



The Sweep

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A word from your president... Roy Vasey

Fellow curlers, the Club is doing well with relatively few issues and the season is passing by quickly. I leave further reporting to the various Committees and Sections.

I would like to comment on one matter though. On Thursday, December 16, 2010, Hayden Bullen, an RKCC member, had a bad fall on the ice and was taken away by ambulance. Not to worry, he is recovering well, and in fact, visited the Club last week to see how things were going. The fall was a result of a heart issue. While many persons contributed to Hayden's care, there are two RKCC members who deserve special acknowledgement for their quick thinking and life saving aid that day, Frank Cervenko and Mike Parks. Frank is a retired physician. He was the first to reach Hayden on the ice. He detected no pulse, ordered Mike to assist him with CPR, and Frank proceeded to revive Hayden. The paramedics arrived very quickly from the Fire Station across the street, but if Frank and Mike hadn't acted as they did, any delay in treatment may have resulted in a very different outcome. I convey the heart-felt thanks of the Board to these two persons for their actions. I would also like to thank the other members who visited Hayden in the hospital, and sent get-well cards and well-wishes to Hayden and his family during this very trying time.

In closing, I wish everyone the best for the rest of the season and 'good curling'.

Roy Vasey,
President, RKCC



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Articles / submissions to **The Sweep** are accepted from all members. Submit to Carole Rivington at carolnr62@cogeco.ca by **February 29th** to be included in the **March** edition.

Thank You!

Committee Reports

Operations Committee

Vic Matthews, Chair

ICE SCRAPER

The new ice scraper has been received and is in use. My discussions with Rod have resulted in very positive feedback. The old machine will now be traded in. We believe the machine will improve our ice conditions. There is one minor modification required for this machine and that is to install plywood to level the storage area with carpeted area. This will prevent the blade from touching the concrete when being moved in and out. It was necessary to make a new ramp for the machine and this has been done.

SAFETY PROCEDURES

At present we have only one safety procedure written and it covers our portable stairway.

A meeting was held with on Friday the 7th of January with CESafety a safety company who have offered to write many safety procedures at no charge for RKCC. The idea was passed through the Governance Committee and approved at the Board meeting on Wednesday 19th of January. Before proceeding it will first be established that the site specific procedures are the property of RKCC otherwise we will not proceed.

BUILDING

An unusual incident involving an HVAC unit which tripped off meant loss of heat in part of the building. Modern Niagara, our service provider was called and they reset it; no reason for the trip was determined.

Curling Etiquette #11

One sweeper behind the tee line

- Only one sweeper per team is allowed behind the tee line.
- Arrange with your sweeping partner before hand who will continue to sweep once the rock is behind the tee line.



Social Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

For all you die hard football fans, I hope you won't be too disappointed but the Social Committee decided with Board support **to cancel the SUPER BOWL Party on Feb 6th.**

There will be a closing bonspiel on March 19th. This is open to every member of the club. Watch for the posters.

We are looking for ideas/suggestions for social events so please share with us any you might have!

Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Claire Dominik

Whoops, I guess I missed the last issue and therefore have two Draw winners to report.

Linda Bell won the first Draw for the Tri-Heat

Trophy with Denise Mulville, Jill Spettique and Nancy Morrow. They defeated the team of Linda O'Sullivan, Jane Kelly, Bonnie Bird and Sue McCans for the Trophy.

The team skipped by Linda O "Sullivan with Gwen Mitchell, Lois MacArthur and Sharon Lillis won the second Draw for the Edwards Trophy. The runner-up in this Draw was the team of Lil Rynbend with Zak Sieben, Nona Mariotti and Darlene Boucher. These two teams along with the next two Draw winners will complete for the Day Ladies Championship for 2010-2011.

The next upcoming event to remember is the Rated Bonspiel on February 2nd. The teams totalling 10 points will compete for the Trophy. As per tradition, last year's winning team runs this very popular Spiel. Therefore Joan Roantree along with Barb Tureski, Linda Watts-Dagnone and Martha Forkes are making their plans to afford us all a great day. Their theme "Granny's Kitchen Pantry" sounds yummy.

On Wednesday March 2nd RKCC will be hosting the Cataragui Flight teams. In past years this has proven to be a popular fun day and a great mix for the two clubs. We had a wonderful day at their Club in December and anticipate the same for March 2nd.

Plans are being made and the invitations are out for our annual Grandmother's and Great Aunt's Bonspiel to be held on March 30, 2011. Convenors Jan Ray and Linda Bell along with their committee are inviting everyone to "Swing into Our Spring Luau". RKCC Day Ladies are looking forward to hosting many out of club teams as well as few of our own.

On January 8th & 9th, the RKCC team of Mary-Stewart Ross, Debbie Gillespie, Nancy Gray and Mary Dupuis entered and won the B Side of the Best Western Challenge for Zone 4 in Campbellford. This win moved them to the Regional and Provincial Play Downs that took place on the weekend of January 22 and 23rd in Stirling and the Prince Edward County Curling Club in Picton. With Nancy Gray away Denise Mulville stepped in and although the girls did really well, they did not come out winners. We congratulate them for going that far and representing RKCC.



Evening Ladies

by Linda Lott

Wow its February already-that month that gives us Ground hog day, Valentines Day and the fourth

draw of club curling. We have 11 weeks of curling left before we wrap it for the season on Championship night, April the 15th so let's enjoy our time on the ice!

My "Thanks" once again to Karen Peters and Lillian Rynbend for the great job they do keeping Club and Flight running smoothly.

If one of your New Years resolutions was to become more involved and/or curl more then do I have some ideas for you! The Empire Mixed Bonspiel, Feb 10, 11 & 12 is looking for players and volunteers so if you are interested in either or both let me know.

In March, our section hosts the popular "bring a friend night". This is your opportunity to show off how many friends/relatives and co-workers that you can introduce to the sport of curling. This year the person who brings the most people out to curl on Wednesday March 16th will win a lovely bottle of wine!

Our in-house rated spiel is on March 29th, this spiel is open to all of our members. There will be a sign up sheet circulated early in March, make sure your name is on it.

At our fall general meeting, I asked for your input with regard to promoting our section. Katie Mountjoy responded with some insightful comments so with those in hand, I am putting together a marketing/promotional committee for our section. If you would like to be on the committee or simply have some great ideas, please let me know?

We have a number of positions on the Executive that are vacant for the 2011/2012 season, Secretary and Bonspiel Convenor! The Flight and Club convenors would love to take on apprentices so consider increasing your involvement with our section.

See you at the club!!

ATTENTION



Please report any errors or omissions that you find in the *Membership Roster* to Carole Rivington at carolenr62@cogeco.ca

Thank You!

Day Men

by John Koronyi



On December 1st, the Day Men hosted a Day Ladies/Day Men 's Mixed Bonspiel. Fourteen ladies and twenty-six men were organized into ten teams. After two games and a great lunch, the winner by total points was the team of Marion Neatby, Ian Duncan, Jim Rose, and Doug Spettigue. There was strong encouragement from all who participated that this event be scheduled as at least an annual event in the curling calendar. The conveners for the event were Brian Hetherington, Bill Worthy and John Koronyi. Vic Mathews provided the draw sheet and scheduling layout, while Marion and Phil Neatby, Bill and Helen Noble, and Alice Simpson were most helpful with the kitchen detail.

The third and final draw for Senior Men's Flight will get underway January 24th. As a reminder, there will be no movement of teams up or down at the completion of this draw. The position of teams at the completion will be used to determine the playoff schedule within the four flights.

Please note that the Monday lunch schedule and menu is now posted on both the Senior Flight and Day Men sections of the Club's web site. Many thanks to Brian Collingwood and Teresa Wilson for posting the schedule. Murray Cotton, Day Men Vice Chair, has done a great job in organizing the luncheon schedule staffed by teams in Men's Senior Flight. Please help Murray and the Club when asked to volunteer for this effort.

Curling Etiquette #12

Stand still while in the house

- A skip or third standing the house should keep perfectly still and avoid doing anything which would disturb the concentration of the opposing player in the hack.

Evening Men

by Gord Rogers

Our second club draw is now over and we are well into our third draw at this stage. Congratulations to Mike Schneider and his team of Michael Braun, Dale Marecak and Francois Lemire on winning the first

event. Mike will take on Dave Bradshaw in one of the semi finals in April. Other event winners were Ivan Brandsma, Ron Cameron, Chris Scott, Reg Gore and John Futtit.

Round 2 of flight is also going smoothly. This is a reminder that if you are posting a score from a previous postponed game, please write it somewhere on the current score sheet. Previous score sheets are not reviewed

We have just seen the Whig Standard bonspiel completed this past weekend. The men's section would like to thank Steve Vermeer, Gord Abson and Tim Prue for a great bonspiel once again. We would like to also offer a special thanks to all the fantastic volunteers that put on meals that would be the envy of most restaurants.

Rod and Terry are still giving us the best ice in eastern Ontario.

Please pencil in our closing dinner on Thursday, April 14th

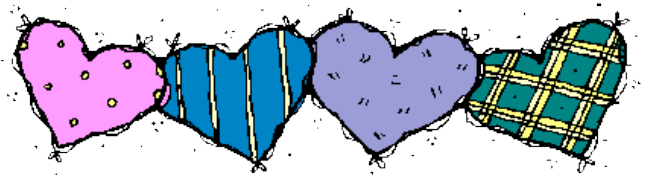


Mixed Curling

by Erwin Batalla

The Christmas party was well attended with about 100 members at the catered dinner and gift exchange. Michael Braun and Patricia Beckett together with Lorne Carmichael and Susan Hara organized the event. Denis Faubert and the "Jubilee" singers entertained us with songs and there was a special appearance by "Johnny Cashspiel". The murder mystery was solved when Gerry Buist confessed to having dispatched Emil Lindt. It was a terrific evening thanks to everyone that helped out.

We wish all of you a great curling year in 2011.



Junior Curling News

by Teresa Gibson

Congratulations to the winners of the first draw of junior club curling. This team included Robbie Meyers, Nicholas Leduc, Ivor Benderavage, Jack

Kennedy and Angelina Rapley. Runners-up in the first draw were Stephanie Valliquette, Ross Fabbro, Calvin Dewey, Trevor Kirby and Michelle Daggit. We had three bantam teams compete in the OCA Bantam Zone competition held at our club in January. This was the first competition for some of the curlers and it was a good opportunity to gain some experience. Thanks to Kevan Welch who organized this event.

Our 'Under the Sea' junior bantam bonspiel is to be held on Feb. 5th. We will have 12 rinks with 9 teams from the local area and 3 out of town teams.

As the season winds down I want to mention that it is time to find a new chair for the junior curling section. Hopefully, Janet Fowlow will stay on as convenor of the little rocks. We require someone to chair the junior section and someone to run the 2:00 – 4:00 club curling league (this could be the same person). If any club members have interest in doing this next year please contact Teresa Gibson.



Landings Stick League
by Jan Ray

Welcome back everyone. I trust that you had a healthy and happy holiday season. Our Christmas Fun Spiel was exactly that. Everyone attending had a good time with the "fun filled game format". Once again the lunch and camaraderie that followed were most enjoyable.

All Thursday games are now scheduled for 11:15am – 12:15pm. This means that one team, doesn't have to play a game, out on the ice shivering all by themselves. If you wish to reschedule games, you may use these same two sheets on Thursdays from 12:15pm – 1:15pm.

The good news is that Haydon, is continuing to progress well after his fall before Christmas. Unfortunately, he won't be joining us for the rest of the season. We miss you Haydon and hope to see you back with us next year!

As I write this, the team of Bill Worthy and Phil Neatby are tied for first place with the team of Diane Labrie and Joan Roantree. Don Cameron and Paul Smith are right behind with several other teams nipping at their heels. Congratulations folks, but beware there are many teams sneaking up behind you!

On behalf of all the Stick League curlers I would like to congratulate Marg and Lefty MacDonald as the newest inductees into the Kingston Sports Hall of Fame! Now if only we could convince Marg to join us!

Good Curling until next time. Jan Ray

Curling Etiquette #13

Be a good sport

- Never pass an adverse remark about a poor shot or smile at an opponent's misfortune.
- In fact, compliment them, as well as your own, on shots well made!

Upcoming Events

ROYAL KINGSTON CURLING CLUB

IS PROUD TO PRESENT

"UNDER THE SEA"

JUNIOR-BANTAM BONSPIEL
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2011

\$100.00 per team, light breakfast, lunch and prizes
Two-game points spiel, eight end games
Draws at 8:30 and 12:30, 10:30 and 2:30

DISNEY COMES TO LIFE AT RKCC!!!

53RD Annual
EMPIRE LIFE
Mixed Bonspiel



Elimination Draw
Best Costume
\$2500 Prize Money
(Based on 32 Teams)
28% of Entry Fees goes to Prize money

Date: Thurs. Fri. & Sat. Feb. 10th, 11th, & 12

Entry Fee: \$280 (incl. HST)

32 Teams 5 Events 3 Games Guaranteed

OCA Mixed Rules Apply

Dinner on all three days.

Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Wine & Cheese on Sat.

Saturday Night Dance/Costume Party!

DRAW	Game 1	Game 2
A	Thurs. 6:00 pm	Fri. 3:00 pm
B	Thurs. 8:00 pm	Fri. 7:00 pm
C	Fri. 5:00 pm	Fri. 9:00 pm



7th Annual RKCC Golf Tournament

WOW !!! WOW !!! WOW !!!

It's February already and we're sliding down the backside of winter. With that comes the sense that the golf season is (hopefully) not far off. The 7th annual RKCC Golf Tournament will be held on **June 16th** at Camden Braes with a delicious steak and salmon dinner to follow at the curling club.

And the BEST NEWS --- the price will be the same.

The sign up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse within the next week. For the past two years this social event has been filled to capacity. I urge you to sign up early to ensure your participation. Follow up confirmation will take place in late May.

Steve Quinn

Bonspiel Reports

The 78th Annual "Whig-Standard" Bonspiel Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the hardworking volunteers who helped to make this years bonspiel a great success. The meal captains:

Thu Lasagna – Linda Lott & Crew
 Fri Breakfast – Tim Prue & Gord Abson
 Fri Lunch – Bill Duffe & Crew
 Fri Prime Rib – George Gratton & Crew.
 Sat Breakfast – Wayne & Cristi Gilmour
 Sat Lunch – John Berry & Crew

Sat Beef on a Bun – Bill Duffe & Crew

The Scorekeepers.

The Staff: Graham Weatherby, manager

The Barstaff: Gerry, Julie, Bev Townsend, Greg, Shani and George

The Icemakers: Roddy, Terry and Mick.

The 1st event winner of the bonspiel was a team from the RA Curling Club in Ottawa: Chris Walsh (Skip), Richard King, Rob Walsh and Mike Campbell who defeated the Noel Herron team of Rich Polk, Peter Henderson and Dave Allen.



Calendar of Events February 2011

Date	Event
Wed, Feb 2 nd	Day Ladies Rated Spiel
Sat, Feb 5 th	RKCC Junior Bantam Bonspiel
Sun, Feb 6 th	Super Bowl Party
Wed, Feb 9 th	KCA Bonspiel
Thu, Feb 10 th thru Sat, Feb 12 th	53 rd Annual Empire Life Bonspiel
Sat, Feb 26 th	Community Living Kingston Bonspiel



Board of Directors 2011 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date *	General Meetings
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

Questions or concerns?

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