



The Sweep

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A word from your President...

As the club prepares to wind down for the holidays, we are pleased to report a solid first half of the curling season. Membership numbers continue to be strong, on par with last year.

Family Fun Day will be held on December 27th, so please consider attending with your family.

The Nomination Committee is looking for volunteers for the 2014-2015 Board of Directors, so please give some thought into getting involved.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season, much happiness, and good health in the New Year.

Best regards,

Henry Treier

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2014**

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Articles / submissions for the **The Sweep** are accepted from all members. Submit to Carole Rivington at carolenr62@cogeco.ca by **January 28th** to be included in the **February** edition.

Thank You!



2013 City Championships

RKCC was the host club for this year's City Curling Championships. On November 2nd, 26 teams took to the ice at RKCC to vie for the title of City Champion, in one of six categories, Men's, Women's, Mixed, Senior Men, Senior Women & Juniors. RKCC took home the honours in two categories, Mixed & Women's.

Congratulations to our RKCC mixed winners: Dave Poirier, Donna Poirier, Dom Gizzi (curling for Brian Collingwood) & April Welsh. The Poirier rink defeated the Sam Faris rink from the Cataraqi Golf and Country Club.



The Women's title was captured by the RKCC rink skipped by Denise Mulville. Curling with Denise was Judy Sly, Joanne Gizzi and Martha Tanner.



Cataraqi won in three categories; the Men's title was won by the Jim Sill's rink of Scott Davy, Terry

Zarichny & Bob Wood. Senior Men's title went to Dave Allan and his rink of Sandy Staples, Barry Gardiner & Matt Faris and the Senior Women's title was won by Larke Zarichny and her rink of Judy Valberg, Karen Vandermeij & Barb Worona. The Garrison Junior rink of Paul Martin, Adam Thompson, David Martin & Kyle Penney defeated the Cataraqi rink of Kate Davey, Kayla Gray, Mikayla Gemmill & Mahtab Samifanni to take home the honors in the Junior division.

Mayor Mark Gerretsen was on hand to present the trophies to the winning teams. Each team received team jackets bearing the City Champion 2013 logo. Cataraqi Golf & Country Club and Garrison Golf & Curling Club were allowed three entries into the men's and women's section with the host club providing two entries. Each club invites their Club Championship winners to compete in the cities event.

RKCC will not host again until 2016 as the hosting duties rotate between the three city clubs. Garrison will be the host club for the 2014 City Championships.

Thank you to the event sponsors: Tim Horton's, Greek Town Grill and Takeout & Gino's Pizza & Spaghetti. A special "Thanks" to all the volunteers who helped make the event run smoothly.

Committee Reports



Finance Committee John Ryce, Chair

The committee has been hard at work monitoring the Club's finances and helping to ensure that all areas meet or exceed their budget goals. We are just about to start planning the 2014/15 budget so any ideas or suggestions should be presented to the appropriate person very soon if you would like them considered for next years' budget.

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,
Paul Cridland,
Donna Poirier and
Graham Weatherby

Happy Holidays,
John Ryce



Governance

Mike Schneider, Chair

I hope everyone is looking forward to the second half of the curling season in 2014. As part of its mandate the Governance Committee has struck a sub-committee that is responsible for putting together nominations for a slate of directors for the 2014-2015 season. The Nominating Committee is comprised of Henry Treier, Betty Bush, Jim Barton, Martha Tanner and myself. If anyone is interested in serving on the RKCC Board of Directors, or knows a fellow curler who might be interested, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee for further information. We have struggled in past years in getting a full slate of Directors nominated in time for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and this year our goal is to have more than a full slate so that the membership gets a chance to vote at the AGM for their representatives on the Board.

Happy Curling in the New Year!



Marketing Committee

Tom Bryant, Chair

The marketing committee is following up on a few leads to fill the last two spots available for wall signs. If you have any suggestions for businesses that could be approached as a possible sponsor at RKCC, please approach one of the committee members (Linda Lott, Roger Taylor, Bruce Jeffery, Garry Dupuis, Tom Bryant) so that follow up can occur.

An ad hoc committee has been formed to investigate new revenue opportunities for the club. They have been busy contacting other clubs across the country and locally to see what they are doing to bring in additional revenues. Various options are being considered and the committee will be presenting a report to the board at some point in the new year. If you have ideas please share them with one of the committee members (Mike Braun, Garry Dupuis, Graham Weatherby, Trish Beckett, Paul Cridland, John Ryce, Greg Ruse, Tom Bryant).

Do you have a colleague or a neighbour who is looking for a place to hold a wedding? Would your place of business consider a fun bonspiel using the facilities of RKCC? Need a room for a meeting for 5-150 – contact Graham at the club as rental income is a key component of balancing the books.

Kindly patronize our sponsors and let them know you curl at RKCC – this assures our advertisers that their money is well spent.

Membership Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

If you are still in need of a gift for that hard to buy for cousin or uncle, buy them a membership package to RKCC. There are two membership specials on for the Christmas season. For \$215.00 + a pro shop voucher, you can give the gift of one night of curling for the rest of the season. For an avid curler, there is a membership special of \$295.00 + a pro shop voucher for unlimited nights of curling. What a great gift!

The Membership Committee would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous Holiday season. See you on the ice in 2014.



Social Committee

Joanne Gizzi, Chair

The next event will be the St. Patrick's Dance on 15th March. Watch the RKCC bulletin and website for

information on upcoming events at RKCC.

Please help your social committee serve you better by sharing your ideas for social events at the club! In January, the committee will send a short survey to all RKCC members. Paper surveys will also be available in January.

The social committee is looking for member volunteers to serve on the committee. If you enjoy creating, organizing and planning of social activities for RKCC members and community please contact Joanne at joannegizzi@hotmail.com or a social committee member.

With all Best Wishes for a Joyous Season and Very Happy New Year from your Social Committee members: Joanne Gizzi, Pennie Robert, Martha Tanner, Trisha Beckett, Linda Lott and Barbara Jackson.

Section Reports



Day Ladies by Nancy Gray

The first draw came to an exciting close on November 11 with Judy Sly and her team of Marilyn Chilton, Wendy Curtis and Barbara Robertson being crowned the winners. They were given stiff competition by Denise Mulville, Philippa Fugler, Cathy Warwick and Debbie Kennedy in the playoff game.

Draw 2 is now underway with 14 teams participating on Tuesday and 12 on Thursday.

New curlers and seasoned curlers are taking advantage of the "Learn To Curl" Clinics on Sunday evenings running from 7-9 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to receive instruction from certified coaches/curlers at our club. The people who attend can learn correct curling technique for the first time or re-learn what has been lost over the years.

Darlene Boucher and Teresa Wilson have come forward to volunteer their time and skills to convene the "Grandmothers & Great Aunts"

Bonspiel. This event will take place on March 26, 2014.

On November 27, RKCC Day Ladies will host a friendly bonspiel with the Cataraqui Day Women Curlers. 13 ladies will participate from the Cat. CC and RKCC will counter with 19 curlers. A 6 end curling game will be played, followed with social time and "mind teaser" games, a light lunch and a wonderful finale of desserts. The theme for the day is "Simply Sweet" and our flight ladies will be producing an abundant supply of just that! This bonspiel is a time for rekindling friendships between the 2 clubs.

Until the next issue, continue to have fun with the great sport of curling.



Evening Ladies by Denise Mulville

Congratulations to the winners of our first draw. First event went to Denise Mulville's team of Liz Brown, Bev Boyd and Mary Pollard so we will see them in the play-offs in April. Runner's up were Sandy Fairbairn, Joanne Manion, Karen Hannah and Marzena Zakrzewski. Our second event winning team was Donna Smith, Renee LeClair, Marilyn Wilson and Pennie Robert and our third event winners were Mary Buchanan, Monique MacKenzie, Sally Stewart and Trina Lepp.

Our second draw started on November 13th with 18 teams participating again and the playoff games will be played on December 18th with Judy Russell's team playing Dorothy Hector's team in the 1st event game. Good luck to all the teams vying for the three events.

Flight curling is into the second round robin and our third round robin within the A,B, and C divisions will start on January 16th.

On November 16th, our annual Open Invitational bonspiel was held and chaired by Denise Mulville. Sixteen teams were entered with eight being from out of club. I want to thank Betty Bush who ran the scoring for our games, Carole Rivington's team who prepared and ran the breakfast for the spiel, April

Welsh, who was my co-chair and did the decorating and organizing before the spiel, Heather McMillan for prep work before the spiel, Brian Collingwood who helped in the kitchen all morning and afternoon and trained other volunteers in the kitchen, to my volunteers throughout the day, Mary Pollard, Marge Craig, Barbara Jackson, Dora Milton, Brian Fitzgerald, my better half, who made the fabulous chili that was served at lunch, Colleen Mulville, my sister, for the awesome chicken she prepared for dinner! I want to send a huge thank-you to my team members Katie Jeziorski and Joanne Jones for all the help throughout the day on running a great spiel. The winners of this bonspiel was our own RKCC team of Georgia Lee O'Shaughnessy, Nancy Roantree, Karen Peters and Jocelyn Harpell who won by a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a point over the Richmond Hill Curling Club team.

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 8th so plenty of time for new curlers to join this league.



Mixed Curling

by Denis Faubert

It takes a village to raise a mixed curler. We are blessed with a very congenial , and supportive (although at times competitive) curling community in the mixed section. This is evident by the shared camaraderie that occurs after each game, which may be partly due to the pouring (and consumption) of liquid spirits intended to appease the gods of curling.

I've personally witnessed opposing team members offering helpful advice to new curlers who are still orienting themselves to the "roaring game", shared concern and rapid aid when a fall or near mishap has occurred on the ice, as well as moral support when an intended make or break shot is on the wrong side of the inch.

All of this occurring within a framework of friendly and helpful staff who often go out of their way to make our curling experience the best it can be.

Of course, none of this could happen without the

many volunteers (both visible and behind the scenes) that selflessly and graciously give of their time and efforts to make all this happen.

It has been a pleasure serving you as mixed convenor and Lorne and I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Mixed Dinner this coming Saturday and in the New Year to come.

It takes a village to raise a mixed curler, and so far so good.

Happy Curling and a Merry Christmas



The Stick Leagues of RKCC

Both Stick Leagues are providing its members with some great competition. It is quite obvious that any team could win on any given day.

Currently the first place team in the Landings Stick League is the team of Jane Leduc Potter and Ken Burns. There are four teams just one point behind them vying for first place. Likewise, the Bob's Butcher Shop Stick League has seen some great games as well. The team in first place is made up of Russ Brown, Jim Rayner, Lorne Lloyd and Ernie Carter.

Forty members attended our annual Christmas Meeting/ Fun Day on Dec 6. This was a great opportunity to participate in a unique curling format, followed by an enjoyable lunch. The overall winners were Ed Bauder, Jill Spettigue, Doug Spettigue and Gene Miller.

The following are a few suggestions to help our ice conditions and games:

- Make sure that you have one pair of shoes dedicated to curling and curling only. Be sure to use the electric shoe cleaner and the adhesive mat.
- Replace your grippers every year washing them a couple times during the season. Little bits of rubber can come off a gripper

causing rocks to pick and leave the ice looking dirty. You are also far less likely to fall if you have grippers that are in good condition.

- If you are going to wear "fleece" sweaters or pants, be sure they have been washed before sporting them on the ice. This will help prevent the fluff from the fleece coming off and causing a rock to pick.

I would like to wish all RKCC staff, members and their families a safe and happy holiday season.

Jan Ray



OCA Report by April Welsh

We've had a busy time since the November Sweep was published. Mike Schneider's Master team of Greg Ruse, Michael Braun and Tom Bryant won the "A" side of the zones held at Catarauqui on Nov. 22. The team fought hard at the regionals in Russell, Dec. 7-9 but failed to advance. The teams advancing to the Master Men's Provincials are skipped by Layne Noble (Rideau) and Dwayne Lowe (Huntley).

Betty Bush's Master team of Joanne Miller, Dianne Wylie, and Karen Peters (for Joanne Manion) won the "A" side of the regionals in Russell, Dec. 7-9.



We wish the team the very best as they represent RKCC at the Master Women's Provincials in Gravenhurst, Jan. 7-11. GOOD LUCK and GOOD CURLING to BETTY, JOANNE, JOANNE and DIANNE!!

Our Junior Men (David Brown, Daniel Meeks, Adam Taylor, Brad Cotten) won the "A" side at the Junior

zones in Campbellford Nov. 22-24. They played well at the regionals held at RKCC, Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, but failed to advance. The winners of the Junior Men's side were: Pascal Michaud (Huntley), and Ryan McCrady (Rideau). On the Junior Women's side, the winners were Emma Wallingford (Carleton Heights) and Cassandra Lewin (RCMP). RKCC members Katherine Nicholas and Shannon Maxwell out of Campbellford played well but failed to advance. The winners play in the Pepsi Junior Provincials in Gananoque, January 2-6.

Another Junior of note is ex-member Peter Andersen. He is with the Alex Rafuse team in N.S. and will be competing in the N.S. Junior Provincials, Dec. 27-31.

As mentioned above, RKCC hosted the Junior Regionals on Nov. 30 – Dec. 1. As expected, we were treated to great curling. Many thanks to my co-official/ice maker/bartender Kevan Welch! The kitchen was kept busy all weekend, and many thanks to Brian Collingwood and his merry band of helpers: Dave Bracken, Bob Connor, Ian and Sandy Duncan, Mary and Garry Dupuis, Debbie See, Martha Tanner, and Johanne Touchette. The curlers and spectators were very positive in their feedback regarding the club, food, ice etc. The intangible benefit of good PR was certainly accomplished by hosting this event.

We host the Bantam zones on January 11 and 12. At press time, we have one RKCC entry. Trevor Kirby, Jarrid Conley, Anton Gibson and Elijah De Groote will be representing RKCC. Good Curling team!

Entry deadlines for the remaining OCA competitions are listed at www.ontcurl.com. Briefly,

Men's Challenge Round	Jan 7
Mixed and Senior Mixed	Jan 12
Tim Horton's Colts and Trophy	Jan 26
Junior and Bantam Mixed	Feb 2
Mixed Doubles Challenge	Feb 2
Dominion Stick	received by mail by Feb 7
Women's and Men's double rink Tankard	Mar 2

Upcoming Events



Calendar of Events December 2013

Date	Event
Wed, Dec 18	EL Christmas Celebration
Sat, Dec 21	Mixed Christmas Party
Fri, Dec 27	Family Fun Day

January 2014

Sat, Jan 11 & Sun, Jan 12	OCA Bantam Zones
Sat, Jan 18	Ducks Unlimited
Thu, Jan 23 to Sat, Jan 25	Whig Standard Bonspiel
Wed, Jan 29	DL Rated Bonspiel

February 2014

Sat, Feb 1	RKCC Junior Bantam Bonspiel
Wed, Feb 5	KCA Bonspiel
Fri, Feb 7 & Sat, Feb 8	Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel
Fri, Feb 14	DL/DM Fun Bonspiel
Fri, Feb 21	High School Championships
Sat, Feb 22	Community Living Kingston Spiel



Royal Kingston Curling Club Annual Bantam/Junior Bonspiel

Olympic Curling

Saturday February 1st, 2014
9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.

COST \$100.00 PER TEAM TWO 8 END GAMES
ENTRIES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 23, 2014
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Entries accepted until January 9, 2014

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# of Teams:	4	24	12	24
Game #2:	Fri. 10:00 a.m.	Thurs. 9:30 p.m.	Fri. 10:00 a.m.	Fri. 12:00 p.m.

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OCA Mixed Curling Rules Apply



Convenors: Trish Beckett, Michael Braun,
Donna & David Poirier
*Based on 24 teams and 22% of registration fees.



2014 Golf Tournament

Well, here we are, almost half way through the curling season. Before we know it the Golf Season will soon be upon us.

The 9th annual RKCC Golf Tournament will be held at Glen Lawrence Golf Club on June 19th, 2014. While it is not time yet to sign up (the sign-up sheet will be posted in February) this is the season for giving. It is a good time to pick up a donation for the prize table ... a bottle of wine, golf balls, a gift card, or any item of your choice.

It is also time to mark this date on your calendars. We need 144 participants for this event to be fully successful. In 2013 we fell short by almost 20 people. Hopefully, with early planning, we can do better in 2014.

May you and your family enjoy a safe and healthy Christmas season.

Steve Quinn

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