



The Sweep

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A word from your President...

Hi everyone,

I trust we've all had an enjoyable off-season so far. I was very fortunate to have been invited on behalf of the club to attend the reception for the Queen on June 30th at Rideau Hall. I did attend and got to speak to HRH Prince Phillip for a moment. It was very special. He asked about one of the club pins that I was wearing and of course my yellow and black McLeod tartan tie.

Overall the weather has been fantastic for golfing, camping and all the other activities imaginable, but it's now time to begin thinking about another fun and successful curling season.

Your curling committees have been busy setting the schedules and agendas for next season. We need to thank them for their hard work.

The Board listened to the members concerns regarding the Mixed curling and I believe the changes that have been made to those draws reflect those concerns and these changes will lead to a tremendous Mixed season this year.

Most of our sponsors have returned along with a few new ones. Please support them and thank them for their contributions.

In closing, please remember the Board and committee members are there for you. Please let them know if you have any questions or concerns. We're all here to make this club the best curling club we can.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Good curling,
Roy Vasey



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Championship Night 2010

Congratulations to all participants!!

Juniors:

Kevin Gibson, Stephanie Valliquette, Randal Wheeler, Nicholas Leduc/Anton Gibson over Matthew Walsh, Carter Garrah, Megan Valliquette for Stephanie Valliquette, Natalie Macartney

Men's Flight:

Paul Wood, Sean Meleschuk, Lucas Parafianowicz, Rich Polk defeated Phil Tomsett, Kelvin Cole, Scott Fraser, Fred Ivimey

Evening Ladies Flight:

Heather Ramshaw, Janet Fowlow, Sarah Detomasi, Celia Russell for Cathy Lyman over Mary Paterson, Joanne Manion, Mary Skeggs, Kathy King

Mixed:

Alex Tosh, Carole Rivington, Randy Neal, Nancy Tosh defeated Shawn Suenaga, Teresa Gibson, Edward Gibson, Nancy Suenaga

Carrie Cole:

Colleen Bennett for Betty Bush, Cathy Lyman, Pam Davison, Gillian Turnbull (Evening Ladies) over Joan Doucet for Betty Bush, Mary Smith, Lois MacArthur, Cathy Dervan (Afternoon Ladies)

Men's Club:

Ron Cameron, Bob Clancy, Brad Finch, Paul Twiddy defeated Rob Campbell, Gord Gillespie, Ted Buelow for Emil Lindt, Ray Pothier

Sr. Men's Flight:

Tom Bryant, Dave Cox, John Koronyi, Don Duncan

Stick League:

Bob and Gwen Mitchell

Life Memberships were presented to Bill Cannon, Marilyn Chilton, Karl Polk, Marg Polk and Jerry Murphy (in absentia).

Congratulations to our City Championship Winners:

Ladies' Club: Betty Bush, Cathy Lyman, Pam Davison, Gillian Turnbull

Day Ladies' Flight: Joanne Miller (for Betty Bush),

Joanne Manion, Mary-Stewart Ross, Mary Skeggs
Juniors: Peter Andersen, Matthew Walsh, Brendan Coughlin, Zachary Hawley.



Life Members Plaque

We are trying to verify the accuracy of our records and ask that all members please check the list of Life Members that has been posted on the RKCC website (see below). Please report any errors or omissions to Graham, our Manager at 613-546-2243 or email to admin@royalkingston.com.

Thank You!



Committee Reports

Curling Committee Report

by Gord Rogers

I am delighted to report that the Curling Committee continues to work together effectively, and that the members have tackled the expanded role for this Committee that the Strategic Business Plan has directed. Our current members are:

Chair & Evening Men's: Gord Rogers

Vice Chair & Day Ladies: Lin Jenkins

Landings Stick League: Jan Ray

Day Men's: John Koronyi

Evening Ladies: Linda Lott

Juniors: Teresa Gibson

Clinics: Kevan Welch

Mixed: Erwin Batalla

OCA Rep & Secretary: Joanne Miller

For those not aware, the curling committee's main role is to coordinate schedules amongst all sections. At the same time, we are challenged to look for ice times to allow the club to grow. We also look after the clinics and work with the OCA to support regionals and zones, where possible. Our fight opportunities hopefully foster more competitive teams as well.

We have finished the 2010/2011 curling schedule, revised and up-dated the Cards of Intent, the Application Form and Swing and Sweep Application.

Highlights of changes to the curling schedule this year:

- ❖ Tues and Thursday morning day mens club will now start at 9:00 am, followed by an 11:15 time for day ladies and day men's.
- ❖ Evening men's flight is expected to grow to 48 teams and a fourth time slot has been added in at 9:30 am Sunday mornings
- ❖ No Friday curling for sr mens flight
- ❖ Mixed has gone to a Friday or Friday/Saturday draw as well as the Sunday time slot from last year. If there are more than 12 teams signed up for Sundays, then there will be two time slots made available on Sunday evenings.
- ❖ There is no scheduled club or flight curling on Friday days, leaving the morning and afternoon available for bonspiels and public school participation

We are always open to comments and suggestions from members. Your section rep will be happy to raise these at our regular meetings.

Curling at the Royal Kingston has always been fun – we intend to work at keeping it that way.

Curling Etiquette #1

Don't be late!

- When you are scheduled to play, be ready to step on the ice on time.
- If for some unavoidable reason you will be late, or cannot play, let your skip know as soon as possible.

Human Resources and Communications

by Dave Bracken

One more month and we are back on the ice! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

I am going to make my standard requests here. Remember, you are our best way of getting new members. You curl because you enjoy it. It is fun! You belong to a terrific club. Why not tell your friends, relatives and neighbours about it. Bring them to the opening September clinics. It is free, and what better way to get people to try the sport. But it requires you to invite them. Try and help out. Bring as many people to the opening clinics as you can.

On the Card of Intent, there will be a section for Volunteers. Make it a point to volunteer to help out in as many ways as possible. It is a great way to meet your fellow curlers. This is how the club succeeds and keeps costs low. Be a part of it!

We can use help in the HRC Committee. We need people to help submit articles for the Sweep, provide information to be posted on the Website, help out in the kitchen. Give us a hand. Put a mark in the space after HRC and be a part of the HRC Committee. We will give you a call and discuss ways of helping us out. It can be as little as an hour of volunteering, or as much as you like.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing kitchen committee of April Welsh and Brian Collingwood for all their contributions to the HRC Committee and looking after the kitchen for many, many years. They have been and will remain very dedicated volunteers to our club.

Taking over for Brian and April in the kitchen are George and Diane Gratton...welcome! Two more terrific people, who we are sure would appreciate some additional help from all of you members!

Your HRC committee members are:

Chair: Dave Bracken

Vice-Chair,

Roster & Sweep: Carole Rivington

Website: Teresa Wilson

Kitchen: George & Diane Gratton

Advisors: Graham Weatherby,
Roy Vasey



RKCC Website

www.royalkingston.com

by Teresa Wilson

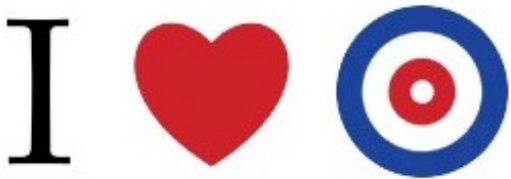
It's hard to think about the curling season while it's so hot outside, but it's fast approaching. The website is cleaned up and ready for next season's schedules, team lists etc.

This year we'd like to make the website an even better place to find out all you need about your curling club. For that, we really need your help. If an event is coming up and you are thinking about putting up an announcement on the bulletin board, or for display on the lounge tables, please think about sending it to me for the website as well.

The email address is webmaster@royalkingston.com or teresalynn.wilson@gmail.com.

I'm always open to suggestions. If there is something else you'd like to see on the website, please send us an email and we'd be happy to check into it.

Happy curling!



Social Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

Before we start the 2010/2011 curling season, the "SC" would like to "Thank" the following people for helping to make Championship night a success: April Welsh and Brian Collingwood, Bill Duffe, Rene Marchen, Lee Thompson, Joanne Miller, George Gratton, Gwen Mitchell, Gerry and Shani and last but not least Graham. I believe it says a lot about our members when they are still doing such a great job even at the end of the season.

Now -about the upcoming season, it will start off on September 25th with the 2nd annual Swing and Sweep. There will be nine holes of golf at the Landings then back to the club for a curling game and a fish fry.

Look for the **RKCC Grey Cup Bash** and new this year - a **New Year's Eve celebration!**

As our membership continues to grow and we strive to communicate with everyone, it is important, as a member to read the bulletin boards, check out the website on a regular basis and take notice of the information file that is on each table.

The Social Committee would welcome your ideas and suggestions for events to help keep RKCC, the curling place to be!

Curling Etiquette #2

Help keep the ice clean!

- Please clean your shoes and slider before stepping on the ice.

Sponsorship/Advertising Committee

Bruce Jeffery, Chair

I am pleased to report the outstanding support we continue to receive from our 50 plus Wall Sponsors and four In-Ice Sponsors for the upcoming curling season. We are fortunate to have such committed Sponsor's, many of whom are fellow curlers. This positive situation is a credit to RKCC and the people associated with it and is the result of careful solicitation and nurturing of contacts necessary to establish such successful partnerships.

Our committee, consisting of Garry Dupuis, Deanne Clark, Roger Taylor, Cathy Grant and myself, has been busy behind the scenes this summer making personal calls to each and every one of the businesses that generously recognize us year after year to remind them of our sincere appreciation for their support. I encourage each of you to share your business with our supporters and to extend a word of thanks to them when the opportunity presents itself.

In addition to the ongoing efforts of sustaining a robust Sponsorship program for RKCC our committee will continue to meet as appropriate to pursue any and all Marketing initiatives that will, among other things, assist in providing sustainable funding as a component of RKCC revenue budgets. With that in mind, we look forward to a great year of curling and invite you to contact any member of our Committee if you have any thoughts, ideas or comments with respect to our mandate or would like to volunteer your services on our committee. We would be pleased to hear from you.

Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Lin Jenkins

Hello Day Ladies.....

While the humidity is still at a max, it may be inviting to start thinking about our cool curling rink and filling out your Card of Intent that should be arriving very soon.

Having attended a few Ice Committee Meetings over the summer, I can assure you that a full curling calendar is about to commence. Our Day Ladies Section is offering 4, six game Draws for a full season of fun Club curling. It's time to start thinking of putting together a Flight team in the A or B categories. These games will be taking place on Wednesdays, A Flight starting at 9:00 a.m. and B Flight starting at 1:30 in the afternoon.

The first Club Draw will begin on Tuesday September 28th and the Thursday Draw will follow on September 30th. Be sure to set aside Thursday September 23rd, to attend our Fall Meeting in the afternoon at 1:00 p.m. The Ladies Potluck dinner is that evening with cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

The only thing new this season will be different starting times for our club games. Our Tuesday and Thursday morning games will begin at 11:15 and our afternoon games will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Here's hoping to see you at the club and on the ice at our afternoon Open House on September 21st and 22nd. Any questions you may have can be answered by your Games Captain, Marilyn Bellringer 613-353-1354 and your Assistant Games Captain, Debbie Gillespie at 613-384-0626.

Curling Etiquette #3

Do not disturb a curler in the hack!

- Once a game has begun, please ensure that you do not disturb a curler in the hack.
- Do not cross the ice when a player is in the hack.
- Keep your distance.
- Be silent.

Evening & Day Ladies Opening Potluck Dinner



"Our Town"

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Cocktails 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM

Come out and meet old friends,
welcome new members, and
taste everyone's favourite dishes
(new members DO NOT
bring a potluck dish)

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Evening Ladies

by Linda Lott

The hotter it gets, the easier it becomes to think about curling. We have had a great summer so far and I hope that jobs, families and circumstances have allowed everyone, the opportunity to rest and recharge their souls.

As we move into our fifth season at our new club, it is important that we continue to try and reach our goal of a full Evening Ladies section-that would be 24+teams for both club and Flight. Our section hasn't grown much for the last few seasons and I hope that we can change that trend! The more members we have, the more teams we can send to OCA events and out of club Bonspiels and the more fun we can have.

Dates to remember:

Curling clinic, for new and returning members on **Sept. 21 & 22nd from 7-9pm.** (arrive early). This is a great opportunity to stretch out your neglected curling muscles and meet new and familiar faces. Please drag along friends, family and coworkers to

Evening Ladies (cont'd)

by Linda Lott

join you for this learn to curl experience.

Ladies Pot Luck Supper is Thursday, September 23. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6pm. The Day Ladies are the hostesses. Bring along your favorite dish to share, your appetite and your sense of humor!

EL Flight curling begins on Monday, September 29th at 5:10. Skips will receive a call from Lillian Rynbend to let you know when your first game will be. EL Flight has ice at 5:10 or 7:10 on Monday night and ice at 5:10 on Thursday.

New this year-"B" flight where the total of the club ranking for the team cannot exceed 10.

EL Club curling starts on Wednesday, September 29th with draws at 6 and 8pm. There will be on ice instruction at 5:30. Your skip will call you with your game time.

Reminders:

Cards of intent need to be completed and handed in by September 10th. This allows the club and flight convener to place people on teams. There is a spot to indicate whether you would like to volunteer, please consider this-it is a great way to meet people in and outside our section.

Check the bulletin boards, the website: www.royalkingston.com and the flyer folder on the lounge tables for upcoming events.

Congratulations to the following teams for their success on Championship night:

Flight: Heather Ramshaw, Janet Fowlow, Sarah Detomasi and Celia Russell for Cathy Lyman

Carrie Cole: Colleen Bennett for Betty Bush, Cathy Lyman, Pam Davison, Gillian Turnbull

Congratulations to Mary Jackson and Linda O'Sullivan for winning the field of 36 golfers at the Landings. Many thanks go to Pam Davison and Lynn Witheridge for organizing this fun event.

Your Evening Ladies Executive is looking forward to the upcoming season and we encourage you to express opinions, solutions and volunteer for section events. We are a club of volunteers so things change and improve, if we are all part of the solution, not the problem.

Chair: Linda Lott

Vice-Chair: Denise Mulville

Past-Chair: Betty Bush

Club Convenor: Karen Peters

Flight Convenor: Lillian Rynbend

Special Events: Fran Cooney

Bonspiel: Nancy Tosh

Secretary: Gwen Mitchell

OCA Rep: Joanne Miller



Mixed Curling

by Erwin Batalla

I hope everybody enjoyed a great summer. As it ends, the curling season is approaching.

I am pleased to announce that Gord Gillespie has agreed to be the co-convenor for this season. Together with the mixed curling committee, we will try to make this season as successful as previous ones.

Following the surveys conducted last year, we will offer three options for curling mixed this year. There will be two divisions of 12 teams each curling on Friday only. One will be competitive and the other recreational. Both groups will have the opportunity to play 17 games on Friday only and will be idle one week out of four. Also, there will be two more divisions of 12 teams each curling on Friday and Saturday. One will be competitive and the other recreational. Both groups will have the opportunity to play 21 games (16 on Friday and 5 on Saturday). Finally, the Sunday league will continue this year. There will be 19 Sundays available for that division with a maximum of 24 teams.

Both competitive divisions playing Friday and Friday/Saturday will compete for the club championship of mixed won last year by the team of Alex Tosh, Carole Rivington, Randy Neal and Nancy Tosh. The winner of the playoff of the Friday only division will meet the winner of the playoff of the Friday/Saturday division on championship night. Both recreational divisions will play a round-robin format throughout the year with no playoffs.

Eligibility for the four divisions playing on Friday and Friday/Saturday will follow the following priorities. Returning teams from last year's A division will have priority to play in the Friday only competitive division. Returning teams from last year's B division will have priority to play in the Friday/Saturday competitive division. Returning

Mixed Curling (cont'd)

by Erwin Batalla

teams from last year's C division will have priority to play in the Friday/Saturday recreational division. Returning teams from last year's D division will have priority to play in the Friday only recreational division. It is clear that some teams will not get their choice of division but I will try to keep that number to a minimum and to match teams based on their standing at the end of last year.

To complete this process in time for the beginning of the mixed season on Friday October 1st, we are asking you to return your completed card of intent by September 10 which is a little earlier than in previous years. Do not hesitate to get in touch with me for any clarifications.

I look forward to see everybody back on the ice this fall to enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere of the mixed section.



Day Men

by John Koronyi

As your new Day Men's chair, it is my pleasure to welcome all returning curlers as well as those new members who have decided to join our Club. As this hot weather unwinds, we will quickly transition from the fairways and greens to quality sheets of ice at RKCC. Be sure to check the RKCC web site frequently to get the details on the "Swing and Sweep" planned for Saturday Sept 25 as well as the calendar of events throughout this curling season.

Our curling season starts in earnest Monday Sept 27 for flight and Tuesday/Thursday of that week for morning pickup play. New this year is the start time for morning pickup play at 9am (six sheets) and 11:15 am (three sheets). This new start time expands on the popularity of these draw times initiated last season for Monday flight curling. Brian Hetherington will continue to lead the team selection process for morning pickup play while Don Pringle will organize the Bi-Club schedule.

Two in-house bonspiels are scheduled. Murray Cotton, our Day Men Vice- Chair, along with Keith Forrest will organize the event for Friday Oct 19 while the Friday March 18 spiel will be looking for volunteers.

Brian Collingwood and Ed Tibbutt await your Cards of Intent to organize and schedule the draws for the Flight section. Last season we had 29 teams in A, B and C flights with games scheduled on Monday's and some Friday's. This season, the schedule will be designed to accommodate all flight games on Monday's. As the number of flight teams is limited to a maximum of 36, team members are strongly encouraged to submit their membership application forms and cards of intent no later than September 10. Spots for last season's flight teams will be held until September 10. After that, new flight teams will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis.

Also new on the Card of Intent, Flight Section, is a call for volunteers to help prepare/ serve on a planned and scheduled basis the Monday lunch. Bill Duffe launched this initiative last season and in a few weeks the quality lunch at a great price was in popular demand. By indicating your willingness to help, we can develop a resource plan that covers several weeks and helps sustain this valued contribution to our club.

Please remember to provide your E-mail address on both your Membership Application Form and Card(s) of Intent as we continue to use electronic mail to keep you updated. Both forms are available by downloading from the RKCC website.

See you in September!

Curling Etiquette #4

Be ready to shoot

- Be ready to take your position in the hack as soon as your opponent has delivered his stone.
- You should be ready to shoot as soon as the opposition clears the ice.
- This speeds up the game and keeps all players on their toes.
- Delays detract from the game, and may result in shortened games.

Evening Men

by Gord Rogers

Welcome to all returning and a special welcome to all potential new curlers. Last year was a very successful year and we all hope this year will be even better.

Evening Men (cont'd)

by Gord Rogers

Club curling will be the same as in the past with Monday and Thursday draws again this year. We are limited to 24 teams maximum in each draw this year, which we reached a couple of times last year. Please get your application and card of intent in early to avoid disappointment. The latest acceptance of your card of intent for club curling is Sept. 24th. We will be picking the teams Sept 25th.

Monday club starts Sept 27th and Thursday club starts Oct 7th.

We found a way to allow 39 teams into flight last year but unfortunately we were unable to fill all the applications that we received. We had 43 teams apply for flight. There is a strong possibility that we may have even more apply this year. The curling committee recommended that we allow evening men's flight to grow and as such, we are now able to accept up to 48 teams. This has been accomplished by adding a 9:30 Sunday morning time slot into the weekly draw. This will also mean that we will have 4 divisions this year (A, B, C and D). The extra time slot will only be done if we reach a minimum of 45 teams. Your men's committee will assign the teams to each division and we ask for your patience as we try and do our best at seeding the teams appropriately.

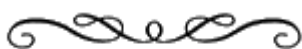
It is absolutely critical that existing flight teams renew their application by September 10th latest. Please see the website for priority of teams into flight.

Flight starts on Tuesday, Sept 28th. We will advise skips of their start time via the website, which should be posted by Sunday the 26th.

Our main method of communication last year was via email and the website. I encourage all members to provide their email address if they have one so that we can keep you updated.

Registration this year will be available by downloading the application and card of intent from the RKCC website.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer and I look forward to seeing everybody again this fall.



by Teresa Gibson

Welcome to all new and returning Junior and Little Rock curlers.

Special thanks to Janet Fowlow who will be the organizer for the Little Rock group this year. We will continue to offer skill development for all ages and a club curling league for the older group.

Please send in cards of intent as soon as possible. For those who prefer to register in person we will have a registration day on Sept. 26th from 1 – 3 pm.

Please make note of the following dates:

Sept. 26 – Junior registration
 Oct. 3 – first day of Junior and Little Rock curling
 Oct. 10 – club closed for Thanksgiving
 Feb. 5 – Junior/Bantam bonspiel

The Landings Stick League

by Jan Ray

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and are eager to get back (or begin) curling in the Stick League.

For those not familiar with this league, a brief description. Teams are composed of 2 people, games are 6 ends, and each team throws 6 rocks each end, sweeping is allowed from the hog line in. (Note: If you can't commit to all of the games, because of your busy schedule, you could register a three-man team, the third person acts as your spare). If you have knees or hips that are giving you grief and you really don't want to give up an activity you love, or would like to start to curl, this is the league for you!! The emphasis of the Stick League is more social than competitive and the teams can comprise two males, or two females or mixed, your choice.

Games will be played on Wednesdays at 11:15am and 12:15pm respectively. Exceptions are our Fun Spiel on **Friday Dec 10**, 9:00am-2:00pm, **Wednesday March 2**, 1:30pm and 2:30pm, **Tuesday April 5**, 1:30pm and 2:30pm, **Wednesday April 6**, 11:30am

The Landings Stick League (cont'd)

by Jan Ray

and 12:30pm, and **Wednesday April 13**, playoffs/ final lunch 9:30-2:00pm.

If you are considering curling in this league I encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible, so you are sure to be included. Our first scheduled game is September 29th. Looking forward to seeing on the ice!



2010 RKCC Golf Tournament

The 6th annual RKCC Golf Tournament was held on June 17th at Camden Braes. We again had a full turnout with 141 golfers enjoying a fun day and a delicious steak & salmon dinner at the Club.

Special thanks to all the participants and the many, many volunteers who made this event such a huge success.

This event raised a total of ~~\$3,119.46~~ for our Club (not counting bar profits), and provided a very good socializing event during the summer season.

We have already booked Camden Braes for Thursday, June 16th next year. Please mark your calendars. This year we were unable to have sufficient prizes for all to receive one, so I urge you to begin saving/collecting for next year.

Wishing you all a great summer.
Steve Quinn



Calendar of Events September 2010

Date	Event
Tue, Sep 21 st	Open House Clinic
Wed, Sep 22 nd	Open House Clinic
Thu, Sep 23 rd	Ladies Opening Potluck
Sat, Sep 25 th	Opening Swing & Sweep

October 2010

Date	Event
Mon, Oct 11 th	Thanksgiving Day
Sat, Oct 16 th	RBC United Way Bonspiel
Sat, Oct 30 th	Limestone Senior Men's Bonspiel



Board of Directors 2010 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date *	General Meetings
August 18, 2010	
September 15, 2010	
October 20, 2010	
Sunday, October 24, 2010 @ 3 pm	199th Semi-Annual General Meeting
November 17, 2010	
December 15, 2010	

* Regular monthly meetings begin @ 5 pm

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Community Organizations and Heritage

Community organizations are important to the development of our neighbourhoods, our society, and our future. So is their heritage. It seems that organizations that maintain a sense of their past and a respect for the members on whose foundation they are standing, endure. The celebration of the history of the organization creates a sense of pride and cohesion within the membership.

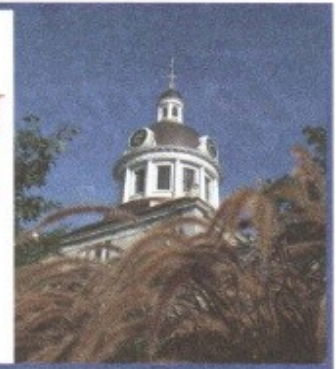
One such organization is the Royal Kingston Curling Club. It celebrates its history in the local, provincial, and national context. It also acknowledges the history of the Scottish sport of curling which was brought to Canada in the mid-1700s.

The Curling Club has had several moves since its inception in 1820. Its first location was at the foot of Earl Street in Donald McIntosh's storehouse. The second, a "two-sheet shed," built in 1860, was at the head of Gore Street; the Gore View apartments may be on the site. (This elegant residence was built in 1875.) Meanwhile, the Curling club moved in 1870 to the old Collegiate Institute grounds on Barrie Street and another two-sheet rink, which expanded to five sheets in 1899. A fire in 1922 resulted in a further move and construction of the rink between Earl and Clergy Streets west of Division Street. This penultimate site is now incorporated into the Queen's Centre.

The fifth and current location, on the east side of Days Road just north of Front Road, is one of which the Royal Kingston Curling Club can be proud. It is a highly functional building of modern materials and offers an attractive, safe, and healthy space for enthusiasts of the sport. The members of the Curling Club have viewed the concrete walls of this structure as a perfect background to display their history. However, they have not simply affixed their photographs, trophies, and bonspiel banners to the walls but have

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wisely invested in beautifully made wood and glass display cases that both enhance their building and preserve their treasures.

There are several other ways that this busy organization keeps its history alive. It has a club crest with the year 1820 incorporated into the design. It also tells its history through its handbook, along with the rules of the sport and other useful information so that each new member learns of the history on joining. In 1970 for the celebration of its 150th anniversary, the Kingston Curling Club produced a "Souvenir Book" that began with a letter of official congratulations from E.V. Swain (Val Swain), mayor of the City of Kingston, and an avid supporter of heritage. This was followed by (true to form) *Some History of the Kingston Curling Club*. Further on, *Some Historical Notes* which are about Kingston, its first mayor, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Barrister, and John Counter, eight-term mayor who "did a lot for the City of Kingston." And, that is not all. In *Some History of Curling in Kingston*, they have reproduced the original rules and regulations of the Kingston Curling Club, which were found by Colonel C.M. Strange of 25 West Street amongst his grandfather's papers.

You can see from the above, the importance of the history of the Royal Kingston Curling Club to its members. You will appreciate, then, the consternation they are experiencing because they have not been able to document 30 years of that history. 1820 to 1850 is the period they are trying to fill in and I know they would be grateful for any information or leads that may help them to do this. As I am assisting them in this endeavour, you could send them to me: Helen Finley, 52 Earl Street, Kingston ON, K7L 2G6; 613-548-4059; helen.finley@sympatico.ca