



# The Sweep

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### *A word from your President... Roy Vasey*

Fellow curlers, we are well into the 2011-2012 curling season, with about 635 members participating.

Carole Rivington has completed the Club 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 meal menu prepared by volunteers and staff. 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.

Don't forget that the BDO Grand Slam is coming to Kingston this month from December 14 – 18.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank Rod and Terry 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 member and their families a heartfelt SEASONS GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Roy

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Articles / submissions for **The Sweep** are accepted from all members. Submit to Carole Rivington at [carolnr62@cogeco.ca](mailto:carolnr62@cogeco.ca) by **January 28<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the **February** edition.

Thank You!



## Section Reports

### Day Ladies

by Marilyn Bellringer

Day Ladies are well into the 2nd Draw which will conclude Tues., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and Thurs., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Tiebreaker and/or Playoff will be held on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Draw Trophy winners were Lin Jenkins – Skip, Barb Tureski – Vice, Martha Forkes – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Katy Provan – Lead (Tuesday Draw winners). Runner up team was Marilyn Bellringer – Skip, Denise Mulville – Vice, Heather Declair – 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Debbie Kennedy – Lead (Thursday Draw winners) after a tiebreaker against Joan Doucet – Skip, Philippa Fuglar – Vice, Sue McConnell – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nancy Morrow – Lead. Congratulations to the Jenkins Team.

Skip's Meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> Draw (Roantree) will be held Tues., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. In regard to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Draw, Games Committee approached the Day Lady members to determine if they wished to make this draw 5 games and eliminate the games scheduled for just prior to Christmas. The majority showed approval to this plan, therefore, Draw #3 will commence on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 and Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Flight Games will be played as scheduled on Wed., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> unless you make suitable arrangements with you opponent to postpone and play the game at a later date.

Teresa Wilson and Debbie See, our Fun Day Conveners are busy making plans for our Christmas Mini Spiel. Please plan to attend on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> for fun, a little non-competitive curling and food, of course.

On behalf of the Day Ladies Executive, may I extend to all of you Compliments of the Season and Best Wishes for 2012.



### Evening Ladies

by Linda Lott

As we approach the Holiday season let us be thankful for all the wonderful things that being a curler gives us: a sense of community, a chance to

work out with friends, leadership challenges, teamwork skills, a respite from overheated buildings, inner turmoil relieved by vigorous sweeping, and last but not least the chance to display latent culinary skills at our potlucks!!

I would like to "Thank" the Evening Ladies Executive and you, the curlers for making the first part of our season a time of enjoyment for all.

May the Christmas season  
fill your home with joy.  
Your heart with love  
And your life with laughter!

Merry Christmas from the EL executive.



## LADIES OPEN BONSPIEL

### In My Grandma's Kitchen

#### Saturday November 19th, 2011

On Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> eighteen enthusiastic teams competed in the Annual Ladies Open Bonspiel. The theme of "In My Grandma's Kitchen" was very evident with all curlers donning their favourite aprons (some they probably couldn't have worn in front of Grandma) and decorations that included everything from the butter churner to homemade quilts.

Teams from Ottawa, Perth, Brockville and Cataraqui joined our club teams for the day and many curlers submitted recipes for the souvenir cookbook that everyone received. Along with good curling and lots of prizes everyone enjoyed a day of laughs and amazing food prepared by our secret chef Shawn and his helper Katie. Nancy Roantree led the games and Apron Parade and Ana Sutherland taught everyone how to play the oven rack (yes oven rack) keeping the room in stitches between curling and dinner.

Congratulations to the team of Mary Patterson, Joanne Manion, Mary Skeggs and Katy King who won the \$400.00 first prize.

I would like to thank my team mates, Nancy Roantree, Karen Peters and Carol Roach for all their hard work and extend a special thanks to Kathy Brown and Georgia Hatch for their donations and to Shawn and Katie for making the day especially memorable.

Georgie O'Shaughnessy



### Club Curling

by Denise Mulville

The Wednesday Evening Ladies' first draw began on October 5<sup>th</sup> with 22 teams participating for a four

week schedule and playoffs on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The team skipped by Joan Doucet with Shani Doucet, Karen Matheson and Debby King won the first event. The runner's up were Janet Fowlow, Lynda Therien, Jennifer Young and Cathy Hamilton. Second event was won by Judy Russell, Karen Peters, Erica Campbell (Trish Beckett sparing) and Susann Gauthier. Third event was won by Celia Russell, Lynn Witheridge, Carol Roach and Jessica Byrne.

Draw#2 began on November 9<sup>th</sup> with 18 teams participating and will finish up with playoffs on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We welcomed 13 new members for Wednesday Evening Curling, as well we recruited a few more from the mixed league and flight curling.

I am looking forward to a successful second half and hopefully we will have some new curlers join for the ½ year membership.

**Ho!**  
**Ho!**  
**Ho!**



### Day Men

by John Koronyi

To date, a total of one hundred and sixty RKCC members submitted Card's of Intent for Day Men's this season, an increase of seven over last season. Twelve did not renew but importantly we welcome thirteen new members to the Day Men's section.

The Day Men held their first in house bonspiel Nov 18<sup>th</sup>. Ernie Carter did a superlative job in convening this popular event. The winning team was skipped by Russ Brown and included his supporting cast of Henry Green, Ken Brant and Steve Manders. Jim Lesley led the effort in the kitchen to once again serve a superb lunch. Our next in house bonspiel is a mixed event on Friday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Day Men and Day Ladies. Watch for the sign up sheets on the respective bulletin boards as this two six end game event with lunch in between is expected to fill up fast.

Senior Flight curling has started the second draw. Congratulations to all the teams who earned their way to play in the next higher flight. For those playing senior flight, thanks for helping Murray Cotton to resource the Monday lunch. This initiative is a noteworthy contribution to the Club both socially and financially. The meals have been excellent !



### Mixed Curling

by Erwin Batalla

The Mixed season is proceeding apace. After the first six weeks of curling, the three divisions on Friday have been rearranged and we will now continue with a full eleven games' round-robin. On Sunday, the last game of the calendar year will take place on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Christmas Mixed Bonspiel sponsored by Foley and Sutherland Insurance and Financial Services took place on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sixteen teams participated and enjoyed an early Christmas lunch prepared by Joe DeSousa. The team of Kim Philipps, Mary Buchanan, Marilyn and Martin Chilton won the competition. Great thanks are due to Alexandra Simmons, Hugh Pollitt-Smith, Shirley Kwakkenbos, Pam Carr-Taylor, Brian Collingwood and our sponsor Ana Sutherland. A special thank you goes to Doug and Bev Boyd who stepped in at the last minute to complete the draw.

Have a Merry Mixed Christmas.

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Association



### OCA Report

by Mary-Stewart Ross

RKCC is hosting 3 OCA events this year: The Dominion Stick Zone Competition, The Bantam Boys & Girls Zones and the Women's Tankard Zones Competition.

The Dominion Stick Zone Competition initially had only 2 teams entered, both from R.K.C.C. Lin Jenkin's mixed team composed of Jim Rayner, Dave Sansom and Claire Petkow will go on to Regionals but Russ Brown's team had to withdraw due to an inability to travel to Regionals. The Regionals will be in Brighton January 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Provincials will be in Navan April 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Bantam Girls and Bantam Boys Zone competitions will be held here January 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see myself or Teresa Gibson if you are able to help out.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Women's Tankard Zones will be held at R.K.C.C. This is a 2 team cumulative point

competition. Last year we had 2 entries of 2 teams, and one pair moved on to the Regionals. The Regionals this year will be at Stirling on March 31<sup>st</sup> and the Provincials are on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Annandale.

Good luck to Betty Bush and her team including: Joanne Miller, Joanne Manion and Mary-Stewart Ross as they compete in the OCA Masters Women's Regional Competition in Deep River, Ontario, December 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider entering Bonspiels or OCA competitions, most of which are listed on the OCA website or on our various club bulletin boards. Bonspieling and competing is a lot of fun and keeps the game of curling alive and thriving. There has been a decline in attendance at all competitions and bonspiels, which is a major concern for the future of curling as well as for curling rinks that need the income generated by bonspiels. So put a team together and sign up for a bonspiel or competition. Win or lose, it's lots of fun and well worth the investment of time and money! For a complete list of all the OCA competitions and most of the bonspiels, check the OCA website at [www.ontcurl.com](http://www.ontcurl.com)

## *Junior Curling*

by Teresa Gibson

Sunday afternoon curling is off to a good start. The bantam curlers have been focusing on skill development this fall. Congratulations to Trevor Kirby and his team of Ian Macartney, Jarrid Conley and Jack Mandin who won the Catarauqui Candy Cane Bonspiel!



The BDO Tournament at the K-Rock Centre has provided exciting opportunities for our junior members. Five area clubs have been asked to send four juniors to be flag bearers for opening ceremonies on the Wednesday. The five clubs will also send eight junior curlers to compete in a draw to the button competition. On Saturday morning, each club will compete against their own club on the arena ice, determining one winner from each club. Those five winners will then compete against each other for the overall winner. The winner of the draw to the button will be given a cheque for \$1,000.00 from Capital One and the Club will be given a cheque for \$10,000.00. Please come out to cheer on the RKCC juniors!

# Competition Reports

## *Junior Boys*

by Mario Fabbro

The Bantam Boys team of David Brown, Nick Zelizniak, Caleb Gray and Ross Fabbro competed at the Junior Boys Zones on Nov 27<sup>th</sup> in Belleville. Though only being a bantam team the boys held their own against stiff competition. After losing to The Lewis Rink from Napanee in the opening round the boys rebounded and won their next game against the Myrie team from Catarauqui. In the B-Side semis the boys lost a close match to the Scott Rink from Napanee in a close 6-5 outcome. The boys are to be congratulated on their effort and sportsmanship. They are looking forward to the School Boy Zone on Dec. 17-18 in Stirling.

## *Junior Girls*

by Kevan Welch

The Pepsi Junior Women's Zone 4 competition was held at The Quinte Curling Club on Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 2011. A junior team from RKCC with Mackenzie Schroeder at lead, Shannon Maxwell, second, Kaitlyn Welch at vice and Leah Maxwell at skip represented our club. This is same team which competes in our Ladies Flight League. They were victorious in their second game and claimed the B side title. They will be playing in the regionals in Smith Falls Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. They adapted to the ice conditions and followed through with their game plan. During the game they rebounded from a 3 point deficit 3 times to come out on top. Well done ladies.



To a joyful present  
and a well remembered past.  
Best Wishes for Happy  
Holidays  
and a magnificent New Year!

The Social Committee



Members may have noticed that, for the fourth season, we have placed the food bank donation box near the entrance to the lounge. Last year we delivered more than five full buckets of food items to the Partners in Mission Food Bank. They very much appreciate every item they receive.



**Feeding the Community**

Please help support those who are less fortunate than we are. Any non-perishable items are welcomed.

**START CURLING IN JANUARY ... RKCC HAS HALF YEAR MEMBERSHIPS FOR YOU!**

Ever wanted to try **curling**?  
Looking for a unique **holiday gift**?  
Then take advantage of **reduced membership fees** at the Royal Kingston Curling Club starting **January 2012!!**  
[www.royalkingston.com](http://www.royalkingston.com)

**Get Active**  
in 2012 with the Royal Kingston Curling Club

Available Leagues:

- Mens - Evening and Day
- Ladies - Evening and Day
- Mixed - Evening and Weekend
- Stick league
- Junior

Memberships available immediately

**Beginners are Welcome!**  
Take advantage of Learn to Curl clinics offered every Sunday evening from 7-9pm at a cost of \$12.

Upcoming Clinics:

- Sunday, December 11th
- Sunday, December 18th
- Sunday, January 8th

Cost of learn-to-curl clinics until January 8th will be FREE with presentation of this flyer.

Contact the Royal Kingston Curling club to find out about membership options.  
Memberships starting at \$200 for January-April.

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**Upcoming Events**

**WE WILL ROCK YOU!**  
The BDO Canadian Open starring 18 of the World's Best Men's Curling Teams. Experience the action up close and personal!  
**December 14-18, 2011**  
K-Rock Centre, 1 Barrack St., Kingston  
**GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**  
[www.k-rockcentre.com](http://www.k-rockcentre.com) • 613-650-5000

**K ROCK CENTRE**  
DECEMBER 14-18, 2011

The BDO Canadian Open, is one of the four men's majors that highlight the World Curling Tour season. Players will be battling for the all important Canadian Team Ranking System (CTRS) points available at the event.

- First place 40.000
- Second place 27.000
- Third and fourth place 22.000
- Fifth-Eighth place 18.000

OPENING CEREMONIES --- Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony will be featuring the BDO Canadian Open Emcee, Chris Whyman --- **Kingston Town Crier, The Rob Roy Pipe Band, John Gerretsen MPP Kingston and the Islands, young singing sensation Abby Stewart** and starring **The Ceremonial Rock Team** of high performance curling and rock and roll icons --- Kingston Sports Hall of Famers, **Marg and Lefty McDonald** and from Kingston's own **The Tragically Hip**, international recording stars **Paul Langlois and Gord Sinclair!**

**ONE ROCK. ONE PERSON. ONE MILLION DOLLARS.**

Capital One  
**MILLION DOLLAR BUTTON**

CAPITAL ONE "DRAW THE BUTTON" --- all spectators are eligible to enter the draw in the Capital One "Million Dollar Button" event. Enter at the Capital One display. Two winners drawn Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Six winners to have a shot at the button to win a trip for two to the final Grand Slam event in PEI in April 2012 where finalists will have a shot at winning the "Million Dollar Button".



**79th Annual "The Whig" Men's Open Bonspiel**

Royal Kingston Curling Club 130 Days Road, Kingston, ON  
**Thurs, Fri, & Sat - January 26, 27, and 28, 2012**

**A Weekend Of Curling, Fun, & Food!**

Thursday Night - Lasagna Saturday Morning - Continental Breakfast  
 Friday Noon - Soup & Sandwich Saturday Lunch - Sausage on a Bun  
 Friday Evening - Prime Rib/Hip Of Beef Saturday Evening - Beef on a Bun

**\$6500 in Cash Prizes - \$1200 to The Winners**

**Our Sponsors**

The Whig-Standard  
 The Four Points - Sheraton

**HOTEL**

Four Points Hotel & Suites  
 285 King Street East  
 1-888-478-4333

Bonspiel Rate - \$115.00 per Night  
 if reserved by January 05, 2012  
 \*\* Ask For  
 The Whig Curling Bonspiel Rate \*\*

**Entry Fee: \$350** (inc. HST) Non-refundable  
 \$65 for each additional player  
 29.027% of Entry Fees go to Prizes

Cheque MUST accompany entry (postdated to Jan. 10 is acceptable)

**8 Events - 4 Games Guaranteed**  
**First 64 Entries Accepted**

Draw:	A	B	C	D
Game #1:	Thurs. 3:30 p.m. RKCC	Thurs. 5:00 p.m. Cataragel or Thurs. 5:30 p.m. RKCC	Thurs. 7:30 p.m. RKCC	Fri. 8:00 a.m. RKCC or Cat.
# of Teams:	4	24	12	24
Game #2:	Fri. 10:00 a.m.	Thurs. 9:30 p.m.	Fri. 10:00 a.m.	Fri. 12:00 p.m.

Phone 613-546-2243 Fax 613-541-7522 E-mail: admin@royalkingston.com

<p><b>The Whig</b></p> <p>Please make cheques payable to:                  "Royal Kingston Curling Club"</p> <p>130 Days Road                  Kingston, ON                  K7M 9G4</p> <p>Phone 613-546-2243                  Fax 613-541-7522</p> <p>Entry Form</p>	Please Print and Enclose Payment!		<p>Draw Preference</p> <p>A <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>B <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>C <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Indicate 1st and 2nd Choice</p>
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	E-mail: _____		
Club: _____			



**Calendar of Events  
 December 2011**

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

**January 2012**

Date	Event
Sat, Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sun, Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	OCA Bantam Zones
Thu, Jan 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sat, Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Whig Standard Bonspiel

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