



The Sweep

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President's Report from the Fall General Meeting...

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President's Report

Welcome to the 2012 Semi Annual General Meeting. Our curling season is now in full swing. In spite of our early start, we are enjoying excellent ice conditions. Special thanks to Rod and Terry for a great effort.

The curling season should prove to be an exciting one with all area clubs helping to host the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in February.

We are pleased to welcome approximately seventy one new members this year. Please take the time to make them feel welcome to the best curling club in the area.

As you can see by the number of Advertisers back again have strong support in the community. If possible, try and support them also.

Over the course of the season, if you have suggestions on how to improve the Club, please feel free to approach myself or any members of the Board.

Best of luck to all for an enjoyable curling season.

Respectfully yours,
Henry Treier



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Thank You!

Committee Reports

Marketing &

Linda Lott, Chair



The 2012-2013 curling season is now into its 6th week of curling. You may have noticed a few changes to the wall signs. We lost two long time sponsors but replaced them with two up and coming new Businesses-Purple Essentials and Days on Front. The CCA approached the club in early June with a request to have the Scotties logo in the ice, that has been done and it looks great. Please make a note of our wall and in ice sponsors and use their services if possible. As part of our Thank you to our sponsors they were sent "Bar Bucks" in the hope that they would visit the club and enjoy a "pop" at the bar.

The membership drive this year netted us a large number of new members so if you are seeing new faces out on the ice and at the bar, please extend a warm RKCC hand of welcome.

Your membership and marketing committee for the season are Bruce Jeffery, Garry Dupuis, Roger Taylor, Karen Peters, Katie Mountjoy and Dave Townsend. If you have ideas for membership & marketing or names of potential sponsors please contact the committee.

You, the members of RKCC are our best recruiters for new members and sponsors-please extol the merits of curling at RKCC and extend an invitation to everyone to come and enjoy what the club has to offer.



Finance Committee

John Ryce, Chair

Adam Young of Secker Ross & Perry has completed the 2011/12 audit of our financials. I am happy to report that it was a good audit with no major concerns.

The Committee has been working on putting in

place better financial policies and procedures but our biggest concern is with our annual budget and the fact that we are not putting enough money away every year to deal with capital cost replacements and depreciation on the equipment and building. The solution to this is to create more revenue, lower expenses or a combination of both. Most of our expenses are fixed without much room for substantial savings. The opportunity lies in creating more revenue. We would prefer to do this by increasing our membership as well as increasing the profit that we make when we have bonspiels or other events at the club. We need all the members to keep this in mind when they are running a bonspiel or using the facility for some other function. The days of having an event at a break even budget are over and we need to run at a profit to protect the financial interests of our club for many decades and future generations of curlers.

Any questions or ideas can be directed to myself or any member of the Finance Committee which includes:

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

Good curling,
John Ryce



Social Committee

Joanne Gizzi, Chair

The next social event at RKCC is the Fish Fry and Dance on November 24th. The music is provided by Bob's DJ Connection. Get your tickets in advance at the RKCC bar before November 17th for \$15.00 per person. The social committee will continue keeping you informed of upcoming events through the RKCC bulletin boards and website.

This committee welcomes your ideas and suggestions for events at RKCC. If you enjoy creating, organizing and planning of social activities for RKCC members, future members and community, become a volunteer by contacting me at joannegizzi@hotmail.com.



WE VOLUNTEERS

The 2012-13 registrations are in. We have 52 ladies and 58 men who have indicated that they would volunteer at the club this year. The categories and number of members who currently and who are willing to volunteer are as follows:

| | Ladies | Men |
|----------------|--------|-----|
| Bonspiels | 29 | 36 |
| Section events | 25 | 15 |
| Canteen | 5 | 20 |
| Learn to curl | 5 | 5 |
| Juniors | 5 | 3 |
| Clinics | 2 | 4 |
| Committees | 8 | 12 |

We thank everyone who currently volunteer and those who have submitted their names to volunteer during this curling season. These volunteer lists have been forwarded to the various curling committees. If you are looking for volunteers for an event at the club this year, see your curling committee chair or contact Mike Charette.

Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Marilyn Bellringer

Our Day Ladies Section has approximately 109 members. We lost 12 ladies due to various reasons, however, gained 12 by way of new or returning members. We extend a Very Warm Welcome to the following new and returning ladies:- Bonnie Arlt, Eleanor Brooks, Lola Cole, Tensia Cannon, Marge Craig, Wendy Curtis, Elaine Davidson, Celine Garneau, Maria McGibbon, Linda Miller, Alice Pignal, Heather Sinclair.

The 1st Draw is well underway, began Tues., Oct. 2nd and Thurs. Oct. 4th. We have 16 teams on Tuesday and 11 teams on Thursday. Our 2nd Draw will commence Tues., Nov. 13th and Thurs. Nov. 15th. Skip's Meeting for Draw #2 is Tues., Nov. 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Flight Section consists of 12 teams competing in a Round Robin format. Upon completion of Round Robin, teams will be divided into top 6 and bottom 6 according to standings. Playoffs will determine a Trophy Winner for each section.

Cataraqui Golf & Country Club flight ladies will host the "Flight Friendly Day" this year scheduled for Wed., Nov. 28th. Flight Convenors Mary Stevenson and Pat Young will put up a sign-up sheet in this regard.

Our Fun Day Convenors, Philippa Fugler and Sue McConnell are busy planning our Christmas Mini Spiel for Day and Social Ladies being held Wednesday, December 5th, 2012. The Jingle Bell Rock Spiel will include breakfast, an 8 end fun game and lunch with great prizes and raffle. Please come out and join all your friends for a fun day. Sign up sheet will be posted in early November.

Diane Labrie is once again co-coordinating Monday Cards (Euchre and Bridge) for social and any other members (ladies or men) who wish to participate. Games begin at 1:00 p.m. and there is always room for more players. Come early and have lunch at a nominal cost prepared by the Day Men Group.



Evening Ladies

by Denise Mulville

This season we welcomed 20 new members to the Evening Ladies' Section. Our first draw for Wednesday Evening Club has 20 teams. Our Monday/Thursday Evening Flight also has 20 teams participating.

The Evening Ladies' Executive is myself as Chair, Heather McMillan as vice-chair, Linda Lott as past-chair, Katie Mountjoy and Donna Jeffery as Club Convenors, Mary Jackson as Flight Convenor, April

Welsh as OCA rep, Kathleen Poole as Chair of Social Events, and Georgie O'Shaughnessy as Secretary. I thank all of them for their hard work in getting the season up and running.

Betty Bush is running an in-club rated bonspiel on November 3rd with the theme of Santa Elves. This should be a fun day for all participants.

Pauline Herron's Team is running our Evening Ladies' Open Bonspiel on November 17th. There is still room for teams to enter so give Glenda Bauder a call if you wish to play as a team or sign up as a single person and she will try and accommodate you.

We are looking forward to a successful year in Evening Ladies Curling and we hope to continue growing within our section throughout the year.



Mixed Curling by Denis Faubert

First, let me thank everyone for their forbearance as Lorne, Michael and I navigate our way through uncharted waters as co-convenors of this year's mixed section. This year to date, we have received 197 cards of intent for the mixed league. This translates into 14 teams each in the Competitive A & B division, as well as 13 and 9 teams respectively in the Friday and Sunday Recreational League. There is at this point in time, room for 3 more teams in the Sunday League should there be any late entries or interest from existing members.

This year, mixed curlers will have 22 draws, or more importantly, twenty-two opportunities to prove their mettle. As mentioned in the earlier Sweep edition, our intent this year is to accommodate your collective preferences as outlined in last year's survey results with respect to division size, scheduling, league format and last but certainly not least, to satisfy an insatiable appetite from perhaps a few curling members for a variety of post-game snacks!

So far, the season is going very well, with "lots of curl" on the ice and plenty of camaraderie after the game, no doubt assisted by Gerry, Steve and Bev at the bar. The "elves" very much appreciate your loyal support of the mixed weekly 50/50 draws which

allows us to provide you with JuJubes and snacks for each draw. The following individuals have been added to the "Forbes Fortune 500 List" as the lucky winners of the first of many 50/50 draws; Mirelle Ringuette, Terri Armstrong, John Reitsma and Louise St John.

Once again, many thanks to Rod and his team for their continuing efforts to provide us with great ice conditions. The first full round robin will commence on Nov. 9th with some re-structuring occurring in both competitive divisions. Notably, the top 2 teams in B will move up to A and regrettably the bottom 2 teams in A will move down to B.

The annual mixed recreational bonspiel coordinated by Lorne Carmichael this year will take place on Saturday Dec. 1st and we look forward to a great turnout. The Christmas Mixed Dinner is scheduled for Friday Dec. 21st and all members are welcome to attend.

We would encourage all mixed curlers to consider attending the Scotties Tournament of Hearts as scheduled league play for all sections during this time will be cancelled.

This report would not be complete without thanking Irwin and Graham for graciously sharing their knowledge and experience regarding Mixed Curling issues that have plagued lesser mortals. Also, a very special thanks to Teresa Wilson for her selfless and very much appreciated assistance in posting the mixed information on the RKCC website.

Last but not least, Todd Johnson and his team will be representing the RKCC mixed section at the City Championships on Nov. 10th at the Catarauqui CC and will surely be great ambassadors for our club.

As always, good luck and good curling!



Day Men by Murray Cotton

The Day Men's Flight again has 30 teams competing this year on Mondays. Our members have again stepped up to volunteer to put on lunch which is enjoyed by all.

Tuesday and Thursday morning is again a popular time to hone your curling skills with a chance to play two ends in every position. Just show up, to have a great time.

The Day Men's In-house Bonspiel is scheduled for Friday November 16th. Players play three four end games, with lunch provided and have a chance for the cross ice draw to the button. Please see Henry Peel to pay your \$25.00 entrance fee. You are officially in the bonspiel once you have paid your entrance fee to Henry.



The Stick Leagues of RKCC

Welcome back to all the returning stick curlers and welcome also to all our new stick curlers. We're happy to see the strong numbers continuing in our fine group. Even though we had an equal number of players lost to us, as we had in new players coming on, we have been able to expand in the area of ice time for both the 2 person Landings Stick League and the 4 person Bob's Butcher Shop Stick League. Right up front we wish to thank our two sponsors warmly for the generous and continuing support. The Landings Golf Club from Norman Rogers Airport and Bob's Butcher Shop from Reddendale Mall.

This year got off to a bit of a rocky start with the new time layout for our 2 stick league. However, after some fruitful discussions with the Day Ladies and their approval to adjust our times for this year, we are now quite happy to be playing our 26 teams in the time slots from 11:15am & 12:15pm for 24 teams and two teams only playing at 1:15pm, all on Wednesday. If that good news wasn't enough, the Day Men's curling added more sweetening to the pie when they agreed to allow our 4 stick league to have not only the agreed increase of one sheet of ice for two hours but they added another sheet for us for two hours and we now have all 8 four stick teams scheduled to play at 11:15am – 1:15pm every Thursday. Loads of thanks to the Day Ladies and Day Men for being so generous with their allowance of ice time for us, to not only have workable ice times but lots of room to grow in the future. I'm

definitely sure we will be growing in the years ahead.

Things to be on the lookout for in the coming curling year are numerous but we will mention only a few really important ones here. First, is the upcoming qualifying for the 4 person Dominion of Canada play downs in late November and early December, followed by the regional play downs in January of 2013. The culmination of this will be the finals in the Spring of 2013, to determine the Provincial Champions. Last year we had one team enter and they tell us they really enjoyed the experience. So, let's get a couple of teams qualified this year. We are allowed to send two teams on to the Regional Play Downs in January. Secondly, we have no doubt that you are all keenly aware of the upcoming Scotties Tournament of Hearts event coming to Kingston K-Rock Centre in February of 2013. Many of you will be on the Volunteer Team for the event and many of you will wish to participate as fans and viewers, by attending the games at the K-Rock Centre. Tickets are available now and the new structure of Draws makes it even more exciting for fans. If you are hooked up on line, you can see the Draw Schedule posted on Facebook or the CCA web site. ** For those of you that do not have internet, a bulletin board located on the wall left of the board room door (opposite the coat rack) will have current Scotties info posted on it. Please note that all club curling has been cancelled for the week of the Scotties ** February 16 – 24, 2013. So, check your schedules please. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some amazing curling as well as to have the opportunity to meet these athletes in person. Remember our RKCC will benefit from your purchase of tickets to support this event because we will receive a percentage of the net sales. Please buy yours tickets today and both the city of Kingston and our Club will benefit.



OCA Report
by April Welsh

Phil Tomsett, Joe Waller, Mario Fabbro and John MacMillan competed in the Dominion Club Championship zones regionals in Renfrew on Oct. 19-21. This competition involves the best fight curlers from area clubs. The team had a good weekend, making it to the semifinals before losing, on the last rock, to the eventual winners from

Quinte.

The OCA website www.ontcurl.com is a great source for curling info. Rules, competitions, bonspiels. Looking for a bonspiel to enter? The bonspiel data can be sorted by date, zone, type of bonspiel. RKCC bonspiel conveners should take advantage of this free feature to publicize your bonspiel. This includes your flier. Fliers should also be posted on the RKCC website.

OCA Coaching and Instruction courses: RKCC has a club policy to reimburse fees and expenses paid for OCA-approved coaching/instruction courses if the trained individual commits to at least one year of instruction with the juniors. Please talk to Graham if you have any questions regarding reimbursement.

RKCC hosts its first OCA competition of the season, the Men's zones, on Dec. 8 & 9. We hope to see some great curling that weekend.



MEDIEVAL TIMES

AT THE 55TH EMPIRE LIFE MIXED BONSPIEL

Thurs, Fri, & Sat, Feb. 7, 8, & 9, 2013
Royal Kingston Curling Club
130 Day's Road

Dinner all three days
Brunch and Wine &
Cheese on Saturday

Entry fee \$300 inc. HSC
32 Teams - 5 events
3 Games Guaranteed
OCA CDged Rules Apply

Draw: Game 1 Game 2
A Thurs. 6 p.m. Fri. 3 p.m.
B Thurs. 8 p.m. Fri. 7 p.m.
C Fri. 5 p.m. Fri. 9 p.m.

Cash prizes totalling \$2500,
based on 32 teams, are 26%
of registration fees.

Contact: April Welsh - 613-547-2215 / bcwood@kingston.net

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 24, 7:00pm

Fish Fry & Dance

Royal Kingston Curling Club
130 Days Rd. Kingston

Tickets available at RKCC bar

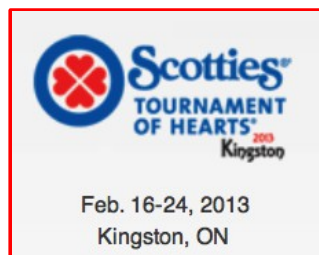
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| advance tickets by November 17 | tickets after November 17 |
| \$15⁰⁰ | \$20⁰⁰ |
| PER PERSON | PER PERSON |

For more information, contact Graham at 613-546-2243



Calendar of Events November 2012

| Date | Event |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat, Nov 3 | Evening Ladies Rated Bonspiel |
| Fri, Nov 16 | Day Men's In-House Bonspiel |
| Sat, Nov 17 | Evening Ladies Invitational Bonspiel |
| Sat, Nov 24 | Eastern Ontario Junior Curling League |
| Wed, Nov 28 | Cat Friendly Bonspiel |
| December 2012 | |
| Sat, Dec 1 | Christmas Mixed Bonspiel |
| Wed, Dec 5 | Day Ladies Christmas Mini Spiel |
| Fri, Dec 7 | Stick Fun Spiel |
| Sat, Dec 8 & Sun, Dec 9 | OCA Men's |
| Fri, Dec 14 | DL & DM Fun Bonspiel |
| Wed, Dec 19 | EL Christmas Celebration |
| Fri, Dec 21 | Mixed Christmas Party |
| Tue, Dec 27 | Family Fun Day |



Bonspiel Reports

THE ROYALE

Proud Sponsor of the 27th Annual Limestone Senior Men's Bonspiel

by Ernie Carter

Saturday – October 27

What a great bonspiel! The curling was amazing, it was fun, we had a great sponsor and for the first time in years we received more out-of-club entries than we could accept. We had 24 teams with 18 out-of-club teams from the Land O'Lakes, Quinte, Napanee, Perth, Manotick, Loonie, Prescott, Brockville, Gananoque, Garrison and Cataraqui curling clubs and 6 teams from RKCC.

Our new sponsor, was "The Royale Gracious Lifestyles Retirement Living" in Kingston. In addition to financial support, The Royale represented by Taimi Post, Director of Sales & Marketing and Holly Brooks, Community Relations Manager, were a big reason for this bonspiel being special this year. Time between draws went quickly, it was entertaining and informative. There were treats for everyone, a variety of prizes, a draw for a

gift basket and friendly discussion on retirement living.

We were treated to excellent and very competitive curling, the point spread between the top 6 teams was only $2 \frac{3}{4}$ points! This year's Limestone Senior Men's Championship winner with $44 \frac{1}{2}$ points was the Carl Graham rink from Prescott with Garry Wright as vice, Ron Dean as second, and Paul Schaub as lead. The runner-up had to be determined by a coin toss between Frank Dunham's rink from Napanee and Ron Barker's rink Manotick curling club who each had $44 \frac{1}{4}$ points and the winner of the coin toss was the Manotick Rink of Ron Barker, Mike Schutz, Merv McBride, Bob Pentlan, and alternate Karol Bilyj.

It was a great day but it could not have happened without the excellent ice and amazing volunteers. Many thanks to the club staff, to Brian Collingwood and George Gratton for all their generous support, to Draw Masters Ken Brant and Glenn Owen, and the wonderful kitchen volunteers for the great food. The generous comments and feedback from the curlers regarding the meals was very gratifying. Thank you again volunteers.

BREAKFAST: Diane Gratton, Diane's brother Derrol Simpson and George Gratton

LUNCH: Garry Dupuis, Chuck White, Brian Collingwood, Paul Hannah, Roger Chown.

DINNER: George Gratton, Diane Gratton, Derrol Simpson, Bruce Bodley, Art Russell, Ken Burns, Jane Leduc-Potter, Dan O'Neill, Wayne Gilmour, Ernie Carter, Keith Forrest



Winning Team – Prescott Curling Club
Taimi Post - Corporate Director of Sales & Marketing | The Royale Gracious Lifestyles, Ron Dean, Carl Graham, Paul Schaub, Holly Brooks - Community Relations Manager | The Royale Gracious Lifestyles, Garry Wright

Other Business

HELP KEEP THE KITCHEN CLEAN

A reminder to those who use the kitchen at RKCC:

Please ensure that you clean all of your dishes, pots and pans etc. And return them to their storage places.

Please clean all of the food prep areas that you use.

Please take the soiled laundry (dishcloths, aprons etc.) home to be laundered and return them to the club as soon as possible.

If you have leftover foods and you wish to leave them for others to use you might first check with Jerry or Julie to see if they have any use for them for the lunches they prepare. If they do not and you still wish to leave these items behind, then it is incumbent on you to check to see if they have been used and to discard perishables. Check the best before dates on such items as salad dressings, milk and coffee cream left behind.

Members and Member groups who are going to use the kitchen for luncheons, bonspiels etc. Would be wise to check the condition of the kitchen a day or two before the event to see that everything is in order.

If we all work together and support one another, we will improve the cleanliness and there will be fewer unpleasant surprises when we arrive to prepare for our events.

George Gratton

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