



The Sweep

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A word from your President...

At the Semi Annual General Meeting held October 27, we heard from the Club's Auditors that the Royal Kingston Curling Club continues to be in solid financial shape. A big thank you goes out to all of the members and especially to the hard working volunteers. Coupled with our excellent staff, we continue to enjoy prominence as the best curling club in the area.

The land purchase from Corrections Canada closed on October 31, 2013. If you recall, we were approached by Corrections to see if we have any interest in a parcel of land directly adjacent to the Club off Days Road. Should the Club ever consider adding a couple of extra sheets, we are now well positioned.

By now, most of you are well into league play and we hope that you are enjoying the excellent ice conditions.

Best of luck throughout the season and good curling!

Respectfully,

Henry Treier



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Articles/submissions to **The Sweep** are accepted from all members. Submit to Carole Rivington at carolnr62@cogeco.ca by **November 28th** to be included in the **December** edition.

Thank You!

Committee Reports



Betty Bush, Chair

As Chair of the Personnel Committee with members Henry Treier, President and Vice President, Mike Schneider and Communications Committee members Teresa Wilson, Mike Charette, Carole Rivington and Allan Soini we have been very busy during the summer and fall.

The Personnel Committee is pleased that our fulltime staff is returning and we anticipate another successful year of curling at RKCC.

The Communications Committee is encouraging members to get more involved with ideas through our "Suggestion Box" located outside of Graham's office and/or through contact with Teresa Wilson for improvement on the website. All sections are encouraged to submit articles monthly for the "Sweep" so all members will know what is going on in the Club.

Mike Charette has a list of all members who have expressed an interest in volunteering and all sections should refer to this list whenever possible.

Allan Soini, our new Kitchen Coordinator, has enthusiastically taken charge. After soliciting help from the curling sections Marilyn Bellringer, Claire Dominik, Alice Pignal, Sylvia Wright, Ella Brisson, Trish Beckett, Murray Cotton, Betty and Allan tackled the cleanup. Through the help of so many we were able to make quite an impact. Thanks to all who helped and hopefully when your section uses the kitchen it will be left in the same condition it was found.

A committee has been set up with Carole, Teresa, Mike and Graham to investigate an automated Card of Intent for next year. Hopefully by Christmas they

will have made some headway with this project.

We are still looking for a Bonspiel Coordinator – if you are so inclined please come forward.



For those of you that attended the SAGM you will already know that the club is in good financial shape but we are looking for ideas to help us create new streams of revenue or increase what we already have. The only real shortfall that we have is that we aren't putting enough money away every year to cover the projected cost of depreciation on our equipment and building. We are OK for the short term but if this trend continues, there will come a time that we will run out of our reserves and we will have to borrow in order to keep the club up to our high standards.

Adam Young from Secker Ross & Perry presented an overview of the audited financial statements for the 2012/2013 budget year at the SAGM on October 27th and the membership approved these statements.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please contact someone from the Finance Committee. They are:

Bob Fugler, Karen Matheson, Rob Campbell, Brian Ward, Paul Cridland, Donna Poirier and Graham Weatherby.



Joanne Gizzi, Chair

The Meet and Greet was a great time by all who attended. Wayne Smith and his band, Whiskey Overdrive was fantastic. Thank you to the social committee and membership committee for all their

help.

The Back in the Hack spiel got our curling skills rejuvenated. We had 10 full teams and the first place trophy went to John Giles, Garry Dupuis, Dale Marecak and Barbara Robertson. The runner-up trophy went to Rick Pim, Shannon Maxwell, Chris Hargreaves and Helen White. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this a fun day for all.

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.

...and speaking of Volunteers...



There is an urgent need for volunteers to help out with the Little Rocks curling program. If you are available to help with the younger rock throwers, please contact Janet Fowlow.

This year 51 ladies and 63 men have indicated that they would be willing to volunteer at the club this year. This compares to the 52 ladies and 58 men who did so last year. Listed below are the categories and number of members who are willing to volunteer during the 2013-14 curling season.

	Ladies	Men
Bonspiels	28	39
Section events	26	10
Canteen	2	27
Learn to curl	3	4
Juniors	4	5
Clinics	5	3
Committees	3	5
Other	1	5

We thank everyone who volunteered at the club

during the past year and also those members who have submitted their names to volunteer during upcoming curling season. If you are looking for volunteers for an event at the club this year, contact Mike Charette or see your curling committee chair.

Section Reports



Day Ladies

by Nancy Gray

Our Section was "off and running" this season on October 1 with the start of club curling. The Tuesday Draw is comprised of 15 teams and the Thursday Draw has 12.

Day Ladies Flight has 9 teams participating and they started play on October 2. We are incorporating a more exciting playoff format this year. It is called the "1-2 Page Playoff". It allows one of the top two teams a second chance at continuing in the playoffs following a first round loss. We decided this was a more fair approach to playoffs as the two best teams work hard to achieve their standings.

Our Section held two "Bring a Friend" events on September 24 & 26; we were successful in attracting several brand new curlers and curlers who had a history of curling but not necessarily at RKCC. This group includes Jennifer Hunniford, Bev Pitts, Barbara Robertson, Claudia Stevenson, Tammy Scott-Zelt and Diane Wylie.

Curlers returning to our Club, who have been away for a short period of time, include Pam Dickie, Cathy Faubert and Deborah Kennedy.

There was a nice influx of curlers from the Evening Ladies Section. We are happy to have the following women join our ranks: Liz Baer, Pat Bradshaw, Pattyann Dicks, Pauline Herron, Karen Peters, Mary Pollard, Mirelle Ringuette and Sally Stewart.

The ladies Pot Luck Opening Dinner took place on September 25. Once again, it was well attended; the

RKCC women really like to reconnect after the summer.

Finally, Day Ladies will be hosting a fun day with our counterparts from the Cataraqui Curling Club. This will take place on November 27 at RKCC.

Until the next issue, keep having fun on the ice and helping others to have fun too.



Evening Ladies

by Denise Mulville

At this time, we have approximately 135 evening ladies that have joined for either club or flight or both. We have welcomed 23 new ladies' to our leagues with 16 being new members to our club.

The first draw for Wednesday Club has 18 teams playing with the playoff games being held on November 6th and then the second draw will begin on November 13th and run to December 18th.

Flight this year has 21 teams so we have divided it into 3 divisions with 7 teams in each division. We will play 3 full round robins within the divisions and then playoffs will follow.

Thank-you to Betty Bush and Linda Lott who ran an in-club rated bonspiel on October 19th and we had 48 curlers enjoy the day in our pyjamas!

Thank-you, as well, to Kathleen Poole and her volunteers who organized the Opening Pot Luck on September 27th. As always the evening was enjoyed by all who attended with a great variety of delicious dishes.

We will be running an Open Invitational Bonspiel with a Country and Western theme on Saturday November 16th. There is still room for teams in this bonspiel so if you are interested let me know.



Mixed Curling

by Denis Faubert

This year, Mixed Curling received 195 cards of intent which translates into 169 RKCC members playing on

43 mixed teams (12 – Friday A Division; 12 – Friday B Division; 10 – Friday C Division, and 9 - Sunday Recreational Division).

We also have a substantial support cast of 40 spares waiting at your beck and call. For interested members there is room for 2 additional teams on Friday evening as well as space for 3 mixed teams on Sunday. Although we have lost a few mixed curlers this year I'm happy to report that we've gained 36 enthusiastic members to our section.

The format has been modified this season to provide 4 concurrent round robins with opportunity for vertical movement of teams based on standings at the end of each round robin. This will be followed by end of year playoffs encompassing all of the Friday Mixed divisions.

The Christmas Mixed Dinner will take place on Dec. 21st and all members are welcome to attend.

Ice conditions have been terrific and we tip our hats to Rod/Gene/Kevan for their expertise and dedication.

Many thanks to Cathy Faubert (our snacks convenor) and Lorne Carmichael (co-convenor) for their able assistance and support.



The Stick Leagues of RKCC

We wish to thank the Landings Golf Club and Bob's Butcher Shop for their continuing generous support as sponsors, of our 2 person and 4 person stick leagues.

Welcome back to all returning stick curlers and a special welcome to all the new curlers who joined us this year.

The 2013-2014 curling season got off to a good start in September. Although we lost members in each league the influx of new curlers kept our total number of members at 84. Therefore, the number of teams in both leagues remained the same as last year. Thanks to the Senior Men, we now have two

extra sheets of ice available for our Thursday 4 person stick league. This allows all teams to play every week, as well as providing us with an extra sheet which can be used for make- up games or practice time. There is a schedule posted on the Stick League board, indicating open ice times available on Wednesday and Thursdays. If stick league curlers or other members wish to use any of these timeframes, please fill in the appropriate information, to avoid any confusion as to what sheets are booked for use. If you use a stick for delivery and you would like to get some more curling in, please feel free to sign your name on the spare lists, which are posted on the Stick League board.

Four members took advantage of the new Social Member (enhanced) Membership that was offered, for the first time this year. One was an individual who didn't curl last year, due to the prohibitive cost of curling "only", in the one hour Landings Stick League. Another member would not have returned due to physical limitations, if the new membership fee had not been offered. Two are returning members, who are using this league as a stepping stone, to perhaps join as full members in the future, if physically able.

In the future if you are considering quitting curling due to physical limitations, I encourage you to please reconsider and give the stick leagues a try. You won't be disappointed. Both of these leagues provide great social and competitive venues, which enable you to continue an activity you enjoy, well into your Senior years.



OCA Report
by April Welsh

The competitive season has started for the club. Our entry into the Dominion Club Championship was the team of Chris Barkley, Randy Neal, Kirk MacCrae and Joe Waller. The team did well against some pretty stiff competition but did not advance to the Provincials. The zone 4 rep will be skipped by Dennis Murray of Quinte.

So far, we have entries registered to play in Master Men at Catarqui on Nov. 22 (Mike Schneider, Greg Ruse, Michael Braun, Tom Bryant) and Junior Men

at Campbellford on Nov. 22 (David Brown, Daniel Meeks, Adam Taylor, Brad Cotton). Good curling teams!

The OCA has posted competition deadlines on its website, (www.ontcurl.com) and here is a summary of the most immediate:

Master Men/Women	Nov. 3
Jr. Men/Women	Nov. 10
Scotties	Nov. 24
Dominion Tankard	Nov. 24
Grand Masters	Nov. 26
Sr. Men/Women	Dec. 8
Dominion Wheelchair	Dec. 8
Best Western/Fairfield Marriot	Dec. 15
Bantam Boys/Girls	Dec. 22
Intermediate Men/Women	Dec. 22

Are you aged 70 or older and would like some good competition?

Then the GRAND MASTERS is for you! Entries are open to Men, Women, Open (any combo of men and women) and Stick curlers. The info poster is on the easel in the lobby. Entries are mailed directly to address on the entry forms and must be received by Nov. 26. The zones are in Napanee on Dec. 10.

RKCC will be welcoming the best Junior curlers in our region on Nov. 30 – Dec. 1. The winning men's and ladies' teams will advance to the Junior Provincials being held in Gananoque, January 2-6. Come out and watch some great curling!

Continued good curling!!

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Upcoming Events



Calendar of Events November 2013

Date	Event
Sat, Nov 2	City Championship Bonspiel
Fri, Nov 15	Day Men's In-House Bonspiel
Sat, Nov 16	Evening Ladies Invitational Bonspiel
Sat, Nov 23	Eastern Ontario Junior Curling League
Sat, Nov 30	OCA Regionals Junior Women
December 2013	
Sun, Dec 1	OCA Regionals Junior Women
Wed, Dec 4	Day Ladies Christmas Mini Spiel
Fri, Dec 6	Stick Fun Spiel
Wed, Dec 18	EL Christmas Celebration
Sat, Dec 21	Mixed Christmas Party
Fri, Dec 27	Family Fun Day

Bonspiel Reports

The 28th Annual Limestone Senior Men's Bonspiel *by Ernie Carter*

A very successful Senior Men's Curling Bonspiel, sponsored by Chartwell Conservatory Pond retirement residence, was held at the Royal Kingston Curling Club on Saturday, October 26th. Once again we had more entries than we could accept. This very popular annual Eastern Ontario curling event continues to attract team entries from most curling clubs in Eastern Ontario, which this year included the Land O'Lakes, Quinte, Napanee, Perth, Manotick, Prescott, Brockville, Garrison, Cataraqui and Royal Kingston curling clubs. Also, this year we were delighted to have an entry by Hugh McCarrel's team from the Burlington Golf and Country Club.

Ken Thompson's team of Ron Young, Terry Zarichny and Bob Vinkle from the Cataraqui Golf and Country Club edged out Al Kennedy's team from Brockville to win first prize and the championship trophy. The third place winner was Al Lowe's team from the Quinte Curling Club.

It was a great event and it could not have happened without the excellent ice, service and amazing volunteers. We received a lot of generous comments and feedback from the curlers regarding the service, ice, food and hospitality. Kudos to these very special volunteers:

BREAKFAST: Diane and George Gratton and Eden Jefferies

LUNCH: Mary and Garry Dupuis, Chuck White, April Welsh, Brian Collingwood, and Paul Hannah

DINNER: George Gratton, Diane Gratton, Dan O'Neill, Jim Lesley, Ken Burns, Jane Leduc-Potter, Art Russell, Bob Helliard and Eden Jefferies and Nora Taylor from Edward Jones.

SCORING: Glenn Owen and Lorne Lloyd

ADMIN: Brian Collingwood



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