



The Sweep

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A word from your President... Roy Vasey

Dear members,

Well, my term of office as president of our Club is now coming to an end along with another great season of curling. There's only a couple of weeks remaining and most of the sections are now in playoffs and winding down for the year.

A couple of reminders – don't forget to come out to support your favourite teams on Championship Night April 13th; also don't forget that the **AGM** is on **April 15th from 12 – 2pm**. The Board and committees always welcome input from RKCC members. Please have a safe and enjoyable off-season and we'll see everyone in September.

Roy Vasey
President, RKCC

200th Annual
General Meeting

Sunday, April 15th
12 – 2PM



Refreshments
will be served!

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Committee Reports

Think! Sponsorship

Sponsorship Committee

Bruce Jeffery, Chair

Your Sponsorship Committee, made up of Bruce Jeffery - Chair, Garry Dupuis - Vice Chair, Roger Taylor and Deanne Clark, had another successful year raising valuable funds for RKCC. We were able to reach our goal of 50 Wall Sign and 6 In-ice advertisers. The key moves this year were to replace long-time In-ice supporter SLH Transport with the Glen Lawrence Golf Club, and we added The Landings, The Dominion, the Expedia Cruise Ship Centre, and Insurance Specialty Group Kingston to the Wall.

As Chair for the past 5 years, I am stepping down from this Board position and I want to take this opportunity to thank my hard-working committee for making the job as easy as possible. I am also pleased to welcome Linda Lott to the role of Chair for 2012-13 and myself, Garry and Roger will continue to provide assistance as Committee members. I know that Linda is a tireless volunteer for RKCC and will do an excellent job as she expands the role of the Sponsorship Committee.

In closing, I want to remind all Members that the \$24,000 raised annually from all our dedicated Wall and In-ice Advertisers is very important to the financial well-being of RKCC and we encourage all of you to support these folks / businesses whenever you need a product or service. Don't hesitate to let them know that you saw their sign at the Club.



Social Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

The first annual St. Patrick's Day dance was very well attended. One hundred and twenty people danced until 12:30am to the beat of John Cheesman and the

Heeters. People arrived decked out in their finest Irish attire.

Next on the schedule is Championship night: Curlers will be in their processional line for 6:15 with the piper leading them onto the ice for a 6:30 start. Dinner will be available for the spectators at a cost of \$6.00 (lasagne, salad & a bun) tickets will be available at the bar until April 11th.

The AGM will be on April 15th at 12pm followed by the annual "Skate out the ice" party at 3pm. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, April 22nd will be the first of what we hope to be an annual event... "Volunteer Appreciation Sunday". If you have helped out at an event, a bonspiel or been a part of a section endeavour, please join us at 4pm on the 22nd for a light meal of hamburgers, hotdogs & salads. This is just a small gesture of appreciation from the Board for all your hard work during the curling season.

Section Reports



Day Ladies

by Marilyn Bellringer

Day Ladies have now completed club curling with Draw #4 for Fanset Trophy being won by Judy Sly, skip and team of Nancy Gray, Pat Hardy and Nancy Pearson. Playdowns between the four draw winners will start Tuesday, April 3rd at 11:15 a.m. - other dates and times posted on bulletin board and Club website. The team winning this playdown will be declared the Day Ladies Club Champion and will then play the Evening Ladies Club Champion for the Carrie Cole Trophy on Championship Night Friday, April 13th.

On Wed. April 4th there will be a playdown game at 9:00 a.m., Pizza Lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by Spring General Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Closing Dinner for both Evening and Day Ladies is Wed., April 11th - cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 available from various ladies as listed on Closing Dinner Flyer or at the Bar.

"A" Flight was won by Betty Bush - Skip, Joanne Miller, Joanne Manion and Mary-Stewart Ross. "B" Flight winners were Mary Dupuis - Skip, Nancy Gray, Pam Carr-Taylor and Sharon Lillis. These teams will be acknowledged and receive prizes at

Closing Dinner.

Life Memberships will be awarded to Pat Brooks and Marilyn Campbell at Championship Night. These two ladies are now Social Members, however, were Day Lady Curlers and still assist as volunteers for curling events when asked to do so.

Day Ladies Golf – “Diane’s Tournament” is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20th 9:00 a.m. at the Landing Golf Course. There is a sign-up sheet on the board or you may call Diane Labrie.

Wishing everyone a great summer – good golfing, good bowling, good boating – whatever you enjoy.



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



MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

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



WEDNESDAY MARCH 28, 2012

On March 28th, 2012 the 40th annual Grandmothers and Great Aunts Bonspiel was hosted by R.K.C.C. Twenty teams participated. Eighteen teams were out of club. The theme was “Musical Extravaganza” and many curlers rose to the challenge of representing their favourite performers.

The 1st place team was Cris Campbell from Prince Edward County Curling Club in Picton. Runner up was the Gini Funnell rink from Carleton Heights Curling Club and 3rd place went to Maelane Hums from the Carleton Place Curling Club.

Best costume prize went to the Kim Tedford rink from Gananoque.

To keep the entertainment theme alive and the curlers limber after their first game, a *zumba* class was offered with Kayse Boldt instructing and before supper was served, the “LaSalle Concert Band” wowed the crowd with great music.

A fantastic supper was catered, once again, by Joe DeSousa.

Of course no bonspiel can be successful without the help of many volunteers. There are too many to name but we hope that all volunteers know how much their contribution is appreciated. Many hours were donated to provide a wonderful breakfast and lunch.

Thank you to Marilyn Campbell for being the draw mistress and last but not least, a special thank you to our long time patrons of the Grandmothers and Great Aunts Bonspiel, Phil Starnaman, Diane Labrie and Carrol Knowles.



Evening Ladies

by Linda Lott

It is hard to believe that by April 16th our ice will be melted and we will no longer be going to the club to curl. Club curling ended on March 29th with the fourth event winner being declared. Betty Bush and her rink of Monique Mackenzie, Marilyn Wilson & Zofie Borkowska now join the winners from the first, second and third draw. Draw winners were:

Draw #1: Joan Doucet, Shani Doucet,
Karen Matheson & Debby King

Draw #2: Carole Rivington, Joanne Gizzi,
Mary Kelly & Debby King

Draw #3: Lillian Rynbend, Erica Campbell,
Marilyn Wilson & Sally Stewart

The four teams will play to determine which team will compete against a Day Ladies team for the Carrie Cole title on Championship night. Club play downs are scheduled for April 3rd at 7:15, April 4th at 6pm, April 5th at 5:10 and April 9th at 5:10. Please take some time to support our teams as they compete to be the overall Evening Ladies winner.

Our March “Bring a Friend” night was very successful. We had 40 friends join us for a night of curling and fun. A special “thank you” to Fran Cooney and her committee for making sure everyone stayed safe and had fun!

The “Wild, Wild West” in-house bonspiel on March 24rd was won by Catherine McLellan and her rink of Pam Davison, Mary Andrews & Cathy Hamilton. It was a great day of cowgirls having fun!

Championship night is April 13th. Curling will start at 6:30. Dinner will be available at a cost of \$6.00 (Lasagne, Caesar salad and bread). Tickets will be available at the bar until April 11th. This is the final party of the season, so please try to attend. Our teams on the ice need your support and what a great opportunity to raise a glass with friends!

The AGM will be held on April 15th at 12pm followed by the annual “Skate out the Ice” party from 3:00 to 6pm. Join us as we use the ice for that other winter sport!

The executive welcomes your feedback and encourage you to voice any concerns directly. We

are always available so if you have a great idea that you believe is worth sharing-contact us.

On behalf of the executive, we wish you a safe and enjoyable respite from curling and we'll see you in September!



Day Men

by John Koronyi

The Spring Day Men's in-house bonspiel was held March 16. Murray Cotton out pointed the other eleven teams to win this skins format competition. Supporting Murray was Henry Peel, Eden Jefferies and Ken Burns. Many thanks to Ken Brant, Henry Green and Steve Manders for organizing this event and to Jim Lesley for leading the kitchen detail.

At the Super Senior open bonspiel held March 23 and convened by Steve Quinn, Al Kennedy and his team from Brockville were the overall winners in this twenty-four team event that included five teams from RKCC. Bill Duffe and Jim Lesley led the culinary team that prepared an outstanding lunch.

The Day Men held their semi annual general meeting March 27. With 22 members in attendance, the slate of officers elected for the 2012-13 curling season is as follows:

Chair: Murray Cotton

Vice-Chair: Henry Peel

**Flight Organization
and Scheduling:** Tom Bryant

Club Tues\Thurs: Brian Hetherington

Bi Club: Don Pringle

Bonspiels:

Day Men's Fall Event- Team Cotton

Day Men and Ladies

Mixed Fall Event- John Koronyi

Super Seniors Open- Steve Quinn

It has been a pleasure to have served as your Chair. Many thanks for your support. Have a fun filled and safe summer.



Evening Men

by Gord Rogers

Our fourth club draw is still ongoing as I write this. We have 34 teams playing between Monday and

Thursday, which is definitely higher than any recent year.

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. Please advise either myself or your skip if you are scheduled to play but unable to make that game.

Flight playoffs have already started and will continue through until championship night.

Our closing dinner is April 12th starting at 6:30. Tickets will be available at the bar through until Tuesday, April 10th. This is a great way to celebrate the end of the season. This will be preceded by the second to 6th event finals as well as the B flight final.

As this is the final sweep of the year, I wanted to thank all curlers, on behalf of the evening men's committee, for making this section so easy to handle. Again this year we ended up with no protests and when there were ties that needed to be broken, all participants were understanding and appreciative of the process.

Good luck to all players still participating in the playoffs at this time.

Mixed Curling

by Erwin Batalla



The Mixed curling season is nearly complete. On Friday April 13th, the team of Tyler Rider, Anna Rider, Todd Johnson and Kelly Johnson will play against the team of Shawn Suenaga, Teresa Gibson, Edward Gibson and Nancy Suenaga for the Mixed Club Championship. Please come out to cheer them and all the other finalists.

Over 120 members attended the Mixed awards Dinner. Mike Braun and Patricia Beckett organized the evening and Denis Faubert presented skits and a diaporama of Mixed curlers in "action". Trophies were handed to the winner of the round robin in:

- A Division: Tony and Betty Bush, Joanne and Domenic Gizzi
- B Division: Linda Lott, Brian Dowling, Johanne Touchette, Kevan Welsh/ Steve Hulton
- C Division: Pamela and Paul Twiddy, Bev and Stan Palmer
- Sunday Division: Linda Lott, Dave Londry, Joanne Touchette and a cast of thousands.

Also, the winners of the playoffs were recognized:

- B Division: Mike Braun, Patricia Beckett,

- Lorne Carmichael, Susan Hara
• C Division: Doug and Bev Boyd,
Michael and Erin Richmond.

Thank you to everybody that helped to make this season successful and fun-filled. In particular, I am grateful for the help of the Mixed Committee consisting of Alexandra Simmons (Candies and treats), Betty Bush, Shirley Kwakkenbos, Hugh Pollitt-Smith (Standings), John Ryce (Sunday division), George and Diane Gratton. The triumvirate of Denis Faubert, Lorne Carmichael and Mike Braun will be the convenors next season. I thank them on behalf of the whole section for taking on this responsibility. They have already solicited suggestions and have begun working on next season.

Finally, curling at RKCC would not be as much fun if it wasn't for the great staff on the ice (Rod, Terry and Gene), behind the bar (Gene and Steve) and the manager Graham. Have a great summer and sign up for Mixed Curling as soon as the BBQ season winds down.



Junior Curling

by Teresa Gibson

Junior curling at RKCC is drawing to a close. We have had a very busy year with lots of activities for our young curlers. We were able to offer recreational curling as well as skill development and competitions for our young club members.

The "Out of This World" Bantam Bonspiel was held in February with 12 teams coming from Ottawa, Montreal and Kingston. A good time was had by all and several out of town teams have already expressed their interest in coming back next year.

The Canadian Junior Championships in Napanee provided a wonderful opportunity for some of our little rock and bantam curlers to experience the excitement of Junior Competition at a national level. Janet Fowlow and nine curlers proudly carried the provincial placards during the opening ceremonies of one of the evening draws.

We look forward to Championship Night when little rock curlers will have the opportunity to play early in the evening. Our junior club league will be represented by two teams who qualified after a short round robin and play-off.

Janet Fowlow has kindly offered to organize the skate out the ice event to be held on Sunday April 15th. We hope to see members of all ages at this event.

Thanks to all the volunteers who work so hard to make junior curling possible at RKCC.

The Landings



Two & Four Person Stick Leagues

The playoffs have finally arrived but not until we had some close finishes and tie breaking procedures.

Here are the top six in the two stick league and the top four in the 4 stick league. From the two stick in order of finish from 1 to 6 are, Linda O'Sullivan, Barry Elvidge, Bill Worthy, Brenda Charette, Mary Paterson and Paul Smith. From the 4 stick league in order of finish from 1 to 4 are, Russ Brown, Jim Lesley, Jan Ray and Jim Rayner.

The first round of 2 Stick playoffs was held March 21 with the following winners: Mary Paterson, Bill Worthy and Paul Smith. Mary had the highest accumulated points and will have a bye to the finals while Bill Worthy and Paul Smith were tied for second and will play off to see who plays Mary for the championship. The finals for the 2 stick league will be held on April 4th at 9am and 11am.

The recommendation to have more 2 stick teams in the playoffs next year is under consideration by the stick curling committee. This is just one of the items that will be tabled at our general meeting.

The first round of playoff in the 4 stick league were held March 22 with the following two teams moving on to the championship round to be played on April 5th. Russ Brown will face off against Jim Lesley.

The closing luncheon along with a business meeting to go over suggestions for future years will also be held on April 5th. Prizes and trophies will be presented at the luncheon. Pictures of our winners and runners up will be taken and will appear on the RKCC stick curling web page. As promised, the stick curling committee is looking into a revised scheduling process so as to take more of the mystery out of it. If it happens as we hope it will, the whole

season schedule from the end of September to our last games in March 2013 will be posted at the beginning of the year. Once again the schedule will be posted on the bulletin board and on the Club stick curling web page. This way, for those of you who vacation for part of the winter will know in advance when to organize spares for your games. We do have an exception for the 2 person stick curlers to allow them to get spares for both of their regular team players. So holiday time won't detract from your schedule and you can be represented by two spares. This exception does not occur in the 4 stick league.

Our Round Robin scheduling is being done at www.mycurlingleague.com and we are working with the software designers to try and get their software more user friendly and adaptable to the needs of all curlers trying to do schedules for their club.

Here is an invitation to all of you would be stick curlers. Come out and join us for a relaxed hour in the two stick league and an enjoyable two hours in the 4 stick league. Should you wish to read up a bit on stick curling we have enclosed the following web page address for you to check out.

<http://www.curlingschool.com/manual2007/Section4.html>

There is lots of good information out there on the web including video demonstrations and general rules of play for anyone wishing to find out more. As well, most any stick curler will be glad to help you slide curlers pick up the tricks of the trade should you decide to try it out. We are hopeful of making room on our Wednesday 2 stick curling day for upwards of 36 teams. At the moment we are at 26 teams. Currently we have 6 four stick teams and have room to increase our numbers there also.

Stay tuned for our next write up in the Sweep coming this summer. All the winners in the playoffs will be highlighted of course.

Just remember while playing a tough game "Stick" to it.



OCA Report

by Mary-Stewart Ross

WE WANT YOU!!

The O.C.A. is celebrating volunteers this month. Are you a volunteer at R.K.C.C.?



Although we have a paid manager, bar staff and ice makers, our club would not function without volunteers. In spite of having hundreds of members, the number of volunteers is really very small. Anyone who has been in this club for awhile will have noticed that it's the same people doing all the work. Why is that? It's not because those few people want to do all the work.... it's because nobody else is willing to help out. So those same good-hearted people keep running our club while the rest of us show up to curl and never think about how many people it took to make it possible for us to curl. We need volunteers for so many things..... the Board... the numerous committees reporting to the Board, such as the Curling Committee, the Social Committee, the Finance Committee, the Human Resources/Communications Committee, the Operations/Resources Committee, the Lounge Committee, the Marketing Committee, and the Governance Committee. Then there are the various sections... Day Ladies, Day Men, Evening Ladies, Evening Men... Club or Flight.... all of these groups have volunteers that organize the draws and keep all the actual curling running. Now we have those tireless instructors.... every Sunday night and many other times our instructors are teaching any of us as well as potential newcomers how to curl. How about the kids? Imagine the effort involved by those people who teach and organize all those busy little people who are curling on Sundays.

RKCC is so short of volunteers that some people have to be on two or three committees, just to keep things going. Each year at this time the Board, and all of its committees are searching for people who can help out in the upcoming year. Besides committees, there are lots of other things to volunteer for that are less demanding of your time. You could help out with a bonspiel, decorate for a party, take care of the bulletin board, and so on and so on. I'm sure we could all think of things that could be done but aren't being done because there's

no one to do it and our small number of volunteers are already overburdened.

So, if you haven't volunteered lately, then please do. Ask anyone on the executive for the Men's & Women's curling sections, the Board, one of the committees... or just someone that you know is busy running the draw that you play in. Don't be shy... just ask! And if one of our hard working overburdened volunteers asks you to help out... please say yes! We need so many more people to share the load, and I'm sure that some of the members that have been doing the work for several years would like a break, and would like some fresh faces with fresh ideas to keep our club alive and thriving!

Upcoming Events



Calendar of Events April 2012

Date	Event
Wed, Apr 11 th	Ladies Closing Dinner
Thu, Apr 12 th	EM Closing Dinner
Fri, Apr 13 th	Championship Night
Sat, Apr 14 th	Empire Life Staff & Family Bonspiel
Sun, Apr 15 th	Annual General Meeting (12-2pm) Skate out the Ice (3-6)

Larry Clayton Memorial Golf Tournament

Bruce Jeffery and Chris Clayton would like to let all RKCC Members that the Clayton family is holding the 2nd Annual memorial charity golf tournament in the name of past RKCC member, Larry Clayton. It will be held at Amherstview Golf Club on Friday, June 22nd with registration and lunch @ noon and a shotgun start at 1:00pm. Supper and prizes will follow the round. This event will cost \$125 each and will include a \$50 charitable donation receipt to Gilda's Club for entries in by Friday, May 18th. After May 18th, the entry fee is \$150 including a \$75 charitable donation receipt. We hope many of you will be able to participate. Registration forms will be available at the bar or from Bruce Jeffery.



2012 Golf Tournament

The door is closing on the curling season and fine golfing weather approaches. This is a reminder that our 8th annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Glen Lawrence Golf Club on June 14th at 1pm, followed by our super BBQ steak & salmon dinner at the Curling Club. Preparations are already well underway. As always, in an attempt to speed up play, each 4-some can choose to play any format, i.e. their own ball, scramble, alternate shot, etc. There are only 3 prizes to ladies and 3 to men based on "gross score". All others are by team, drawn from a hat.

At this point there have been approximately 135 "sign-ups" which is very encouraging. However, we need about another 20-25 to ensure a full field. Past experience is that there will be about a 10% "attrition" between now and golf day. While members and their families have preference, if necessary, we will open the participation to others.

So, please don't miss this opportunity for a great day of fresh air, friendship, and fun.

A reminder: The only prizes we have are those which are donated by participants. Please be generous in recruiting and providing prizes, preferably in the \$15-\$25 range.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (613) 634-2660 or by e-mail.

Steve Quinn

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LADIES CLOSING DINNER

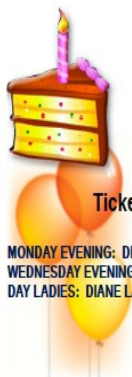


Wednesday, April 11, 2012
Cocktails & Appetizers 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

Tickets - \$25 (your ticket is your cash door prize ticket - no raffle tickets will be sold)

Menu:

Roast pork tenderloin with rosemary gravy and applesauce
Roasted cheddar baked mashed & stuffed potatoes
Prince Edward medley vegetables
Birthday cake, coffee & tea



Tickets must be purchased in advance (by April 1) from:

MONDAY EVENING: DEBBIE SEE
WEDNESDAY EVENING: JAN RAY
DAY LADIES: DIANE LABRIE & LINDA O'SULLIVAN

FRIDAY MIXED: MARY DUPUIS
SUNDAY MIXED: MARIETTE RINGUETTE
STICK LEAGUE: JAN RAY, LINDA O'SULLIVAN
SOCIAL LADIES: DIANE LABRIE

Or purchase tickets at the bar

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to all contributors!

Look for the next *Sweep* to be included in your August registration package.

Until then, have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Carole



Happy Easter!