered.

Room dividers – Moveable dividers and planters are being built and will be strategically placed for privacy in the lounge.

Pictures, Banners, Donor Board and Wall of Fame – Pictures and banners are now in place and the Carrie Cole painting sits prominently above the fireplace.

Many of these improvements would not have been accomplished without the volunteers who prepared the walls for painting by taking down pictures and banners and who so willingly gave of their time to hang them up once the painting was completed.

We hope you like what the Committee has done and we thank you for the opportunity to enhance your Club.



Lounge Committee Report

Betty Bush

Your Lounge Committee of Glenda Bauder, Claire

Membership and Curling Development

Dave Bracken

Mark on your calendars the following:

September 21 – Open House Barbeque (See Box for details)

September 23, 24, and 25 – Free Curling Clinic

Everyone is invited to come out to the opening barbeque and Curling Clinics. Let as many of your friends know as possible. This is a great way for your friends to try curling. Show them you care by offering to bring them to the club and participate in the clinics with them. Remember that the clinics are free and it gives all of us a chance to get back into the curling mode. It is up to all of us to try and find new members for the club.

From your Curling Committee

NEW FOR 2008 – 09

We recommended to the Board of Directors that fees for the 2008 – 2009 Season not be increased and the Board supported this motion.

Evening Men's Section

Gord Rogers

Welcome to all returning and a special welcome to all potential new curlers. Last year was a very successful year and we all hope this year will be even better.

One of the changes that the members have been asking for is the ability to try and complete the games on time and not be starting late on buzzed games. To this end the curling committee has decided to start all early games this year at 5:10, rather than 5:15. This will allow an extra five minutes for ice maintenance between the two early draws. Also coupled with this is the change of the

buzzer system so that it will now go off 90 minutes after the scheduled start (i.e. 6:40, 8:45, and 10:45) and that the teams will finish the end they are playing plus one. In this way, you will always know when you are playing the final end instead of guessing if it's close to the buzzer.

Club curling was again extremely busy last year, with no draw having less than 20 teams, and many draws having 24 teams. This year, we should be able to accommodate 24 teams on Monday nights and the same on Thursday nights. Monday early times will alternate with Evening Ladies Flight once again and schedules have been done up accordingly. Thursday night curling will be at 5:10 and 7:15 and probably some games at 9:15, depending on the size of the draw.

In an effort to satisfy all existing members, we will ask that each of you send in your applications and cards of intent by September 10th latest to ensure your spot for this year. Please fill in your cards of intent indicating Club (Monday and/or Thursday) and/or Flight. We will hold all the spots from existing Flight teams until Sept 12. After that it will be opened up to any new Flight teams that wish to sign up on a first come, first served basis. As for Club, the spots will be assigned again on a first-come first- served basis so we encourage you to get your cards in early, as we are still limited by how many teams we can put on the ice for these nights.

Club teams will be formed on Saturday, September 27th with play starting on Monday, September 29th and Thursday club starting October 9th. Flight will start Tuesday, September 30th and each skip will be advised of their start time on Saturday the 27th.

We are hoping to have all this information posted on the website by Sunday, September 30th.

The application and cards of intent you are receiving with this sweep is also on the website and available if you need to download additional copies www.royalkingston.com

Our main method of communication last year was via email and I encourage all members to provide their email address if they have one so that we can keep you updated.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their Summer and I look forward to seeing everybody again this Fall.

From your Curling Committee

NEW FOR 2008 – 09

We are committed to finding frequent and effective ways of communicating with and among our members. It is our hope that members will contribute to a monthly newsletter on the RKCC website. Share your team's successes and anecdotes with your fellow clubmates. See Notice Board for more information!

Mixed Curling

Erwin Batalla

Tony Bush and I, the convenors of the Mixed Curling section, hope you are having an excellent Summer. Last year, fifty-four Mixed teams participated in three divisions. We hope that many teams will return this year, and that other teams will join in the fun.

At the end of last season, we conducted an informal survey via e-mail. Many teams indicated that they were satisfied with the present format, though it was generally agreed that Saturday curling is not as popular, but cannot be avoided. Fewer games were forfeited during the past season, and we hope that all teams continue to make every effort to play their games as scheduled. We will fine-tune the playoff format to avoid crossover between the three divisions. Tony will continue with the website, which received a lot of positive feedback. We will review some of the rules for Mixed Curling based on the survey comments. At Board meetings, I will continue to forward your comments about playing conditions. Thank you for taking the time to respond.

This year, we plan to continue with three divisions: A-competitive; B-semi-competitive; C-recreational. Teams in the competitive division will vie for the Club championship, while other teams will compete for the championship of their respective divisions. With this format, you can expect to play on Saturday for two out of every five weekends. Every team will have the opportunity to play 21 games during the season.

The season will kick off on Friday, October 3 with the opening social. We will welcome players from all the divisions on that evening and arrange to play short games with teams assembled at random. This will be a great opportunity to meet many other mixed curlers and especially to welcome new mixed curlers. The regular round-robin will begin the following weekend (Friday October 10 and Saturday October 11).

On November 22, there will be a recreational bonspiel open to teams from B and C divisions. This is earlier than last year to avoid the December rush.

Tony and I and the rest of the Mixed Curling Committee: Gail and Jim Irving, April Welsh and Brian Collingwood, Pam and Roger Taylor, Dean and Deanne Clark, and Barb and Terry Barker wish you all an excellent season.

From your Curling Committee

A great deal of discussion has occurred between the Curling Committee and the Ice Chair. As a result, we look forward to improvements in ice conditions.

Report from Special Events

Dave Wolovick

The 2008 City Championships

The 2008 City Championships were held at the Garrison Curling Club on Saturday April 26, 2008. Winners from the three Local Curling Clubs competed for the prestigious City Championships. RKCC were victorious in four of the events.

RKCC teams that were victorious at the City Championships were:

Secker, Ross and Perry Trophy - Men's Flight Championship

Royal Kingston Curling Club
 Skip Sean Meleschuk
 Vice Rich Polk
 Second Scott Buckley
 Lead Graham Weatherby

Ashie Auto Sales Trophy - Men's Club Championship

Royal Kingston Curling Club
 Skip Chris Barkley
 Vice Steve Miller
 Second Dave Burke
 Lead Dave Bracken

Doron Auto and Radiator Repair Trophy - Ladies Club Championship

Royal Kingston Curling Club
 Skip Betty Bush
 Vice Renee LeClair
 Second Joanne Gizzi
 Lead Karen Peters

Ashie Leasing Trophy - Seniors Championship

Royal Kingston Curling Club
 Skip Larry Waller
 Vice Rich Waller
 Second Grant Paterson
 Lead Don Hutchinson

Congratulations to all of our representatives.

2008 Opening Bonspiel

Our Opening Bonspiel will be held on Sept 27, 2008. Please fill out your entry form that comes with your

cards of intent. Maximum numbers would be 96. We look forward to seeing many of our current and new curlers come out. Remember spouses cannot curl on the same teams. I am always looking for volunteers to help out. If you can help, please contact Dave Wolovick at 613-384-0708.

2008 Golf Tournament

Steve Quinn

The 4th annual RKCC Golf Tournament was held on 12th June at Camden Braes in ideal weather with a record 141 participants. It was followed by an excellent steak & salmon BBQ dinner at the Curling Club.

I would like to thank all the participants, the volunteers who prepared and served the meal, those who contributed and/or canvassed for prize donations, and anyone else who helped make this event such a huge success. This event raised \$3,449.22 for our Club (not including bar profits).

Not only was this an excellent fund-raising event, but also a very good social gathering long after the curling season ended.

We have already booked next year at Camden Braes for Thursday, 11th June. Please mark your calendars and be sure to sign up early next year.

Have a great summer and see you in September.

Ice Conditions

John Berry

As members know, ice conditions during the latter part of last Season were not great. We are working on many fronts to resolve the problems and some of the steps taken, or to be taken, are listed below:

- We have had an OCA Rep come in, and suggest possible refinements to our operations; we are currently studying his recommendations.
- We have made contact with an ice plant controls manufacturer and have received a

site visit from them to determine installation, price, and compatibility with our plant; of more accurate control systems.

- We have done extensive investigation into modifications to our heating system, and changes are being made.
- Dehumidification of the Ice Shed has been a concern, and modifications to the equipment are being made.

There are many factors affecting ice conditions, and during the upcoming season changes will be made singularly over a spread of time to determine the effect; good or bad.

We are asking our membership to bear with us during the trial and error period; our end objective is to have good ice throughout the entire season.