



The Sweep

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A word from your President... Roy Vasey

Dear Members,

We are well into our curling season. We look forward to reporting and updating our membership at the **Spring Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 15th, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** I encourage all members to attend this very important meeting and invite you to bring your constructive comments and questions to the meeting.

The 2013 Scotties Tournament of Hearts, the Canadian women's national curling championship, will be held from February 16 to 24 at the K-Rock Centre in Kingston. This event will require a great many volunteers, and I am confident that RKCC members will do their part to make this event a success for local curling. The website for applying to work as a volunteer opens on March 7, 2012; don't delay in filling out the on-line form when the website opens.

The Club has been very busy with in house bonspiels and rentals. I would like to take this opportunity to again thank our ice makers for the great ice this year. Thanks also to our Manager, and our bar staff for providing such great and friendly service.

Good
Curling!
Roy



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Articles / submissions for **The Sweep** are accepted from all members. Submit to Carole Rivington at carolnr62@cogeco.ca by **Sat, March 31st** to be included in the **April** edition.

Thank You!

Committee Reports



Finance Committee

Henry Treier, Chair

I would like to begin by thanking Jim Barton, who has decided to resign from our Committee, for his valuable contributions. Jim will be missed, but he will continue to serve on the Governance Committee, where the Curling Club will be able to continue to benefit from his expertise.

Jim will be replaced by Rob Campbell, CGA, who brings a wealth of accounting experience.

As of January 31, 2012, club revenues are down 8% year over year, the largest factor being lower bar revenues. Membership dues were down 3% as well as rentals (Hall, Kitchen, Ice) were also off 13%.

On the expense side, we are pretty much flat with the previous year.

The last three months of our fiscal year typically produces a healthy cash flow – we are hoping that continues this year.



Social Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

Please join us for a Happy "St. Patrick's Day" Dance on March 17th at 8pm... featuring Steve Cheesman and the Heeters!

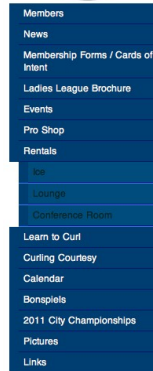
Tickets are \$15.00 per person (available at the bar or at the door)

Invite your friends and family to enjoy an evening of great music and green beer!!



RKCC Website

by Teresa Wilson



We're nearing the end of the curling season, but the website is here for more than league updates. This year, there's even more reason to keep checking the website throughout the summer season. With the Scotties coming to the K-Rock Centre next year, our very own Jan Ray will be keeping us up-to-date with all things Scottie-related. When you have a minute to spare between golf games, take a look at the Members News Page for 2013 Scotties Updates.

At this time of the curling season, I would like to thank the representatives from the different sections who have provided me with their scores and standings to add to the website. Thanks to Gord Rogers, Katie Mountjoy, Jim Rayner, Hugh Pollitt-Smith, Karen Peters and Teresa Gibson. Without your help the website would surely have failed. I look forward to working with you again next season!

Thanks also to those who have sent me bonspiel posters and social announcements. I'm always happy to add more to the site.

Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Marilyn Bellringer

Even though today is one of our only snow days this winter, the calendar tells us that the curling season is coming to an end. Also the fact that we are now playing for the Fanset Trophy, which is the fourth and last draw of our curling season.

The winners of the third draw for the Roantree Trophy, was the team of Joan Doucet, Mary Smith, Pam Dickie and Barb O'Neill. They defeated the Thursday draw winning team of Lin Jenkins (played by Mary Skeggs) Nancy Gray, Pat Hardy and Cathy Warkwick. (played by Martha Forkes).

On February 1st our In Club Rated Spiel was a great success thanks to last years winning team headed by Diane Labrie. This year's winners were Denise Mulville, Mary Smith, Pam Dickie and Cathy Warwick. As is the custom they will run next years

Spiel.

Teresa Wilson and Debbie See are planning their last Spring Mini Spiel on March 7th. They are calling it "St. Patty's Day Celebration, So it is!" Should be fun, as the theme and name would imply. Thanks to the two of you for all your hard work for the past two years.

Nancy Gray and Donna Jeffery are hard at work with their committees planning for our annual Grandmothers and Great Aunts Bonspiel to be held Wednesday, March 30th. I'm sure they are still looking for helpers. If there is anyone willing to dig in, it is always a great fellowship time.

Don't forget the Carrie Cole play-downs starting April 3rd. @ 1:15pm. The second game on April 4th @ 9:00 am will be followed by a Pizza Lunch then our Annual Spring General Meeting at 1:30 pm. The last game is scheduled for April 10th @ 11:15 am. Everyone is encouraged to come and support our teams and of course attend the General Meeting.



Evening Ladies

by Linda Lott

Wow, we only have six weeks of curling left in the 2011-2012 season. But what a great six weeks it is going to be! Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

March 14th -EL "Bring a friend night", last year we had 75 friends come out to try the sport of curling so let's try to reach that number again this year. Fran Cooney is the organizer of this event and she would love to have some helpers.

March 17th ... St Patrick's Day dance with Steve Cheesman and the Heeters. This is a great band! So grab some friends and join us for a night of all things green.

March 24th ...Please join us for the Evening Ladies "Wild, Wild, West", in-club Bonspiel. The signup sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board.

April 11th... "Ladies closing dinner". This year's closing dinner is being hosted by the Day Ladies. Tickets will be available soon.

April 13th... Championship night! The night we have

been curling towards all year. Curling will begin at 6:30 with the awards and presentations at 9pm.

There are a number of positions on the Executive that are vacant; secretary, club & flight convener, OCA club rep and Bonspiel Chair, so if you are interested please chat with one of the Executive about the duties involved.

Congratulations to all our winners and good luck and good curling for the remainder of the season!





Evening Ladies Rated

Saturday, March 24, 2012



8:30 Breakfast
9:00 First Game - 8 ends
11:45 Lunch
1:00 Second Game - 6 ends
3:00 Snacks and Prizes

Put on yer hats, boots, git your horses and guns and meet us down at the RK Corral for a wild time!!!!

\$25.00





Day Men

by John Koronyi

The Day Men/Day Ladies Mixed funspiel was held Feb 10. We had participants for play on four sheets of ice. All agreed that this event has a lot of merit and overwhelmingly endorsed scheduling this event for the fall and spring next curling season. The winning team only needed three players to take the honors namely Betty Bryant, Barry Elvidge, and Brian Wilson.

The Spring Day Men In-House Bonspiel will be held Friday March 16. The signup sheet is posted and is almost full. As a reminder, your entry is confirmed only upon payment of the entry fee. Ken Brant. is our convener for this event.

The Playoff Schedule for Senior Men's Flight is now posted in the "Schedule" section of the website. Monday April 09 is our "championship day" with a celebratory lunch (free!) for all Senior Flight curlers.



Evening Men

by Gord Rogers

Our third club draw is now over and we are well into our fourth draw at this stage. Congratulations to Dave Bradshaw and his team of Murray Lynch, Wally Donohue, and Robert Ringuette on winning the first event in draw 3. Other event winners were Teams skipped by Dave Bracken, Larry Waller, Ron Cameron, John Futtit and Bob Moore.

Our first round of draw 1 vs draw 2 playoff winners is on Thursday April 5th and the draw 3 vs draw 4 playoff is on Monday April 9th.

Flight playoffs will begin March 27th with 3 different flights.

Please pencil in our closing dinner on Thursday, April 12th



Mixed Curling

by Erwin Batalla

We are nearing the end of the Mixed curling season. Playoffs will begin for all Friday divisions on Mar 2. This is not an elimination playoff and all teams will play at least three games Please make every effort to play your games on time with spares if necessary. Spares must have played at least two games in mixed during the regular season.

The Sunday league regular season round-robin will finish on March 11 and postponed games will be played on March 18. A schedule of the games on that day will be announced later.

The Mixed Awards dinner will take place on Sunday March 25. Tickets for this event, which includes a catered dinner, will be \$20 per person and can be purchased at the bar or from Michael Braun. Please help us make this the high point of the curling season.

Denis Faubert, Lorne Carmichael and Michael Braun will be co-convenors of the Mixed Section next year. Do not hesitate to make comments or suggestions to them over the next few weeks.

COME CATCH A WAVE — RKCC VISITS HAWAII

54TH Annual EMPIRE LIFE Mixed Bonspiel



The 54th, held on the 9, 10 and 11 of february 2012 was another success, though we had but 20 teams participate this year. Thanks to all the curlers who made the bonspiel worthwhile.

The decorating committee did a splendid job with our hawaiian theme. The lounge looked great. Special thanks to the many volunteers who worked so diligently to ensure the success of the bonspiel.

Once again our thanks to Empire Life for their financial support and to Vinnie Rebelo for his kind prize donations.

Of special note was the effort of Don Wood who did the scoring throughout the entire bonspiel.

In an evenly matched first event, Alex Tosh's team with 3rd Denise Mulville, 2nd Brian Fitzgerald, lead Nancy Tosh prevailed over Lucas Parafianowicz, Cathy Lyman, Mike Cook and Heather McMillan.

Consolation winners, Chris Barkley, Carole Rivington, Randy Neal and Sue Barkley.

2nd Event, Bill Judd, Judy Sly, Gord Smith, Mary Smith.

3rd Event, Mike Braun, Trish Beckett, Lorne Carmichael, Susan Hara.

4th Event, Shawn Suenaga, Teresa Gibson, Edward Gibson, Nancy Suenaga.

George Gratton, Bonspiel Convenor



Two & Four Person Stick Leagues

Guess what? We're rapidly moving towards the end of our curling season and playoffs are just around the corner. As a matter of fact the playoffs will commence on March 21, 2012 with some two person team action followed up on March 22 with some

four person team playoffs. On April 4, the finals for the two person teams will take place. On April 5 we will conclude our season with the finals of the four person playoffs mixed in with a closing luncheon and right after the finals we will have our trophy presentation for both leagues. This will also be our opportunity at the luncheon to chat about our questionnaires and any other items our members wish to put forward for discussion and consideration.

We all have good buddies or close friends in the stick league so make sure you come out to the playoffs even if you're not in them to cheer on the gladiators of the stick. It should be fun to watch and no doubt there will be lots of opportunity for all of the viewers to make their skip calls from behind the glass. Bring some coins or a key so you can tap on the glass when a great shot is made. There will quite likely be lots of great shots to cheer for.

As at production time of this report the top 6 teams in the 2 stick league are Mary Paterson, Bill Worthy, Barry Elvidge, Brenda Charette, Linda O'Sullivan and Russ Brown. The top four teams in the 4 stick league are Russ Brown, Jim Lesley, Jim Rayner and Jan Ray. There is every possibility that this positioning will change over the next two weeks so keep a close eye on the stick curling bulletin board to see who is moving in or out of the top places. The playoffs will include the top 6 two stick teams and the top 4 four stick teams.

We're happy to hear that lots of you checked your grippers and took steps to replace the worn out ones. Anything you can do to keep safe on the ice is a wise decision. We don't like to hear about slips and falls, whether they are serious or not, so stay safe and step carefully.

We have seen stick curling grow to some healthy numbers over the past few years and Graham has been a great help and sounding board for us. Thanks Graham. We look forward to more growth in numbers of players in the coming years so spread the word to all your friends, curlers and non-curlers and help us grow our numbers in stick curling and at the same time it will help increase our overall membership numbers at Royal Kingston.

Things to keep in mind for next year! Are you going to play 2 stick? Are you going to play 4 stick? Who are you going to team up with on a 2 person stick team? Who can you get for a 4 person stick team?

If you do some of this planning before the year is out, you can easily get in touch with potential team members while they are all still into the curling mode and not wrapped up in golf or other summer interests. Plan ahead and be ready for the

completion of your cards of intent this coming September.

Just in case you're wondering, "YES" we are trying to improve on our software that is used to make up the round robin draws and hopefully, next year, it will work better again. Where it becomes difficult is when we have ice times on one day that only handle 24 teams, that's why we have an over run to the next day for the extra teams. We hope to negotiate for something that will be more workable in the future.

In our next report for the "Sweep" we will tell you all about the 2 stick and 4 stick champions and we will highlight any items of interest arising from our questionnaire and meeting at the closing luncheon.

I know you can hardly wait, and if you can't wait, then come along to the playoffs and the luncheon on our final day of curling in April.

Upcoming Events

Sixth Annual
SUPER SENIOR
Men's Bonspiel
(Age 60+)

Friday, March 23, 2012 - Royal Kingston Curling Club

Two 8-End Games
Total Points



Morning Coffee
Hot Roast Beef Lunch
Prizes

Prizes Awarded
After Each Draw

Entry Fee \$140 (inc. HST)
First 24 Team Entries Accepted
(Entries Close March 02, 2012)

Royal Kingston C.C.
130 Days Road
Kingston
613-546-2243

Draw A - 8:30 a.m. & 12:45 p.m.
Draw B - 10:30 a.m. & 2:45 p.m.

Convenor
Steve Quinn
613-634-2660

Please Enclose \$140 Cheque With Entry - payable to R.K.C.C.



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Grandmother's & Great Aunt's 40TH Annual Bonspiel



MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Be a performer from radio, stage or screen
(costume optional)



WEDNESDAY MARCH 28, 2012

Entry Fee: \$160.00

(Entry fee includes light breakfast, lunch, dinner, and great prizes.)

Points Bonspiel:

One 8 end game, one 6 end game

More Information:

Nancy Gray (613) 542-5371

Donna Jeffery (613) 545-9573

Please send your entry form and cheque by: **Feb 29, 2012**
(Please write "Grandmother's 2012" in your cheque's memo area)



2012 Golf Tournament

The sign-up sheet for the annual RKCC golf tournament is posted on the lobby table in front of the trophy case. So far there are just over 100 people on the list. This is very encouraging. You may sign-up as an individual or as a team, and play whatever format your group chooses (individual score, scramble, alternate shot, etc.)

As you may know, we can accommodate 144 participants. To achieve this we need approximately 160 sign-ups, since we normally experience approximately 10% who will not eventually be available on golf day, June 14th. Members and their families are eligible.

The first 144 signing up will be guaranteed an entry, while the remainder will be accommodated, in order of place on the posting, dependent upon the number of cancellations. So, for the 1st 144, please place your name within the boundary of the red line.

This promises to again be an exciting day of golf at Glen Lawrence Golf Course, followed by a social evening highlighted by our special BBQ steak and salmon dinner at the Curling Club.

Steve Quinn



The 59th Annual
Fisherman's Famous Bonspiel

at the Royal Kingston Curling Club

48 Teams - March 29, 30, & 31, 2012



3 GAMES GUARANTEED

Entry Fee \$550
(Inc. \$63.27 HST)

OPENING DRAWS
Thurs, March 29

- "A" 12:00 p.m.
- "B" 2:00 p.m.
- "C" 7:00 p.m.
- "D" 9:00 p.m.

Extra Banquet Tickets \$90 each (inc.HST)

Extra Player Fee \$115 each (inc. HST)



Bonspiel Co-chairs: Bob Moore & Grant Paterson

E-mail to Brian Collingwood: bcwood@kingston.net



Calendar of Events
March 2012

Date	Event
Fri, Mar 2 nd	Insurance Adjusters
Sat, Mar 3 rd	Kidney Foundation Stick Spiel
Wed, Mar 7 th	DL Spring Mini Spiel
Sat, Mar 10 th	OCA Women's Tankard
Wed, Mar 14 th	Ladies' Bring-a-Friend Night
Fri, Mar 16 th	Day Men's In-House Spiel
Sat, Mar 17 th	Eastern Ontario Junior League
Fri, Mar 23 rd	Super Senior's Bonspiel
Sat, Mar 24 th	Evening Ladies Rated Bonspiel
Wed, Mar 28 th	Grandmother's & Great Aunt's Bonspiel
Thu, Mar 29 th – Sat, Mar 31 st	Famous Fisherman's Bonspiel

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