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198th Annual
General Meeting

Sunday, April 11th
@ 3:00 PM

Volunteer
Appreciation
Wine & Cheese



*following the
Meeting*



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Committee Reports

Sponsorship/Advertising Committee

Bruce Jeffery, Chair

The members of your RKCC Advertising Committee are:

Bruce Jeffery, Chairman
Garry Dupuis
Roger Taylor
Deanne Clark
Cathy Grant
Brad Finch
Graham Weatherby

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of my committee for their hard work all year. It is easy to be Chairman when you have a great group working with you. I'm happy to say they've all agreed to stay on with me for the upcoming season.

In 2009 – 2010 your Sponsorship / Advertising Committee was successful in renewing 4 In-Ice sponsors and 52 Wall sponsors.

We only lost 3 Wall Advertisers from the list of past supporters, and one In-Ice Sponsor, but our Committee was able to bring on 8 new businesses as Wall Advertisers. We want to ask all of you to be sure to support all these businesses whenever you can.

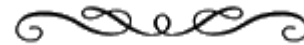
In accordance with the new RKCC Business Plan, our Committee completed our Mandate, Roles & Responsibilities and work plan. I want to thank Garry Dupuis for taking the lead on this project.

This year our Committee took the lead in setting up a Booth at both the City's Fall Leisure Showcase in September and the Ontario Men's Curling Tankard held in Napanee in early February. I want to thank Roger & Pam Taylor, Garry Dupuis and Graham Weatherby for preparing and manning the Booths. I also want to thank Cathy Grant, who joined our Committee in January, for taking the lead to create our new Club brochure.

These Booth opportunities gave us the opportunity to equip RKCC with good quality signs, brochures and a digital picture frame which will allow us to display RKCC in a more professional manner. One of our Committee goals is to create another one or two brochures which target various aspects of our Club and can be used for more specific requirements.

Our Committee will continue to solicit two new In-

Ice Sponsors to complete the Ice Sponsorship.



Member-At-Large Report

Betty Bush, Chair

This year a number of adhoc committees have been formed to study various aspects concerning the Club.

1. City Championships – Meetings with Garrison and Cataraqui revealed that the present format does not seem to be working. The question is, however, – is there a better way to determine winners?
2. Grants – A committee is looking into grants that the Club might apply for through the OCA, local, provincial or federal government or other foundations that make funding available.
3. Life Members – A visible acknowledgement will be placed in the Club recognizing these longtime members.
4. History of RKCC – We know we were established in 1820 but we are trying to gather bits and pieces of information of our early years. Helen Finley, a local history buff is aiding with our research. Ted Brown and Lefty McDonald along with Helen, Graham and I would welcome your enthusiasm if you chose to join this committee.

If you have any helpful comments on any of the above please contact me. Your input is most important and appreciated.



Social Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

As we approach the end of the curling season, the focus begins to shift from being curlers to being spectators as we head to Championship night. Please show up on April 16th for the "RKCC Championship Night", schedule will be: 6:15 introduction of curlers, 6:30 games begin, 9:00 Presentation of trophies

Social Committee (cont'd)

Linda Lott, Chair

and Life Memberships. If you aren't curling, join the crowd behind the glass to cheer on your fellow curlers.

The winners on Championship night will be playing in the City Championships on Sunday April 18th at RKCC. Your continued support for our curlers would be greatly appreciated that day!

On **Sunday April 11th at 3pm**, is the RKCC AGM followed by a Volunteer appreciation wine and cheese. Hope to see you there!

Club Convenor: Karen Peters
Flight Convenor: Lillian Rynbend
Special Events: Fran Cooney
OCA Rep: Joanne Miller
Bonspiel: TBA
Secretary: Gwen Mitchell

If you are interested in helping out with any of the Evening Ladies section activities, let one of the executive know.

Finally, it has been great curling with you this season and I look forward to seeing you on the ice in the fall!

Section Reports



Club Curling by Karen Peters

With only one week left in the regular season we are one game away from having our four teams for the Carrie Cole Playoffs. The fourth round winner is still to be crowned from this week's playoff game between Nancy Suenaga and her team of Heather MacMillan, Shani Doucet and Michele Vermette and Betty Bush and her team of Cathy Lyman, Pam Davison and Gillian Turnbull. Good luck to both teams.

The three other teams are, first round winners Judy Russell (Skip), Joanne Manion, (Vice), Jane Cooper (2nd) and Kathleen Poole (Lead); the second round winners, Ana Sutherland (Skip), Elisabeth Dillman (Vice), Dora Milton (2nd) and Carole StGeorge (Lead) and third round winners Donna Smith (Skip), Heather MacMillan, Pat Bradshaw and Michele O'Reilly. The playoffs start Thursday April 1st with the follow up games April 6th, 7th, 12th and 15th if necessary. Championship night is Friday April 16th and is quite an evening with all the winning teams from all sections competing for their title. Come out and support our Wednesday night curlers – it is always nice to see some familiar faces behind the glass. The winning team goes on to play in the City Championships. Good luck to everyone

The Ladies Closing dinner is Wednesday April 14th at 6:30. Cocktails start at 5:30 so come early, have a drink and get your seats. The theme for the evening is "Funky to Formal Bling Fling" so it's your choice if you want to look beautiful or bountiful (Wear one piece of your favourite jewelry or ALL). There will be a prize for the most interesting "Array of Jewels". See you all then.

As my first full year as Evening Club convenor I have a lot of people who helped me "learn the ropes". I would like to extend a big thank you to Denise

Evening Ladies

by Linda Lott

Well, here we are with 18 days left of being able to go to the club! We have had a great curling season because of the efforts of Karen Peters, our Club Convenor, Lillian Rynbend, our Flight Convenor, Pam Davison and Lynn Witheridge our Special Event Coordinators and you the curlers.

I know that you are starting to anticipate the switch to gardening and those other activities that you pursue when the club is closed for the Summer. But before we lose you to those other pursuits there are a number of things you still need to attend:

April 14th - Ladies Closing Dinner, a wonderful opportunity to wear something else besides curling gear, April 18th - Championship night when the Evening ladies club winners take on the Afternoon ladies for the Carrie Cole Trophy and our Flight Finalists play off for the right to be declared Flight Champ.

The winners of Championship night will advance to the City Championship on Sunday April 18th. So you can practice your cheerleading skills on Friday night in preparation for Sunday!!

On Wednesday, March 31st the Evening Ladies nominated and elected a slate of Officers for the curling season 2010-2011:

Chair: Linda Lott
Vice-Chair: Denise Mulville
Past Chair: Betty Bush

Club Curling (cont'd)

by Karen Peters

Mulville, for helping me with the teams and draws, Jane Kelly for doing all the shopping for the prizes, Judy Russell for proofing my emails and Mary Skeggs for her experience and guidance. And thanks to all the players for the camaraderie and fun evenings!!

**Flight Curling**

by Lil Rynbend

The Evening Ladies flight second round robin is now complete and the teams have now started play-offs. Two divisions with eight teams in each section with the two "A" finalists going on to Championship Night. "B" finals will be played April 12th.

The full first round robin was used to determine the round robin winners. Congratulations to Colleen Bennett's team of Celia Russell, Sharon Windsor and Jody Allum who won by one point. Judy Russell's team of Joanne Miller, Donna Poirier and Johanne Touchette were a close second.

**Special Events**

by Lynn Witheridge

The annual Ladies Bring a Friend Night was held on Wednesday March 17th and was a great success. We had a great turn out with 30 new curlers attending with many club members out to lend a hand. 24 of these new people signed up for information from the club with next year. Graham put the information on the web site and kijiji and got a terrific response.

There was on ice instruction and a six end game. Everyone stayed afterwards for green beer and munchies. The door prize was won by a Lorraine Farrell, who was one of the people who found the info on the website.

I'd like to thank Betty Bush and Linda Lott for organizing the teams, Judy Russell and Mary Stewart Ross for the on ice teaching and everyone else who helped with shoe taping, instruction, decorating and selling raffle tickets.

**Day Men's**

by Dave Sansom

Day Men's Rockin' Chair



Of the total of 150 men participating in Day Men's Section curling activities, 116 make up 29 teams competing in Senior Flight Curling. This is the highest number of Senior Flight teams in our history. We are currently into the Playoffs which will culminate on Monday, April 12th, with winners' finalized and trophies presented. Good Luck to all!

Based on the wishes of Senior Flight curlers, we also changed the start time on Mondays from 8:30 to 9:00 AM, based on a desire to test the potential popularity of prepared lunches. With the kitchen initiative led by Bill Duffe in September and sustained by a great group of volunteers, the Monday lunches have been a roaring success. This momentum spread to other days and hopefully the initiative can be sustained into next season.

Our Tuesday / Thursday Pickup Curling sessions continue to be popular, with the 8:30 AM time slot busy but not always fully utilized. Bi-Club Curling has continued to be popular with the 10:45AM Tuesdays ice time fully used on alternate weeks with friendly competition involving Royal Kingston and Garrison curlers.

Our two In-House Day Men's Bonspiels have continued to be fully subscribed, using a 12 team, three draws of four ends each, and using the skins format. The most recent bonspiel occurred on Friday, March 19th.

Winners of the Spiel were Skip Steve Quinn, Vice Brian Hetherington, 2nd Brad Paterson, and Lead Yves Perreault. Breakfast was provided by Robert J. Reid & Sons Funeral Home. Thank you to our sponsor

The success and enjoyment in Section Curling this year has been assisted by those responsible for the equipment and operation that create great ice on which to play. They all should be recognized for their great results this season.

Our Section is, as are all others, indebted to the volunteers that make all our activities work well. We value all of their individual efforts highly. A special thanks is extended to Brian Collingwood for managing the scheduling challenges created by the Senior Flight moving to three draws on Mondays, with not enough Mondays to meet our total desires. Well done and thanks, Brian!

On Tuesday March 30th, The Spring General Meeting

Day Men's (cont'd)

by Dave Sansom

of the Day Men's Section accepted the slate of Officers for the 2010/2011 Curling Season, with John Koronyi as Chair, Murray Cotton as Vice-chair, Brian Hetherington leading the Tuesday/Thursday Pick-up League, Don Pringle continuing with Bi-Club leadership, Ed Tibbutt leading Senior Flight operations, and Murray Cotton and Keith Forrest accepting responsibility to organize the November Bonspiel.

Our General Meeting also outlined some possible changes to improve our schedule for next year, which the new leadership will be working on shortly. Stay tuned!

Well it's time to go _/)

Evening Men

by Gord Rogers

Evening Men's closing dinner is fast approaching and will be held Thursday, April 15th beginning at 6:30 pm. 5 event games and the B flight championship will be played that night starting at 5:10. Catering will be by Rent a Chef (Joe DeSousa) and cost is still \$20.00. Tickets available at the bar until April 13th.

All club draws have gone very smooth this year and we have been averaging 38 teams per week in club. Semi finals start Monday April 5th.

Flight playoffs are well underway. Good luck to all participating teams. We are back to 3 flights for playoff, rather than the four we tried last year.

The curling committee asked that pizza be made available for sale to all teams coming off the ice from 5:10 games on Monday and Thursday nights. For the most part, this has been reasonably successful.

We also went with pizza, wings and nachos on Tuesday nights. We will review this at the end of the season as to its success or if any changes are required.

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

Thanks also to our committee and especially **Steve Vermeer**, who spent so much time organizing flight schedules, standings and playoffs once again this year. Steve also provided the updates for the



website. This is also a very special thank-you to **Teresa Wilson** who kept all of us up to date on our website this year.

I hope to see everybody at the semi annual general meeting on April 11th and again on championship night on April 16th.

Have a great summer to all members of RKCC.



Mixed Curling

by Erwin Batalla

The Mixed curling season ended with the Awards Dinner on Sunday March 28. The club champions remain to be determined. The team of Alex Tosh, Carole Rivington, Randy Neal and Nancy Tosh will play the team of Shawn Suenaga, Teresa Gibson, Edward Gibson and Nancy Suenaga on Championship Night, Friday April 16. We hope that you will be there to cheer them on.

There were over 130 members in attendance at the dinner. The event was catered by Joe de Sousa and organized by Alexandra Simmons. We were entertained by Denis Faubert and Professor Emil Lindt and several others including Johnny Cashspiel. The whole event went smoothly thanks to the help from the Duncan Team, Reg and Val Gore, Dorothy Hector, the Batalla Team, Garry Dupuis, Judy Russell and Rick Pim and Brian Collingwood.

The trophies for the finalists of the B championship were awarded to the winners Linda Lott, Brian Dowling, Joanne Touchette and Dave Bracken and the runners-up Erwin Batalla, Shirley Kwakkenbos, Hugh Pollitt-Smith and Alexandra Simmons.

Also, trophies were awarded to the winners of the round-robin in the A Division: Chris Barkley, Debbie Gillespie, Gord Gillespie, Susan Johnston; the B Division: Todd Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Tyler Rider, Anna Rider; the C Division: Colin Wartman, Brenda Wartman, Dwight Farrell, Marianne Farrell; the D Division: Gord Greer, Kathleen Poole, Kevan Welch, Sandy Fairbairn and the Sunday Division: Richard Lyman, Cathy Lyman, James Willis, Glenyss Turner. Thanks to Betty Bush, we were able to distribute hand-crafted Inukshuks as trophies.

The results of the surveys were also briefly mentioned at the dinner. After we had determined that half the mixed curlers wanted to play on Friday only and half wanted to play more games, we asked the teams to fill preliminary cards of intent. They confirmed that, in both competitive (A and B) and

Mixed Curling (cont'd)

by Erwin Batalla

recreational (C and D) divisions, about half the teams wanted to curl on Saturday one week out of four. Based on this, we recommended that, next year, there would be four divisions of which two would only play on Friday and the other two would play Friday and Saturday. This suggestion has been endorsed by the curling committee at their March meeting. The Sunday recreational league would continue unchanged. Look to make your choice of division when you receive your card of intent at the end of the summer.

As this is our last report for 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.



Junior Curling News

by Teresa Gibson

As our season winds down for the year I would like to thank the parents and coaches who have supported the little rock and junior curlers throughout the year. Volunteers are absolutely essential for the ongoing success of our program. I thank the parents who brought in snacks and the coaches who came out week after week to work with our young curlers. I would also like to thank past-chair Renee LeClair who was extremely supportive and always ready to give me advice and help in addition to being a regular coach each week. I hope our current volunteers continue to support these programs and I hope to recruit some new volunteers for next year.

I have one more year as Chair of Junior Curling and need a Vice-Chair for next year. I will also be head coach for the junior (2:00 -4:00) group and run it as a mixture of club curling and skills development. We need more coaches for the skills days especially at the beginning to help new curlers and at the end to help with badge testing. We are also looking for someone to take over as head coach of the little rock (12:00-2:00) group and a couple more coaches there as well. If any members have some free time on Sunday afternoons to help out (even just once or twice) please let me know. Working with these energetic young curlers can be a very rewarding experience.

Draw 2 for the junior club curling is now completed.

It was great to watch these curlers develop and improve throughout the year. I congratulate the winning team of Kevin Gibson, Stephanie Valliquette, Randal Wheeler, Nicholas Leduc and Anton Gibson. The runners up were Robbie Meyers, Nolan McGreer, Simon Walker, Sam Coffey and Ivor Benderavage. Due to uneven numbers these two teams had five members. This actually worked out quite well when some were away at competitions. Kevin's team will now play the draw 1 winners (Matthew Walsh, Carter Garrah, Stephanie Valliquette and Natalie Macartney) on Championship night..

Some of our young members enjoyed success curling outside of our club. Junior members Peter Andersen and Zach Hawley made it to a provincial play-down with their KCVI high school team. The little rock team of Nicholas Leduc, Sydney Plouffe, Chance Plouffe and Ian Macartney placed 3rd at the zones in Quinte. We had four teams compete in the Eastern Ontario Curling League this year. Their season concludes on April 11 at our club.

We will conclude our season with a pizza party on the 11th of April. I hope everyone has a great summer and comes back to the club in the fall.



The Landings Stick League

by Phil Neatby

This year has been a good one for the Stick League. There was some membership turbulence at the beginning, but once the routine was established, the year went smoothly.

The Fun 'Spiel in December demonstrated the warm spirit of our members. We all play to win, but in doing so, we don't have to be anti-social. Most of us have been playing together for four years now, and mutual admiration is high. The Committee is grateful for the good fellowship, patience and good competition from our players.

The competence gap has narrowed markedly. The playoffs this year feature two teams that were leaders last year along with two new contenders. The differences among the teams gets smaller each year.

The numbers signing up is not really increasing now, and our zeal for accommodating every last person

The Landings Stick League (cont'd)

by Phil Neatby

who is thinking of joining has created untold scheduling difficulty, and irritation. Therefore, next year, the League will be for the first 24 teams that sign up – the rest will be spares, and wait for a chance the year after. Thus, game timings are unlikely to change from this year.

We are delighted to welcome a new member to our Committee. Jan Ray will take Phil Neatby's place, ushering in new perspectives.

Chris Barber will be on hand for our finals 14 April, to share a meal, present The Landings Trophy, and enjoy some fine company.

Your Committee: Phil Neatby
Diane Labrie
Bill Worthy
Joan Roantree



Men's Closing Dinner!

Join us for the Annual Year End Dinner and Beverage!

Thursday, April 15th

Club Event Finals and B Flight Championship at 5:10 pm

Dinner and Beverages after the Games

Roast Beef Dinner by Rent-a-Chef



Free Beverages
Year End Awards

50/50 Draw

Cost: \$20



Tickets available at the bar !

Upcoming Events

Ladies' Closing Dinner

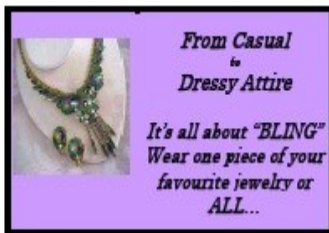
"Funky to Formal Bling Fling"

Wednesday April 14, 2010

Dinner by Joe deSousa

Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Tickets \$20



From Casual
to
Dressy Attire

It's all about "BLING"
Wear one piece of your
favourite jewelry or
ALL...



Let's have some Fun!!!!

PRIZE for the most interesting
"Array of Jewels"

All Ladies are Welcome

Please join us as we gather to reminisce about our 2009/10 season and say adieu...

2010 RKCC Golf Tournament



The 6th annual RKCC golf tournament is being held at Camden Braes with a shot-gun start at 1pm on June 17th. The sign-up sheet is now posted on the easel in the entrance lobby. Sign-up as individuals or groups. Each 4-some can play whatever format they wish. Most prizes will be by random draw ... so everyone has a chance to win.

The first 144 names on the list have priority. However, due to late cancellations approximately 160 sign-ups are required to ensure a full field. There are still approximately 35 openings, so please register early. All current members and their families, as well as alumni are eligible. Please come and enjoy a great social day while supporting your Club.

Following golf there will be a steak & salmon dinner at the Curling Club. The fee for golf and dinner remains the same at \$50.

We are having more difficulty obtaining prizes this year, so please be generous in providing and/or collecting prize donations.

Steve Quinn (634-2660)



APRIL 2010 Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Fri, Apr 2 nd	Good Friday, Club Closed
Sat, Apr 3 rd	Club Closed
Sun, Apr 4 th	Happy Easter! Club Closed
Thu, Apr 8 th to Sat, Apr 10 th	The Famous Fisherman's Bonspiel
Sun, Apr 11th @ 3:00 pm	Annual General Meeting
Wed, Apr 14 th	Ladies Closing Dinner <i>Funky to Formal Bling Fling</i>
Thu, Apr 15 th	Men's Closing Dinner
Fri, Apr 16 th	Championship Night
Sun, Apr 18 th	City Championships



Board of Directors 2010 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date *	General Meetings
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

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