



The Sweep

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A word from your President... Henry Treier

The Royal Kingston Curling Club received an early Christmas present on December 4, 2012. The Ontario Trillium Foundation has approved our grant to purchase a dehumidifier in the amount of \$33,000. Our current dehumidifier, which accompanied us from the old Club is nearing the end of its useful life. Many thanks to the committee, chaired by Tony Bush, that put together our application and saw it through to completion. Other committee members are Jim Barton, Wayne Smith, Reg Gore.

A special thanks to Betty Bush for her perseverance at the Board level, encouraging us to submit an application.

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With Christmas just around the corner, I encourage those that have not already purchased a new gripper to consider doing so; it could make a great stocking stuffer. The cleaner we can keep our ice, the better curling for all of us.

You may have noticed what looks like a shuffleboard table in the lounge. This is part of a promotion under way called "Cool Shots" – basically curling on a shuffle board table. In the coming weeks, members will have the opportunity to compete in two person teams to earn the opportunity to win cash prizes and ultimately play in a Championship Night at the Heart Stop Lounge during the week of the Scotties. Keith Forrest has agreed to coordinate this on behalf of our Club.

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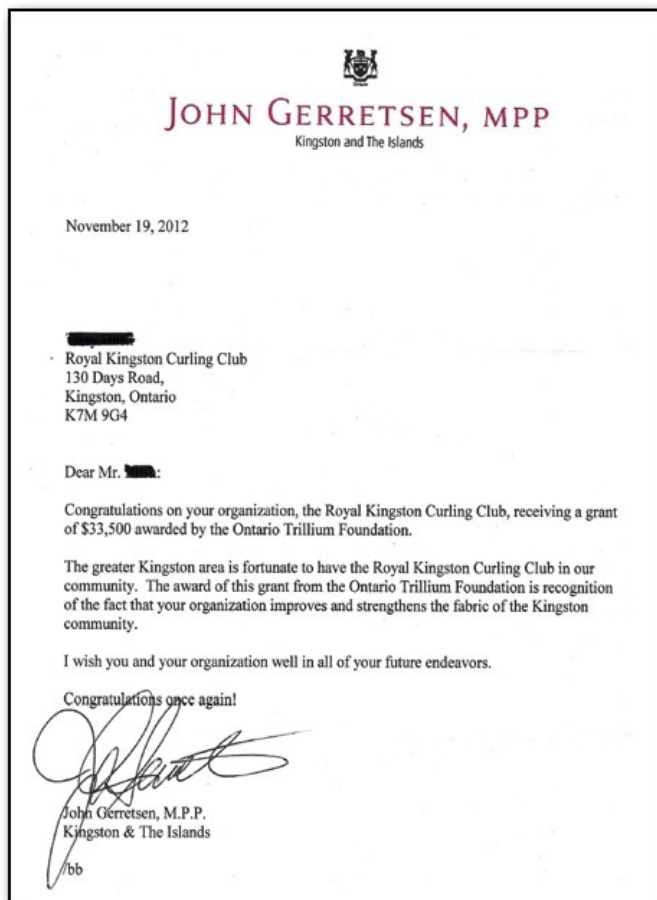


Articles / submissions to the **The Sweep** are accepted from all members. Submit to Carole Rivington at carolnr62@cogeco.ca by **January 30th** to be included in the **February** edition.

Thank You!

Finally I would like to wish all members and their families a Happy & Healthy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year!

Best Regards,
Henry Treier



Senior Men's:

Vic Matthews, Dean Clark, Brian Ward & Keith Forrest

Women's:

Heather MacMillan, Janine Dunk, Lynn Witheridge & Pam Davison
Denise Mulville, Lyn Jenkins, Joann Gizzi & Martha Tanner

Senior Women's:

Betty Bush, Joanne Miller, Joanne Manion & Joan Doucet

Mixed:

Todd Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Tyler Rider & Anna Rider

Juniors:

Carter Garrah, Megan Valliquette, Stephanie Valliquette & Nicholas Leduc

Congratulations to Betty Bush and her rink of Joanne Miller, Joanne Manion & Joan Doucet for winning the Senior Women's City Championship title for 2012.

Committee Reports



Finance Committee

John Ryce, Chair

The Committee and the Board have approved a new "Bonspiel Financial Planning & Reporting" document that will help the organizers of a Bonspiel deal with the financial aspects of the event. Make sure that you review this document during your planning process of a bonspiel.

We have also just passed a motion to allow the club to charge \$25 on any NSF cheques. Please double check that you have sufficient funds in your account when paying by cheque.

Any questions or ideas can be directed to myself or any member of the Finance Committee which includes: Bob Fugler, Karen Matheson,

City Championships

The following teams represented the Royal Kingston Curling Club in the City Championship curling event hosted by Catarauqui Golf & Country Club on November 10, 2012.

Men's:

Shawn Suenaga, Gord Lansdown, Paul Lefebvre & Brian Dowling
Alex Scott, Erwin Batala, Denis Faubert & Dwight Farrell
Mike Schneider, Gord Rogers, Ross Fabbro & Caleb Gray

Rob Campbell, Brian Ward, and
Paul Cridland.

Good curling!

Marketing &

Linda Lott, Chair



As we approach the festive season, please remember to patronize our wall and ice sponsors. Take this opportunity to give a friend or family member, a membership to the club or invite an acquaintance into the club for a beverage. RKCC would be a great location to host a family get together after the holiday season is over so consider having that big family party at the club.

“May you experience lots of love, laughter and joy this Christmas Season”.



Social Committee

Joanne Gizzi, Chair

The social committee was busy in November with the Fish Fry and Dance. This event was combined with an appreciation night for Rod Leeder for 37 years of service at the club. RKCC members and staff, Rod's family and friends made the night a memorable one. Thank you to the volunteers and social committee members that made this event successful. Thank you to George Gratton, Diane Gratton, Linda Lott, Lee Thompson, Ken Burns and Domenico Gizzi. Also thank you to the social committee members Ella Brisson, Martha Tanner, Patricia Beckett and Pennie Robert.

Our next event will be the St. Patrick's Dance on March 16th (HB2me!). Watch the RKCC bulletin boards and website for information on upcoming events at RKCC. Please share any ideas you have for events at the club with your social committee members. If you would like to help out, we are always appreciative of volunteers.

Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Marilyn Bellringer

The 2nd Draw for Day Ladies has two weeks remaining with the last games on Tues., Dec. 18th and Thurs., Dec. 20th. Playoff games between the Tuesday and Thursday winners will be held on Monday, January 7th, 2013, unless a tiebreaker is necessary and if this happens there may be a new date for the Playoff.

The 1st Draw Trophy winner was the team of Lin Jenkins – Skip, Nancy Gray – Vice, Trish Beckett – 2nd and Alice Pignal – Lead (Thursday winners). Runner up was team of Joan Doucet – Skip, Philippa Fugler – Vice, Darlene Naugler – 2nd, and Maria McGibbon – Lead (Tuesday winners). Congratulations to the Jenkins Team.

Skip's Meeting for the 3rd Draw (Roantree) will be held Tues., Dec. 18th at 10:00 a.m. The first game for Draw #3 will be Tuesday, January 8th, 2013 and Thursday, January 3rd, 2013. Yes, the Thursday draw games will start before the Tuesday draw games but end the same week.

Flight League Games have had a slight adjustment. Because our Cataraqui Flight Friendly Day has been postponed, Flight participants decided to play the December 19th game on November 28th. Therefore, our last Flight game this year will be Wed., Dec. 13th. If you have postponed any games, remember that Wed., Jan. 16th is the deadline for these games to be played. Also, there is ice available on Wednesday afternoons at 1:15 p.m which you can book through Graham Weatherby, Manager. Please notify Assistant Games – Mary Stevenson or Pat Young of any postponed games and when these games will be played.

The In-Club Rated Bonspiel, scheduled for Wed., January 30th, 2013, will be convened by Denise Mulville and her team who won this event last year. Watch the Bulletin Board for information and sign-up sheet for this Bonspiel.

The Grandmother's & Great Aunt's Bonspiel scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th, 2013 is still in need of a Convener. If you are interested, please contact Claire Dominik, Chair of Day Ladies.

The Day Ladies Executive, would like to wish everyone Compliments of the Season and Best Wishes for 2013.



Evening Ladies

by Denise Mulville

Congratulations to the winners of our first draw. First event went to Judy Russell's team of Jenny Brown, Lois McArthur and Debby King so we will see them in the play-offs in April. Runner's up were Nancy Roantree, Lynn Witheridge, Mary Andrews and Susann Gauthier. Our second event winning team was Donna Smith, Renee LeClaire, Carol Roach and Mariette Ringuette and our third event winners were Jan Ray, Cheryl Harvey, Gillian Turnbull and Joan Black.

Our second draw started on November 21st with 20 teams participating again and the playoff games will be played on December 19th. Good luck to all the teams.

Betty Bush and her helpers put on a great bonspiel for 48 of our evening lady curlers on November 3rd. I missed it, but from all the 'elf' pictures and talking to the curlers, it was a fun-filled day. Thanks again Betty!

As well, on November 17th, Pauline Herron's team ran a successful bonspiel with the theme of 'Putting on the Ritz' and were there a lot of RITZY women at the club in their fancy gowns, crowns and shoes. This year there was a tie for first place so they will share a place on the plaque. Congratulations to the team skipped by Carole Rivington curling with Teresa Wilson, April Welsh and Gail Irving and the team skipped by Lin Jenkins with Monique McKenzie, Lynda Therien and Mary Buchanan.

Our flight league will finish our first round robin on December 6th and begin the new round robin within the A and B section starting on December 10th.

Remember that the club does offer $\frac{1}{2}$ year memberships to start curling in January so pass this information on to friends, family and co-workers. Always a great Christmas present and our third draw for Wednesday nights starts on January 9th.



Mixed Curling

by Denis Faubert

"Be of Good Cheer"

A phrase that often arises at this time of year. It embodies a part of the values we strive for in curling, namely good sportsmanship. That is not to say that we should feel "positively giddy" as a reformed Ebenezer Scrooge on Christmas Day, particularly if we've suffered a punishing loss on the ice. Nevertheless, the Mixed Curling Committee wishes you Joy & Happiness both on and off the ice throughout this festive season.



You are cordially invited to the Annual

Mixed Christmas Dinner

Dec. 21st, 2012

Cocktails 6 pm Dinner 7 pm

*Tickets (\$20.00 per person) available
at the bar*

Starting Dec. 1st, there will be a contest to "Spot the **club's only mouse**" (see "The Night before Brier" below). He/she may be found in different locations every week until Christmas. The first person to identify the correct location and contact me via

email (dfaibert@cogeco.ca) or telephone (613-384-3756) will be awarded one entry towards one of 4 prizes (1 per mixed division).

Many thanks to Todd Johnson and his team, who represented us well at the City Championships. It was rumored that Johnny Cashpiel & his band regaled the Scottish Rotarian Curlers with several of his well-known curling songs recently during their Canadian Tour.

Stay tuned to the Sweep for more exciting details on Mixed Curling in the upcoming year!



Twas the Night before Brier

by Denis Faubert

T'was the night before Brier, & all through the club,
not a curler was curling, not one in the pub!
The banners were hung on the wall with great care,
in hopes that Glen Howard soon would be there.
While Graham checked entries, & sipped on his tea,
Roddy the Iceman, was scraping sheet three.
The ice, how it sparkled!, the stones how they
gleamed, eagerly waiting the morning draw's team.

The curlers were nestled all snug in their beds,
while visions of trophies soon danced in their heads.
The rocks were aligned in a row four by four,
looking for patrons, to come through the door.
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
gave way to the luster of sunrise below

The dawn's early light had arrived by and by, along
with eight curlers with brooms held on high.
And me with my slider, Emil with his hat, were just
settling in, sliding out of the hack.
Then all of a sudden, there arose such a clatter, we
looked up to see, just what was the matter .
When what to our wondering ears should we hear,
but our skip saying loudly, "I want the rock here!"

"Now please brush it harder, much harder," said he,

"To the top of the four foot, and freeze it "thusly".
So, lively and quickly the brushers did sweep, that
the skip yelled and shouted "don't bring it to deep!"
Then, in a heartbeat, the granite rock stopped,
relieved of this burden, my blood pressure dropped
The skip jumped six feet, to his team gave a whistle,
shook hands with his front end, who helped just a
little.

As briars before, both teams strove to score, and
soon it was clear that the end was quite near.
As often does happen, it came to last rocks, and
our skip for good measure had worn his red socks.
All eyes were upon him, not a sound in the house,
not even a squeak from the club's only mouse
And then, in a twinkling, the time did draw nigh, the
skip set the broom and let out a sigh.

In prayerful repose, pulled the rock with a jerk,
cleaned off the bottom and went straight to work.
With a wink of his eye, and a nod of his head, soon
gave us to know we had nothing to dread.

He drew back the rock, then sprang from the hack,
the stone almost flying, we were taken aback!
It was said as it passed, one could hear pebble
sizzle, like the sound that one hears, of bacon on
the griddle.

The rock reached it's target, with terrifying might, a
quadruple takeout, a spectacular sight!
The game had been won, our opponents undone,
we all gave a cheer, and then drank some beer.
As we left one by one, I looked up to the sky and
just for an instant, saw something streak by.
It was said of that night, as I gazed on that sight ,
t'was no more than a shimmering, flickering light

I beseech each of you, to consider this true, in that
fraction of time, I had seen the sublime
A right jolly old elf, so full of good cheer, and a
miniature sleigh with eight tiny reindeer.
As he flew threw the air with nary a care, I heard him
exclaim, with grandiose flair

"Happy Brier to All, and to all a Good Night!"



Day Men

by Murray Cotton

The Day Men held their first in house bonspiel this season on Nov 16th. It was another successful and enjoyable day. The winning team was the Black Hawks skipped by Bill Worthy, vice Gene Miller, second Brad Patterson and lead Jim Rose. Winner of the very popular corner-to-corner draw, which is a highlight of the event, was Bob Daley. The food was great, thanks to the wonderful breakfast prepared by Mary and Gord Smith and sponsored by Robert J. Reid, and the lunch catered by Jim Lesley and his amazing team of volunteers including Jim Rines, Chuck White, Bill, Duffe, and John Koronyi.

Soon there will be a sign up for the December 14, 2012 Day Men and Day Ladies Fun Bonspiel. Sign up for a fun time.



The Stick Leagues of RKCC

"Once Upon A Time"-----No---Wait !!! . I do believe by starting this way it would indicate we were going to hear a "Fairy Tale". Well, this year stick curling does seem like a wonderful fairy tale. It appears everyone in both the two stick league and the four stick league is having a really fun time and enjoying the social side of stick curling. The schedule has worked out well for the two stick league on Wednesdays and also for the four stick league on Thursdays. Once again, we wish to thank the day ladies and day men for making this possible.

The other part of this fairy tale is that no one has had any serious accident on the ice this year and we're sure part of it has to do with all the new grippers on shoes. In keeping with the thought about new grippers we offer a suggestion to help reduce the "slip" that sometimes occurs even with grippers on both feet. When delivering a rock, we usually walk out a predetermined number of paces and when we let go of the rock, we then put on the

brakes with one foot, usually the last one in the stepping sequence. On occasion this last step is slightly longer than all the rest and will create more of an angle on the heel of the braking foot. All of a sudden the sharp end of the heel is touching the ice first and at that point of the gripper, the rubber is very firm and when pushed onto the ice, will create a slip action that could put a player down very quickly. Our suggestion is to make sure all your steps are of equal length, including the last one and if at all possible, just keep walking a few more paces and slow down to a stop with a controlled pace. Once you have let go of the rock, it doesn't matter if you cross the hog line, so don't worry about that. As well, please check your grippers to make sure they are doing the job and if not, make sure to stop in at the pro shop and get yourself some new ones.

Our Christmas Fun Day is coming up really quickly and signup sheets are posted for you to enter your name. The date this year is Friday December 7th. Further information about the day will be posted on the signup sheet which will be in the main hall by the door again this year.

Another coming event which all or most of you will be fully aware of it the 2013 Scotties being held at the K-Rock Centre in downtown Kingston from February 16th until February 24th. A lot of you will be volunteers but don't forget that you can guarantee a seat by buying tickets to the event and there are many specials out now with the new ticket packages.

Getting back to the fun and games of stick curling, we now bring you the standings in the leagues up to and including Thursday November 29, 2012. The shocking news this year is that Russ Brown is not at the top of both the four and two stick leagues. He is however at the top of the 4 stick standings. Now, here is the Fairy Tale Part of this report. There is a princess at the top of the standings in two stick league. Claire Petkow is in first place in the 2 stick league with the princely Bill Worthy tied with her and in the 4 stick league, Russ Brown heads up the standings. It's a tight race in the 4 stick league with the top 4 teams within three points of first place. The 2 stick league is so close that a paper thin draw past a top 12 guard could not describe how close the teams are. The top ten teams are within 6 points of the lead. Its great competition and it seems the caliber of play from year to year just gets better as we go. "" Grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrate Stuff ""

A novel approach this year in the 4 stick league is the changing up of positions every week by one of our teams so that each player gets to experience what it's like to play at each spot for a whole game. This gives all team players a sense of what it's like to skip a team and see just how it feels to be making the tough last shots of an end. For those of you wondering if this is within the rules of curling, yes it is. You must finish the game with the players in the positions they started the game. Over the years we are very pleased with the growth of our stick league in numbers of players. We know some who played stick last year had to make a choice because of some conflicts with other leagues but our numbers are strong and we expect to see more growth over the next few years. Currently we have 26 two stick teams and 8 four stick teams.

We are hopeful of having ice time available next year to allow us to get up to 36 two stick teams and 12 four stick teams. We are hopeful of moving forward with even numbers of teams next year so as to avoid having any teams deal with a bye week.

Now, here is another suggestion for all you slider curlers who are still at it and having difficulty getting down, getting up, maintaining your balance in the slide, hitting the broom and just plain and simple, dealing with sore knees and hips every time you come out to play.

"News Flash" Relief for sore knees or hip and bad backs, Pick up or borrow a stick and come on out and let us give you some lessons with it and see how much fun it really is to curl using a delivery stick from a standing, walking position. You might be amazed and pleased.

Please say thanks to our sponsors by visiting them at the Landings Golf Club during the season and Bob's Butcher Shop, just across the street in the Reddendale Mall.

That's it for this edition of the Sweep from the stick curling gang at the Royal Kingston Curling Club. Don't forget, have fun, stay safe and good curling. Your stick curling Santa says: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.



OCA Report

by April Welsh

Congratulations to Mike Schneider, Greg Ruse, Michael Braun and Bob Helliar for winning the "A" side of the Master Men's zone competition held at Cataraqi Nov. 24 & 25.

Our competitive curlers will have a busy December. The Schneider team joins Betty Bush, Joanne Miller, Joanne Manion and Joan Doucet in Stirling for the Master Men/Women regional competitions on Dec. 8 – 9.

Two teams will be competing in the Senior Men's zone competition at Cataraqi on Dec. 14 – 16: Tim Aldridge's team of John MacMillan, Chris Nichol, Joe Murphy; and Phil Tomsett's team of Randy Neal, Rob Campbell, and Henry Treier. Good curling to all our representatives!

RKCC will be hosting the Men's tankard zones on Dec. 8 – 9. There will be 8 teams competing: Minty (Cataraqi); Balsdon, Bryson, Clark (Loonie Club); Dickson (Napanee); Rowe (Land O'Lakes); Murray, Collyer (Quinte). This is the initial step to reaching the Men's provincials. We anticipate some great curling, so come out and be entertained/inspired.

Nova Scotia curling news: Ex-RKCC member Peter Andersen, who is attending Dalhousie University, is playing in the N.S. Junior Provincials. He plays lead for the Colten Steele rink out of the Dartmouth CC. The N.S. provincials will be played in Chester, Dec. 27-31.

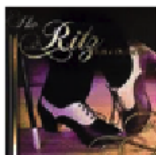


Bonspiel Reports



Annual Ladies Open Bonspiel

Puttin' on the Ritz



Saturday November 17th, 2012

Pauline Herron and her flight team members, Suzanne Herron, Sandy Edwards, Glenda Bauder convened our Annual Bonspiel on November 17th.

Howard Herron & Ed Bauder were the draw masters, Rod Little, Kaitlyne & Jarryd Herron, Sandy McIvor, Carol Notman, and Jim Rines were our helpers, and the prime rib dinner was organized by George Gratton, and his committee – Diane Gratton, Gene Miller, Keith Forrest and Bruce Bodley.

Twenty Teams competed in the two game, eight ends, points format. The curlers enjoyed a wonderful prime rib dinner with all the trimmings.

A parade of the "GLITZIEST" teams took place and the ladies went all out with their attire, making it difficult to judge the Glitziest. Derek & Marg Shaw, performed a dance medley followed with a lesson on doing the Meringue, my what a performance.

We had 2 teams with identical points for Bonspiel Winners and decided to declare them both winners.

Bonspiel Winners

Lin Jenkins- Skip
Monique MacKenzie- Vice
Mary Buchanan- second
Lynda Therien-lead

Carole Rivington- Skip
Teresa Gibson- Vice
April Welsh- second
Gail Irving- lead

One Game High Winner

Betty Bush-Skip
Joanne Miller- Vice
Joanne Gizzi- second
Joan Doucet- lead

Submitted by Glenda Bauder
Committee Member



Santa's Elves Arrived!

On Saturday, November 3rd the Evening Ladies hosted an InClub Rated Bonspiel. This was a fun day of curling where Club curlers dressed as Santa's elves got their taste of a bonspiel format and we were so happy to have eleven of our new members participating.

A hearty breakfast and lunch, two curling games, Christmas quizzes and prizes for all rounded out a successful day.

Congratulations to Judy Russell and her team of Mary Andrews, Charla Gray and Monica Kirk who performed brilliantly.

It is anticipated that our next InClub Bonspiel in March will fill up quickly and co-convenors Linda Lott and Betty Bush look forward to another day of fellowship and laughs.

Upcoming Events



Calendar of Events December 2012

Date	Event
Sat, Dec 8 & Sun, Dec 9	OCA Men's Tankard
Fri, Dec 21	Mixed Christmas Party
Tue, Dec 27	Family Fun Day
January 2013	
Sat, Jan 12 & Sun, Jan 13	OCA Bantam Zones
Sat, Jan 19	Ducks Unlimited
Thu, Jan 24 to Sat, Jan 26	Whig Standard Bonspiel
Wed, Jan 30	DL Rated Bonspiel

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