



The Sweep

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Remembering Jim.....

by Vic Matthews



I knew Jim Irving but did not know him well until about a couple of years ago when we started playing together regularly.

Jim enjoyed playing any game. We were curling in Morrisburg and between games he spotted an old Crokinole board in the corner of the lounge. He asked for the playing pieces which they had trouble finding, and before long four of us were in a spirited game of Crokinole.

One of his great passions was hunting; many hours on the road to bonspiels were spent hearing about his exploits and the ones that got away. On one trip to Napanee he talked the whole way there about returning to Sydenham to try and find one large buck which had eluded him.

He seemed to have an interest in many things. We were in Smith's Falls in a bonspiel and Jim immediately spotted the old museum adjacent to the club. Jim asked if the team was interested in visiting the museum between games. It turned out to be a very interesting visit spurring many discussions of the yesteryear; especially about the two storey outhouse attached

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to the main house which is I believe the only two storey one in eastern Canada still left.

Another of his passions was the Montreal Canadians Hockey Club. The flag on his vehicle and the theme of his home bar made it very obvious he was more than just a fan. This provided fodder for many barbs from fans of other hockey teams, but Jim was adept at returning the barbs. Incidentally I heard they are thinking of bringing

professional hockey back to Montreal Jim would have loved it.

In curling we were both comfortable playing vice or skip with each other. Once we teamed up together we were quite successful: RKCC Senior Men's Flight Finalists 2009, Winners of Smith's Falls Ray McRae Bonspiel 2009 both with Reg Gore and Dave Bracken, winners of The Limestone Senior Men's Bonspiel 2009 with Mike Charette and Reg Gore.

Jim and his wife Gail also won the 2009 RKCC Mixed Championship and the City Mixed Championship with Tracy Mitchell, Pat Bradshaw, and Dave Bradshaw.

I took the The Limestone Senior Men's Bonspiel trophy down to the ICU unit at KGH for Jim to see the engraving with his name on it. Jim immediately really perked up when he saw it and insisted that it be left with him. Despite all the paraphernalia around and attached to him he still had the will to rise above it all. Few people knew of all the medical problems he had to deal with over the last few years because he never complained or discussed it without being asked. Indeed it never stopped him from doing anything.

It was fitting to see him laid to rest in an idyllic setting for an outdoorsman in Cataragui Cemetery beside a stream amongst some large trees. He will long be remembered by his legion of friends.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

The banner cases are up and they look great. Many thanks to the following for volunteering to mount them on the walls:

Michael Braun
Dave Bradshaw
Don Duncan
Reg Gore
John Koronyi
Vic Matthews
Jim Rines
Claire Dominik
Mary Stevenson
Sylvia Wright
Betty Bush

Committee Reports

Financial Committee

Roy Vasey, 1st VP/Treasurer

To date, Club Revenues are slightly higher than this time last year, and Club Expenses are down slightly as well. The food service is doing well, showing a small surplus, members' comments are very positive, and along with the strong rental income, this is contributing to stronger and more robust sales at the Bar.

Kudos to the volunteers and staff who are doing a great job providing this amenity. The process of creating and approving next year's budget had begun. At the January Board meeting, a Budget Estimate work sheet was given out for the various committees to use, and the committees were asked to present a "needs and wants" list to the Board to assist the Finance Committee in setting next season's budget. A major goal of the Finance Committee this year is to have a budget for 2010/2011 finalized and approved by the end of this fiscal year, April 30/2010.

The Finance Committees members are:

Roy Vasey, 1st VP/Treasurer,
Brian Ward, Paul Cridland, co-Vice-Chairs,
Michelle Paquin, Financial Officer,
Donna Poirier, Club Accountant,
Dave Bracken, 2nd VP/HRC,
Jim Barton,
Wayne Gilmour, President, ex-officio

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Vasey,
1st VP/Treasurer, RKCC

Social Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

Join us on **February 7th at 5:30**, for the RKCC **Super Bowl Party**. Big screen, munchies and dinner all for \$10.00! Tickets are available at the bar.

If there is an event that you would like to see happen at the club, please do not hesitate to chat with a member of your Social Committee: Rene Marchen, Joanne Miller, Ana Sutherland, Bill Duffe, Bruce Bodley, George Gratton, Steve Vermeer, Gerry Buist, Pam Twiddy, and Lee Thompson would love to hear your ideas. Help us; make our club, the **best** club in town!

Section Reports



Evening Ladies

by Linda Lott

Well ladies here it is the beginning of February already and we still have lots of curling nights left. A huge well done to Karen and Lillian for keeping club and Flight curling running smoothly. We have one draw left for club so let's try and keep the numbers up.

If there are issues that you feel need to be addressed by your executive, please let us know.

I have compiled a list of bonspiels that are happening in the area so please try one out!

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| Feb 7 th | <i>Perth Curling Club</i>
<i>Ladies Watson Cup</i>
Contact: 1-613-267-2913 |
| Feb 13 th - 14 th | <i>Prince Edward Curling Club</i>
<i>Queen of the Castle</i>
Contact: Raylene Starling,
1-613-476-6555 |
| Feb 20 th | <i>Bancroft Curling Club</i>
Contact: 1-613-332-3767 |
| Feb 27 th | <i>Campbellford Curling Club</i>
<i>Ladies in Red</i>
Contact: Jan Bastedo,
1-705-632-0827 |
| Mar 6 th | <i>Halliburton Curling Club</i>
<i>Highland Ladies Spiel</i>
Contact: Marilou Mizzin,
1-705-457-5258 |
| Mar 13 th | <i>Land-O-Lakes</i>
<i>Viva Las Vegas</i>
Contact: Amy Chisholm,
1-613-478-5945 |
| Mar 19 th - 21 st | <i>Omemee Curling Club</i>
Contact: Debbie Kidd,
kkidd@nexicom.net |

Curling is a game of etiquette and sportsman like behaviour so please be mindful of your placement on the ice...when you aren't throwing or sweeping a rock, you should be stationary between the hog lines. If you are waiting to throw your rock-you should be to the side and behind your opponent.

You should be in the hack and ready to throw when it is your turn.

See you on the ice!

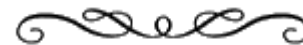
"Bring a Friend Night"

Wednesday, March 17th @ 6 PM
(please arrive at 5:30PM to get signed in and shoes taped!)



There will be a brief instruction period followed by a short game and then munchies. There will also be door prizes!

A sign up sheet will be posted around the end of February. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Lynn Witheridge or Pam Davison.



Day Ladies

by Claire Dominik

The Day Ladies section is well into their third draw, the Roantree Trophy Draw, with 16 Teams on Tuesday and 14 teams on Thursday.

The winners of the previous draw, The Edwards Trophy were Lin Jenkins and her team of Barb Tureski, Katy Provan and Martha Forkes. Congratulations to all.

Runner up for the trophy was Lois Logan with Bernie Kay, Sheila Mckirdy and Yolande Trudeau-Atkinson.

Plans are being made and the invitations are out, for our annual Grandmother's and Great Aunt's Bonspiel to be held on March 24th.. The theme this year is "Grandma and Auntie Travel the World". We're looking forward to hosting many out of club teams as well as a few of our own.

On March 3rd. RKCC Flight Teams will be hosting the

Cataraqui Flight teams. In past years this has proven to be a popular fun day and a great mix for the two clubs.

Our condolence goes out to Edna Fanjoy who recently lost her sister Alice Hawkins. Alice had also been a curler at RKCC in the past years and a great volunteer for many Kingston services.

Another ex-curler Doreen Main passed away this month. She had been Lead on the KCC team skipped by Kay O'Neill when they won the Ontario Ladies Curling Championship in 1970.

A long standing and Life Member, Arla Currie has been forced to retire from the game due to poor health. Our Day Ladies recently sent her a plant to wish her good health and to let her know how much she is missed.

On a better note, one of our good friends Mary Stevenson who has had two back operations has come into the Club to visit us recently and we are pleased to see her looking healthier and on the road to recovery. We look forward to the day when she'll be back curling again.

Day Men

by Dave Sansom
Day Men's Rockin' Chair



With continued keen ice and gentlemanly competition, the Senior Men's Flight curling is having a great year at the early Monday time slot. After our start in October, where there was a heavy mix of Monday and Friday games, we have settled into only Monday play with one exception in January. While the competition and ice are both keen, the pre- and après-ice time has been particularly sociable with the continuing development and success of DUFFE'S DINER.

The Rockin' Chair was able to catch up with THE Bill Duffe, himself, for an exclusive interview for the Sweep. Duffe admitted that, "The lunches appear to be very well received by both the Monday curlers and Diane La Bru's Bridge group. DUFFE'S DINER has been averaging about 85 lunches per day, with a profit to the Club of more than \$1600 to the end of January". When asked how he managed this with his busy schedule, Bill exclaimed, "Volunteer response has been fantastic! We haven't called on everyone who indicated they would help yet, but we will!"

Bill particularly wanted to recognize teams led by Nick Brown, Larry Waller, Tom Mercer, Doug Huddle, Brian Collingwood, Art Russell, and Steve

Quinn. "In fact", said Bill, "Quinn and his team not only prepared lunch but also donated a portion of it.....the cow's lips, I think! And, anyone else wanting to take the lead preparing lunch please let me know. Coaching is available!"

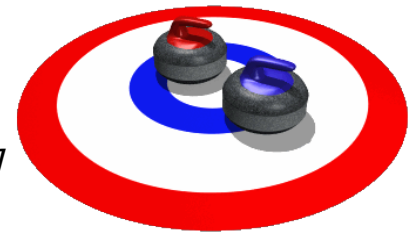
As I expressed our thanks for his stepping forward to lead this culinary initiative, I also asked if there was to be any new Epicurian Delights on the menu. "Oh Yeh", he added, "Clare Dominic has offered to donate a turkey, so you can expect a Turkey Something-Or-Other in the near future". And we will look forward to a continued bright future for DUFFE'S DINER.

In other Day Men's activities, Brian Hetherington, with the help of other early risers, continues to create interesting competitions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. As well, Don Pringle maintains the popular Bi-Club format with the Garrison Gang.

This may be late recognition and unexpected news, but the Maple Leafs did win a championship, the November In-House Day Men's Bonspiel. The team of Russ Brown, Murray Cotton, Emile Lindt, and Art Slack were winners.....Congrats! And this suggests the announcement of the next Day Men's Bonspiel which is being convened by Murray Cotton, Con Seiben, and Keith Forrest. Jim Lesley is helping to co-ordinate the lunch. The registration sheet is on the Notice Board but, to confirm your reservation, get your \$20 to Murray Cotton as soon as possible. There are only 48 spots for this exciting Skins Format Bonspiel to be held Friday, March 19th.

Mixed Curling

by Erwin Batalla



The Christmas party was well attended with about 120 members at the potluck and gift exchange. Michael Braun and Patricia Beckett together with Brian Collingwood and April Welsh organized the event. Emil Lindt and Donna Poirier oversaw the exchange of gifts. Dennis Faubert and the "Jubilees" singers entertained us with songs and there was a special appearance by "Johnny Cashspiel". It was a terrific evening thanks to everyone that helped out.

This past two weeks, we distributed a survey to the Mixed divisions to determine preferences for next season. Over 90% responded in all four divisions. Thank you for taking the time to make your wishes known. We will report the results in a later Sweep.

The Whig Standard and Empire Life bonspiels occur

in the next month so the Mixed schedule is sporadic over that period. If you are taking part in one of these, we wish you the best of luck. Otherwise, come out and encourage the teams.

We will resume our regular sequence in the middle of February with round-robin games in C and D. Playoffs in A and B divisions begin on February 26. The position of teams in the draw will be determined from the final standings which will not be fully known until the last week of round robin. The playoff schedule will be posted on the board as soon as possible. Because of these times constraints, it is especially crucial to play the games as scheduled and to find spares if you are unable to. Spares in the playoffs must have played at least two games in the Mixed section during the regular season.

Have a successful curling year in 2010.



Junior Curling

by Teresa Gibson

Congratulations to the bantam teams who entered into the OCA competitions in January.

Final preparations are underway for the Olympia Bonspiel to be held on Feb. 6th at our club. We will have a good turnout from our own club and for some of them this is their first bonspiel. We wish them good curling and good luck!



Little rock curlers will be celebrating the Olympics with an Olympic theme day on the 7th of February. We look forward to meeting a Torch Bearer and playing in our own "Olympic" games that day.

Draw 2 is underway in our club curling league and will be wrapped up by early March.

OCA

OCA Report

by Joanne Miller

On Dec. 11th, 12th, 13th, RKCC hosted the Scott Regional Playdowns. Sixteen teams from 8 regions competed for two berths in the provincial playdowns with Jenn Hann qualifying out of A and

Lisa Farnell out of B. Spectators were treated to great curling all weekend.

My thanks to all the volunteers who officiated at the games and helped in the kitchen. Thanks to Linda Lott and Graham for all their help and very special thanks to Billy Duffe, Rod, Terry. I heard many positive comments throughout the weekend about our wonderful facility and great ice conditions. To Gerry, many thanks for all your support and help. This weekend could not have happened without the efforts of all these great people.

Competition Reports



Judy (coach), Peter (skip), Matt, Robbie and Dylan

RKCC was well represented at the bantam zone playdowns held Jan 9-10 in Campbellford.

The team of Peter Andersen (skip) with Matthew Walsh, Robbie Myers and Dylan Welch (coach Judy Russell) won the A side to advance to regionals.

Nick Zelizniak (skip) with Caleb Gray, Carter Garrah and Ross Fabbro (coached by Mario Fabbro) won their first game against David Brown of Cataraqui but lost the A side final to Andersen and the B side final to Mac Calwell of Quinte, so did not advance to regionals.

The team of Kaitlyn Welch (skip), Leah Maxwell, Shannon Maxwell and Mackenzie Schroeder (coached by Kevan Welch) lost 2 heart breakers and did not advance.

At regionals in Hawkesbury Jan 16-17 the Andersen team won their first game against the Steele team from Manotick despite a few extra nerves - their game was filmed by Cogeco! In their second game

against McCrady from Cityview they had a tough break in the 4th end and lost Peter's last rock to a pick - putting the game out of reach. Their 3rd game was played really well and could have gone either way but they lost a close one to Barr from Perth - who later won the B side.

Many thanks to all the family members who drove, provided snacks and cheered!



2010 RKCC Golf Tournament

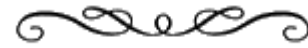
The sign-up sheet for the
6th annual
RKCC Golf Tournament
at Camden Braes on June 17th
will be posted by February 1st.

Please sign up as soon as possible.
Follow-up confirmation will
take place in late May.

This event includes a BBQ steak and
salmon dinner at the Curling Club
following golf. The fee (excluding
cart rental) remains \$50 per person.

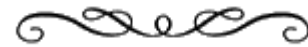
Please come and enjoy a great day
while supporting your club. Please also
be generous in providing/collecting
prize donations.

Steve Quinn



Please email your
submissions for the
March Sweep
to [Carole Rivington](mailto:carolnr62@cogeco.ca) at
carolnr62@cogeco.ca
no later than
February 24, 2010!

Thank you!



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Happy
Valentine's
Day!

FEBRUARY 2010 Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Wed, Feb 3 rd	Day Ladies Rated Spiel
Sat, Feb 6 th	Junior Bonspiel
Sun, Feb 7 th	Eastern Ontario Junior Bonspiel (AM) <i>Super Bowl Party @ 5:30pm</i>
Wed, Feb 10 th	KCA Bonspiel
Thu, Feb 11 th thru Sat, Feb 13 th	52 nd Annual Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel
Sun, Feb 14 th thru Tue, Feb 16 th (am)	Ice Maintenance
Wed, Feb 17 th @ 5pm	Board Meeting
Sat, Feb 20 th (9-4:30)	Big Brothers & Big Sisters
Wed, Feb 24 th	Submissions for March Sweep are due

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?
Contact: Gail Irving, Secretary – (613) 542-5938
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2010 Winter Olympics Curling Schedule

Date	Time PST	Men / Women	Teams
Round Robin Play			
Feb 16 th	9 AM	Men	NOR vs CAN
	2 PM	Women	CAN vs SUI
	7 PM	Men	CAN vs GER
Feb 17 th	9 AM	Women	JPN vs CAN
Feb 18 th	9 AM	Men	CAN vs SWE
	2 PM	Women	CAN vs GER
	7 PM	Men	FRA vs CAN
Feb 19 th	2 PM	Men	DEN vs CAN
	7 PM	Women	DEN vs CAN
Feb 20 th	7 PM	Men	CAN vs GBR
Feb 21 st	9 AM	Women	CAN vs USA
	2 PM	Men	SUI vs CAN
	7 PM	Women	CHN vs CAN
Feb 22 nd	9 AM	Men	CAN vs USA
	2 PM	Women	SWE vs CAN
Feb 23 rd	9 AM	Women	CAN vs GBR
	2 PM	Men	CHN vs CAN
	7 PM	Women	CAN vs RUS
Semifinals			
Feb 25 th	9 AM	Women	?
	2 PM	Men	?
Medal Events			
Feb 26 th	9 AM	Women Bronze	?
	3 PM	Women Gold	?
Feb 27 th	9 AM	Men's Bronze	?
	3 PM	Men's Gold	?