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A word from your president...

Dear Members,

We are well into our curling season, with 652 members and membership on the rise. Holy Cross, Regiopolis and KCVI high schools have formed a curling club and have booked the Wednesday afternoon timeslot 3:15-5:30 p.m. This is going to recruit an additional 26+ junior members to our Club. Thanks to Linda Lott and Shani Doucet for bringing the students to our door.

Carole Rivington has completed the roster and it is in circulation. An initial print run of 250 copies was done and a second run may have to be ordered if members request additional copies. Members are encouraged to use the online version that includes e-mail addresses, in order to reduce resources and expenses. The website is updated on a regular basis. Please let our Manager know if you require any changes to your information. Thanks again to Carole and Teresa Wilson for volunteering to take on these valuable tasks and for doing it so well.

RKCC now offers a lunch and dinner menu prepared by our existing staff. At the present time we are offering lunches from Monday to Thursday and evening service on Tuesday. Additional times may be added if response is positive. The service will be monitored by the Manager. All staff will be required to take a kitchen safety and health course. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who initiated this food service program for all their help—it has been invaluable and is greatly appreciated.

Several RKCC teams have had success in various bonspiels in and out of club. It is a wonderful way to enjoy curling and also a wonderful way to get our club known. Being involved is what curling is all about. On that note, I am happy to tell you that the 2010 Tankard will be held in Napanee in February 2010. RKCC has been invited to participate on February 1st. Bruce Jeffery and the Marketing Committee have been working hard to put together a display booth for RKCC including purchasing a banner, a retractable sign and preparing a brochure. If you are interested in helping out with this important project, please let us know. Your help will be greatly appreciated and you might

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Roster Corrections!

Past Presidents
1982 Edmund Bauder

Ladies Section
OCA Rep: Joanne Miller

even get to see some great curling!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rod and Terry again for the great ice this year. Once again we have the best ice in this part of Eastern Ontario. Thanks also to our Manager and bar staff for providing such great and friendly service.

As a proud Kingstonian, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Queen's Gaels on winning the Vanier Cup!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of our hard working committee members, I would like to wish each and every one of you a heartfelt SEASONS GREETINGS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Good Curling!
Wayne Gilmour



Committee Reports

Financial Committee

Roy Vasey, 1st Vice-President/Treasurer

The Financial Committee's next meeting will be on December 14, 2009, to finalize the draft Investment Policy for the RKCC, which will then be presented to the Board on December 16, 2009 for approval. It is expected that once the Board has a chance to review this policy it will be approved early in the New Year.

Also, at the December 14, 2009, the FC will begin planning for next years budget. The other Board committees will be approached early in the New Year for a wants/need list of capital and non-capital budget items, and short and long term goals of the Board. With advance budget planning, the FC expects to minimize non-pre-approved expenditures in the future.

Social Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

Sunday, November 30th was the first annual RKCC Grey Cup party. Thank you to everyone who joined us for Chili, munchies, Grey Cup drinks and oh yeah, the "Game".

Please join us during the Olympic trials for special drink nights and munchies.

Once again, we encourage you to share ideas about events and activities that you feel would work!

Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Lin Jenkins

Day Ladies have almost completed the halfway point for the season. Our second Draw will end on December 15th and 17th. Tie breakers are scheduled for Friday the 18th and playoff for the Edwards Trophy to be played December 22nd at 1:15 p.m. There will be a Skips Meeting that morning at 10:30 a.m. The TriHeat Trophy for our first Draw was won by the team of Betty Bush, Norma Burns, Sheila McHenry and Marilyn Wilson. The runners up were Vicky MacDonald, Linda Miller, Joan Roantree and Linda Watts-Dagnone.

Sandy Duncan and Zak Sieben are busy preparing for our Christmas Mini Spiel to take place on December 9th. We are invited to Cataragui Golf and Curling Club on Dec. 2nd for a relaxed event to put us in the Christmas mood. We will return the invitation on March 3rd, when the Cataragui Flight curlers come to share fun and curling with us.

Our new Rating Committee has met for the first time, working on our behalf to make our games fair and fun. They are Linda Bell, Linda O'Sullivan, Joan Doucet, Betty Bush and Judy Sly.

Day Ladies "A" Flight will complete a Round Robin play as of December 16th. As we do not have enough Wednesday mornings to complete a full second Round Robin, your Games Comm. will be looking for extra ice times, possibly on Friday mornings to finish our second Round Robin formate. Sue McConnell and Marilyn Bellringer will continue to work on your behalf for your curling enjoyment.

Your Chair, Lin Jenkins, would like to extend warm wishes for your continued curling success and a wonderful Christmas holiday. Also a great appreciation goes out to Joan Roantree for continued sponsorship and participation in our Day Ladies Section. Thank you Joan!



Evening Ladies

by Linda Lott

The first ten weeks of curling has gone well. We had a great opening pot luck, some great games on the ice during flight and club curling and we hosted a successful ladies bonspiel. Please continue to encourage your fellow curlers to be on time for games and to be ready in the hack to throw their rocks. The notice boards outside the ladies locker room are an excellent source of information on upcoming clinics, club events and out of club bonspiels, so check them often. If you have some extra time (ha!) and would like to become more involved in either club or section events, let your executive know.

Our mandate this year is to increase the membership in our section so with this in mind, it would be great to have our numbers up at the end of the year, so if you know of someone who might like to curl for part of the season have them drop in and chat with our manager about rates for a partial season.

If you have concerns/issues or great ideas, please share them with your executive, we can only improve things if we know there is a problem and we have your input for the solution.

Please join me in one of my personal "to dos" for this season which is to be able to put a name, to a face for everyone in our section. See you on the ice!



Club Curling

by Karen Peters

We are well into our second draw now and first draw winners have been crowned. The playoffs took place on November the 4th and Judy Russell and her team of Joanne Manion (vice), Jane Cooper (2nd) and Kathleen Pool (lead) captured the title. They will now go on to represent this draw in the Carrie Cole Championships. Second division winners were the three man team of Lil Rynbend (skip), Joanne Gizzi (Vice) and Jody Allum (2nd). Of course, not to be forgotten were those of us who were less than stellar and competed for the third event. This much underrated honour went to Donna Poirier's team of Elisabeth Dillman (vice), Mary Andrews

(2nd) and Marilyn Wilson (Lead). I would like to extend my thanks to Jane Kelly for getting all the great prizes for our winners and congratulations to everyone.

Club Curling is designed to be more for FUN than competition but no one, either the winners or losers, enjoys playing a terribly one sided game. With this in mind we held a skips meeting to discuss team selection, spares and player ranking. We were looking for ways to help assure the teams were as even as possible which would result in more FUN for everyone. Since the sign up seldom results in the same number of Skips, Vices, 2nds and Leads the convener is forced to move some players to a position they would not normally play in order to have even numbers. To help with that the skips have agreed to rank all the players that they have played with or against and have it submitted before the next draw.

Spares are also an issue and in keeping with the Fun formula it was decided that having a full team was better than playing short so some leeway should be given to finding a spare. It was agreed that spares should be someone who plays the same position as the person needing them but, if absolutely necessary could be from a position one higher or lower. There were two exceptions to that rule. If a spare was being obtaining from the Day Ladies or if the spare is for a playoff game she must play the same position as the absent person.

After three weeks our second draw has three teams still undefeated so next week will be an important week. The playoffs for this draw will be held December 16th and we will have a little holiday celebration that night. The skips and seconds from each team have been asked to bring "munchies" for everyone to enjoy. This will be the last Club Curling night before the holidays so let's stay around and enjoy.

The signup sheet is up for the third draw which will start January 6th so I would like to remind everyone to please sign up by December 10th. Remember if you can't play regularly put your name on the spares list.



Flight Curling by Lil Rynbend

The 16 teams registered for Evening Ladies flight curling began play on October 5th and we are almost half way through the first round robin. Standings are very close as after seven weeks there is a difference of only three points between the top seven teams. I would like to remind everyone to make sure they are marking their actual score and number of ends played on the Bulletin Board sheet.

Please start games on time or a little early if possible so that we can get all eight ends played.

Our Christmas dinner will be held on Monday, December 7 right after the 5:10 curling. We look forward to a wonderful Turkey Dinner catered by Joe DeSousa.



Special Events

by Pam Davison & Lynn Witheridge

The ladies opening dinner was held on Thursday October 1st. We had an excellent turn out of about 120 ladies, including social, day, and evening members. There was lots of great food and a good time was had by all. The special event committee would like to thank all those who helped with setting up and cleaning. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

We will be having the annual "Bring a Friend Night" again this March. This is held during March Break. We like everyone to ask a least one friend to attend this event. There will be a brief instruction period then a short game with munchies to follow. Its always a lot of fun and a great way to introduce potential members to the club. If you wish to volunteer to help, please let Lynn Witheridge or Pam Davison know.

On behalf of the Evening Ladies section...

"Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and joyful holiday with family and friends"



Evening Men

by Gord Rogers

Our popular Christmas dinner is coming up on Monday, Dec 21. Tickets are available at the bar up until Thursday, Dec 17. Please plan on attending.

The second draw event games will also be on Dec 21 starting at 5:10 followed by the Christmas dinner.

Draw 3 for club will commence on Jan 7 for Thursday nights and Jan 11 for Monday nights.

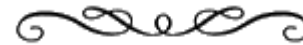
Draw 2 of flight will start on Dec 22. As usual, the

top 4 teams in B and C divisions will go up one division and the bottom 4 teams in A and B divisions will go down 1 division.

We now are serving wings and pizza on Tuesday night's 5:10 flight draw. We are definitely looking for your support to continue this endeavour.

One of the new things I would like to try is having pizza slices available at the end of the Monday and Thursday 5:10 draws. Let the bartender or myself know if you think this could be supported.

Thanks again to all evening mens members for making this season so successful so far and easy to coordinate.



Mixed Curling

by Erwin Batalla

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all mixed curlers.

The mixed curling season is approaching the halfway point. The round robin portion of the season will finish at the end of February for teams in the A and B divisions. Teams in the C and D divisions will continue the round robin format until the end of March. Postponed games have been kept to a minimum and we hope that teams will continue to play their games within the three weeks deadline in effect this year.

The 3rd Annual Mixed Recreational (Divisions B, C & D) Bonspiel was held on November 14th with 12 teams playing two 6-end games. Thank you to the sponsors: Bill Havekes of Kingston Farm and Garden Centre and Ana Sutherland of Foley & Sutherland Insurance and Financial Services Inc. A delicious lunch was provided by Rent A Chef Catering and everyone had a good day!

The winning teams were:

- 1st-- Roy Vasey, Nancy Roantree, Dave Londry, Michelle Paquin
- 2nd-- Bill Grant, Lynda Therien, David Hallett, Cathy Grant
- 3rd-- Pierre Vanderhout, Louise St. John, Erwin Batalla, Alexandra Simmons
- 4th-- Linda Lott, Brian Dowling, Jo Touchette, George Gratton

Pam and Roger Taylor with Dean Clark organized this event with help from Brian Collingwood and April Welsh. Several curlers have commented that

this event is extremely enjoyable and we hope that more of you will join us in years to come.

The Christmas potluck will be held on Fri. December 18th this year. Michael Braun is coordinating the event this year ably assisted by Brian Collingwood and April Welsh. Emil Lindt is returning as the jolly (crusty?) elf. Denis Faubert and his group will be entertaining the crowd with versions of Roddy the Snowman. We will plumb the depth of singing talent in the club. We count on you and the many volunteers to make the evening a great success.



Junior Curling

by Teresa Gibson

The junior curling at RKCC is off to a good start with over 60 registered curlers between the little rock program and juniors.

Little rock curlers continue to work on skill development. We have several little rock teams planning to participate in the Candy Cane bonspiel at the Catarauqui Curling Club in early December.

Our junior program is going well with a very tight race for first place in the club curling. Play-offs for the first draw will be in early December.

On November 29th we invited the Catarauqui juniors to our club for an afternoon of inter club curling. Eight teams participated and our juniors have been invited to Catarauqui on the 13th of December. We are also gearing up for our junior/bantam bonspiel. This year's bonspiel is called 'THE OLYMPIANS' and will be held on February 6th.



Landings Stick League

by Phil Neatby

There were a few hiccups in the 2009-10 start-up:

- a. Those completing Cards of Intent logically presumed a schedule little changed from last year. In the event, some changes impacted on the Day Ladies play on Wed. This, and unexpected changes to personal planning resulted in a number of teams withdrawing after reviewing the new schedule. As you can

imagine, this has been a bit of a scheduling nightmare for Bill Worthy and Joan Roantree.

- b. We had hoped to have stick clinics before the season started. These clinics are important in giving those new to this form of play greater confidence from the outset. Ice-making breakdown scuppered this plan, but the newcomers bravely jumped in, and are doing just fine.

We have 27 teams in the League, and would not have been surprised at having 30! We have concluded that 30 is over-ambitious. The best basis for planning next year is a league of 24 teams. This makes scheduling easier and more satisfactory for the players. We know that there is plenty of demand for spares, so very few would be denied a chance to play.

Available ice time does not permit us to complete a full round-robin in a season, we regret to say. Thus we have made an arbitrary split into two sections, and this will allow limited round-robin play, and make scheduling of our finals easier.

Our Fun 'Spiel takes place 11 December, and includes a Chili Lunch.

If you haven't tried stick play, keep it in mind for the day your knees give out, but your competitive zeal is still burning bright.



OCA Report

by Joanne Miller

On Dec. 11th, 12th and 13th, RKCC is hosting the Scott Regional Playdowns.

Game times are:

Friday- 6 PM and 9:30 PM

Saturday- 8:30 AM, noon, 4:30 PM and 9 PM

Sunday- 9:30 AM, 2 PM and 6:30 PM

The kitchen will be open for lunch and supper on Saturday and Sunday and it would be great to see our members coming out to watch some great curling. See you there!

Bonspiel Reports



2009 Senior Men's Investors Group/Limestone Bonspiel Report

by Mike Tureski, retiring Chair

A very successful Senior Men's bonspiel was held Sat. Oct. 31st with 18 out of town and 6 RKCC teams competing in the 24 team event.

The overall points winner was an RKCC rink skipped by Jim Irving. Curling with Jim were Vic Matthews, Reg Gore and Mike Charette.

2nd place went to Phil Tomsett from RKCC while 3rd place was won by Tom McClelland from Prescott C.C.

The participants enjoyed a day of fine food and fellowship made successful by the great group of volunteers listed below as well as the generous sponsorship by the Investors Group Financial Services.

Brian McConnell and Garth Bowen were on hand from the sponsor to enjoy some RKCC hospitality and help present the trophy and prizes.

The spiel is forecast to make a profit of at least \$1000 once the final receipts and invoices are received and tallied.

A special 'Thanks' was given to Bob the Butcher who gave us excellent service and helped as a volunteer to prepare the meat course for the dinner. We should continue to nurture the unique, 'win-win' relationship with this supplier.

Volunteers: (c) denotes 'Captain'

Greeter: Don Cameron;

Scorer: Gord Smith

Breakfast: April Welsh(c); Mary Dupuis; Barb Tureski

Lunch: Garry Dupuis (c); Paul Hannah; Dan O'Neill

Snacks & Cleanup: Dave Bracken (c); Ted Buelow; Dave Barr;

Dinner: George Gratton (c); Steve Miller; Henry Peel; Steve Mansell; Diane Gratton; Linda Lott; Linda O'Sullivan.

Assistant Chair / poster, score sheet, team roster sheet producer/ draw master/ archival librarian and photographer: Brian Collingwood

Co Chair: George Gratton



Ladies Open Bonspiel "Curling in the Vineyard"

November 21, 2009

First I would like to thank my committee, Mary Smith who was my right hand woman, Donna Smith who provided us with a great lunch, and Shani Doucet for the program and scoring.

Things seemed to run smoothly, thanks to all the great volunteers who came out to help on Friday for the set up and Saturday to tend to the needs of our curlers. A special thanks to the men who came out to help with the cleanup!

I introduced a new method of scoring that seemed to be well received by most people.

We had four rinks from Cataraqi Golf and Curling Club, three rinks from Gananoque Curling Club, one rink from Perth, one rink from Ottawa Curling Club and one rink from Napanee. The remainder of the 24 rinks was made up from our own curling club.

The winner this year was Sarah Detomasi's rink of Heather Ramshaw, Janet Fowlow and Christine Ramshaw. Thank you to all the curlers who came out!

Supper was provided by Rod Wallace-Spence and his able assistant Tim. Everyone had more than enough to eat. The wine tasting was put on by Paul Minacker and his wife from 33 Vines and was enjoyed by many. Thank you Paul.

Sincerely,
Joan Doucet

Board of Directors' 2010 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date *	General Meetings
January 20, 2010	
February 17, 2010	
March 17, 2010	
Sunday, April 11, 2010 @ 3:00 pm	198th Annual General Meeting
April 21, 2010	
May 19, 2010	
June 16, 2010	
July 21, 2010	
August 18, 2010	
September 15, 2010	
October 20, 2010	
Sunday, October 24, 2010 @ 3:00 pm	199th Semi-Annual General Meeting
November 17, 2010	
December 15, 2010	

* Regular Monthly meetings begin @ 5 PM

Questions or concerns?

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Please email your submissions for the **February** Sweep to **Carole Rivington** at carolnr62@cogeco.ca no later than **January 25, 2009!**

Thank you!



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