



The Sweep

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A word from your president Wayne Gilmour...

Hello Everyone,

I would like to welcome everyone to RKCC for the 2008-2009 Curling Season. So far it has been a relatively smooth term for me in office. I want to thank our capable staff for all their hard work, especially during our recent power outage. In particular I would like to thank *Graham, Gerry, Rod, John Berry* and *Vic Matthews* for their quick reactions and putting in long hours, as well as Beehler Brothers Electrical Contractors (Bill) for their help and great work. We are now back to normal running conditions.

Our membership is strong again this year, with over 600 members. My pledge to you is that when you walk through that front door, its because you want to be here. This is your quality time. Any concerns can be brought to myself, Graham, or any other member of the Board. I am very happy with the Lounge Enhancement Committee's work. They have made the club a warmer and less noisy place to enjoy. I want to thank Rod and Terry for all the hard work they've put in to ensure that our ice is as good as possible. I might warn you though, that they will be diligent in protecting their work. If you lay down after you deliver or leave your hands on the ice leaving palm prints, your skip will be told. These marks can affect the running path of the rocks and make more work for our ice men. A new cleaning company has been hired and they seem to be doing a good job.

Bob and Diane Payne have recently resigned from the position of Calendar & Communications on the Board. I would like to thank Bob and Diane for the great work they have done producing the Roster and Sweep over the past few years and I would like to wish them luck on their new ventures. I would like to welcome *Carole Rivington* to fill the position and look forward to working with Carole on the Board.

Unfortunately, *Kenneth Cross*, who held the Membership and Curling Development position on the Board, also resigned from the Board due to an illness in his family. I would like to thank Kenneth for all his contributions to the Board and send our prayers to his family. I would like to thank *Kevin Welsh* for taking on the duties of this position.

On a sad note, we lost a good friend recently. *Bill Lewis* passed away a few weeks ago in Saskatchewan and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Bill was a good friend to many of us and was a familiar face every year at the Famous Fisherman's Bonspiel. He's also on our Wall of Fame.

Once again, Thank You for allowing me the honour of being your President. I wish you all a fun and successful year! Good Curling!

Wayne Gilmour,
President



Day Ladies

Nancy Page

Day Ladies are well into their 2008-2009 curling season. Tuesday's are the most popular with 16 teams taking part, with 2 games being played at 10:45 a.m. and 6 at 1:15 p.m.

The buzzer system is still hit or miss but everyone should be aware that 90 minutes into the game, means finish that end and play one more, no exceptions. All sections are dealing with this reality. Thursday afternoons see 14 teams rounding out our club curling in the Tri-Heat Draw. This Draw ends November 6th, with tiebreakers and playoffs scheduled for Wednesday December 17th. There will be no Flight curling that day.

Wednesdays see A and B Flight teams, 8 in each, competing at 8:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Both these Flights are invited to the Catarqui Golf and Country Club for a Fun Day on December 3rd. There will be no Flight curling in the month of December. The first round robin will end on November 19th and our 2nd round robin will commence on November 26th and will continue after Christmas.

December 10th is our first Mini-Spiel with a Christmas theme, convened by *Sandy Duncan* and *Zak Sieben*. Many thanks go out to Sandy and Zak for their presentation of a wonderful Pot Luck Opening Dinner.

The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board for the Roantree 2nd Draw which will begin on Nov. 11th and Nov. 13th. Please remind new members that they must sign up for this new Draw. The Skips Meeting for this Draw is scheduled for Monday morning 10:30 a.m. on November 3rd. The playoff and tie breaker games for this Roantree Draw are scheduled for Friday December 19th at 10:30 a.m. The 3rd Draw Skips Meeting is scheduled for December 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Welcomes go out to our new members to our Section: *Cathy Faubert, Celine Garneau, Sue McCans, Barb Rolfe, Debbie See, Margit Twigg, Sharon Lillis, Mary Andrews, Wendy Dutton, Anita McPhail, Barb O'Neill, and Lorrie Woodcock*. Thank yous go to *Marg McDonald* for her time in helping

these ladies on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, introducing them to the game of curling.

Thank yous to our Games Captain *Lois Logan* and Assistant Games Captain *Sue McConnell* in all their efforts, at keeping us happy and on the ice.

Evening Ladies

Betty Bush

The Evening Ladies Section welcomes back 95 curlers and is excited another 21 ladies have decided to join us for a total of 116. We hope this is a fun and enjoyable experience for each person involved.

Mary Skeggs and *Karen Peters* have things well underway with 18 teams playing in the first Wednesday Club Curling draw.

Lil Rynbend, who is in charge of Flight Curling, has 15 teams participating this year. Games are played on Monday evenings with the overflow on Thursday evenings.

The Evening Ladies Bonspiel, "Christmas in November", will be held on November 15 and we hope to attract 24 teams again this year. *Mary Paterson, Joanne Manion, Mary Skeggs* and *Kathy King* are convening this event.

Other events planned for later in the year include Bring a Friend Night and our In Club Rated Bonspiel.

Watch the notice boards for upcoming curling clinics that will be offered on week-ends and also don't forget that you can get help at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

You are now able to access the Royal Kingston website - Evening Ladies Section for information. Please take advantage of this.

Until next time – good curling!!



Junior Curling

Renee LeClair

Curling is once again in full swing. Last year was wonderfully successful. We had a record number of curlers, coaches and volunteers. This year our numbers are a bit lower - estimated to be approximately 70 curlers but with the same number of dedicated coaches and volunteers. So those coaches and volunteers will get a bit of a break this year. I thank them for all their efforts.

A big thank-you goes to my husband, *Donal Macartney*, for all his support and efforts. He made the rack that the small brooms are hanging on and the new half-sheet divider. We can now divide two sheets in half. Also, a big thank you goes to the Board of Directors. They voted to purchase full-size, half-weight rocks for the younger members of the club.

By the time this sweep is published, we will have our intra-club league up and running. The 2:00 curlers are being placed onto teams and they will compete in a club league. Thanks to *Teresa Gibson* for the idea and for organizing the league.

In past years, RKCC has typically had two teams playing in the Eastern Ontario Junior Curling League. This year, it looks like we will have three teams in the league. RKCC is also looking into the possibility of hosting at least one additional EOJCL event this year (we've only done one per season in the past and we are looking to increase that number).

The Junior/Bantam bonspiel is scheduled for Nov. 8/9 2008. If the sweep is published before that time and you'd like to help out, give me a call (613-549-3697).

Thanks again to all our coaches, volunteers, curlers and RKCC board and staff members. Your input and assistance is always appreciated.



Day Men `s

Dave Sansom

Our season has begun with an overall increase in teams entered for Senior Flight curling. While some teams have retired, others were formed, some at the last minute, and the result was a total of twenty-seven teams, an increase of three. This took us beyond the comfortable total of twenty-four, that fit into our historic Monday morning schedule. With 27 teams, additional ice time on Friday mornings and, most importantly, the efforts of *Brian Collingwood*, an effective schedule was generated.

Don Murphy has continued at the helm for our Tuesday and Thursday pick-up games, providing a well organized system for all who want to participate. Levels of attendance are just below capacity for the 8:30AM start time.

Don Pringle has organized with Garrison Curling Club for a continuation of our Bi-Club curling, with joint curling at RKCC and Garrison on alternate Tuesday mornings. If you are interested in being part of this activity, please contact Don for the details.

The first Day Men's In-House Bonspiel is scheduled for November 21st and the team of *Dan O'Neill*, *Brian Hetherington* and *Lorne Lloyd* are beginning the organization, so watch the notice board for more information, and put the date in your calendar.

Evening Men `s

Gord Rogers

Curling is once again off to a fast start in evening men's section.

Monday Club has 20 teams playing in draw 1. The maximum number of teams that we can field on Monday nights is 24 so all are encouraged to sign up early for each draw to avoid disappointment.

Thursday club also has 20 teams playing in draw 1. With the extra ice time available on Thursday nights, we can also accept more new members.

Flight is full at 36 teams again.

One of the differences that our curlers are finding this year is a different buzzer time. This now allows all games to know when they are playing the "final" end. Unfortunately, there are still games being buzzed this year and not able to get the full eight ends in. Here are some simple hints to improve the speed and get the full 8 ends in:

- The shooter should always be in the hack ready to shoot when the skip calls the shot.
- The skip should not ever be waiting for the shooter.
- Whatever lead is shooting the first rock in the next end should get ready in the hack. Let the other 5 players clear the rocks.
- All curlers should be ready to play at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Shake hands while the ice is being cleaned, rather than waiting.

Thanks to all who have helped so far in setting up the schedules etc and a special thanks to all members of the curling committee for the effort to make as much ice time available for all members.

Our Christmas party will be held this year on Tuesday Dec 16. We hope to see everybody in attendance.

Mixed Curling Section

Erwin Batalla

The mixed curling season began with an Opening Social which attracted approximately 100 curlers. Players from all the divisions had a chance to meet each other and play a short game together. Thanks to the Bush team (*Tony, Betty, Brian and April*) and *Pam and Roger Taylor* for running this event.

The regular season began on Oct 10th. There are 14 teams in A, 16 teams in B and 22 teams in the recreational division. Sean and Jenn Meleschuk in A and *David and France Spence* in B are returning to the Mixed Section this year. There are four brand new teams in the recreational division skipped by *Joanne Cosgrove, Dwight Farrell, Lloyd Lockington*

and *Colin Wartman*. We welcome them and wish them an excellent and congenial season.

The mixed section received 222 cards of intent. In these, 39 members indicated that they would be available as spares. A list of these is posted on the Mixed board. Please get in touch with them if members of your team are unavailable for an upcoming game.

This year the three mixed curling sections will play a complete round-robin (17 games in A and B and 21 games in C). For the A and B divisions, the last four weeks of the season will be a playoff format in which all teams will play at least three more games.

There will be no playoffs in the recreational division as was suggested by comments in our informal poll last spring. *Tony Bush* has created this schedule and he will update the standings for the divisions. Please make sure to indicate the result of your games on the Mixed board so that accurate standings can be viewed on the web site (www.royalkingston.com).

Plans are going ahead for a recreational bonspiel on Saturday Nov 22nd. Members of the Clark team will be the main organizers of this event and participants in the recreational division can expect to have been contacted by *Pam Taylor* by the time the Sweep is distributed.

The Mixed Christmas party is scheduled for Friday Dec 19th. There is no regular curling scheduled for that evening. *Brian Collingwood and April Welsh* are organizing that event.

We are continuing with candies on the ice and the donation draw. Profit from the donation draw will go towards the purchase of the candies and of a complimentary snack at the tables. We hope that you enjoy these activities and welcome any other suggestions.

Jim and Gail Irving have stepped down from the Mixed Committee. *George and Diane Gratton* have agreed to join the committee. We extend a heartfelt thank you to both couples for their commitment to the club.

Special Events Report

Dave Wolovick

Our Opening Bonspiel was held on Sept 27. We had 16 teams competing. The winners of the bonspiel were the Dean Clark consisting of *Dean Clark, Linda Terrion* (a new member), *Murray Robertson* and *Joyce MacDonald*. A great time was had by all. Dinner was catered again by the China Doll.

Thanks to *Brian Collingwood, April Welsh* and *Dave Bracken* for all of their help that day. I was called on to curl when one of our skips didn't arrive, so I had to rely on the above volunteers a great deal more than was anticipated. Thanks to everyone who helped with clean up after the dinner. If anyone would like to help out with the Closing Mixed, please contact me.

Bonspiels Report

Steve Vermeer

Welcome back to a new season of curling. The hard work of the volunteers and staff is what makes every bonspiel at RKCC such a success. I'd like to extend a special thank you to all the organizers who give up so much time to run a spiel:

Limestone Sr. Men's – Mike Tureski
 Business Women's – Mary Patterson
 Junior Bonspiel – Renee LeClair
 Whig-Standard – Tim Prue and Steve Vermeer
 Empire Life Mixed – Vacant and currently looking for
 a convenor
 Grandmothers & Great Aunt – Mary Smith and Sue
 McConnell
 Super Senior Men's – Steve Quinn
 Famous Fisherman's – Bob Moore and Grant
 Paterson

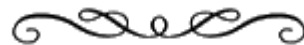
If anyone is interested in volunteering at any of the bonspiels, please feel free to contact the convenors, the office or myself. Bonspiels often need quite a bit of manpower and many hands make light work.

Bonspiels are an important source of revenue and prominent profile booster for the club both locally and at the Provincial level. Last year Bonspiel

operations generated \$7188 in net revenue for the Club. This does not include the spin off revenues such as bar/proshop sales or their remitted club fees in the neighborhood of \$10,000+ per year.

The **Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel** needs a couple or individual to be the convenors, head up a committee and organize it. If you are interested please contact myself at: 613-530-7275 or vermeersla@hotmail.com or Graham in the office at 613-546-2243. It is very important for this to happen soon.

Have a great season. I look forward to seeing you around the club.



Please email your
 submissions for the
February Sweep
 to carolenr62@cogeco.ca
 no later than
January 15, 2009.

Thank you!

