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President's Report from the Fall General Meeting...

Sunday, October 23rd, 2011

Good afternoon,

Welcome to the 2011 Fall General Meeting. I trust everyone has had an enjoyable season so far. Once again we have had a great start with the hard work of our ice makers Rod Leeder and Terry Barker in getting our ice in along with the assistance of Ops-Resource committee volunteers. Thanks to them we continue to have the earliest start of any club in the area and the best ice conditions.

This bodes well for another successful RKCC curling season.

I also want to take a moment to thank one of our volunteers who served her term on the Board and has stepped down, namely Pam Davison. Her time and commitment are greatly appreciated. In addition to our staff who are led by Graham Weatherby, our Manager, this Club also depends on the hard work and dedication of all of its volunteers.

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

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 The RKCC the best curling club we can.

Good curling,
Roy Vasey, President, RKCC

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Thank You!

Committee Reports

MARKETING

Marketing Committee

Bruce Jeffery, Chair

The members of your 2011-12 Marketing Committee; Bruce Jeffery - Chair, Garry Dupuis - Vice-Chair, Roger Taylor and Deanne Clark, are pleased to report that our Advertising Program continues to be a great success and that the efforts of our committee provides a substantial revenue stream for RKCC.

Over the summer, and into the fall, our committee has invested a significant amount of energy into making personal contact with all of our advertisers as a means of expressing our appreciation for their support, in addition to encouraging their continued association as a Sponsor of RKCC. In addition, time and effort has gone into soliciting new sponsors for those lost to attrition as well as undertaking the necessary administrative tasks in that regard.

Unfortunately we have lost the usual few advertisers as we start a new season, which totalled four this year. However, we have been successful in attracting three new Wall Sponsors (Expedia CruiseShipCenter, Insurance Specialty Group Kingston and The Landings Golf Course), which brings our net total to 49 (94% occupancy) and leaves us only a single spot short of last years total.

In addition, as you know, we did unfortunately lose SLH as an In Ice Sponsor leaving us with one vacancy at the start of this year. We are pleased to report however, that Glen Lawrence Golf Club has recently accepted our proposal to become our sixth In Ice Sponsor bringing us again to full capacity in that regard. Signs are currently being fabricated and will be installed as soon as they arrive and the in ice logos are being installed at ice maintenance time at the end of October.

As a reminder to the membership, these Wall & In Ice Advertisers generate over \$23,000 in income for RKCC, year after year, and we continue to encourage all of you to patronize our RKCC advertisers

whenever you are in the market for a product or service that any of them can provide.

Finance Committee

Henry Treier, Chair

We have heard from the Club's Auditor regarding our year end Financial Statements as at April 30, 2011. The Royal Kingston Curling Club enjoyed another successful financial season.

I will cover the Financial Statements ending September 30, 2011 which cover the first five months of this year.

Total revenues are down 6% over the same five months last year. Four categories contributed to this decrease in membership: dues (5%), hall/facility rentals (2%), bar operations (8%) and a decrease of \$4,000 in donations.

Expenses have been kept in check pretty well showing a decrease of 1.5% for the first five months.

The Finance Committee has introduced a Capital Budget as a new reporting tool for the Board.

Respectfully,
Henry Treier



Social Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

The Social Committees first event of the season was the 3rd annual Swing and Sweep held on Saturday, October 1st. 34 golfers enjoyed 9 holes of golf at the Landings in -20 weather followed by 6 crazy ends of curling (it was warmer on the ice than it had been at the golf course). Three guests joined the curlers for a fabulous Ham & Scalloped potato dinner. Many thanks to Sandy Edwards and her crew for the Saturday lunch of soup and sandwiches and Rene Marchen & family for the dinner, Lee Thompson for ticket sales & George Gratton for prizes.



Plans are in place for a number of social evenings throughout the season.

Social Committee members are:

Linda Lott, Chair
George Gratton, Vice-Chair
Rene Marchen
Pam Twiddy
Joanne Gizzi
Gerry Buist
Joanne Miller

Please share any ideas you have for events at the club with the committee. If you would like to help out we are always appreciative of volunteers.



Kitchen Report

by George Gratton

Special thanks to Lynn and Don Witheridge for their kind donation of a new microwave to replace our sparker.

A thank you, also, to Brian Collingwood for his work in arranging the safe food handling seminar to be held on Saturday, November 12th.

Note to members. From time to time members kindly donate items for kitchen use simply by leaving them there. While I do not want to discourage this generosity, I would ask that you contact me to see if the items are needed at the time.

Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Marilyn Bellringer

Our section has 5 new members. Joining RKCC are Cathy Dempster, Connie Fanset, Cheryl Harvey, Vicki Murphy and Gail Beausoleil. Also, we had 2 returning members – Susan Moore and Katy Provan. Welcome to all of you.

The 1st Draw is well underway, began Tues., Sept. 27th & Thurs. Sept. 29th. We have 16 teams on Tuesday and 12 teams on Thursday. Our 2nd Draw will

commence Tues., Nov. 8th and Thurs. Nov. 10th.

There are two sections for Flight – “A” with 9 teams played Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and “B” section have 6 teams who play on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. RKCC will be hosting a “Flight Friendly Day” with Cataraqui Golf & Country Club flight ladies on Wed. Nov. 30th. This event will be co-coordinated by Carolyn Green, Assistant Games. Sign-up sheet is up so please get involved in hosting the Cataraqui Ladies.

Congratulations are in order to Lin Jenkins and her team of Barb Tureski, Martha Forkes and Katy Provan who achieved an 8 ender in Club Curling on October 11, 2011.

Our Fun Days Committee of Teresa Wilson and Debbie See are making plans for our Christmas Mini Spiel on Wed. Dec. 7th. Watch for sign-up sheet. This is a fun event and should get you into the Christmas mood.

Diane Labrie is once again co-coordinating Monday Cards (Euchre and Bridge) for social and any other members (ladies or men) who wish to participate. Games begin at 1:00 p.m. and there is always room for more players. Come early and have lunch at a nominal cost prepared by the Day Men Group.



Evening Ladies

by Linda Lott

The 2011/2012 season has started well. We have 22 teams curling Evening Ladies club and 22 teams curling Flight. Thank you to Denise Mulville, Katie Mountjoy, Lillian

Rynbend and Karen Peters for their hard work in setting these leagues up.

It was great to have so many curlers out on Wednesday night and this is a trend that we need to continue. We are all part of the Evening ladies section and we need to increase our numbers each year so we fully utilize our ice allocation. Please keep this in mind when the sign-up sheets are posted for each draw.

We have 20 new members in the section and we are hoping to add more as the season continues. The marketing committee produced an excellent brochure to promote curling at RKCC. If you would like one to post at work or your fitness club, please let me know.

We still have room for more evening ladies so please invite a friend(s) to a "learn to curl session" on a Sunday night and get them hooked on the great Canadian sport of curling.

New this year is the addition of another in club rated spiel-"Wacky Witches on the run"; this Bonspiel was full as of Halloween night. Our Evening Ladies open Bonspiel is on November 19th.

Your executive for 2011/2012:

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Chair: | Linda Lott |
| Vice-Chair: | Denise Mulville |
| Past Chair: | Betty Bush |
| Flight Convenors: | Lillian Rynbend, Karen Peters |
| Club Convenors: | Denise Mulville, Katie Mountjoy |
| Special Events: | Fran Cooney |
| Bonspiel: | Georgia Lee O'Shaughnessy |
| Secretary: | Gwen Mitchell |
| Special Events: | Fran Cooney |
| OCA Rep: | Mary-Stewart Ross |



Mixed Curling

by Erwin Batalla

The regular season began on September 30th for the Friday league of the Mixed section. A total of 38 teams have registered. Thanks to Gary Helmkay, Richard Lyman and Denise Mulville who have taken the plunge and are skipping teams this year. We also welcome back Mike Schneider and his team after a short hiatus from Mixed and the other 34 teams. There are new members in all the divisions and we are especially pleased that they are joining this section.

For the Sunday league, play began on Oct 2nd. Ten teams are enjoying a recreational atmosphere at 5 PM with a mixture of veterans of the section mingling with fresh recruits. Thanks to Michel Ringuette, Donal Macartney, Andrew Lynch, Leslie Higginson and Dorothy Hector and their teams who

are new entries in this league.

The mixed section received 199 cards of intent. In these, 33 members indicated that they would be available as spares. A list of the Friday spares is available on the net and the list of Sunday spares has been distributed to all participants. Please get in touch with them if members of your team are unavailable for an upcoming game.

This year all divisions of the Friday league will play a complete round-robin. The last four games of the season will be a playoff format. The Sunday league will play a double round-robin (18 games) with no playoffs. Please make sure to indicate the result of your games on the Mixed board so that Hugh Pollitt-Smith can maintain accurate standings which can be viewed on the web site (www.royalkingston.com). Prizes will be awarded at the closing dinner to winners of the round-robin for the Sunday league and all divisions of the Friday league.

The team of Dave and Donna Poirier, Brian Collingwood and April Welsh organized a Halloween evening on Oct 28. Several team displayed their costumes with great creativity and enthusiasm. The evening was a howling success.

Plans are going ahead for a one-day Christmas bonspiel on Saturday Dec 3rd. This will take the place of our traditional Mixed Christmas dinner that would have taken place during the BDO world curling tour event. All teams are encouraged to register for this event.

We are continuing with the donation draw. Profit from the draw will go towards the purchase of the on-ice candies and a post-game snack at the tables. We hope that you enjoy these activities and welcome any other suggestions.



Evening Men

by Gord Rogers

Our first club draw is just about over. We have 18 teams playing Thursday nights and another 16 teams playing Monday nights.

The first round in flight is just about over as well. We have 40 teams this year and in an effort to eliminate Sunday games, we have changed the format to 6 divisions, rather than the traditional 3. There will now be 4 draws during the year with the top 2 teams in each division moving up and the bottom 2 teams in the division moving down. This has allowed us to have only Tuesday games this year

with addition of 2 Thursday nights in total. So far, the format has worked out quite well.

The next flight draw starts Tuesday, Nov 8th

Our Christmas dinner is coming up on Wed, Dec 21st with the cost still at \$20.00. Please plan on attending.

The Landings Stick League

by Jan Ray

We have 26 two person teams in our Landings Stick League this year, which is two less than last year. These teams are a combination of mixed and same sex members. We are using a Round Robin format with games being played on Wednesdays at 11:15am and 12:15pm, as well as on Thursday mornings at 11:15am. The teams of Bill Worthy and Barry Elvidge have no losses to date, however several other teams are close on their heels.

There was an interest in forming a four person stick league this year. We acquired another sheet of ice on Thursday mornings, from the Day Ladies, at 11:15am-1:15pm for this league to play their Round Robin format. We have six teams in this new league that are made up of any combination of members. Unlike the two person league these games are played with normal curling rules. At this time, Russ Brown's team is in first place, with one loss. I have acquired a sponsor for this four person stick league but at this time chose not to have them purchase a trophy, until we see if this is a viable league, through to the spring.

Welcome to Don Mallory, Jim Lesley, Dave Sansom and Pam Carr-Taylor who have joined us on teams this year. We were hoping to recruit more stick players from other leagues, but it would appear they are getting enough curling in other venues.

I would like to welcome Sally Stewart and Gail Beausoleil, as new members to RKCC. These ladies are playing in both of our stick leagues.

Our club is sponsoring the Dominion Provincial Stick League Zone and Regional playdowns on November 25 and December 2nd. The Provincials will be held in Navan from April 1st to 4th, 2012. You do not have to be in the stick league to enter this competition. If you play in a league using a stick and are 50 by Dec 31st of the year prior to the championship, you are eligible. Teams can be composed of four players in any combination of

men and women, playing in any position. To date, I know of only one team from RKCC wishing to enter these play downs. I would encourage you to either consider participating in, or volunteering to help with this event.



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Royal Kingston Curling Club

The LIMESTONE

Senior Men's Bonspiel
Saturday - October 29, 2011



We hosted a very successful event with 17 out-of-club teams and 7 teams from RKCC. The curlers were particularly complimentary of our excellent ice as well as the tasty and plentiful food provided by the many talented and willing volunteers.

Special guest Mike Tureski presented the trophy to the Belleville rink of Bob McPherson, skip, Dennis Gould, 3rd, Gord Smith, 2nd, and Dennis Lalonde, lead, who narrowly outpointed our own rink of Vic Matthews, skip, Dave Bradshaw, 3rd, Michael Braun, 2nd, Lorne Carmichael, lead.

We all know that in order for bonspiels to run successfully, a goodly number of dedicated volunteers is needed and, as, always, they were there.

Thanks to Brian Collingwood for his continued organizational assistance and, as well, to Gord Smith who so ably did the scoring.

VOLUNTEERS:

BREAKFAST: Steve Hulton, George Gratton

LUNCH: Garry Dupuis, Paul Hannah, Brian Collingwood, Keith Forrest

DINNER: George Gratton, Don and Marg Hutchinson, Linda Therien, Bob and Joan Butcher, Olive and Ernie Carter, Linda O'Sullivan, Sandy Edwards, Keith Forrest, Roger Chown

Upcoming Events

Reminder

The date of the Safe Food Handling Seminar, Saturday, November 12 is fast approaching.



There is still room for more attendees for this valuable training. The cost to you is a bargain at \$10. Morning coffee/snacks and a noon lunch will be provided. The course will run from 9 am to 3 pm.

Get your certificate – sign up now!



LADIES OPEN BONSPIEL

In My Grandma's Kitchen

Saturday November 19th, 2011

This is an OPEN EVENT. All are welcome to participate.

1st Prize \$400.00 Cash

Plus other prizes and raffles

Take a trip back in time to a day in your Grandma's Kitchen. Wear your best apron and send us your favourite recipe (Grandma's or an updated version) with your registration and we will add it to your complimentary souvenir cookbook.

This is a Points Spiel: Two 8 end games
1st Draw 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
2nd Draw 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Cost \$160.00 per team

Includes a light Breakfast, Lunch, after morning games and Dinner @ 5:30

RKCC Ladies Open Entry Form:

Contact Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Home Club: _____
Skip: _____
Vice: _____
Second: _____
Lead: _____

Submit your entry by mail to

Royal Kingston Curling Club
130 Days Road,
Kingston, ON K7M 9G4

Or by email to ...
Georgie O'Shaughnessy at
georgialeesh@hotmail.com

Please indicate Draw Preference

Draw 1 Draw 2

Please enclose your cheque in the amount of \$160.00 and your favourite recipes.



Calendar of Events November 2011

| Date | Event |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat, Nov 5 th | Evening Ladies Rated Bonspiel |
| Sat, Nov 12 th | Food Handling Course |
| Fri, Nov 18 th | Day Men's In-House Spiel |
| Sat, Nov 19 th | Evening Ladies Annual Bonspiel |
| Fri, Nov 25 th | DOM OCA Stick Bonspiel |
| Sat, Nov 26 th | Eastern Ontario Junior Curling League |
| Wed, Nov 30 th | Cataraqui Friendly Day |

December 2011

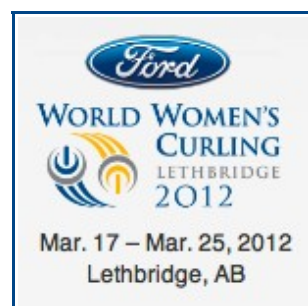
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| Fri, Dec 2 nd | DOM OCA Stick Bonspiel |
| Sat, Dec 3 rd | Christmas Mixed Bonspiel |
| Wed, Dec 7 th | Day Ladies Christmas Mini Spiel |
| Fri, Dec 9 th | Stick Fun Spiel |
| Wed, Dec 14 th | EL Club Christmas Social |
| Fri, Dec 16 th | DL & DM Fun Bonspiel |
| Wed, Dec 21 st | EM Christmas Dinner |
| Fri, Dec 23 rd – Mon, Dec 26 th | CLUB CLOSED |
| Tue, Dec 27 th | Family Fun Day |
| Wed, Dec 28 th – Mon, Jan 2 nd | CLUB CLOSED |

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2011/12 Canadian and World Championship Events Schedule



- 2012 Canadian Mixed Curling Championship
Nov. 12-19, 2011 ~ Sudbury, ON
- The Dominion Curling Club Championship
Nov. 21-26, 2011 ~ Richmond, BC
- 2011 Canada Cup of Curling
Nov. 30 – Dec. 4, 2011 ~ Cranbrook, BC
- 2012 World Financial Group Continental Cup of Curling
Jan. 12-15, 2012 ~ Langley, BC
- 2012 Youth Olympic Winter Games
January 13-22, 2012 ~ Innsbruck, Austria
- 2012 M&M Meat Shops Canadian Juniors
Feb. 4-12, 2012 ~ Napanee, ON
- 2012 World Wheelchair Curling Championships
Feb. 18-25, 2012 ~ Chuncheon City, South Korea
- 2012 Scotties Tournament of Hearts
Feb. 18-26, 2012 ~ Red Deer, AB
- 2012 Tim Hortons Brier
Mar. 3-11, 2012 ~ Saskatoon, SK
- 2012 World Junior Curling Championships
Mar. 3-11, 2012 ~ Oestersund, Sweden
- CIS/CCA University Championships
Mar. 14-18, 2012 ~ Welland, ON
- 2012 Ford World Women's Curling Championship
Mar. 17-25, 2012 ~ Lethbridge, AB
- 2012 Canadian Senior Curling Championships
Mar. 17-25, 2012 ~ Abbotsford, BC
- 2012 Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championship
Mar. 18-25, 2012 ~ Thunder Bay, ON
- 2012 Canadian Masters Curling Championships
Mar. 26 – Apr. 1, 2012 ~ Montreal, QC
- 2012 World Men's Curling Championship
Mar. 31 – Apr. 8, 2012 ~ Basel, Switzerland
- 2012 World Seniors
Apr. 14-21, 2012 ~ Location TBD
- 2012 World Mixed Doubles
Apr. 23-29, 2012 ~ Location TBD