



# 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. The property acquisition is proceeding well. At the governance committee meeting two weeks ago, Jim Barton reported that the Minister of Correctional Services has approved the sale of sufficient land to the club so it could expand to eight sheets if the need arose. Two surveys (archeological and aboriginal) need to be completed by Corrections before the sale can proceed. The club has to cover the cost of the surveys which will be in the order of \$2000. Corrections will send a proposal to the club for approval. Additionally several municipal approvals will be needed. Hopefully I will have more to report in the next Sweep.

The Greater Kingston Area Curling Association (GKACA) held its inaugural meeting on Wednesday, January 25th. This association has representatives from five area clubs, RKCC, Cataraqui, Garrison, Gananoque and Napanee and will work together to promote our sport in the Kingston area. Initially, the formation of this organization was a pre-condition for our area to get the Scotties in 2013, but the clubs have realized it also will provide many opportunities for the five areas clubs to work cooperatively to grow our sport in the Kingston area. Our representatives for the next two years will be *Linda Lott* and *Mike Schneider*.

One further comment. While members suffer numerous bumps and bruises each week, more serious injuries are fairly rare. Unfortunately, one of our Day Ladies fell on Wednesday, January 11, breaking her kneecap. The ambulance attendants arrived quickly and transported her to KGH for treatment. Word from her spouse is that she is recovering well. Thanks to the numerous members who helped during the incident, especially Martha Morton and Pam Carr-Taylor, who provided care to our member while the ambulance was en route. Please be careful everyone and have a safe, enjoyable rest of the season.

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 **Sun, February 26<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the **March** edition.

Thank You!

## Committee Reports

### *Curling Committee*

Gord Rogers, Chair

Things have been running very smoothly in all sections this year.

The Evening Ladies Section has been offering any extra sheets available to the Evening Men's section on Thursday nights at 5:10. This has freed up more ice for rentals as a result and also eliminates more 9:15 games that virtually all members do not like. This type of cooperation will help us keep more members in the future if we can prove to our members that we are looking after the membership as a whole.

We have run two clinics so far this year and they have been extremely well attended. The first was the Earle Morris clinic and last month, we ran an in house clinic.

There are too many volunteers to mention but a special thank you to Mary Stewart Ross for initializing these clinics.

One of the comments that I have heard more this year than ever in the past is the quality of the first year players that are joining the club. A huge part of this success is the skills clinic that Kevan Welch runs on Sunday nights at 7:00. This is open to all members who wish to improve their skills.

A special thank you from all the sections to Rod and Terry for giving us the great ice conditions all year.



### *Social Committee*

Linda Lott, Chair

Saturday, **March 17<sup>th</sup>** ..... Join us for the 2012 RKCC St. Patrick's Day party!! Bring your friends and join us for a night of curling, games and fun.

Signup sheets will be on the bulletin boards soon!

## Section Reports

### *Day Ladies*

by Marilyn Bellringer

Day Ladies 3rd Draw will conclude Tuesday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Tiebreaker and/or Playoff are scheduled for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, but are subject to change depending on when ice is available. Please watch the DL Board for possible date changes.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw Trophy winners were Ella Brisson – Skip, Nancy Gray – Vice, Pat Hardy – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Penny Steele – Lead (Tuesday Draw winners). Runner up team was Judy Sly – Skip, Mary Stevenson – Vice, Zak Sieben – 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Barb O'Neill – Lead (Thursday Draw winners). Congratulations to the Brisson Team.

Skip's Meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> Draw (FanSet) will be held Tuesday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Draw #4 will consist of 6 games commencing Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>. Please note game #6 for the Thursday Draw will be Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

There is a Day Men/Day Ladies Fun Day planned for Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Event will consist of 12 mixed teams, 2 men and 2 ladies and you will play two 6 end games in a Skins format. Cost will be \$5.00 and you will also get lunch. Please look for sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board for this Fun Event.

We would like to remind our members to check the condition of their grippers. There have been a number of falls recently and it may be the fault of worn grippers.

Get Well Wishes go out to those ladies who have had injuries and health issue problems in recent weeks. Hope to see you at the Club soon even if you cannot curl.

DL Spring Mini Spiel is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 so mark your calendar now. This is the last fun event for this curling season.

A Committee headed by Donna Jeffery and Nancy Gray are making plans for the 40<sup>th</sup> Grandmothers & Great Aunts Bonspiel to be held Wed., March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012. They are looking for volunteers for this event and would appreciate you contacting them if you are able to help. The more volunteers they have, the less work it is for everyone. Look for the volunteer Sign-Up Sheet on Day Ladies Board.



## Evening Ladies

by Linda Lott

Now that we are past the holiday season it is time to start thinking about some upcoming events. On February 15<sup>th</sup> we start our fourth and final club draw. At that time we will have determined three of the four teams that will play down for the right to challenge the Day Ladies for the Carrie Cole Trophy on Championship night on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual "Bring a Friend night" is on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Fran Cooney is the person to contact, if you would like to help out on that night. Last year we had 75 "friends" come out to try the sport of curling. The same offer is on the table for this year-the person who brings the most friends will win 2 bottles of wine!

March 24<sup>th</sup> is our second in-house rated spiel of the year! Betty Bush will be posting signup sheets in early March. This is a great day full of curling and camaraderie.

The Evening Ladies had a goal this year to increase our membership and in doing that, increase our ice usage on Wednesday nights. We have had 20+ teams for all the club draws so far, which is fantastic. We added 10 new members at Christmas with the  $\frac{1}{2}$  price new membership deal and since September we added an additional 20 new members. "Thank you" to Jen Young, Anneli Jokela and Katie Mountjoy for their hard work on the Christmas membership drive.

"Thank you" to everyone that helped out on the Christmas fun night and a special "Thanks" to the following people for taking the lead; Charla Gray, Heather Sinclair, Cathy Dempster, Linda Therien and Judy Russell.

If you would like to become more involved with the Evening Ladies section why not consider becoming part of the executive for the 2012/2013 season!

## Day Men

by John Koronyi



On December 16, the Day Men/Day Ladies jointly hosted a mixed funspiel. Six teams participated. After two games and a great lunch, the winner by total points was the team of Brenda Charette, Teresa

Wilson, Jim Lesley and John Koronyi. Bill Worthy led the kitchen detail with notable help from Bill Noble. The last Day Men/Day Ladies funspiel for this curling season is scheduled for Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets are posted on the respective bulletin boards. Add your name and you will be placed on a team. This is a fun event that can accommodate twelve teams.

The third and final draw for Senior Men's Flight will get underway January 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Murray Cotton, Day Men Vice Chair, continues to superbly organize the Monday lunch. The culinary talents in the Senior Flight teams are outstanding! Thanks to all for participating. Your continued support when asked to volunteer for this effort is much appreciated.



## 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 John Giles and his team of Murray Lynch, Dale Marecak, and Ted Cousins on winning the first event. They will take on the team of Ron Cameron, Bob Clancy, Keith Forrest, and Robert Ringuette who won the first event in draw 1. Other event winners in draw 2 were Rob Campbell, Bill Cannon, Michael Braun, Tim Aldridge, and Mike Steacy.


Flight has seen a new format this year and so far the reaction has been very positive and has had an overall effect of much more competitive games. We are well into draw 3 of flight at this stage. There will be 3 flights for the playoffs.

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

Please pencil in our closing dinner on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>



THE  
WHIG



**FOUR  
POINTS**  
BY SHERATON  
Kingston

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!

The 79th Annual Whig Standard Bonspiel is in the books and I am pleased to report that there was a healthy mix of competition and camaraderie.

We had a full field of 64 teams, one from as far away as Newfoundland. Some will remember Tim Jones from the old club. His rink made honorary "Newfies" of a number of our members on Saturday night. Great fun!

City View, out of Ottawa, sent a total of nine entries to the competition, by far the leader in out of town rinks.

We have become accustomed to having quality ice at RKCC and Rod and his team came through once again. Hats off to them.

We all know, that to run any bonspiel, we rely on the spirit of volunteerism and that is always present at RKCC. We had more than 50 members give willingly of their time to ensure the success of the bonspiel. Kudos to them.

When all was said and done, the rink skipped by Jason Boyce, RKCC, with Rob Bushfield, 3rd, Doug Wark, 2nd, and Derek MacDonald, lead prevailed over the Shlachter rink of Ottawa Navy in the first event.

The complete list of winners by event will soon appear on our web site.

George Gratton, convenor.

League curling and the possibility of 4 person Stick League. Now, we're two thirds of the way through the year and planning our play off schedules. The two person Stick League is called "The Landings Stick League" after our sponsor, the Landings Golf Club. They sponsor a trophy as well as provide prizes for our two top winning teams. They also very generously provide each of our members with a complimentary green fee pass in the spring. A true sponsor for sure and we really appreciate the support we get from the Landings Golf Club.

At the beginning of this year we also started a 4 person Stick League, with curling rules as per normal including sweeping from end to end. We were able to round up enough players for 6 full teams. Bob's Butcher Shop, located in the Reddendale Mall, and just across the street from the curling club, has agreed to be the sponsor of this league. We look forward to a long successful relationship with Bob's Butcher Shop.

While we stressed from the outset that our stick curling is more social than competitive, it would appear from looking at the standings reports that the word "competition" does enter into it. Ever present this year at the top of the standing in 4 stick is our old friend Russ Brown, but just five points back there is some stiff competition eyeing that spot so he will have to keep a close eye over his shoulder for the up and comers.

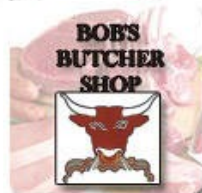
Among the 26 teams in the 2 person stick league there is also stiff competition for those top spots. The current leader is Linda O'Sullivan who is just three points ahead of Mary Patterson and right behind Mary by one point there are four teams tied for third place, namely Bill Worthy, Barry Elvidge, Paul Smith and Brenda Charette. The spread in points between the top team and the 14<sup>th</sup> place team is only ten points and things could change before our last round robin games in late March.

Another first this year was the venture into the Dominion OCA Stick Curling Competition. A team of Dave Sansom, Jim Rayner, Brenda Charette and Claire Petkow formed up in late November. Teams could be made up of all men, all ladies or a mix of both. Our team went to Brighton for the Zone play down in early January 2012. While they didn't qualify to go to the Ontario finals in Navan this April, they did do the club proud in their efforts at Brighton. The first game of the double knock out was so close all the way that in the last end, skip Dave Sansom made two spectacular shots, one to get into position for a final shot to take two. The final shot came within one inch of being good enough for a tie and a playoff extra end. Our ladies played extremely well considering they had never been in such an event before and we were very proud of them. After the game, our opponents



## Two & Four Person Stick League

by Jan Ray



Just a few short months ago we were welcoming you all back to this year's 2 Stick

commented that they hoped they didn't have to play us again, as they felt we might have the better of them in another game. The team we played on Sunday morning commented after our game that they had never seen such a new team play so well together and spoke highly of our potential as a team. So, next year, we will be working towards getting a few more teams into the qualifying rounds for the Dominion OCA Stick Curling Competition which is open to all stick curlers over the age of 50. It was a great experience and the whole team enjoyed it and said they would do it again.

Speaking of playoffs, our's will begin on March 21 and March 22 and will finish off with the championship games on April 4 and April 5. Our final luncheon/meeting and presentations of Trophies and prizes will follow our final playoff game on April 5. We are certain the excitement will be almost uncontrollable so you all best get to the club early for the finals, in order to guarantee your seat near the viewing windows.

As many of you are aware, the Scotties Tournament of Hearts is coming to Kingston in February of 2013 and will be hosted at the K-Rock Centre. Of particular interest to all of us is the fact that the Stick Curling Chair Jan Ray will be attending this year's Scotties as a member of the Executive Committee, in an effort to start promoting Kingston and ticket sales for next year's Scotties. Jan is currently looking for volunteers to distribute Mini Brochures, to promote ticket sales for the 2013 Scotties, from a booth at the 2012 M&M Canadian Juniors at Napanee, Feb 9 – Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. A "Paint the Town" blitz is planned to distribute these brochures to Kingston businesses from Feb 15 – 19 (you choose the time that works for you). If you would like to help, please sign up on the sign up sheet, on the easel by the lounge door. You may call Jan at her home number 613-375-6118, drop her a line at her email address [janice.ray7@gmail.com](mailto:janice.ray7@gmail.com). Members of the Napanee, Garrison, Gananoque, Cataraqui and RKCC will all be asked to participate in this venture. Please do your best to lend a hand and help get our community excited about this upcoming event. (even though it's a year away)

Last but not least, a word to the wise. Many of you will have heard about a slip and fall to the ice by one of our stick curling members a few weeks ago. The fall resulted in a fractured knee cap, immediate surgery the next day followed by considerably restricted movement due to a splinted knee joint. The fun of curling will be lost to our member for the final three months of the season and there will be many hours of rehab therapy to go through, which could be painful at times. Upon review of the visual aspects of the accident along with the grippers, it was noted that the grippers had bare spots around the edges, most notably on the heel area. One

gripper was two seasons old and the other was one season old. There were bare spots on both grippers. The bare spot on one of the heels touched the ice on the last step of a delivery of the curling rock and slipped on the ice. The result was the fall and the fracture of the knee cap. Our recommendation to all of you who depend on grippers to keep you stable and safe on the ice, is that you take a look at them and if they look at all worn please go and get a new one. It was quite possible the fall could have been far worse than it was and we are all thankful that our lady will be able to come back next season, to once again enjoy the game of curling. With new grippers of course!

Well it's been fun so far, and we're sure it will remain so for the rest of the year. Just remember, Stay Safe Out There and Good Curling.



### *Little Rock & Juniors*

by Janet Fowlow

We had a very exciting December in both sections, all curlers, parents and coaches were happy to have the kids be involved with the BDO Classic that came to Kingston. We had an opportunity to send 7 kids from both sections to the BDO draw to the button contest.

We had the quarter finals at RKCC and had 64 kids compete for these 7 spots. The quarter-finalist winners were:

1. Liam Hamilton
2. Nicholas Leduc
3. Kaylyn Reynolds
4. Ian Macartney
5. Nathan Knox
6. Sophie Cole
7. Anton Gibson

These quarter finalists each had the opportunity to compete in the draw to the button contest at the K-Rock Center. Anton Gibson was the winner determined to go to the finals of the draw to the button and represent RKCC. We were all really proud of Anton. Anton won a broom, jacket, gloves and shoes all from Goldline. Our club did not win the draw to the Button contest, but we all had a great deal of fun, planning and participating in the BDO Draw to the Button. Congratulation to Garrison Curling Club.

We also had four spots for the Opening Ceremonies at the K-Rock Center as well, Jenny Brown, Trevor Kirby, Gregory Kelly and Josh Fowlow all had an

opportunity to carry sign and flags in the opening ceremonies. They all wore RKCC jackets and did a great job.

I was very proud to see our curlers involved in such a great event. Memories were created to last a life time. Thank you to all the curlers and parents.

## Competition News

### Bantam Girls Curling Exploits!

The Bantam girls team skipped by Shannon Maxwell, third Mackenzie Schroeder, second Kayla Gray and lead Jenny Brown participated in OCA regional play in Arnprior Ontario on the weekend of Jan. 21-22<sup>nd</sup>. They lost their first game against the eventual A side winner. Their second game was well played but they lost in the last end. Over the course of the two games they played 15 ends of curling, winning 9 ends and one end was blanked. Their opponents only scored in 5 ends. The team played very well and should be proud of their accomplishments.

Well done ladies, you represented our club very well. I would like to thank the players parents for supporting these young curlers in their efforts.

Kevan Welch

## Upcoming Events



### Royal Kingston Curling Club *Out of This World Bantam* Bonspiel

Saturday, February 4, 2012

\$100 per team

Includes light breakfast, lunch and prizes for everyone  
Two-game Point Bonspiel  
Any combination of males and females

9:00	Light Breakfast	12:15	Lunch
9:30	Registration	1:30	Second Game
10:00	First Game	3:30	Prizes

### COME CATCH A WAVE — RKCC VISITS HAWAII

## 54<sup>TH</sup> Annual EMPIRE LIFE Mixed Bonspiel



Greetings from the Aloha State - Hawaii

Date: Thurs. Fri. & Sat. Feb. 9th, 10th, & 11th, 2012

Entry Fee: \$280 (incl. HST)

32 Teams 5 Events 3 Games Guaranteed

OCA Mixed Rules Apply

Dinner on all three days.

Brunch 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



## 2012 Golf Tournament

The 8th annual RKCC Golf Tournament will be held at **Glen Lawrence Golf Course** this year on Thursday, June 14th with a 1:00pm shotgun start.

The golf will be followed by our great BBQ steak and salmon dinner at the Curling Club. Please mark this date on your calendar now so nothing else can squeeze into this space.

Glen Lawrence is now a major "in ice" sponsor and has provided competitive pricing for our tournament, so are deserving of our patronage. We need to encourage a full field of 144 golfers to show our support.

The entry fee this year will be \$65 (including cart) and \$55 to walk. The cost, including cart, is actually less than we have been paying at Camden Braes.

The preliminary "sign up" sheet will be posted in the next week. Please include whether you wish to have a cart or walk when signing up.

Steve Quinn



**SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS**  
**K-ROCK CENTRE, KINGSTON**  
**FEBRUARY 16 - 24, 2013**  
 Brian Ward, Vice Chair of Facilities

As you may have heard the Scotties Tournament of Hearts (STOH), the Canadian Women's Curling Championship, is coming to the K-Rock Centre (KRC) in Kingston from February 16 to 24, 2013 --- we will need your full support as volunteers and ticket purchasers to make this historic and prestigious Canadian sports championship a fantastic experience for the champion curlers and curling fans that will come to Kingston from across Canada.

I would like to let you know how plans are progressing so you can make your own plans to become involved and support the 2013 Scotties as a volunteer, a sponsor/patron and as a ticket buyer.

The Executive Committee was formed last November --- From the Cataraqui Curling Club is *Ken Thompson* the Chair and *Larke Zarichny* is Vice Chair of Hosting. From RKCC is *Jan Ray* Vice Chair of Special Events and *Brian Ward* Vice Chair of Facilities. Our first meeting with folks from the Canadian Curling Association (CCA) was held on November 17, 2011 and we have been meeting regularly since then. Currently we are working on filling the eleven Directorships for which we are responsible and recommending folks for the five other Directorships that report directly to the CCA Event Manager, Gord McNabb – Gord is currently living in Lethbridge, Alberta and is Event Manager for the 2012 Ford Women's World Curling Championship.

Tickets for the 2013 STOH go on sale on February 9 --- you can buy through the website ([www.curling.ca](http://www.curling.ca) – click on Scotties 2013) or at the K-Rock Centre.

From February 9 to 12 we will have a 2013 Scotties promotional display at the M&M Canadian Junior Curling Championships at the Strathcona Paper Centre in Napanee !

The first major local CCA promotional initiative is a "Paint the Town" Business Blitz --- from February 15 to 19 we will be visiting as many Kingston area businesses as we can to distribute 2013 Scotties promotional brochures. Jan Ray is coordinating this.

**N.B. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS BLITZ!!!!**  
 Ladies and gentlemen – please **sign up now** to help us let Kingston know that 'The Scotties' is coming to town!!!!

The Executive Committee will be attending the last half of the 2012 Scotties in Red Deer to invite Canadian curling fans to come to Kingston in February 2013 and to accept the Scotties Banner – when it is lowered after the final game it will be presented to our Vice Chairs and will next be raised at KRC on February 16, 2013. And finally — for now, **ALL VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION** will be done through the CCA website starting at the end of February. Go to [www.curling.ca](http://www.curling.ca) and click on 'Scotties 2013 Kingston' --- indicate your preferences and please note – **First Come, First Assigned!** The CCA will assign volunteers to various committees according to indicated preference. When sufficient volunteers are registered for a particular committee that committee will be closed. So register early if there is a committee with which you really want to be involved.

We look forward to your support and working with you to make the 2013 Scotties a fantastic success – for the participating curlers, the fans, the City of Kingston and the curling clubs of the Greater Kingston Area Curling Association.

Calendar of Events February 2012	
Date	Event
Wed, Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	DL Rated Bonspiel
Sat, Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	RKCC Junior Bantam Bonspiel
Wed, Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	KCA Bonspiel
Thu, Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel
Fri, Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	DL/DM Fun Bonspiel
Tue, Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day!
Mon, Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day
Sat, Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Community Living Kingston Spiel

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