



The Sweep

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A word from your President...

February brings with it the excitement of Kingston hosting the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Your Board of Directors made a decision early in the season to suspend curling at RKCC during the week of February 17 - 23 to allow our members time to take in a game. If planning to attend, try and encourage a friend or co-worker, who isn't a curler, to introduce them to this great game. It is an excellent opportunity to watch Canada's best women curlers in a great venue. We have approximately 110 volunteers working at the Scotties in various capacities.

We just concluded another successful Whig Standard Bonspiel. This year marked its 80th year. The bonspiel was full again with 64 teams participating. Many thanks to conveyor, George Gratton, the host of volunteers and our club staff for a great weekend.

January 20th we hosted the Cool Shots competition with teams from Napanee and Kingston vying for an opportunity to play in the Heart Stop Lounge February 16, 2013. Three RKCC teams will be representing us. The table will now reside permanently at the Club, so take a few minutes over the coming months to enjoy a game or two.

Respectfully yours,

Henry Treier

Canadian Women's Curling Championship

Kingston, ON

K-Rock Centre

February 16 - 24, 2013



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Articles / submissions to the **The Sweep** are accepted from all members. Submit to Carole Rivington at carolenr62@cogeco.ca by **Sun, February 24th** to be included in the **March** edition.

Thank You!

Committee Reports

Marketing &

Linda Lott, Chair



The marketing committee would like to remind all curlers to patronize our wall and ice sponsors. We generate approximately \$24,000.00 through their sponsorship. The best way to show our appreciation is to use their services or to recommend them to others.

As we approach the Scotties and the buzz begins at your place of work, on outings with friends or at other gatherings, please encourage people to give curling a try. Studies have shown that if you can get someone in the door and on the ice they will become a member. Curling perhaps more than any other sport does require a "buddy" to encourage participation. So please take any opportunity that presents its self to sell our Sunday "Learn to curl" program and our club!

Thanks

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Social Committee

Joanne Gizzi, Chair

Saturday, March 16thGreen is the theme for the 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Dance. Invite your friends and family to enjoy an evening of great music. Party starts at 8pm with Steve Cheesman and The Heeters. This was a very popular event last year, so get your tickets early. Tickets on sale at the RKCC bar.

St. Patrick's DANCE

March 16, 2013 8:00pm

Band: Steve Cheesman and The Heeters

Royal Kingston Curling Club
130 Days Rd. Kingston

\$15.00
PER PERSON

Tickets are available at the bar.

Contact Graham Weatherby at 613-546-2243 for more information

Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Marilyn Bellringer

Day Ladies Section has 2 new members:- Sunny Kim and Nancy Wilkie.

Welcome all of you to RKCC.

The 2nd Draw Trophy winners were Denise Mulville – Skip, Philippa Fugler – Vice, Wendy Curtis – 2nd and Claire Petkow – Lead (Tuesday Draw winners). Runner up team was Lin Jenkins – Skip, Anne Berry – Vice, Martha Forkes – 2nd, and Marge Craig – Lead (Thursday Draw winners). Congratulations to the Mulville Team.

Skip's Meeting for 4th Draw (FanSet) will be held Tues., Feb. 5th at 10:00 a.m. Draw #4 will consist of 5 games commencing Tuesday, February 26th and Thursday 28th, 2013. This draw was shortened

because of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts being held in Kingston and there will be no league curling during the week of this event.

2013 Scotties Tournament of Hearts – Kingston – February 16th to February 24th.

YOU GOTTA BE THERE.

DL Spring Mini Spiel is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th, 2013 so mark your calendar now. This is the last fun event for this curling season.

The 41st Grandmothers & Great Aunts Bonspiel "Showtime in Vegas!" will be Wednesday, March 27th, 2013. Conveners are Claire Dominik and Marilyn Bellringer. Flyers have been sent out to other Clubs and as this is an invitational event, teams from other Clubs will have priority. However, we will need some entries from RKCC and would ask you to sign up your team (sheet will appear in locker room) if you are interested. As usual, the committee from the previous year will get a spot in the Bonspiel with additional teams, as required, chosen by lottery. If you wish to volunteer to help with this event, please contact either of the Conveners. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet on the Day Ladies Board for those who wish to donate breakfast items.

GOOD CURLING – Final Draw Coming Soon.



Evening Ladies

by Denise Mulville

Congratulations to the winners of our second draw of Club. First event went to Bev Townsend's team of Cheryl Harvey, Debby King and Marzena Zakezewski. Runner's up for first event were Georgie O'Shaughnessy, Liz Brown, Karen Orgee and Tensia Cannon. Our second event winning team was Lynn Witheridge, Joanne Gizzi, Gail Beck and Maria Kirby and our third event winners were Judy Russell (April Welsh sparing), Marianne Farrell, Mary Andrews and Gay Chamberlain.

Our third draw started on January 9th with 18 teams participating and the playoff games will be played on February 13th. Good luck to all the teams.

Our first round robin in flight finished at the beginning of December with Carole Rivington's team of Teresa Gibson, April Welsh and Gail Irving finishing in the top spot. We are well into our second round robin so good curling to all teams.

We, of course will be taking the week off of the Scotties. I hope everyone gets a chance to take in some good curling down at the K-ROCK Centre.



OCA Report by April Welsh

Competitive curling is winding down for the season, but a brief recap will fill you in on RKCC's competitive diary since the last Sweep was published.

Master's Regionals in Stirling, Dec. 8 & 9: The Betty Bush team of Joanne Miller, Joanne Manion, Joan Doucet and the Mike Schneider team of Greg Ruse, Michael Braun and Bob Helliard had a good run but failed to advance.

Senior Men's zones at Cataraqui, Dec. 14-16: The teams of Tim Aldridge, John MacMillan, Chris Nichol, Joe Murphy, and Phil Tomsett, Randy Neal, Rob Campbell, Henry Treier also had a good run but did not advance to regionals.

RKCC has hosted 2 of its 3 competitions this year. Ron Cameron officiated at the Dominion Men's Tankard Dec. 8 & 9. The 8 teams showed us some pretty impressive curling. The "A" side was won by Greg Balsdon (Loonie Club) and the "B" by Bryce Rowe of Land O'Lakes (Tweed). Neither advanced to the provincials. Many thanks to George and Diane Gratton, and Brian Collingwood for putting on the food for Saturday.

Kevan Welch officiated at the Bantam Boy's zones, Jan. 12 & 13. 6 teams participated in the zones. The "A" side was won by the Brady Lumley team from Quinte, and the "B" side by Paul Martin of Garrison. Thanks to Brian Collingwood for being on kitchen duty.

Our last hosting will be the Men's and Women's Double Rink Tankard, March 9 & 10.

The Registration deadline is February 15. This is a fun format – you sign up as a 2-rink team and the

scores of your respective games are added to determine the team's total score.

Gananoque is hosting the Tim Horton's Timbits Provincial Championship for elementary school aged children, April 4-7. "This is a great opportunity for students to participate in a fun, yet competitive environment!!!" Entry deadline is February 22.

The Junior Mixed team of Robbie Meyers, Shannon Maxwell, Dylan Welch and Jenny Brown will be competing in the zone competition in Picton on February 22-24.

Good curling team!



Stick League News

Time To Consider Stick Curling I Think !!!



Guess what, the season is moving along very quickly and that probably means we are all having lots of fun in both the two person and four person stick leagues. By the time you get to read this we will only have about two more games left to play in the regular two stick season and about 5 games in the 4 stick season. Also, while you're reading this many of us will be getting ready or already will be working as volunteers at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts at the K-Rock Centre in downtown Kingston. It's been a long wait but very worthwhile and no doubt the excitement has grown with the wait. The week will be highly charged with lots of world class curling and lots of great entertainment at the Heart Stop Lounge at the Kingston Community Centre. The entertainment at the Heart Stop Lounge is world class too so don't miss out on any of it.

Another miracle on ice took place on January 9th 2013 when the two stick team of Sally Stewart and

Gail Beausoleil carved out a 6 ender in their game. No doubt Sally was calling the right shots and Gail was able to throw the six counters that put the end and probably the game on ice, so to speak. Great stuff girls, we're looking for another one sometime soon. We believe this is our second 6 ender since the stick league started about 4 years ago or so. The last one before this was put up by the team of Jan Ray and Carole Knowles. Pretty soon we will need a wall of fame for the names.

Our Christmas fun day went very well again this year with a great turn out and a really good meal for all to enjoy while the prizes were being handed out. The eventual winners, while not taking away the big big bucks like they do in top level spiels, were Jane Leduc Potter Howard Herron and George Hutson. Their 4th player as we understand it was "Harvey" the big white rabbit and we understand she made some fabulous shots.... Grrrrrrrrrrrate Stuff.

Coming up very soon at the club will be the annual Marvin Valensky Memorial Kidney Foundation Stick Spiel. This event is comprised of two 6 end games with two draws and includes a fabulous roast beef dinner and wonderful prizes and some silent auctions. The date for this year's event is Saturday March 2, 2013 and entry forms can be had by calling Ann Labrash at 613-542-2121 or by emailing alabrash@kidney.on.ca You can either put a team in or sign up as one and you should be placed on a team. You don't have to be a stick curler but all players will have to use a stick to deliver the rock.

Now, on to the really important stuff you have all been waiting for....."standings"

As of January 24th 2013 we still have a dance at the top of the 2 Stick league with Bill Worthy and Claire Petkow keeping pace with one another, while Linda Bell, Barry Elvidge, Gene Miller and Russ Brown are hot on their heels in an effort to climb to the top spot. In the 4 Stick league we have a streak going on with the team of Dan O'Neil on a 5 game winning rampage and are now considered a threat to grab a playoff spot among the top 6 teams. Russ Brown is still clinging on to the top spot by his finger nails with Jan Ray ready to pounce once he lets go. With five games left, anything can happen before playoffs.

Speaking of playoffs, the 2 Stick playoffs commence on March 13th. The 4 Stick playoffs commence on March 21st. There will be 12 teams on the 2 Stick playoffs and 6 teams in the 4 Stick playoffs.

Playoff guide lines are being sent out to all stick curlers who are web connected and for those who are not web connected, the information will be placed on the bulletin board for all to see.

The Championship games for both leagues will be held on April 10th. The 2 Stick championship game will start things off at 9am followed by a 15 minute break before the 4 Stick championship game begins.

The awards and prizes will begin shortly after the 4 Stick championship game with lunch immediately after the awards and the event will end at approximately 2pm.

We believe both our Stick League Sponsors will be here to present the championship trophies.

Sponsor of our 2 Stick League is The Landings Golf Centre at the airport and our sponsor for the 4 stick league is Bob's Butcher Shop from Reddendale Mall.

It's been a busy season so far and it looks to be even busier for the next two months.

In closing, don't forget to pick up your tickets for "The Scotties Tournament of Hearts."

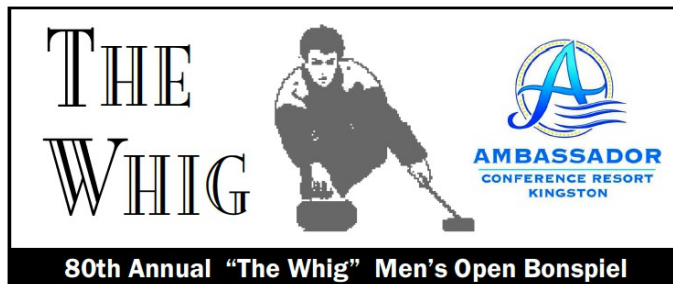
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Bonspiel Reports



Royal Kingston Curling Club 130 Days Road, Kingston, ON

Thurs, Fri, & Sat - January 24, 25, and 26, 2013

The 80th annual Whig Standard Bonspiel is in the books! Another full house of 64 teams enjoying curling and fellowship at arguably one of the finest facilities in Ontario.

As usual there was a good mix of teams from out of town (31), out of club (11) and from RKCC (22).

As has been the case in the past, this years curlers praised the excellent ice conditions at RKCC and were more than pleased with the quality and quantity of the meals.

Such a bonspiel is run on the back of able and willing volunteers, many of whom don't have to be asked to help; they just come and ask if there is anyway they can help.

The Saturday night finals were well played and the final in the 1st event, which saw Jon Beuk's Queen's team edge RKCC's Chris Barkley's team was a nail biter.

Thanks to all who participated and most especially to the hard working volunteers: Andy Gill, Art Slack, Bill Duffe, Bill Racz, Bob Armstrong, Bob Mitchell, Brian Collingwood, Bruce Bodley, Christy Gilmour, Chuck White, Dan O'Neill, Debbie See, Don Hutchinson, Ed Bauder, Eden Jefferies, Emil Lindt, Garry Dupuis, George Gratton, Glenn Owen, Guy Lajoie, Gwen Mitchell, Jim Rines, John Berry, Kathy Brown, Ken Hutchings, Lee Thompson, Linda Lott, Linda O'Sullivan, Lynda Therien, Louis Guimont, Marg Hutchinson, Martha Forkes, Nora Taylor, Norma Burns, Paul Hannah, Roger Chown, Sandy

Edwards, Shirley Russell, Steve Miller, Sylvia Wright, Valerie Moore, Wayne Gilmour.

Scorers: Dave Kerr, Roger Taylor, Al Jarmin, Guy Lajoie, Jim Lesley, Phil Neatby

WOW!

George Gratton – Convenor

Upcoming Events

 **Calendar of Events February 2013**

Date	Event
Sat, Feb 6	KCA Bonspiel
Fri, Feb 8 & Sat, Feb 9	Empire Life Bonspiel
Thu, Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Fri, Feb 15	DL/DM Fun Bonspiel
Sat, Feb 16 to Sun, Feb 24	Scotties Tournament of Hearts
March 2013	
Fri, Mar 1	Insurance Adjusters
Sat, Mar 2	Kidney Foundation Stick Spiel
Wed, Mar 6	DL Spring Mini Spiel
Sat, Mar 9 & Sun, Mar 10	OCA Men & Women Tankard
Fri, Mar 15	Day Men's In-House Spiel
Sat, Mar 16 (HB2me)	St. Patrick's Dance Eastern Ontario Junior League
Fri, Mar 22	Super Senior's Bonspiel
Sat, Mar 23	Evening Ladies Rated Bonspiel
Wed, Mar 27	Grandmothers & Great Aunts Bonspiel
Fri, Mar 29	Good Friday



MEDIEVAL TIMES
At THE 55TH EMPIRE LIFE MIXED BONSPIEL
 Fri. & Sat., Feb. 8 & 9, 2013
 Royal Kingston Curling Club
 130 Day's Road

NEW **REVISED FORMAT**

Entry Fee: \$260 inc. HST
 24 Teams max.
 3-Game Points Bonspiel
 OCA CD/Pool Rules Apply

Dinner both days
 Brunch, Munchies, Music
 & Dancing Saturday

"A" Draw "B" Draw
 Fri: 5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
 Sat: 9:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
 Sat: 1:30 p.m. 3:45 p.m.

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



2013 Golf Tournament

February already !!! Well, thank goodness. Soon the Scotties curling championship will be behind us and the golf season will be appearing on the horizon.

The 9th annual RKCC golf tournament is scheduled for the Glen Lawrence golf course on Thursday, June 13th. Please mark your calendars now for this important summer social event. We will have our famous excellent dinner at the curling club following golf. Last year all groups were asked to play a scramble format and it successfully resulted in an earlier finish. It also resulted in everyone having an equal chance for a prize.

The preliminary sign up sheet will be posted soon. Last year we had 133 participants and can accommodate 144. Let's see if we can achieve a full-field turnout this year.

Steve Quinn