



# The Sweep

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### A word from your president... Roy Vasey

Dear Members,

We are well into our curling season, with about 670 members participating.

Carole Rivington has completed the roster and it is in circulation. Copies are available at the bar. 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 offers a lunch and dinner menu prepared by volunteers and staff. At the present time we are offering lunches from Monday to Thursday and evening service on Tuesday. Please continue to support this service. 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, we had tremendous news on November 19<sup>th</sup> with the announcement that the Scotties will be coming to Kingston in 2013. As more information becomes available, the Club will ensure that everyone is informed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rod and Terry again for the excellent ice conditions. We continue to 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.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of our hard working committee members, I want to remind all the members we are here for you. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact one of us and we will endeavour to respond to those issues in a timely manner. In closing, I would like to wish each and every one of you a heartfelt SEASONS GREETINGS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Thank You!

# Committee Reports

## Operations Committee

Vic Matthews, Chair

### LOUNGE COMMITTEE

In the November issue of the sweep I was remiss in not mentioning the Lounge Committee which falls under the Operations Committee Chair.

This committee has worked intensely to completely transform the lounge, lobby, and hallway. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Committee is co-chaired by Betty Bush and John Koronyi.

The other members of the committee are: Glenda Bauder, Clair Dominik, Jim Rines, Mary Stevenson, and Sylvia Wright.

### OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

In the November issue of the sweep I was remiss in not mentioning that Wayne Smith had joined our committee this year.

Wayne's working career provided him with a great deal of knowledge of both technical and management of people. He also has a great deal of experience as well on how to deal with contractors and government.

In the last issue of The Sweep I mentioned we are investigating items with the potential to improve the quality of the ice and improve employee safety at the same time if possible. The first item on the list was a new ice scraper.

### Ice Scraper

Wayne Smith has spearheaded the task of choosing a preferred ice scraper from those available on the market. He did this by studying their features and after deciding on one, arranging to borrow one for Rod to try. The machine is now on order. We hope it will be delivered before "The Whig" bonspiel starts on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January.


The new ice scraper has many significant features over our old mid 90's conventional scraper which now needs repair. Some significant features are: the ice makers will not have to lift the heavy blade onto the machine which will help eliminate the possibility of back sprain, infinite adjustment of the blade to

allow for many different scraping patterns, low profile which allows operator to see the blade's operation better, employs green technology as there are no fluids to leak as in conventional scrapers, travelling speed can be varied infinitely which allows operators of different heights to adjust the travelling speed, power swing and lift controls for the blade, predicted once per week charging necessary versus present multiple charging, high tungsten content in the new blade meaning far fewer sharpening required saving dollars, it climbs up into the storage area in a much more controlled manner, etc.

### Elections

After discussion with Graham Weatherby it was decided to allow Elections Ontario to measure the accessibility of RKCC as a possible location for a poll in the next election which will be held around 6<sup>th</sup> of Oct next year. The accessibility of locations greatly affects consideration of using the location for a poll.

This would not be done for the money but rather for involvement with the surrounding community which is part of being a good citizen. It also enhances how the public views RKCC. It also makes people aware we exist and possibly could make them consider joining.



A committee has been formed to establish a template for a **Risk Management** program at RKCC.

If you have any experience with such a program, or know someone who does, would you please contact a committee member: Henry Treier, Roy Vasey, Bob Helliard, or Steve Quinn

## Curling Etiquette #8

**Be ready to sweep**

- After your team mate releases a rock be ready to sweep.
- Don't be in the position of having to run to catch up with the rock.

**Marketing Committee**

Garry Dupuis, Vice-Chair

RKCC members know that our club is a great place to be to keep active and enjoy the company of fellow curlers in an attractive modern facility. A strong membership gives us the opportunity to participate in a variety of divisions including both recreational and competitive curling for men, women and children. Daytime seniors leagues ensure that our club use is optimized and provides ample time slots for curlers of all abilities to compliment the very popular evening and weekend curling.

Full evening curling schedules in both the ladies and men's divisions, in addition to the stick league, junior curling and a hugely popular mixed curling league, keep our club active and enjoyable at all times of the day and week. In addition to regular curling schedules we are fortunate to enjoy a variety of bonspiels at all levels throughout the season thanks to the boundless energy of a great many volunteers and our dedicated staff. It is no wonder that the winter seems to "fly by" for curlers. Can you believe that we are quickly on the way to mid season?

The pride and enthusiasm of our members for our club is evident in the stories and conversations that occur around the table after an enjoyable eight ends, whether it is reminiscing about games past, or in the welcoming conversation to a new member. In so doing, each one of us contributes to the great atmosphere of RKCC. We are the reason that so many individuals make curling at RKCC, year after year, an integral part of their lives. Our diversified and interesting membership is also the reason that we enjoy the strong support of over fifty local businesses who advertise with us and contribute generously to our financial well being and make us truly, a community facility. They help sustain us - please let them know that we appreciate it. RKCC's future depends on a strong financial foundation and it is important that we support our sponsors so they will continue their association with us long into the future.

Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Curling filled New Year.

**Social Committee**

Linda Lott, Chair

The 2<sup>nd</sup> RKCC grey cup party went well with approximately 25 members enjoying an evening of spicy chilli, popcorn and great football (if you are an Alouettes fan).

Next up-**New Years Eve!** Tickets are on sale until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.



The Social Committee would like to wish you and yours, a safe and happy Christmas with family and friends.

## Section Reports

**Evening Ladies**

by Linda Lott

As we approach the shortest day of the year and the longest period of Seasonal festivities-our section does have cause to celebrate. Our Wednesday evening club draw is maintaining itself at 16 teams. Flight has grown to 18, "A" flight teams and to 8, "B" flight teams.

We hosted a successful EL bonspiel on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Twenty four teams (7 from outside the club) enjoyed a day of fine food, good curling, great prizes and camaraderie. Denise Mulville-Bonspiel Chair and her committee of Nancy Tosh, JoAnne Jones and volunteers-Marion Evans, Esther Cliffe and Mary Buchanan did a fabulous job of ensuring that everyone had a great day. Lin Jenkins and her team

of Judy Sly, Wendy Curtis and Lynda Therien won the spiel by a mere  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a point. Two teams-Heather McMillan (Kathy Lyman, Lynn Witheridge, Pam Davison) and Carole Rivington (April Welsh, Gail Irving and Mary Dupuis) tied for second place.

Club and flight have run smoothly due to the efforts of Karen Peters and Lillian Rynbend. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact your executive!

The Evening Ladies would like to wish you and yours a happy and joyous Christmas with family and friends!



## Day Men

by John Koronyi

The Day Men's first bonspiel was held November 19. Using a "skins" format, 48 curlers competed in three four-end games. The winners after this spirited competition were Bob Helliard, Emil Lindt, Ernie Carter and Don Mallory. The 50/50 winner of the diagonal cross-ice draw to the button was Emil Lindt. Congratulations Emil on your win and for your great style! Be sure to ask Emil about his new throwing technique that put him 3-3/4 inches away from the pin! As agreed, the winners now get to host the next Day Men's Bonspiel to be held March 18, 2011. Many thanks to Murray Cotton and Keith Forrest who expertly convened this event and to Bill Duffe, Jim Leslie, Jim Rines and Chuck White who helped in the kitchen

We are making progress to strengthen the planning and organization to maintain the lunch event during Senior Men's Flight play on Monday's. Murray Cotton has developed a resource plan utilizing all teams in the four flights. Thank you for supporting this plan so we can all enjoy and benefit from this popular event.

Senior Men's Flight completed the first of three draws Nov 22. Congratulations to the teams in B, C, and D Flights who finished first or second and earned to play in the level above. The second draw starts November 29. Please check your start times carefully.

Playoffs commence after the third draw. Last curling season, it was decided through a survey that there would be no team movement after the third draw to determine opponents in the play-off schedule. In

other words, the third draw is played to determine the rank order of teams in each Flight and the play-off schedule determined by the order of finish within a Flight. It is proposed to maintain this format for this season. If you feel otherwise, please let me know.

### Curling Etiquette #9

#### Don't stop a burnt rock

- If you touch a rock ("burn it"), do not stop it.
- Allow the rock to continue to its rest.
- Notify your skip that the rock was burnt.

## Evening Men

by Gord Rogers

Our second club draw features another 38 teams vying for the club championship in April. Congratulations to Dave Bradshaw and his team of Peter Murton, Jim Barton and Andrew Hobbs for winning the first event cross-over. Other teams to win cross-over event games were skipped by Phil Tomsett, Wayne Gilmour, Rich Waller, Gord Rogers, and Ron Cameron.

The first round in flight is just about over. As in the past, the top 4 teams will move up from B and C flights and the bottom 4 teams in A and B flights will move down. Please remember vices to record the score. If you should forget, please write it in on the "current" score sheet as the old score sheet will not be reviewed in future. This applies to postponed games as well.

Flight round 2 will start on Jan 4<sup>th</sup> for a full slate but there will also be games played on Monday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please refer to the website for the complete schedule. I am hoping to have it completed before Christmas

Our Christmas dinner is coming up on Wed, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> with the cost still at \$20.00. Please plan on attending.

## 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. 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 4th Annual Mixed Day Bonspiel was held on November 6<sup>th</sup> with 12 teams playing two 6-end games. Thank you to the sponsor: Ana Sutherland of Foley & Sutherland Insurance and Financial Services Inc. The winning teams were: 1<sup>st</sup> place - Linda Lott, Brian Dowling, Joanne Touchette and Steve Hulton; 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Howard Herron, Pauline Herron, Suzanne Herron and Rod Little; 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Christine Henry, Rob Lander, Bev and Dave Townsend; highest points' one game winner - Stan Yagi, Sandra Beninger, Gilles Ouelette, and Tom Jacques. Gord Gillespie and Pam Carr-Taylor organized this event with help from Debbie Gillespie, Brian Collingwood and April Welsh. This event has become a mainstay of the fall calendar and we thank everyone that helps keep it an enjoyable bonspiel with a relaxed atmosphere.

The Christmas party will be held on Fri. December 17 this year. Michael Braun, Patricia Beckett, Lorne Carmichael and Susan Hara are coordinating the event this year. Denis Faubert and his group will be entertaining the crowd again this year. We count on you and the many volunteers to make the evening a great success.



## Junior Curling

by Teresa Gibson

Many dedicated coaches have returned and a number of new coaches have joined us this year for both the little rock and junior sections. Thank you so much to the volunteers and coaches who make the junior and little rock programs possible.

Welcome to Janet Fowlow who has taken over as convenor of the little rock section. Janet and her team of coaches have been working on skill development with the little rock curlers throughout the fall.

Congratulations to the three RKCC teams who participated in the Candy Cane bonspiel at the Catarqui Curling Club on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Nicholas Leduc, Sydney Plouffe, Daniel White and Fred Lucas captured the first place trophy. The other two teams from RKCC tied for second place. Way to go!!

Junior club curling has begun with six teams

competing in the first draw. Royal Kingston juniors will be hosting Catarqui curlers in December for an afternoon of inter-club curling. There are a few teams considering going into the junior bantam zones being hosted at our club this year.

### Curling Etiquette #10

#### Notify the skips if you have touched a stone

- If you have personally moved a stationary stone, say so immediately so that it may be replaced (put into original position) to the satisfaction of the opposing Skip.

## Landings Stick League

by Jan Ray

Hi everyone, it is hard to believe that we have two months of curling under our belt. You know the saying "time goes fast when you are having fun". I hope many of you are taking advantage of the Day Ladies/Day Men's Mixed Spiel on Wednesday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Landings Stick League Christmas fun spiel will be held on Friday Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Names will be drawn for teams participating in our one eight end game. Sweeping will be allowed in an effort to help keep our old joints from seizing up. A hot lunch and some good camaraderie will follow, a great bargain for only \$2.00. A sign up sheet is posted on the stick league board. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Two sheets of ice are now available for our Thursday games to play at 11:15am. The 12:15am time slot may be used for any games you wish to reschedule for whatever reason. On behalf of the Landings Stick Committee, we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas, good health, happiness and good curling in the New Year.

## Bonspiel Reports

### NAPANEE MEN'S OPEN BONSPIEL 2010

Congratulations to Vic Matthews (skip), Brian Ward, Paul Cridland, and Dave Fraser for winning the 'D' Event at this years Napanee Men's Open Bonspiel held the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Ladies Open Bonspiel

Saturday, November 20, 2010



### "KINGSTON CASINO ROYALE"

The Evening Ladies' Annual Bonspiel was held on Saturday November 20, 2010. With a theme of Kingston 'Casino' Royale, twenty-four teams competed in a two-game point spiel and enjoyed lots of great food and playing casino-related games.

Congratulations to the Lin Jenkins' team of Judy Sly, Wendy Curtis and Lynda Therien for winning the spiel by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a point over two other teams!

I would like to thank my teammates Nancy Tosh and JoAnne Jones for all their help, as well as volunteers, Marion Evans, Esther Cliffe and Mary Buchanan – we couldn't have done it without you.

Denise Mulville  
Bonspiel Chairperson



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## Calendar of Events December 2010

Date	Event
Fri, Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Sat, Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	OMA Bonspiel
Fri, Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Christmas Party
Fri, Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> thru Thu, Dec 30 <sup>th</sup>	Club Closed
Fri, Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve Celebration

## January 2011

Date	Event
Sun, Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Closed
Sat, Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bantam Zones
Thu, Jan 27 <sup>th</sup> thru Sat, Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Whig Standard Bonspiel



## Board of Directors 2010/11 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date *	General Meetings
Wed, Dec 15, 2010	
Wed, Jan 19, 2011	
Wed, Feb 16, 2011	
Wed, Mar 16, 2011	
Sun, Apr 17, 2011 @ 3 pm	Spring Annual General Meeting
Wed, Apr 20, 2011	
Wed, May 18, 2011	
Wed, June 15, 2011	
Wed, July 20, 2011	
Wed, Aug 17, 2011	

\* Regular monthly meetings begin @ 5 pm

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