



The Sweep

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A word from your President...

I would like to start by thanking the many fellow volunteers for helping to make the Scotties Tournament of Hearts a success. It was great to see so many of you volunteering and taking in the curling.

The efforts of our volunteers will also bring financial benefit to the Royal Kingston Curling Club. We, along with the other four area curling clubs, are part of the Greater Kingston Area Curling Association and will share proceeds of the 50/50 and net gate sales. Numbers will be confirmed over the coming weeks. Take the opportunity to build on the positive momentum the Scotties created in Kingston to talk up the game to encourage potential new curlers to try it out.

You may have noticed that our new dehumidifier has been installed. An opportunity presented itself with the downtime during the week of the Scotties. It appears to be working well and we look forward to the efficiencies both cost and curling wise.

The Board is busy working on next year's budget and should have it completed by the end of March.

Please take the time to read the Members at Large Report by Jim Barton, where he provides an update regarding our proposed land purchase from Recreations Canada, which has recently made the front page of the Whig Standard.

As we are entering the final draw of our curling season, I would like to wish everyone good curling and good health.

Respectfully yours,

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 **Sun, March 31st** to be included in the **April** edition.

Thank You!

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

John Ryce, Chair



Your Finance Committee has been busy working on the 2013/14 budget. I would like to stress that we are in pretty good financial shape but we are still falling short of reaching our annual budget targets. There is not much we can do about rising costs but there is something that can be done to generate more revenue.

We really need to increase our membership and make better use of our club which also brings in additional dollars. After a very successful Scotties it should be easier than ever to talk to a friend, neighbor or family member about trying out the sport of curling and joining our club.

Having a birthday party, anniversary or office function? Why not talk to Graham about the use of our bar and lounge area.

If everyone did a little more we can make sure that we reach and exceed our annual targets.

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.

Thanks and enjoy the rest of the season,

John Ryce

Thanks

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Member-At-Large Report

Jim Barton, Chair

An updated version of the RKCC Curler's Handbook has been approved by the Board and can be found in the Member section of our Website under the Tab: Curler's Handbook. We hope that you will find the information in the updated Handbook to be useful to you and would ask that you mention to your member friends that the Handbook is now available in updated form.

For more than two years RKCC has been pursuing the purchase of a 10 metre strip of land along the North side of our property from Corrections Services Canada (CSC) and we have updated members, through SWEEP and Annual Meeting reports, on the status of our application on a number of occasions during that period. The purpose for seeking to purchase this land is to enable expansion of the Club to 8 sheets of ice in future, when, and if, our membership numbers warrant such an expansion, and also to provide better access completely around the building for maintenance, security and emergency services. After a lengthy process through a number of branches of the Federal Government, the last step in the CSC process for gaining approval for the potential sale of the property was to advertise their intentions in the Whig Standard and request any questions or objections be addressed to a CSC representative. As you will know from reports in the Whig Standard, there have apparently been some questions and objections raised. CSC has not publicly disclosed who the potential purchaser is and have apparently stated that they are precluded from doing so until the sale is completed. We await further word from CSC.

Notice of Motion for the April 7, 2013 Annual General Meeting of RKCC

At the December 2012 meeting, the RKCC Board approved a motion to create two new Committees, to replace the current Marketing Committee as follows: one dedicated to Advertising, Sponsorships and Fundraising and a second dedicated to Membership Recruitment and Retention. The objective in these committee changes is to give a much higher focus to the Membership Recruitment

and Retention work that is critical to maintaining our fees at reasonable rates. A recent study of our fee structure concluded that our fees are competitive within the Ontario Curling community, however, we have the capacity for additional members and attracting and retaining those new members should be our strategy for keeping our fees in line. The need to make this change was again reinforced at the February Board meeting by the Finance Committee with their counsel that the best way to make our finances work is to add new members and retain them. The Marketing Committee has already made the split into the two recommended committees on an informal basis, so it will be a smooth transition to the formal structure, should the AGM approve this change.

The creation of two new Committees and the elimination of the current Marketing Committee requires an amendment to our By-Laws. The amending formula for our By-Laws is as follows:

Any amendment of the By-laws of the Royal Kingston Curling Club must be passed by the Board of Directors, communicated to the Voting Members at least 30 days prior to the next Annual General Meeting and approved by a majority of the Voting Members present at that meeting.

Since the proposed change has already been approved by the Board, the next step in the process is to communicate the proposed change to our Voting members at least 30 days prior to April 7th, the date set for the next AGM. That is the purpose of this memo.

The necessary changes to our By-Laws to accommodate the creation of the new Committees are all related to Section 7 of the By-Laws (The affected parts of the By-Law are as follows, with the rest of Section 7. remaining unchanged) :

7. DIRECTORS

Final authority for the government and management of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Directors of the Club consisting of **twelve (12)** members of the Royal Kingston Curling Club. Directors shall be eligible for election to three (3) consecutive terms of office. A term of office shall be one (1) year in length.

7.1 Directors

7.1.1. This group shall consist of **twelve (12)** members of the Royal Kingston Curling Club including: the immediate Past President and **eleven (11)** qualified Voting members. These **eleven (11)** Directors will fill the following positions of responsibility: President, Vice-President, Finance Chair, Human Resources and Communications Chair, Secretary, Curling Committee Chair, Operations/Resources Committee Chair, **Membership Committee Chair, Advertising, Sponsorships and Fund Raising Committee Chair, Social Committee Chair, Member at Large.**

7.2 Management Committees

7.2.1 This group shall consist of **nine (9)** committees as follows:

*Finance, Human Resources/Communications, Personnel, Curling, Operations/Resources, **Membership, Advertising, Sponsorships and Fund Raising, Social, and Governance.***

Social Committee

Joanne Gizzi, Chair

Please join us for a "Happy St. Patrick's Dance" on March 16th at 8pm featuring Steve Cheesman and The Heeters!

Invite your friends and family, everyone welcome!

Tickets are \$15.00 per person and available at the bar or at the door.



Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Marilyn Bellringer

Draw #4 Fanset Trophy is underway and will end Thursday, March 28th. Playoff date between Tuesday and Thursday winners is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd. If a tie-breaker game is required, it will be played on Monday, April 1st, time to be determined.

The 3rd Draw Roantree Trophy was won by Ella Brisson, and her team of Denise Mulville, Sue McConnell and Cathy Warwick. They defeated Joan Doucet's team of Teresa Wilson, Trisha Beckett and Cathy Warwick (sparing for Cathy was Claire Petkow). Congratulations. Ella's team will advance to Carrie Cole Playdowns.

The In-Club Rated Spiel held on January 30th was convened by last year's winning team of Denise Mulville, Mary Smith and Cathy Warwick along with other helpers, Judy Sly, Joanne Gizzi and Celine Garneau. This year's winner was Joan Doucet's team of Mary Buchanan, Teresa Wilson and Celine Garneau/Cathy Warwick who will organize this Bonspiel next season. Well done, thanks to all.

By the time you read this article, our Spring Mini Spiel may be over, however, I am aware that our Fun Day Convenors, Philippa Fugler and Sue McConnell worked very hard to make this event a success. A big Thank You to Philippa and Sue.

Grandmother's & Great Aunts Bonspiel (Showtime in Vegas) is coming soon. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the Bulletin Board for teams to sign up and be chosen by lottery depending on the number of teams required. We will also have a sign-up sheet for those who are always eager to help by donation breakfast items.

The first game of Carrie Cole Playdowns is Wednesday, April 3rd at 9:30 a.m. followed by Pizza Lunch (a small charge to you). Please look for sign-up sheet so we know how much pizza to order. The Spring Annual Meeting is also Wed. April 3rd, after lunch at 1:00 p.m. Please attend to support your favorite team and stay for Lunch and the Meeting.



Evening Ladies

by Denise Mulville

Congratulations to the winners of our third draw of Club. First event went to Judy Russell's team of Karen Orgee, Lisa Mulville and Mary Jean Short. Runner's up for first event were Fran Cooney, Lois McArthur, Gillian Turnbull and Sally Stewart. Our second event winning team was Carole Rivington, Trish Beckett, Michelle Greene and Marzena Zakezewski and our third event winners were Georgie O'Shaughnessy, Katie Mountjoy, Bonnie Arlt and Mary Pollard.

Our fourth draw, which is a four-week draw followed by playoffs on April 3rd, started on February 27th with 18 teams participating. Good luck to all the teams.

Our second round robin for flight will wrap up on March 4th and then the teams will be divided into A1/B1 and A2/B2 pools and we will play a round robin within these pools. Sudden death playoffs will follow.

On March 23, Betty Bush is running another in-rated bonspiel with Camp Counsellor as the theme. I look forward to a fun day with all our Ladies dressed in their best Counsellor Costumes!

The Scotties was a successful week and it was great seeing all our volunteers from RKCC working hard and also watching and cheering on the curlers.



Mixed Curling

by Lorne Carmichael

The Scotties! - what a week! How inspiring it was to see our game played with such power, precision and fearless imagination. Rachel Homan and her team might just turn out to be the freshest thing to happen in curling since the free guard zone.

The challenge now, of course, is to fight off the disappointment as we see our own shots head down the ice.

No matter – the playoffs are approaching and many of us will have our chance for greatness. This year, as in the past, there will be a playoff round for the A and B divisions only. The Friday recreational league and the Sunday recreational league will continue their round robins until the end of the season.

For teams in the A and B divisions the **most important announcement** is that there will be an evening of playoff curling for A and B leagues on **Saturday March 23**. The other playoff nights will be Friday March 15, Friday March 22, and Friday April 12. Mark these dates – it is always difficult to arrange other times during this part of the season.

Our plan is to run the A and B playoffs in a bonspiel format with three games guaranteed. However, there are 14 teams in each of the A and B divisions and with six sheets of ice this presents a challenge. So this is how it will work.

1. At the end of the regular season, the top two teams in B division will move up to A, where they will be seeded numbers 13 and 14. The bottom two teams in A will move down to B where they will be seeded 1 and 2.
2. The top two seeds (as newly defined) in each division will get a bye into the second round of the playoffs. They will not play on March 15, and will have their first game on March 22. Every other team will play March 15.
3. Play will continue according to a standard draw sheet that will be available on the website and posted at the club.
4. In A league, on the final day of play (April 12) the finals of 2nd through 7th events will be played. The finals of A league first event (i.e. the A league mixed championship) will be played, as usual on Championship Night, April 19.
5. In B league, we will not have enough ice to play all seven events on the final night. By this time there will be at least three teams with no wins and two losses. The mixed committee will assign two of these teams to seventh event based on their standing in the round robin. These teams are welcome to play their last game at any time they can find the ice, or they may choose to get an early start on their gardening. The other

twelve teams will play in the finals of events one through six on April 12.

Don't forget the final mixed dinner is on April 20.



Junior Curling

by Dave Wolovick

I would like to take a moment to congratulate our Junior Stars who participated in this year's Scotties Tournament of Hearts at the K-Rock Centre. They were great ambassadors of the Club and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and the privilege to meet some of the best curlers in the world.

Many thanks to the organizers of this great event for involving the Junior curlers. In the next sweep we should have an idea of how much was raised to support local Junior curling by the 50/50 draws at the Scotties event.

It was very rewarding to witness our Junior Curlers representing our Club so well.

Time To Consider Stick Curling I Think !!!



Stick League News

So, here we are, March already and we're into our playoff season. The two person playoffs start first followed by the 4 person playoffs a couple of weeks later. This year the top twelve teams in two stick will be in a one game knock out starting March 13 and finishing April 10th with the final game along with lunch and trophy presentations. Ties in the top twelve standings were broken by the flip a coin to see who fits where. Sheets of play for the first two stick games have already been decided for the twelve teams based on seeding {*placement of the team finish on the standings report.*} The four stick

team playoffs will also be seeded by finish and the top six teams will play on sheets three, four and five with locations to be determined by seeding also. The four stick playoffs will also be a one game knock out format. There will be first, second and third place positions determined from the play offs for two stick and first and second only in the 4 stick. The 4 stick final game will also be on April 10th along with trophy presentations. Representatives from our sponsors, The Landings Golf Club and Bob's Butcher Shop will be here for the trophy and prize presentations. Details for the playoff formats and dates are posted on the bulletin board. Speaking of the 4 person playoffs, we have a nail biter shaping up for the last four spots on the playoff list. The top two teams at the moment are pretty much in for sure but there are still lots of possibilities for movement into and out of the top 6 over the final games of the year.

The top 12 teams in 2 person stick league after seeding and coin flips to break ties in order from 1 to 12 are, Claire Petkow, Bill Worthy, Barry Elvidge, Linda Bell, Jan Ray, Russ Brown, Gene Miller, Mary Patterson, Ed Bauder, Brenda Charette, Ken Burns, Don Pringle. Congratulations on a season well played. Good luck in the playoffs. Don't forget, fun and fellowship are our key ingredients.

And now to the The Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Kingston. What an exciting week it was with exceptional curling to watch both in person at the arena or at home on TV. The billing of World Class was right on the money and some of the shots we got to see certainly were a one in a life time for sure. With about 402 registered volunteers helping out it was nice to see lots of stick curlers from Royal Kingston doing their bit to help make the 2013 version of the Scotties a resounding success. You guys Rock just like the lady curlers when it comes to volunteering. Grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrate Job.

The "Marvin Valensky Memorial Kidney Foundation Stick Spiel" took place on March 2nd at RKCC and looked to be a great success once again. There were lots of "slider" people holding sticks and doing a pretty good job of it too. The event runs every March and is comprised of two 6 end games followed by a cross corner challenge to put the rock closest to the button. The meal as usual was scrumptious. We think several of the so called, "slider people" were practicing for their future style. Actually, a good plan to keep people in the game should body parts weaken or become too sore for

the slider style. The important things about this spiel are paramount and that is getting financial support for the Kidney Foundation of Kingston and having lots of laughs and meeting new faces. Based on those things, the event was a smashing success for all.

Best of luck to all of you in the stick league playoffs. Have fun, keep smiling and stay safe.



OCA News
by April Welsh

Our last hosting event will be the Double Tankard competitions on March 9, starting at 9 a.m. There are 3 entries on the women's side, 4 on the men's. RKCC has 2 entries in the Women's division. Good curling to the double teams of Linda Lott, Janine Dunk, Nancy Gray, Anneli Jokela and Joanne Miller, Joanne Manion, Judy Russell, Gail Irving AND Denise Mulville, Judy Sly, Joanne Gizzi, Martha Tanner and Heather McMillan, Joelle Boulanger, Lynn Witheridge, Katie Mountjoy. The winners will proceed to the Regionals in Stirling on April 6. Win there? Provincials on April 7 at Annandale.

Were you impressed and inspired by the curling at the Scotties??

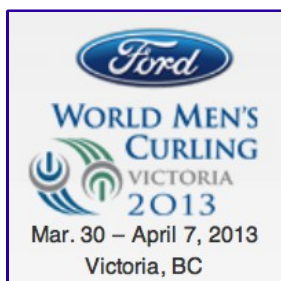
The OCA is putting on three Competition Coach courses (formerly Level 2) in March.

<http://www.ontcurl.com/courses/coaching.aspx>.

While the courses are geared to teaching coaching skills, there is instruction on strategy, delivery, brushing, practice planning etc. If you volunteer at RKCC after taking the course RKCC will reimburse some or all of the course fee – please speak to our Manager Graham before signing up. Judy Russell and Katie Mountjoy have taken the course if you have any content questions.

Course locations: Highland Country Club in London: March 16 & 17, Manotick Curling Centre in Ottawa: March 16 & 17, Annandale Country Club in Ajax, March 23 & 24.

We continue to follow ex-member Peter Andersen's curling successes. He will be competing in the CIS/CCA University Curling Championships being held in Kamloops March 20-24. He is with the Dalhousie Tigers.



Bonspiel Reports

MEDIEVAL TIMES At THE 55th EMPIRE LIFE MIXED BONSPIEL

The 55th Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel was held on February 9 and 10. A change in format this year to a two-day points spiel enabled us to fill the spiel with 24 teams. It is amazing that despite the fact that the blizzard of 2013 was howling outside, all Friday night games went ahead as planned, with the help of a few spares. THANK YOU CURLERS!!

Medieval decorations and costumes, libations and great food made for a festive weekend. The Kings Town Tenors provided a wonderful selection of listening and dancing music.

Many thanks go to our volunteers who made the spiel such a success.

Decorations: Donna Poirier, Celine Garneau, Pam Carr-Taylor, Shirley Kwakkenbos, Fran & Charlie Cooney, Nancy Gray.

Kitchen: Brian Collingwood, April Welsh, Mary & Garry Dupuis, Doug & Diane Huddle, Sandy Edwards, Sheila & Justin McHenry, Sandy & Ian Duncan, Bob Connor, Dwight Farrell, Johanne Touchette, Claire Dominik.

Draw Master: David Poirier

Program: Celia Russell

Registration: Donna Jeffery

Flyer Distribution: Deanne Clark

Congratulations to the winning team of Shawn Suenaga, Teresa Gibson, Edward Gibson and Nancy Suenaga, from RKCC.



Photo by Francois De Gaspé Lemire

Tied in points but ranked 2nd due to one less end, Lauren Horton, Colton Daly, Rebecca Wichers-Schreur and Isaac Stubbs from Almonte.

3rd - 3 game winner: Earl Smith, Mary Smith, Gord Smith, Dianne Smith from Oakwood/RKCC.

4th place: Carole Rivington, Pierre Vanderhout, Debby King and Francois De Gaspé Lemire

5th place: Denis Faubert, Amy Chigede, Gord Greer, Kathleen Poole

6th place: Dave Spence, Celia Russell, Wayne Gilmour, Christy Gilmour

High 1 game: Bill Judd, Donna Poirier, Chris Nichol, Colleen Emmerson

High 0 game: Regan Reshke, Cally Warwick, Tim Hocban, Claire Tremblay

The Committee: Brian Collingwood, Donna & Dave Poirier, April Welsh



Upcoming Events



Royal Kingston Curling Club

Grandmothers and Great Aunts Bonspiel 2013

Showtime in Vegas!

(bring along your best act if you wish)

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Entry Fee: \$180.00

(Entry fee includes light breakfast, lunch, dinner and Cash Prizes)

Points Bonspiel:

One 8-end game, one 6-end game

More Information:

Claire Dominik (613)389-4336

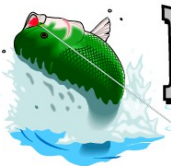
Marilyn Bellringer (613)353-1354

Please send your entry form and cheque by: 28 February, 2013
(please write "Grandmother's 2013" in your cheque's memo area)



Calendar of Events March 2013

Date	Event
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
Wed, Mar 13	EL Club Bring a Friend
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
April 2013	
Mon, Apr 1	Easter Monday
Wed, Apr 3	DL Lunch & Spring Meeting
Thu, Apr 4 to Sat, Apr 6	Famous Fisherman's Bonspiel
Sun, Apr 7	Junior Pizza Party
Sat, Apr 13	Big Brother/Sister Bonspiel
Wed, Apr 17	Ladies Closing Dinner
Thu, Apr 18	EM Closing Dinner
Fri, Apr 19	Championship Night
Sat, Apr 20	Mixed Closing Dinner
Sun, Apr 21	Volunteer Appreciation Skate out the Ice



The 60th Annual Fisherman's Famous Bonspiel

at the Royal Kingston Curling Club

48 Teams - April 4, 5, and 6, 2013



**3 GAMES
GUARANTEED**

Entry Fee \$550
(Inc. \$63.27 HST)

OPENING DRAWS

Thurs, April 4

"A" 12:00 p.m.
"B" 2:00 p.m.
"C" 7:00 p.m.
"D" 9:00 p.m.

Extra Banquet Tickets \$90 each (inc.HST)

Extra Player Fee \$115 each (inc. HST)

Thursday
Oyster & Shrimp Pit
Cold Cuts & Beans

Friday
Loaves & Clam Chowder
Seafood Banquet

Saturday
Gary Reid's Fish Fry
Beef on a Bun

Bonspiel Co-chairs: Bob Moore & Grant Paterson
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