

The Sweep

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A word from your President...

At the Board of Directors meeting on January 15, 2014, we were presented with a \$10,000 cheque from the Greater Kingston Area Curling Association. The monies represented our club's share from the Scotties Tournament of Hearts – which was held in Kingston last year. The cheque was a thank-you to the RKCC volunteers for all their hard work during the Scotties. The Board unanimously agreed to put these monies in a separate account and the proceeds will be used to promote curling going forward.

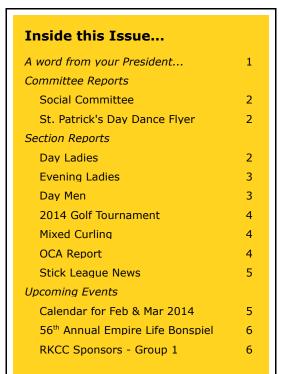
The Nomination Committee is looking for few members to let their names stand for 2014-2015 Board of Directors. If you are interested in joining the board or a committee, please let one of the Committee Members know. The Nomination Committee consists of Mike Schneider, Jim Barton, Betty Bush, Martha Tanner, and myself.

We are now well into the third draw of the season, I would like to wish everyone continued good curling and good health!

Respectfully,

Henry Treier







Articles / submissions to the **The Sweep** are accepted from all members. Submit to Carole Rivington at carolenr62@cogeco.ca by Tue, February 25th to be included in the March edition.

Thank You!

Committee Reports



Social Committee

Joanne Gizzi, Chair

Saturday, March 15th....Green is the theme for the 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Dance. Party starts at 8pm with the very popular band "Steve Cheesman and The Heeters". Invite your curling team members, friends and family to enjoy an evening of great music. Reserve a table for up to 10 people. This is a popular event, so get your tickets early. Tickets on sale at the RKCC bar.



Section Reports



On the morning of January 6, 2014 an exciting tiebreaker game (Thursday Draw) was played to decide who would advance to the Draw 2 playoff. Linda O'Sullivan's team of Nancy Page, Penny Steele and Carrol Knowles battled Denise Mulville's foursome made up of Marilyn Chilton, Murelle Ringuette and Jennifer Hunniford. Linda's team prevailed and they went on to the playoff game that afternoon against the Tuesday winners, Judy Sly, Darlene Boucher, Darlene Naugler and Lois Mc Keown (sparing for Pattyann Dicks). Judy won the playoff and, in doing so, has produced two consecutive draw wins. She is having a great year so far. Draw 3 is nicely underway with 14 teams participating on Tuesday and 11 on Thursday.

There has been some out-of-town "bonspieling" with the Day Ladies. On January 18, several teams from our club took part in the Chocoholic Bonspiel in Gananoque. A total of 16 teams participated. Day Ladies teams skipped by Joan Doucet and Mary Dupuis were competitive enough to enable their curlers a trip to the prize table. The wonderful array of chocolate desserts at the end of the day made up for the difficulty we all seemed to have deciphering the ice.

On January 23, Joan Doucet travelled with her team of Mary Smith, Debbie See and Pam Dickie to the Prescott Invitational. There were 6 teams playing and each one came from a different club. This bonspiel is known for its exceptional pot luck lunch, cash prizes and thoughtful, take-home gifts (this year it was a tam, a curling cook book and a spoon from the Curling Hall of Fame). Joan keeps returning for this spiel; it must be a "winner". Out-of-club and out-of-town bonspiels are usually a lot of fun. Curling on different ice, although challenging, and meeting new people enhances the enjoyment of the sport.

On a more serious note, four curlers from our section competed and earned their way to the Tim Hortons Masters Championship. This event took

place at the Gravenhurst Curling Club. The team players were Betty Bush, Joanne Miller, Joanne Manion and Dianne Wylie. After the round robin portion, our team shared a 3-way tie for first place. The ladies then had to compete in a tie-breaker game and unfortunately, lost in an extra end. All in all, it was a great week of curling and even though it was "Oh, So Close!" there is "Always Next Year".

Day Ladies are having their Rated Bonspiel this Wednesday (Jan.29). There will be 10 teams playing for cash prizes and a raffle table will be set up to help with fundraising.

Invitations to the Grandmothers and Great Aunts Bonspiel on Mar.26 have gone out. The committees have been selected; some have already had meetings. The convenors Teresa Wilson and Darlene Bouchard will be overseeing all the activities around this bonspiel. It remains the premiere event of the year for our section.

Until the next entry, continue to have fun on the ice with the game and the people.



Evening Ladies by Denise Mulville

Congratulations to the winners of our second draw in Wednesday Club Curling. First event went to Dorothy Hector's (sparing Joan Doucet) team of Erica Campbell, Sally Stewart and Marg Plumadore so we will see them in the play-offs in April. Runner's up were Judy Russell, Marie-Claude Gover, Bonnie Arlt and Karen Francis. Our second event winning team was Lil Rynbend, Liz Brown, Denise Ryce and Gay Chamberlain and our third event winners were Mary Buchanan, Cheryl Harvey, Liz Baer and Christine Sweetnam. Unfortunately, just before the game Cheryl was hit by a car walking to the club. We are saddened by this news but are very thankful that she survived and she will be taking the rest of the year off as she did break her pelvis. We all are thinking of Cheryl and hope she has a speedy recovery so she can join us for the next curling season.

Our third draw started on January 8th with 16 teams participating and the playoff games will be played on February 12th.

Flight curling has started the third round robin which will run until March 6th and then the "pool" playoffs will begin on March 10th.

Our Annual 'Bring a Friend Night' will be held on Wednesday March 12th so gather up your family, friends or co-workers and bring them out to try curling. Kathleen Poole will be running this event if you have any questions or you want to volunteer your time helping out.

Our next EL In-rated bonspiel will be held on Saturday March 29th so keep this day open for a funfilled day of curling. More details and sign-up sheets for this will be available shortly.

Thank-you Judy Russell for running the strategy clinic on Wednesday January 22nd. If you missed this clinic and are interested in attending one on February 5th from 8-9, please let me know so we can see if there is enough interest to run another one. As well, thank-you Judy for your weekly instructions every Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:00pm.



The day men continue to be a fun bunch, enjoying curling and each others good company.

Senior Men's Flight has 30 teams competing and we are into our third draw. Hopefully this will grow to 32 next year. The lunches put on by the various teams have been a hit as usual. Our playoffs will start on 24 March.

Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9 AM is going strong and with its format of rotating positions each two ends it allows members to develop skills in various positions.

This year is the end of the two year term for the executive for the Day Men. {Chair, Vice-Chair, Club Chair and Flight Chair} There will be a very short meeting and election on March 24, 2014 to be held just before the 1:30 draw goes on the ice. I am asking that members try to be present so they can be part of the election process. If you are just curling Tuesday and Thursday morning, join us for lunch prior to the meeting.



2014 Golf Tournament

February is at our door. Thank goodness !!!! Enough of winter already. It's time to think GOLF.

The 10th annual RKCC golf tournament will be held at the Glen Lawrence golf course on Thursday, June 19th at 1:00pm. Please mark your calendars for this important summer social gathering (and fund raiser). We will have our famous BBQ dinner at the curling club following golf. We will again play a scramble format as it promotes faster play. And the price will be the SAME as last year (\$65 includes a cart, \$30 for GLCC members.)

J.A.K.K. Tuesdays Sports Bar will again be present to provide a reward for accuracy ... or something similar to accuracy.

Last year we came significantly short of a full field, so please make early plans, and invite family members and friends as well.

And please don't forget to start saving prizes for the prize table. Value in the order of \$15 - \$20 is appropriate, as is "re-gifting".

The preliminary sign-up sheet will be posted during the 1st week in February.

Steve Quinn - Convenor



Mixed Curling by Denis Faubert

Despite the unpredictable winter weather, the curling mixed season is already into it's fourth and final round robin before the Friday Competitive

League enters the playoffs. This will likely entail a seeded double elimination format (details to follow). Team Clarke (Dean, Deanna, Pam & Roger) has retired early this season; we wish them well and look forward to seeing them next year. Team McLean (Eric, Marg, Jon & Lucie) has graciously stepped forward and some of you may have noticed additional changes to the Friday sections in the current round of play to accommodate them. We're also very pleased to welcome Team Scott-Zelt (Tammy, Dave, Monica & Andrew) to the Sunday Recreational League.

Regrettably due to unexpectedly severe weather conditions, the Christmas Mixed Dinner was cancelled. Weather permitting, the Mixed Closing/Awards dinner will take place on Saturday April 12th.

The 56th Annual Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel will be held on Feb. 7th & 8th this year and the dynamic team of co-convenors (David & Donna Poirier; Trish & Michael Braun) look forward to seeing many mixed curlers there. Entries are still being accepted.

On behalf of Lorne and myself, good luck and good curling for the remainder of the season.



Our Master Women's team of Betty Bush, Joanne Miller, Joanne Manion and Dianne Wylie had a great run at the Provincials in Gravenhurst, Jan. 7-11. The ladies finished in a 3-way tie for 1st place after the round robin with a record of 6 wins and 2 losses. The team lost the 1st tie breaker to Diana Favel (Rideau CC) who then went on to beat Pat Reid (Leaside CC). Favel plays in the Nationals in Coaldale, Alberta. Well done Betty, Joanne, Joanne and Dianne!!

RKCC hosted the Bantam boys' zone competition on Jan. 11th. Our entry of Trevor Kirby, Jarrid Conley, Anton Gibson and Elijah De Groote played very well but did not advance. The "A" side was won by the Joshua Henderson team from Cataraqui, and the "B" side was won by the Stirling team skipped by Ryan Hahn. Many thanks to Kevan Welch for officiating. Thank you also to our kitchen crew of Brian

Collingwood, Mary and Garry Dupuis, and Chuck White. Thanks also to Bev Townsend for stepping in when needed!

The competitions for this season are winding down. The Double Rink competitions (Women's Tankard, and Men's Dominion Regalia Silver Tankard) are a lot of fun, and entries can still be submitted online until March 2. The zones are played in Trenton on March 22. The "double rink" means that two teams sign up as one entry. The scores from each of your games are added, resulting in your entry win or loss. Since you both play at the same time, how you play your game depends on how your partner team is doing in their game. If they are losing, you need to chock up the points! Both winning? Even better!



Stick League News

Both the two person and four person stick leagues continue to provide great on ice competition and off ice social time, for our members.

Currently the team of Lefty Mc Donald and Bill Duffe are in first place, in the Landings Golf Stick League. The team of Mary and Grant Patterson are nipping closely at their heels. The competition is stiff in the Bob's Butcher Shop Stick League as well. The teams of Russ Brown, Jim Rines, Lorne Lloyd and Ernie Cater are tied for first place with Dave Sansom, Jim Leslie, Ed Tibbutt and Don Mallory.

Both these leagues could benefit from additional spares to draw from, when a member is unable to make a game. If you would like to give the stick league a try or just get some more ice time, I would encourage you to let Jan Ray know and your name would be added to our spare lists.

The 13th Annual "Marvin Valensky Memorial Stickspiel" will be held on Saturday March 22, for anyone interested in participating in a great day of curling.

Upcoming Events





Calendar of Events February 2014

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Date	Event
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 Valentine's Day!
Sun, Feb 16 & Mon, Feb 17	Major Ice Maintenance
Fri, Feb 21	High School Championships
Sat, Feb 22	Community Living Kingston Spiel
March 2014	
Wed, Mar 5	DL Spring Mini Spiel

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Fri, Mar 7	Insurance Adjusters
Wed, Mar 12	EL Club Bring a Friend
Sat, Mar 15	Eastern Ontario Junior League St. Patrick's Dance
Fri, Mar 21	Day Men's In-House Spiel
Sat, Mar 22	Kidney Foundation Stick Spiel
Wed, Mar 26	Grandmothers & Great Aunts Bonspiel
Fri, Mar 28	Super Senior's Bonspiel
Sat, Mar 29	Evening Ladies Rated Bonspiel

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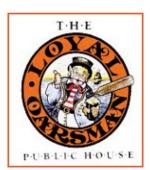


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