



The Sweep

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A word from your president...

Dear Fellow Curlers

Another year of curling has almost come to an end and I hope you had fun and some success. We can now get out our golf clubs and enjoy the short summer.

This past year my term as President has been an enjoyable one thanks to the hard work of the Board, Staff and Volunteers. I know you will all agree that we've had great ice all year, thanks to Rod and Terry. Our bar staff was excellent as usual, so thanks to Gerry, Greg, Julie, Cindy and Kelcey.

I would like to especially thank Graham Wetherby for his great work in managing the club and pro shop.

Our business plan committee put in hundreds of hours to give us our Strategic Business Plan. At the Annual General Meeting I will be proposing we accept this plan along with the changes to our bylaws.

I wish you all a great summer and I will be looking forward to seeing you all again next year.

Yours truly,
Wayne Gilmour



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RKCC'S MASTER WOMEN ARE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS! NEXT STOP – CANADIANS!

Congratulations to the RKCC Master Women's team on their provincial win in Meaford. The team is comprised of *Betty Bush* (skip), *Joanne Miller*, *Joanne Manion* and *Lil Rynbend*.

With their provincial title performance, the team now qualifies for the Canadian Master Women's

Championships, which will be held at the Nutana Curling Club in Saskatoon – March 30 to April 5.



Day Ladies

by Nancy Page

Our fourth and final draw in Club curling is nearly over. Where has the season gone?

We really enjoyed having *Virginia Kobsar*, of Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan curling with us for the past several weeks.

Congratulations to *Betty Bush's* team of *Helen Lacroix*, *Teresa Wilson* and *Cathy Faubert*. They won Draw #3, sponsored by *Joan Roantree*.

In 'A Flight' the overall winners are *Betty Bush*, *Joanne Miller*, *Lil Rynbend* and *Joanne Manion*. Well done!

The Day Ladies section also wants to send our best wishes and good luck to this same team who represented RKCC at the Ontario Masters in Meaford. They are now off to the Canadian Championships in Saskatoon.

In 'B Flight' *Mary Dupuis's* team of *Pam Carr-Taylor*, *Debbie Gillespie* and *Nancy Gray* came out on top in Round 2. The Round 1 winner was the *Joan Roantree* team. Team members are *Pam Hawkes*, *Katy Provan* and *Linda Watts-Dagnone*, with *Barb Tureski* filling in for Joan.

The playoff game between Round 1 and Round 2 was played on March 28th with the Dupuis team coming out on top. Congratulations to everyone!

Trophies for 'A' and 'B' Flight will be presented at the Ladies closing dinner on Wednesday April 15th.

Our Flight teams hosted several curlers from Catarauqui CC at a Hawaiian luau on March 4. Fifty-six ladies enjoyed curling, off-ice games and a great lunch. Thanks to all who helped organize the games, as well as the gals in the kitchen.

The Day Ladies 'In-House Rated' Bonspiel was held on Wednesday, February 4th. The winning team of *Bernie Kay*, *Bonnie Bird* and *Marion Evans* along with Skip *Linda O'Sullivan* are looking forward to organizing this event in 2010.

The Grandmother's and Great Aunts Bonspiel will be held on Wednesday March 25th. Organizers *Mary Smith* and *Sue McConnell* have gathered their volunteers and have been hard at work for weeks. I'm sure a good time will be had by all!

Our final 'Mini Spiel' will be held on Wednesday April 1st. Organizers *Sandy Duncan*, *Zak Sieban* and their team are working hard to make sure we have a great time.

Our final Playoff series starts on Wednesday April 8th and continues into the following week. A schedule will be posted. Please come to the Club, enjoy a glass of wine and support your fellow curlers.

Make sure you mark your calendar for Thursday April 9th. There will be 2 playoff games in the morning, followed by a *free* pizza lunch and our Spring General meeting. We have several items on the agenda. This is your chance to discuss, ask questions, express your opinion and vote on topics that are important to our section.

The Ladies Closing Dinner, hosted by the Evening Ladies, will be held on Wednesday April 15. Tickets are available for purchase now.



Evening Ladies

by Betty Bush

On March 18, Special Event Co-coordinators *Pam Davison* and *Lynn Witheridge* hosted "Bring a Friend Night". We had six sheets filled with members and

potential new members. At the end of the evening 16 expressed an interest in receiving a Card of Intent for next year. Hopefully, we'll see them on the ice.

Pam and Lynn are also busy preparing for the Ladies Closing Dinner and Fashion Show being held on April 15. Don't forget to get your tickets.

On March 28, our second EL In Club Bonspiel will take place. Forty – eight curlers have signed up for a "Day at Day Camp". This is a great introduction to bonspiel play for new curlers.

A special thanks to all helped and/or organized EL happenings this year. Please don't wait to be asked to help – we can always use extra hands to ease the load. Your offer would be most appreciated.

Club Curling – Mary Skeggs

Our season is now on the home stretch with four weeks left until the Carrie Cole playoffs.

The third qualifier for the playoffs was *Georgia Lee O'Shaughnessy* and her team of *Jennine Reid* (vice), *Bev Townsend* (second), and *Kathleen Poole* (lead).

The first three nights for the **Carrie Cole playoffs are April 7, 8 and 9**. If you are playing on any of these teams and are not able to make these dates please contact *Mary Skeggs* ASAP.

The Evening Ladies would like to extend congratulations to *Betty Bush, Joanne Miller, Joanne Manion* and *Lil Rynbend* for winning the Ontario Masters at Meaford. Good luck in Saskatoon at the Canadian Masters.

The closing dinner is fast approaching on Wednesday, April 15. Tickets are on sale now – see *Pam Davison* or *Lynn Witheridge*.

After three years in charge of Evening Ladies Club Curling I will be passing the reins on to *Karen Peters*. Thank you for your support during my tenure.

Flight Curling – Lil Rynbend

The Evening Ladies Flight First Round Robin was completed on February 5th. Congratulations to the

winning team of *Carole Rivington, Teresa Gibson, April Welsh* and *Gail Irving*.

The second round of play will be completed on March 30th and the points earned will be added to the first round robin standings to determine play-off positions. **Play-offs start on Monday, April 5th. The format will be single knock-out.**

Please note the play-off rules in the guidelines posted on the board. The first eight teams will play in the 'A' Division and the seven bottom teams in the 'B' Division. The 'A' Division finalists will play-off on Championship night, Friday, April 17th. The winner goes on to play in the City Championships.

Best of luck to everyone in the play-offs.

Calling All Ladies!!!!

The Evening Ladies are pleased to host for your enjoyment the Ladies Closing Dinner and Fashion Show

Wednesday, April 15th

Cocktails 5:30
Dinner 6:30

Tickets available from
Pam Davison,
Lynn Witheridge
Cheryl Flett
Debbie Gillespie
Jane Kelly
or at the Bar

\$20.00

Evening Men's

by Gord Rogers



The curling season is coming to an end and the men's committee wants to thank everybody for their full support throughout this current season. Almost all the comments we have received have been very positive and they are much appreciated.

Flight playoffs get underway Tue, March 31. We have significantly changed the format this year for the playoffs, such that we now have 4 divisions rather than the traditional 2. The men's committee believed that this lead to more competitive curling in the second half than in previous years.

The first round of club semifinals will be Thurs, Apr 9th and the second semi final will be Monday April 13. The second to sixth events plus the B flight final will be played Thursday Apr 14.

Championship night is Friday, April 17 and will feature our club championship (first event) and the A flight final. Please plan on attending and help make this night a big success..

Our men's closing dinner will be Thursday, April 16 starting at 6:30. There will be 5 club event games plus the B flight final going on at 5:10 that night and dinner will be served at approximately 7:45. Please plan on attending and watching the curling as well. Cost will be \$20.00 and tickets are on sale now at the bar.

If you are playing in an event playoff, please notify your skip asap if you are not going to be able to make it. The men's committee will find spares for any playoff teams.

The men's committee will be reviewing some rule changes over the summer (in conjunction with the curling committee) and all comments, as to how we can make things even better for next year would be appreciated.

A very huge thank you to *Teresa Wilson* for posting the information on the RKCC men's website in such a timely manner, as well as *Steve Vermeer* who provided the information to Teresa to post.

Thanks again for all the assistance I have received this past year.

Junior Curling

by Renee LeClair

The year is coming to an end and so is my two year term as Junior Curling Coordinator. The two years have been a whirl-wind of activity. We've accomplished much but there is still much to do. *Teresa Gibson* has accepted the position of Junior Curling Coordinator for the next two years. Teresa helped me this year and has ideas for making the program a better one. I hope to help Teresa in the coming two years and I know all RKCC members, parents, coaches, and volunteers will support Teresa as you have supported me.

One last thanks (from me in my official capacity) for all the support, encouragement, and hard work of our volunteers, RKCC staff (especially *Graham Weatherby*), members, and parents. A special thanks to all the Junior curlers and coaches. The curlers really show us what curling is about – hard work, fun, and respect for your fellow curlers, coaches, volunteers and club. Your brightness and eagerness have made these two years very worthwhile. The coaches work hard every Sunday afternoon (21 weeks of work this year) and do it with a positive attitude and smiles on their faces. They are the best!

Now the news:

The second draw of our house league has finished. The final games were very close. On a personal note, I am amazed at the skill level attained by the Junior curlers in a very short time frame. The winner of the second draw was the team skipped by *Kevin Gibson*. Kevin's team was *Adam Ray*, *Natasha Landriault*, and *Lindsay Meyers*. The runners up were: *Nicholas Zelizniak* (skip), *Caitlyn Gibson*, *Emily Young*, and *Chelsey Baldwin*.

Before Christmas, we hosted a "Family Fun Day". It was such a great success that it is back by popular demand. The 12:00 group will be having a "Family and Friends Fun Day" on March 29.

On April 5, we will be holding the year-end party with Pizza and awards for all Junior curlers at noon. Curlers will then compete in the Championship Night Skills Challenge to pick teams for Championship Night.

RKCC had a number of teams participating in the Catarauqui Junior/Bantam bonspiel in February. We didn't win but all teams had a great time and gained valuable experience. Congratulations to those who competed. Our thanks go out to the organizer, *Denise Hofmann*, who did a great job.

Two teams from RKCC competed in the Bantam Mixed Zones. The team of *Brendan Coughlin* (skip), *Shannon Maxwell*, *Zack Hawley* and *Mackenzie Schroeder* made it into the B final. The other team of *Matt Walsh* (skip), *Kaitlyn Welch*, *Dylan Welch* and *Leah Maxwell* won one game but lost two very close games, with those games coming down to the 8th end. The teams should all be very proud of their efforts. Both teams represented RKCC very well with good competitive play and sportsmanship (to quote Peter Coughlin). Congratulations to both teams!

RKCC is hosting the final playoffs for the Eastern Ontario Junior Curling League on March 29th. By all accounts, the league and the three RKCC teams competing in the league have been very successful this year.

I hope that all curlers had a fun and educational two years. Continue to bring your positive attitudes to the game and continue to have fun. Good Curling!!

Mixed Curling

by Erwin Batalla

The round robin portion of the season has come to an end. Team *Pim*, team *Duncan* and team *McCue* finished first in Division A, B and C respectively. Congratulations to all the teams for a season of great camaraderie.

The playoffs began on March 6. All teams will continue playing until the end of March. Come out

and encourage the finalists for the Mixed Championship on Championship Night, Friday April 17th.

Throughout the year, the website and the mixed board have been the places to check the schedule and the standings. Thanks to Tony for this Herculean task. Timely information has allowed us to make efficient use of our facility. There have been minor conflict and we hope the section runs even more smoothly in the future. Please feel free to make any comments or suggestions by communicating at alerwin@kos.net.

The Mixed Awards Dinner will take place on Mar 29. Over 160 tickets have been sold with the help of Gerry, at the bar, and Terry Barker. At the dinner, the winners of all events in each Mixed division will be recognized. Betty has selected prizes for everybody and like last year, it will be a great night. As this is the last Sweep of the season, we would like to thank the icemakers, Rod and Terry, the people behind the bar, Gerry and others, and the manager, Graham. On behalf of our entire section, thank you.

I hope you all have an excellent summer and to see you back at the club next year.



The Landings Stick League

by Phil Neatby

At this moment, the Stick playoffs have just begun, and the first games have demonstrated that the skill margin from team to team is small. *Bob and Gwen Mitchell* have won the round-robin play, but already, the leading teams in the play-offs are finding stiff opposition.

The season will end 15 April with the final game for the Landings Trophy and a lunch together. The league expanded from 16 teams of last year to 24 this year. Our players coped with the irregular

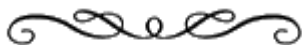
schedules of January and February, as the demands for ice time in the Club increased. We had underestimated the turbulence in these months due also to vacation plans. In all of this, our players worked around absences, play on Fridays, last minute adjustments with a flexibility quite remarkable for 'old folks'!

We anticipate a further expansion in numbers in the Fall, from 48 and 6 spares, to probably 60, and we will have to find a scheduling solution at the June scheduling meetings.

For next year, we plan a clinic in September (those who attended the OCA sessions earlier this year, heartily recommended them, and they will help newcomers to stick curling. We should have paid more attention to this last Fall). We also plan an invitational bonspiel, using our format, with teams from RKCC, Cataraqi, Napanee, and Gananoque. (Napanee have already told us they want to participate.). We will have a fun spiel in Nov/Dec.

As before, we appreciate so much the sponsorship and support from *Chris Barber* and The Landings Golf Course. Kudos go to *Bill Worthy* who coped with the scheduling demands, and to Diane Labrie and her wisdom. We thank *Nancy Page* and the Day Ladies for agreeing to timing changes to ease our Wednesdays. We thank the ice makers for providing good playing conditions.

Most particularly, our thanks to the participants who are fun people, and the more we get to know them, the better we like them.



Special Events

by Dave Wolovick

Our Club Championship night will be held on Friday, April 17th. Good luck to all participants! We will try to have the games started by 6:30 p.m. Come out and watch some great curling. Men's club and flight, bantams, mixed, evening ladies' flight, and the Carrie Cole (day ladies vs. evening ladies) winners will be determined. We will also be

honouring our new Lifetime Members. Anyone who wants to volunteer to help out would be much appreciated.

City Championships will be held on Sunday, April 19th. Cataraqi will be hosting the event this year. Come out and support our champions as they compete against the best of Cataraqi and Garrison.

Sponsorship / Advertising Committee

by Bruce Jeffrey

As Chairman of your 2008-09 Sponsorship / Advertising Committee I want to take this opportunity to thank my Committee members, *Dan O'Neill*, *Gary Dupuis* and *Brad Finch* for their great efforts during the past year. Dan will be joining another RKCC Committee next year after many years of service to the Sponsorship Committee and *Roger Taylor* will be joining our Committee. Based on the proposed changes to the Sponsorship / Advertising Committee through the new Business Plan, I would like to encourage anyone with a marketing background to join our Committee.

In summary, we were successful in generating advertising revenue from five In-ice advertisers and 47 Wall Sign advertisers. Although we lost four Wall Sign advertisers, we were able to solicit 7 new corporate sponsors. Even though we are in the midst of a severe recession, we are optimistic that we can repeat these fundraising efforts and hopefully find one more In-ice sponsor and three more Wall Sign sponsors.

Royal Kingston Rink wins 15th annual Smith's Falls "Ray McRae" Bonspiel

Vic Matthews team won the bonspiel on their first entry into the Ray McRae Memorial Senior Mens Invitational Bonspiel on February 6th. Vic's team of vice, *Jim Irving*, 2nd. *Reg Gore* and lead, *Dave Bracken* competing in the second draw, won handily over last year's champs, Smiths Falls' No. 2 rink of

Wilf Cluett, skip Armand Thompson, 2nd. Rick Herring and lead Ian Fraser 9 to 3. They then registered a clutch win over Almonte's Marc Cousineau's foursome 8 to 5 in game two. Vic's team ended up the overall winner's with a 46 and ¼ points. Arnold Polk,s Pakenham team was next with a total of 43 ¾ points.

Mrs. Rita McRae presented the trophy to the Royal Kingston winners while drawmaster Howard Allen looked on. Reg and Dave had to leave before the presentation to make their respective RKCC mixed games.



Top Ten Signs You're Having a Bad Game!!

by Garry Dupuis

10. They start pebbling the ice in the fourth end.
9. Your skip keeps saying, "Nice try!"
8. Your opposition starts hanging its score on the next sheet.
7. While you're in the washroom, your team-mates sneak away to the bar.
6. The Ice-maker starts heckling you.
5. It's only the third end and already you owe your team-mates six drinks.
4. Your opposition is lying four and your skip wants you to throw your rock through the house.
3. You throw out your knee in the first end and your team-mates don't even notice.
2. Your sweepers burst into laughter when you release your rock.
1. You score an eight-ender in the second end and you have to throw your last rock to win 9-8.



RKCC Golf Tournament

The 5th annual RKCC golf tournament will be held at Camden Braes on Thursday, June 11th with a 1pm shotgun start.

The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the men's section (only space available). You may sign up as a single or team and play whichever game format you wish. The tournament will be limited to 144 participants. However, due to late cancellations, about 160 sign-ups can be accommodated.

This is a FUN day with prizes and a full course BBQ steak & salmon dinner following at the Curling Club.

Prize donations are needed and welcome.

Steve Quinn



Skate Out The Ice !
Sunday, April 19th
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

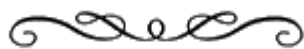
All Members and their Families are invited – Bring your skates and have some fun at the last event before the ice goes out.

Free Munchies, Hot Chocolate, Coffee & Tea will be provided.

The ‘not-free’ bar will be open.

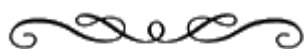
Please bring skate guards.

Hockey sticks are not allowed.



Look for the next **Sweep** to be included in your **August** registration package.

Until then, have a great summer!



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