

The Sweep

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A word from your President... Henry Treier

I am looking forward to working with the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and fellow curlers for an enjoyable 2012-2013 curling season.

We start on a great note, by hosting CBC Sports Day in Kingston on September 29th. The objective is to promote and raise awareness for new curlers during a season in which Kingston hosts the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. We are extremely pleased to be selected to host this event. Details of the day's activities will be available in early September.

Our summer Board meetings have focused on the budget process, with the Finance Committee taking the lead role. I would especially like to thank Bob Fugler for his efforts in spear heading the budget process.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

President, RKCC Henry Treier

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Articles / submissions to the **The Sweep** are accepted from all members. Submit to Carole Rivington at carolenr62@cogeco.ca by October 28th to be included in the November edition.

Thank You!

Championship Night 2012



The evening started with a Little Rock demonstration at 5 p.m. The team of Brock Wylie, Quinn Wylie, Ethan Bilodeau, and Jake Ledford curled against Gregory Kelly, Sam Fowlow, Josh Fowlow and Aiden Kelly.

Mixed: Todd Johnson, Anna Rider, Tyler Rider, Kelly Johnson over Shawn Suenaga, Teresa Gibson, Edward Gibson, Nancy Suenaga.

Men's Flight: Phil Tomsett, Joe Waller, Mario Fabbro, John MacMillan over Chris Barkley, Randy Neal, Jason Boyce, Dominic Gizzi.

Carrie Cole (Women's Club): The Afternoon Ladies' team of Lin Jenkins, Barb Tureski, Martha Forkes, Katy Provan over the Evening Ladies' team of Carole Rivington, Joanne Gizzi, Mary Kelly, Debbie King.

Men's Club: Dave Bradshaw, Mike Olive for Murray Lynch, Wally Donohue, Robert Ringuette over John Giles, James Gow for Murray Lynch, Dale Marecak, Ted Cousins.

Evening Ladies' Flight: Mary Paterson, Judy Sly for Joanne Manion, Mary Skeggs, Kathy King over Janet Fowlow, Sara Detomasi, Denise Mulville for Johanne Touchette, Mary-Stewart Ross.



Juniors: The Crusaders - Megan Valliquette, Daniel White, Jack Mandin, Timothy Petric for Garrett Hamilton over The Black-Eyed Pit Vipers - Sam Coffey for Caitlin Gibson, Anton Gibson for Sydney Plouffe, Jarrid Conley, Elgin Hamilton.

Senior Men's Flight: Larry Waller, Greg Ruse, Grant Paterson, Roy Vasey, Wayne Smith.

Stick League: 2 person: Don Cameron, Paul Smith. 4 person: Russ Brown, Jim Rines, Gene Miller, Roy Vasey.

Congratulations to all participants!!

City Championships are slated for November 3rd at Cataraqui Golf and Country Club. Come out and cheer for our RKCC teams!



Life Memberships were presented to Pat Brooks, Marilyn Campbell, Brian Collingwood, Dave Cox and Carole Rivington. President Roy Vasey presented to all five.

Committee Reports

Curling Committee

Erwin Batalla, Chair

The Curling Committee continues to work together effectively to promote the growth of all sections and provide an enjoyable experience for new members at our club. We have met five times over the summer.

Our current members are:

Chair: Erwin Batalla

Day Ladies: Claire Dominik

Evening Ladies: Denise Mulville

Stick League: Jan Ray

Juniors: Janet Fowlow

OCA Rep: April Welsh

Day Men: Murray Cotton

Evening Men: Mario Fabbro

Mixed: Denis Faubert,

Mike Braun and

Lorne Carmichael

Clinics: Kevan Welch

The main role of the curling committee is to make sure that all sections have sufficient ice time to complete their league schedule and to leave enough time for bonspiel and clinics like "learn to curl". This year, most sections will begin play on the week of Sept 24th and the season will conclude on

championship night on April 19th. All leagues will suspend play during the week of the Scotties.

We have now finished the 2012/13 curling schedule, revised and up-dated the Cards of Intent and the Application Form. Some of the highlights of this year are:

- An open Major League will take place on Friday mornings. This league will be open to all team compositions but the number of teams will be limited and there will be an entrance fee. More details will follow soon.
- Day Ladies and the Stick league have harmonized their schedules.
- Both Competitive and Recreational Mixed will have 22 weeks of play this season.
- The schedule for Day Men, Evening Men and Evening Ladies has remained essentially unchanged.
- There will be three OCA events this year.
- Learn to curl will continue on Sunday at 7 pm after the Juniors in the afternoon.

The curling committee recommended a reduced fee for new members curling only once a week. This is similar to the special offer last year but applies to all sections. We hope that this will compete with similar introductory rates at other clubs in Kingston.

The buzzer system will stay in place as it has in the past. Many games are not getting to eight ends. Please follow the recommendation below:

- The skip should never have to be waiting for the thrower to get ready to shoot.
- The thrower should be ready in the hack when the skip calls the shot.
- This action alone will take minutes of the time of the game.

We are always open to comments and suggestions from members. Your section rep will be happy to raise these at our regular meetings. Curling at the Royal Kingston has always been fun – we intend to work at keeping it that way.



Finance Committee John Ryce, Chair

I am enjoying my new position as Finance Chair. The club is in good financial shape but we will have to make some adjustments to keep up with changing times. We welcome any ideas that you may have that will create positive revenue and awareness for the club. Don't be afraid to think outside the box!

Secker Ross & Perry are working on completing the audit for the 2011-2012 budget year. The 2012-2013 budget has been completed and approved by the Board of Directors.

Many thanks to Bob Fugler of our committee for spear heading the collection of data and the final budget.

The **Finance Committee** members are:

Bob Fugler, Karen Matheson, Rob Campbell, Brian Ward, and Paul Cridland.



Operations Committee

Reg Gore, Chair

The Operations Committee has been active since April 2012 and the following is an update on the committee's activities.

Wind breaks at the main entrance

The wind breaks have been installed in time for the new season to begin in September.

Roof equipment painting

This is being scheduled for the fall when the air temperature is moderate.

De-humidifier

In june 2012, the curling club made application to the Trillium foundation for a grant to cover the procurement and installation of a new de-humidifier for the ice rink. The club will not know if the application was successful until the first half of october 2012. The board will then have to decide what further action is required.

Rock maintenance

Our committee has been in contact with the Canadian Curling Association, the Manitoba Curling Association, Canada Curling stone, who manufactured the rocks, to obtain information on the proper methods of cleaning and sharpening the curling stones. On the 28th of August the operations committee, in conjunction with our ice maker, will be cleaning the curling stones in preparation for the new season. In an effort to provide consistency the committee is also looking into ways to match the rocks but that will have to be done when the ice is in

Ice maintenance

The committee, in conjunction with the ice maker, is studying procedures to use for shaving the ice to provide the most consistent ice surface possible.

Ice cleanliness still remains an important issue within our committee. One common factor, is the curlers and how they can contribute to a cleaner ice surface. . All of us can do a better job of keeping our grippers clean and replacing them when they show signs of wear.. This is a common source of debris on the ice.

Social Committee

Joanne Gizzi, Chair

Before we start the 2012 – 2013 curling season, I would like to thank Linda Lott and her volunteers for all their hard work. I have some very big shoes to fill.

The committee started this season with an indoor yard sale. This event was a huge success. The money raised for our club, was thanks to the generous donations made by our members. We will try another yard sale in May 2013.

Events to look forward to include a "Fish Fry and Dance" and "St Patrick's Dance". Watch the bulletin boards and website for information on events at RKCC.

The social committee plans events at the club for members and community to enjoy. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for social events to help keep the RKCC the place to be. If you'd like to volunteer on the committee, please contact me.

Your **Social Committee** members are: Domenico Gizzi, Martha Tanner, Patricia Beckett, and Shani Doucet.

Welcome back and happy curling!



Member-At-Large

Jim Barton, Chair

The Role and Responsibilities of the Member-At-Large (MAL) have recently been redefined and approved by the Board of Directors. They can be found in Section 11 of the Policy and Resource Manual which is posted on the Website and hard copies are available at the Bar and on the Bulletin

Board just off the Lobby. Briefly, the **Role** has three aspects:

- 1. Membership Representative First and foremost, the MAL is a spokesperson for the members of RKCC. The MAL acts as a representative for the general membership on issues of interest and concern, particularly those that arise outside of the standing committee structure. The focus should be on how any policies and procedures the board of directors wishes to enact will affect the members
- 2. Ad Hoc Committee Leadership (For instance)
 - Purchase of Land next door from Corrections Canada
 - Trillium Grant Application for New Dehumidifier
- 3. Serving the Board of Directors and Governance Committee

The **Responsibilities** of the position, specifically with respect to the first role above are:

The MAL establishes communication processes with the membership and communicates their issues, needs and interests to the Board of Directors and / or its Standing Committee Chairs as appropriate. The MAL also ensures that adequate feedback is provided regarding positions and actions taken by the Board as a

It is this responsibility that I wish to bring to your attention at this time. Should you have an issue, need or interest that you wish to have considered by the Board or Management your first course of action should be to approach the appropriate Committee Chair or the Club Manager. If this does not effectively deal with your concern, or it falls outside the mandate of our committees then you should contact me and I will do my best to deal with your concern in a timely and effective manner. Secondly, I will ensure that matters considered by the Board or decisions taken that directly affect the membership are brought to your attention in a timely manner. The use of Sweep, bulletin Boards, the Website etc. will all be used as appropriate. To contact me, in my Member-At-Large role, any of the following could be used:

Email: jbarton29@gmail.comPhone: 613-634-9818

Leave a note in my mailbox at the Manager's office

The following updates are submitted with respect to two current projects:

- 1. Purchase of Land from Corrections Canada This is a lengthy process but we are progressing well, with the leadership of Wayne Smith, in completing the purchase. Corrections requested this past quarter that we provide a survey for the proposed land purchase and that we also update the Appraisal to reflect the correct land size. Both of these have been done and submitted and Corrections have indicated that they will now continue with the purchase process. We expect to complete the purchase in the first half of 2013, including rezoning work on our current site as well as the acquired land.
- 2. Trillium Grant Application ... under the leadership of Tony Bush, a small team of dedicated volunteers has prepared and submitted a grant application to the Trillium Foundation for funds to purchase a badly needed dehumidifier to replace the unit in our ice shed. The current unit was moved from the Clergy Street site and has reached the end of its useful service life. We expect to hear from The Trillium Foundation in October regarding any funds that they may be able to grant us. Regardless of the outcome of this application, it will be necessary to replace the dehumidifier in the year ahead.



HR & Communications Committee Betty Bush, Chair

This portfolio is comprised of two separate committees. The **Personnel Committee**, chaired by the Human Resources Director is responsible for the Manager's performance reviews and salary negotiations. The President and Vice President are members of this committee.

The Communications Committee for the 2012 – 13 season is fortunate to have the following members – Teresa Wilson, who does a wonderful job keeping us informed by maintaining the RKCC website.

Carole Rivington, who diligently prepares the monthly "Sweep" with articles supplied by the President, Directors, Section Chairs.

George Gratton, a man with timeless energy responsible for seeing that our kitchen is ready for producing delicious meals.

Mike Charette, a new member whose enthusiasm and advice is a welcome addition to our committee.

We look forward to a great 2012 – 13 season and to entertaining suggestions and input from the membership. Please feel free to speak with any of us at any time.

Marketing Committee Linda Lott, Chair



Your marketing committee has been working diligently since early May to ensure that RKCC maintains its sponsorship funding at the same level as in past seasons. Thank you letters and invoices were sent out to all our existing sponsors and to date we have reached 70% of our target. It is important to our sponsors that their advertising with us bears dividends for them so please share your business with them and acknowledge their support.

While sponsorship continues to be an important part of the marketing committee's portfolio we continue to pursue any and all marketing initiatives that will provide sustainable funding streams and raise the profile of RKCC in the Kingston community. Membership has been added to the mandate of this committee so with that in mind we will be mounting a strong membership drive in the coming weeks.

We look forward to another great year of curling and camaraderie at RKCC and we encourage you to contact the committee with any ideas or comments regarding sponsorship, membership and/or advertising opportunities.

Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Marilyn Bellringer

The annual Golf & Lunch event organized by Diane Labrie with her assistant, Betty Bush, was attended and enjoyed by several of our curling members. Thanks to Diane and Betty. Hope everyone enjoyed their summer. However, Ladies, if you look at the calendar you can see summer is winding down and we must now think of curling.

The Curling Calendar for Season 2012 – 13 has been set up by the Ice Committee. Day Ladies will consist of 4 draws with games scheduled for Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. or 11:30 p.m. and on Thursdays at 11:30 p.m. The first game for Draw 1 will be Tuesday, October 2nd at 11:15 a.m. or 11:30 p.m. as well as Thursday, October 4th at 11:30 p.m. Our Flight Section, previously "A" and "B", has been amalgamated into one section, with games played each Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. The first Flight Game is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3rd. There is room for up to 18 self chosen teams. We encourage our members to put a team together to participate in this competitive and learning experience.

Look for 2012 – 13 Membership Application forms and Cards of Intent on the RKCC website soon. Returning Members' Cards of Intent are due by Friday, Sept. 7th and new members have until Friday, Sept. 21st.

Day Ladies Open House and Flight Practice will be Tues, Sept. 25th and Wed. Sept. 26th from 1 – 4 p.m. A new feature to this Open House is "Bring a Friend". We welcome new members at RKCC. Ladies Pot Luck Dinner is set for Wed. Sept. 26th at 5:30 p.m. for Cocktails with dinner to follow. Please make note of our Day Ladies Fall Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27th at 1 p.m. If you have any concerns or suggestions to air at this meeting, you can contact Day Ladies Chair – Claire Dominik prior to September 27th, 2012 for possible additions to the meeting agenda.



Evening Ladies

by Denise Mulville

It is hard to believe that we will begin to curl in less than two months. Hope everyone is enjoying this hot, dry summer. Congratulations to all who participated and won in this year's Club Championship Games, particularly to the Day Ladies who once again won the Carrie Cole. There is always this coming season for us Evening Ladies!

Our schedule again this year will be Wednesday Evening Club at 6:00pm and 8:00pm and Flight will be played on Mondays, alternating 5:10pm and 7:15pm, as well as Thursdays at 5:10pm.

Again this year we will be offering a Special Rate for any new member that plays only one game a week for a fee of \$345.00 for the season. A new member is either new to the club, has not curled at RKCC for the last 3 seasons or did not play a full season in the past 3 years. Could you please pass this information

along to any friends, co-workers or family that might be interested in joining the RKCC. This fee also includes a \$50.00 pro shop voucher. Bring them out to one of our clinics that will be run Tuesday September 18th, Wednesday September 19th and Thursday September 20th from 7-9 each night.

A meeting is scheduled for Monday September 24th at 7pm to discuss Flight League, Club curling schedule, EL bonspiel and other events for the coming season.

Dates to Remember:

- September 18th, 19th, 20th 7-9pm
 Open House Curling Clinics
- September 24th 7pm
 Evening Ladies Opening Meeting
- September 26th 5:30pm Ladies Pot Luck Dinner
- September 30th 9am 4pm Curling Clinic
- October 1st 7:15pm
 Evening Ladies Flight begins regular games
- October 3rd 6pm & 8pm
 Evening Ladies Club Draw#1 begins

Evening Ladies Executive for the 2012/2013 Season:

Chair: Denise Mulville

Vice-Chair: Heather McMillan

Past Chair: Linda Lott

Flight Convenor: Mary Jackson

Club Convenors: Katie Mountjoy,

Donna Jeffery

Special Events: Kathleen Poole

Bonspiels: Pauline Herron

Secretary: Georgia Lee O'Shaughnessy

OCA Rep: April Welsh

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please contact any of the Ladies on our Executive. I look forward to seeing everyone in late September. Enjoy the rest of the summer.



As summer starts to wind down it is almost that time of year where curling comes to mind. Hard to believe that in little over a month we will begin the curling season. To all returning members the cards of intent are on there way. I look forward to a

wonderful season as your new chair. The mens committee would like to thank Gord Rogers for all his hard work and dedication as the Men's Chair for the last number of years. I look forward to seeing all returning and new players in September.

2012 -- RKCC Golf Tournament



The 8th annual RKCC Golf Tournament was held on June 14th at Glen Lawrence Golf Club. We were again blessed with excellent weather. We had 133 participants, followed again by a great steak and salmon dinner prepare by our talented cuisine volunteers.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who again made this such a successful event for our Club. And again, special thanks to McGinnis Landing for their contribution (\$485) in hosting hole #8.

This event raised a total of \$3,381 for our Club (not counting bar profits), while again providing members and guests an excellent summer socializing event. This is the 2nd highest profit in the Tournament's history, and is the result of the efforts of many in organizing, participating, and providing prizes.

Glen Lawrence Golf Club proved to be an excellent venue for this event and we look forward to them hosting the Tournament again next year. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, June 13th next year.

See you soon on the ice,

Steve Quinn



Mixed Curling
by Denis Faubert

The hot, sultry dog days of summer are still upon us and it seems incongruous to think of winter activities. Nevertheless, the curling season will soon be here and Michael, Lorne and I look forward to

hearing you pleading, screaming, panting and generally having a good time on the ice.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the collective efforts of Erwin and his team (Hugh Pollitt-Smith, Shirley Kwakkenbos, Betty Bush, Alexandra Simmons and John Ryce) over the past 3 yrs. Their altruism and dedication are very much appreciated. We hope to make the transition for this coming year in mixed curling seamless and as successful as previous ones.

All returning curlers are encouraged to complete and forward their card of intent by September 7th at the latest and September 21st for new members. The provision for one-night mixed curling membership rates are still in effect for this year. (Be advised that this discounted membership entitles the bearer to only one night of mixed curling and no options for sparing on other teams.)

The survey results conducted last year as well as the email correspondence received from both Friday and Sunday mixed members were both informative and helpful and have provided us with some insight into how we should proceed this year.

Regarding the mixed league format, there was an overwhelming majority in favor of Friday night curling with the provision of occasional scheduled byes on Saturday. As well, there was a continued interest in having larger divisions (e.g. 12 teams/division). A slightly greater percentage of Friday mixed members would seem to prefer Recreational & Competitive leagues as opposed to one unified league based on team standings.

Correspondence received from last year's Sunday mixed curlers indicated a strong preference to remain a recreational league with the possibility of an earlier start time. As well, most Sunday teams favored one league as opposed to a tiered format. Priority will be given to returning teams and teams composed of mixed-only members for that night.

In view of these findings, the mixed card of intent and format/schedule will reflect these preferences. The proposed plan for this curling season therefore will be to establish 3 or more divisions (depending on member recruitment/retention) each consisting of 12 teams for the Friday Recreational/Competitive leagues and 1 unified division consisting of 12 teams for the Sunday league There will be 22 draws this year for both the Friday and Sunday League. Both leagues will play a round-robin format throughout the year with the competitive divisions curling for the club championship.

The institution of a naked curling league as suggested by some of you is currently under review by the health and safety committee pending further

study of the anticipated effects of hypothermia on the curling delivery. ©



Junior Curling Registration Sunday, September 30th, 2012 1:00PM — 3:00PM All are welcome!



The Stick Leagues of RKCC

The Royal Kingston Curling Club boasts two types of stick league play. The original league is a two person version played over a period of roughly one hour or less. Each person on the team plays from opposing ends against a player from the opposite team. The players each throw 6 rocks per end alternately and do so for 6 ends. Sweeping is allowed only from the near hog line to the back of the house and the opponent's rock cannot be swept until it touches the "T" line. Points are scored as per usual with the last rock switching after the first end coin flip to determine hammer. Team members do not move from end to end to assess the situation but are allowed to approach center ice only to chat with their team member. Each person skips their own end when the rocks are being delivered towards them. The two person stick league has been sponsored for several years now by the Landings Golf Club and Teaching Centre at the Kingston Airport.

Just last year, {2011-2012} season, a four person stick league was established. The rules of this league are exactly the same as normal curling games, with sweeping allowed from point of delivery for the length of the ice {if your up for it}. Games are 8 ends and last up to 2 hours. Last year we had 6

teams in this league and it was sponsored by Bob's Butcher Shop in Reddendale.

New additions for the stick curling season this year are as follows:

Extra ice time has been allocated for the two person stick league on Wednesdays.

- At 11:15am and 12:15pm; three sheets of ice for one hour.
- At 1:15pm and 2:15pm; six sheets of ice for one hour.

Extra ice time has been allocated to the four person stick league on Thursdays.

At 11:15am; three sheets of ice for two hours.

The extra ice time on Wednesday will allow us to eliminate the carryover of two person games, that used to take place on Thursday at the same time as the four person games were being played. Now you will not have to choose between the two or four person game should you be signed up for both leagues.

The curling committee has been working hard this summer to set up the new curling schedule for 2012-2013 and by the looks of it there will be curling practices allowed on or about the 18th of September. We suggest you keep a close eye on your email in box and check from time to time at the club for info and updates with respect to "Curling News and Cards of Intent" for the coming season.

Please remember, the earlier you have your "cards of intent" completed and submitted, the sooner the schedules will be done.

In other news, the Committee for the Scotties Tournament of Hearts is hard at work planning and working at events to raise awareness of the Bonspiel this coming February 2013 at the K-Rock Center. Volunteers are still needed, so please check out the web page at:

http://vicnet.curling.ca/vicnet/loginevent.aspx?eventid=51

Also, check out the Scotties news at this web page: http://www.curling.ca/tag/2013-scotties-tournament-of-hearts/

If you have any questions about the Scotties or Stick Curling please feel free to call Jan Ray. Her number is available in the Club Directory book or on line at the RKCC web page.

Whatever you're doing for the rest of the summer, have fun, stay healthy and check out the curling news when you have a few minutes.

See you on the ice in September.



RKCC will be hosting three OCA events this season:

- Men's Zones on Dec. 8-9
- ♦ Bantam (Girls and Boys) zones on Jan. 12-13
- Women's Tankard/Men's Dominion Regalia Silver Tankard on March 9, 2013

These competitions, and many others, are open for curlers to enter. The OCA website at www.ontcurl.com lists the competitions, their locations, and deadlines for entry.

RKCC is in zone 4. Please be aware that if you win at the zone level, your team is expected to go on to the regional level competition. RKCC is in region 1. If you keep winning, we throw you a party as you head off to the Provincials!

Watch the bulletin boards for competition flyers and entry forms.

The OCA also holds coaching clinics. These clinics are also posted on the OCA website.

Club Coach courses (old Level I) emphasize fun, fitness and the fundamentals of curling. Club coaching is useful for curlers helping with learn-to-curl clinics. Club Coach courses will be held at several clubs:

- Oshawa CC Oct. 13-14
- Sutton, Guelph, and Brampton Oct. 20-21
- Vankleek Hill (Ottawa) and Simcoe on
- Oct. 27-28
- Stratford on Nov. 10-11

I am mentioning all locations in case anybody has relatives in these cities that they can bunk with for the weekend.

Competition Coaching Clinics (old Level II) will be held in:

- Prescott on Oct. 20-21
- Port Carling on Oct. 27-28
- St. Thomas on Nov. 3-4
- Bayview on Nov. 10-11

Level III Technical will be given at Russell CC on Oct. 26-28.

As you can see by the dates, these courses are held early in the season.

RKCC has three OCA reps. I am the women's rep, Ron Cameron is the men's rep, and Kevan Welch is the junior section's rep. If you have any questions about OCA activities, give us a call!

Here's to a great 2012-13 season. Good curling everyone! Please volunteer your time to any of the many bonspiels, clinics or fun days that RKCC will be hosting this season.



Upcoming Events





Calendar of Events September 2012

Date	Event
Tue, Sep 18 th to Thu, Sep 20 th 7-9pm	Open House and Curling Clinics
Mon, Sep 24 th @ 7pm	Evening Ladies Opening Meeting
Tue, Sep 25 th 1-4pm	Day Ladies Bring a Friend and Practice
Wed, Sep 26 th @ 5:30pm	Ladies Pot Luck
Sat, Sep 29 th	Sports Day
Sun, Sep 30 th 1-3pm	Junior Registration

October 2012

Date	Event
Mon, Oct 8 th	Thanksgiving
Sat, Oct 13 th	RBC United Way Bonspiel
Sat, Oct 27 th	Limestone Senior Men's Bonspiel
Sun, Oct 28 th	Entries for the November Sweep are due



The Prime Seats are Waiting for Kingston's First Scotties

The Scotties Tournament of Hearts, the most prestigious event in Canadian women's curling, hits the ice February 16-24, 2013 in the K-Rock Centre. It marks the first time Kingston has welcomed the national championship... and the Host Committee is committed to making sure the first time is a great time.

"We're so excited to have the Scotties in Kingston and we're confident the community will get on

board to make sure the inaugural visit will be one that is remembered for years to come," said Host Chair Ken Thompson. "This is one of our country's biggest sporting events and it comes with an absolutely amazing party!"

For those who've never experienced live championship curling, the 2013 Scotties will undoubtedly provide an entirely new perspective of the game. Three ticket packages, guaranteeing the best seats in the house and the chance to make the most of the event, are available right now:

- The Opener Two tickets for each of the first 11 draws for \$279.
- The Champ Two tickets for each of the last 11 draws for \$399.
- The Old Classic A single ticket that guarantees the same seat for all 22 draws for \$339.

Full Event passes for the 2013 Scotties can be purchased online at curling.ca/tickets and at the K-Rock Centre box office.

Along with prime seats to see the best curlers in the land compete for the national title, all three packages represent an all-encompassing pass that takes fans inside every facet of the championship.

It starts with an exclusive invitation to Fan Appreciation Night where you can meet all the athletes and take part in the official launch of the nine-day party in the HeartStop - where fans, competitors, sponsors and volunteers gather to enjoy a tasty selection of food and beverages and an amazing line-up of live entertainment.

Every Full Event pass provides access to the HeartStop all week long. Along with the party, you can also take in daily Team Autograph sessions and Up Close and Personal interviews with the competitors. And, if you'd like a taste of championship action, sign up for free in the Cool Shots competition... the small-scale version of the roaring game played on shuffleboard-style tables with cash prizes for the winners!

Plus, all three packages includes the Season of Champions Rewards Card – a \$25 value with benefits ranging from roadside assistance to travel savings and pharmaceutical discounts.

The Host Committee is still recruiting volunteers to help out in the HeartStop. If you want to be part of one of Canada's biggest parties, register online at http://www.curling.ca/championships/scotties/volunteer/