



The Sweep

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A word from your President...

Our Spring Annual General Meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2013 at 3:30pm. All of the existing Board Members except Jim Barton are letting their names stand for reelection. I would like to thank Jim for his invaluable contribution to the Board and the various committees he served on. His quiet leadership, wisdom and patience will be thoroughly missed.

A motion to create a new Board position titled "Membership, Recruitment and Retention" will be brought forward at the Spring AGM. At present time, these functions are bundled together with Advertising, Sponsorship and Fundraising. The current committee does a great job with consistently raising \$23,000 - \$25,000 annually, which goes directly to the bottom line. The Royal Kingston Curling Club, along with the majority of curling clubs in Canada, is facing an aging membership. The Board feels the time is now to focus our attention and resources at attracting new members. At present, 45% of our current 2012 - 2013 membership is over sixty years of age, with 71% of our members over fifty.

With the end of the curling season only a few weeks away, I would like to begin by thanking the Board of Directors, Committee Members and all of the other volunteers in helping make this a very successful year. As always, a special thanks to Graham, Rod and the rest of their teams for making the Royal Kingston Curling Club the best in the City.

For the golfers in the Club, keep June 13, 2013 available for our annual tournament at Glen Lawrence Golf Club.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a healthy and enjoyable Spring and Summer.

Respectfully yours,

Henry Treier



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**Sunday, April 7th
@ 3:30PM**

**201st
Annual
General
Meeting**

All members are encouraged to attend.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

John Ryce, Chair



Your Finance Committee has submitted the 2013/14 budget to the Board for approval. It looks like we will finish the year short of our budget goals in most areas but a little better than the previous year.

As this curling season winds down I would like to thank everyone who helped make my first year as Finance Chair an enjoyable one. Special thanks to my committee members, Bob Fugler, Karen Matheson, Rob Campbell, Brian Ward, and Paul Cridland as well as Donna Poirier who has been so good at keeping the books and explaining all the numbers to us.

Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing everyone next season.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ryce

Thanks

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Marketing Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

The marketing committee for the 2012-2013 curling season consisted of the following members Bruce Jeffery, Garry Dupuis, Roger Taylor, Tom Bryant and chair Linda Lott. The committee was successful in maintaining the support of our 50 wall sponsors and our 6 in ice sponsors for the past season. We will lose one of our in-ice sponsors for the 2013 season but plans are in place for a replacement sponsor.

We hope that everyone has noticed the new signage on the clock and we would like to thank the Dominion group for their support. Because our sponsors are such an important part of our success as a club, we are introducing a number of new features for them for the 2013/2014 season. The website will have a sponsor page that will provide direct links to our sponsors which will allow them to offer deals and discounts yet allow us to protect the privacy of our members. They will be featured in the sweep with a sponsor(s) being highlighted every month and finally all sponsor logos will be displayed on a rotating basis on the monitor in the lobby.

The wall and in-ice signage generate approximately \$24,000 annually for the club. Please utilize their services/businesses if you are planning an event. Recommending them to friends and family is a nice way to say Thank you!

Have a great summer- whatever your summer recreation activity is; do it well and safely, and please, patronize our sponsors!

Social Committee

Joanne Gizzi, Chair

The second annual St. Patrick's Dance was a success with 93 people dancing to the beat of Steve Cheesman and the Heeters.

We have a few more events to mark on your calendar:

Championship Night on April 19th 6pm. Curlers will be in their processional line for 6:15pm with the piper leading them onto the ice for 6:30 pm start. Dinner will be available for the spectators at a cost of \$6.00 (lasagna, salad, bun, cupcakes and cake). Tickets will be available at the bar until April 17th. Certificates will be presented to Life Members Diane Labrie, Joan Doucet, Bob Moore, Doug Pfeiffer and Karen Schneider at 9pm. Gerry Buist will also be recognized for his 30 years service to RKCC.

Ford Hot Shots and Drive One Event on April 20th 10am-4pm. This event is FREE and open to everyone who wants to have fun. All participants receive a prize. To be a participant, you must pre-register on the Hot Shot registration sheet before April 18th in desired heat. Top eight high scores will

advance to finals at 2pm. In conjunction with this event Ford of Canada has given RKCC the opportunity to raise money for the club through the Ford Drive One 4UR community program. Edwards Ford will bring a fleet of selected vehicles to the RKCC parking lot and for each test drive (1 per household) completed on April 20th will earn the curling club \$20.00 (must be 18 years and older, valid driver's licence and waiver completed). Come out and take a test drive and help raise money for the club.

Volunteer Appreciation on April 28th 4pm. If you have helped out at an event, a bonspiel or been a part of a section endeavour, please join us for a light meal of hamburgers, hotdogs, and salads. This is just a small gesture of appreciation from the Board for all your hard work during the curling season.

Indoor Yard Sale on May 26th 10am-2pm. It's time to put away your curling equipment and do a bit of spring cleaning. The social committee will be looking for yard sale donations from our RKCC members. All donations can be dropped off at RKCC after April 28th during normal business hours.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee members, Martha Tanner, Trisha Beckett, Pennie Robert, Ella Brisson and Linda Lott for their support and hard work this past year.

Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Marilyn Bellringer

Day Ladies Draw #4 for Fanset Trophy is still underway due to tiebreaker games and then playoff game between Tuesday and Thursday draws. Carrie Cole playdowns will commence after a winner of Draw #4 is determined. From this playdown the Day Ladies Club Champion and will then play the Evening Ladies Club Champion for the Carrie Cole Trophy on Championship Night Friday, April 19th.

On Wed. April 3rd there will be a playdown game (either Draw #4 final or 1st game of C.C. playdowns) at 9:30 a.m., Pizza Lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by Spring General Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Closing Dinner for both Evening and Day Ladies is

Wed., April 17th – cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 available from various ladies as listed on Closing Dinner Flyer or at the Bar.

"A" Flight was won by Denise Mulville – Skip, Judy Sly – Vice, Joanne Gizzi – 2nd and Martha Tanner – Lead. "B" Flight winners were Mary Stevenson – Skip, Pat Young – Vice, Zak Sieben – 2nd and Debbie See – Lead. These teams will be acknowledged and receive prizes at Closing Dinner.

Day Ladies Golf – "Diane's Tournament" – Scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th at the Landing Golf Course. This is a morning tournament followed by lunch – green fees and lunch at your cost. Please check bulletin board for sign-up sheet OR call Diane Labrie.



Evening Ladies

by Denise Mulville

Our final night of club is Wednesday April 3rd. The winner between Fran Cooney's team and Donna Smith's team will be the fourth team to participate in the Carrie Cole play downs. They will join two of Judy Russell's teams and Bev Townsend's team. Good luck and good curling to all involved.

Also on April 3rd the Evening Ladies AGM will be held following the 6pm games. The agenda is

posted on the EL board.

Our Annual 'Bring a Friend Night' was held on April 13th and we had around 50 potential curlers try out the sport. Thank you Kathleen Poole and your volunteers for a well -organized St. Patrick's Day evening for everyone.

A huge thank-you to Betty Bush and her volunteers for a great day at the 'camp counsellor' in- rated bonspiel. The costumes, camp songs, food, and curling were fantastic.

Congratulations to Celia Russell's team of Ana Sutherland, Susan Barkley and Anneli Jokela and Pauline Herron's team of Suzanne Herron, Sandy Edwards, and Glenda Bauder who will play each other on Championship Night for the 'A' fight championship. The rest of our flight teams will be competing for a 'B' championship or an 'A' consolation prize.

As the curling season wraps up, I want to extend a thank-you to Katie Mountjoy for all her hard work with club curling with weekly emails, team selections, scheduling and finding spares at the last minute. Katie is stepping down as she is getting married in June so good luck and thanks again.

Thank-you as well to our flight conveyor, Mary Jackson, OCA rep, April Welsh, social chair, Kathleen Poole and all our other volunteers. The curling season would not happen without all your hard work.

I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.



Mixed Curling

by Denis Faubert

Mixed Curling at RKCC enjoyed a very active season with 197 members this year. Both the Recreational and Competitive leagues were well represented with 14 teams each in both Friday Competitive A & B divisions, as well as 13 and 10 teams respectively in the Friday & Sunday Recreational Divisions. Due to limited interest and after careful deliberation, the December Mixed Bonspiel was cancelled this year.

The Christmas Mixed dinner was well attended with several teams regaling us with interesting if not always tuneful performances of Christmas Carols. The evening concluded with wonderful arrangements of jazz music provided by the 'Tritones'. With a few minor scheduling oversights by the "one who shall remain nameless", the mixed curling website was swiftly and faithfully updated by the ever helpful Teresa Wilson. Many thanks to Erwin Batalla & Graham Weatherby for their helpful advice over the year as well as the ice makers (Rod, Terry, Gene and Kevan) for the challenging task of providing us with excellent ice throughout the curling season. I would be remiss if I did not mention the wonderful staff behind the bar in particular Gerry (as well as Bev, Steve, Julie and Kevan), for their helpful assistance, professional conduct and congenial demeanor.

We are currently in full playoff mode for the Mixed Competitive League and the round robin continues unabated in the Mixed Recreational League. Awards will be presented to the team with the highest ranking in each division at the Mixed End of Year Dinner on April 20th (I have it on good authority that as well as exceptional food, there will be amazing entertainment provided !!) We look forward to seeing many of you there.

I would like to personally thank my co-convenors, namely Michael Braun, Lorne Carmichael and Cathy Faubert (snack provider & unofficial advisor) for their helpful assistance throughout the season. Michael will be leaving us next year and we wish him well as he redirects his time and skills with the Operations Committee. Lorne and I will "continue our mission: to explore strange new schedules.... to seek out new teams; new divisions.... to boldly go where no mixed convenor has gone before!"

As always, to the RKCC Mixed Curlers, we appreciate your patience and support throughout the year.

Evening Men

by Mario Fabbro



It's hard to believe that April is upon us and that the golf season is just around the corner (if the weather co-operates). It was just a few short months ago that I was asked to take over as Chair of the Evening Men's Committee. As the season began we had some growing pains with learning how to set draws,

update records and reply to questions asked by our members. We quickly learned and things began to run quite smoothly. Thanks to everyone for your patience early on.

As this curling season is winding down I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge some people. I would like to begin by thanking the Evening Men's Committee for all their time and effort that they put into making this season a success. To Gord Rogers and Drew Phillips for their tireless work in coordinating all the draws and updating all the standings on a timely basis. As well as Teresa Wilson for updating the web page for all sections. To Phil Tomsett, Wayne Smith, Cam Gruer and Joe Waller for helping out with rules, draws and planning. To Rod, Terry, and Gene for wonderful ice all season long. To Gerry, Julie, Bev, and Steve for their fantastic service at the bar.

With the playoffs beginning this week I remind all Evening Men's Curlers that the Closing Dinner is April 18. Tickets are available at the bar and refreshments will be served. Championship night is April 19.

Good Luck to all curlers in the playoffs and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall.



Junior Curling

by Janet Fowlow

Thank you to all the Junior curlers who came out to help the Little Rock Curlers this season. Trevor, Shannon, Lindsay, Dillon and Jenny. Also, a big shout out to Heather McMillan. All these people answered my call for help this year. The parents and kids all pass on a big thank you.

The year end pizza party will end the season on April

7th. We had a fun filled year. Our Little Rock Section has a team that played in bonspiels and will take part in The Elementary School Competition in Gananoque.

We will also have about 15 curlers moving up to Bantam/Juniors next year, I am very proud of everyone's progress.

The Juniors have had their play downs and have two teams to play on Club Championship Night. We look forward to seeing the youth play that evening.

I am very much looking forward to the next season. Have a great summer.



OCA News
by April Welsh

RKCC held its last competition of 2012-13 on Saturday March 9th.

The Women's Double Tankard and Men's Dominion Regalia Silver Tankard attracted 3 entries and 4 entries respectively. We had a fair number of spectators enjoying the unique play of double rink entries combining their scores.

The Men's side was won by the Cataraqui team of Scott Davey and Mike Hull.

RKCC had two entries in the Women's competition – the duos of Lott/Bush and Mulville/McMillan. The games were close, but the team from Quinte, Caroline Deans and Julie Jarvis will be representing Zone 4 at the regionals. The Lott/Bush duo of Linda Lott, Janine Dunk, Joanne Gizzi, Anneli Jokela/Betty Bush, Joanne Miller, Judy Russell, Gail Irving will represent Zone 3 at the Regionals in Stirling on April 7th. Good curling ladies!

Many thanks to Brian Collingwood along with Mary and Garry Dupuis, and Johanne Touchette for putting on the tasty lunch.

It was good to see some new faces venturing into the competitive side of curling and I hope to see more of our curlers trying out for more competitions next year.

Have a great summer everyone!

Bonspiel Reports



Royal Kingston Curling Club

Grandmothers and Great Aunts Bonspiel 2013

Showtime in Vegas!

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

by Claire Dominik, Day Ladies Chair

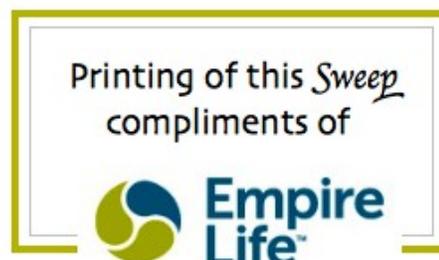
This Bonspiel convened by myself with assistance from Marilyn Bellringer was held on March 27th and again this year was a great success, but it took an army of dedicated RKCC ladies and men to carry it out.

Sincere Thanks go to the following:-

- Diane Labrie and her Social Member friends for breakfast.
- Helen Noble along with Day Ladies, which also included husbands for the lunch.
- Pam Twiddy and her fabulous crew who served dinner cooked by our favourite caterer Joe DeSousa.
- Alice Pignal, who looked after candy on the ice and snacks for the first draw teams and as well assisted in various areas throughout the afternoon and evening.
- Marilyn Campbell, another Social Member, who can always be depended upon to be our Draw Mistress. She does an unbelievable job year after year.
- April and Brian Collingwood our photographers continue to fill the job of taking the team pictures, something everyone cherishes and wonder how they got them back so soon.
- Sandy Duncan looked after contacting the media and along came the photographer/reporters, happy to have a story.
- Celine Garneau never ceases to amaze us with her decorations. Give her a theme and away she goes.
- Teresa Wilson our computer guru who does it all, programs, name tags, etc.

The overall winner from Cataraqui Curling Club was Erin March and her team of Barb Aylesworth, Carol Jeffery and Brenda Pennock. The runner up from RKCC was Betty Bush, Joanne Miller, Mary Skeggs and Lil Rynbend.

The fun filled day included good curling along with lessons in Line Dancing and entertainment by magician Robin Dawes.



The *Sweep* is published six times a year -- August, November, December, February, March & April



to all contributors!

Look for the next *Sweep* to be available at registration time, in August.

Until then, have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Carole

Upcoming Events



Calendar of Events April 2013

Date	Event
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 (12pm-2pm) RKCC AGM (3:30pm)
Sat, Apr 13	Big Brother/Sister Bonspiel
Wed, Apr 17	Ladies Closing Dinner
Thu, Apr 18	EM Closing Dinner
Fri, Apr 19	Championship Night (6pm)
Sat, Apr 20	Ford Hot Shots and Drive One Event (10am-4pm) Mixed Closing Dinner
Sun, Apr 21	Skate out the Ice (3pm-5pm)
Sun, Apr 28	Volunteer Appreciation (4pm)
Sun, May 26	Indoor Yard Sale (10am-2pm)



is coming to

Royal Kingston Curling Club

April 20th 10am to 4pm

- ◆ This event is FREE and open to everyone who wants to have fun. All participants receive a prize.
- ◆ To be a participant, you must pre-register

- ◆ (only once per person) before April 18th at Royal Kingston Curling Club in desired heat time (10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm).
- ◆ Participants execute six curling shots (can have the option of getting two "sweeper" to help)
 - Hit and stay
 - Draw the button
 - Draw the port
 - The raise
 - Hit and roll
 - Double takeout
- ◆ Each shot is awarded points on scale from 0-5.
- ◆ Top eight high scores will advance to finals at 2pm.
- ◆ For this event to be successful, we need on-ice volunteers to hold the broom and help set-up shots (need some curling knowledge). Volunteers can also participate in all activities.
- ◆ Please sign-up as a participant and volunteer on the Hot Shots registration sheet before April 18th.
- ◆ For more information, please contact the RKCC manager, Graham Weatherby at 613-546-2243.



Royal Kingston Curling Club
130 Days Road

**INDOOR
YARD SALE**
Sunday May 26, 10:00am-2:00pm

There are a limited number of tables available, to reserve your spot, contact Graham at 613-546-2243

**Sell Your Crafts Or Treasures
by Reserving a
Table for:**



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2013 Golf Tournament Reminder

The sign-up sheet for the RKCC Golf Tournament on June 13th at Glen Lawrence is posted at the entrance to the lounge. At present there are fewer than 100 people signed up. To achieve a full field turnout we need at least 160 signed up (there is usually about 15% attrition by game day). The whole event is open to members (both current and past) and their families. We will also open it to close friends, if necessary, to fill the field. You may sign up as individuals or as a team.

The curling season is almost over, so please sign up early and save me a lot of work in trying to have the tournament filled.

To speed up play we will be using the same format as last year, where teams play a "scramble format" (everybody hits the ball from the same location). And most prizes will be awarded on a "team" basis. The entry fee is on the poster and is the same as last year.

The golf will be followed by our special BBQ steak and salmon dinner at the curling club, prepared by our own culinary specialists.

Please be generous in donating prizes.

Thanks,
Steve Quinn