



# The Sweep

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### *A word from your President...*

It seems hard to believe that we are in the final draw of the 2013-2014 curling season. On the positive side, the club has had another solid year.

As mentioned in last month's report, the Nomination Committee is still looking to fill a couple of openings on the Board for next year.

Several months ago, a new committee named The New Revenue Opportunities Committee was formed to investigate and make recommendations to the Board as to how RKCC can increase revenues – particularly in the off season. At the February Board Meeting, the Committee Chair – Tom Bryant – presented twenty-three recommendations for consideration.

With the budget planning process well underway for next year's season, the Board is trying to explore many possibilities to keep our club in solid financial standing for years to come, while being mindful of keeping our dues in line.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone good health and good curling.

Respectfully,

Henry Treier

**AGM**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM

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Thank You!

## Committee Reports



John Ryce, Chair

Your Finance Committee has been busy working on the 2014/15 budget. If you take the time to look at our financial statements it may appear that we are in pretty good financial shape but we are still not reaching our annual budget targets. Every year our budget falls short by tens of thousand dollars to fund our CCRF (Capital Cost Replacement Fund). What this means is that we are OK for today because our club is so new but in the future as it ages, we will have to start replacing things.

We really need to increase our membership and make better use of our club which also brings in additional dollars. It was nice to see an overabundance of new curlers at the "learn to curl" session on the Sunday of the last day of the Olympics. The success of our curling teams really help to bring out people who are watching the sport and now want to try it. Now is a good time 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



*Committee*

Tom Bryant, Chair

The New Revenue Opportunities Committee (Mike Braun, Garry Dupuis, Graham Weatherby, Trish Beckett, Paul Cridland, John Ryce, Greg Ruse, Tom Bryant) was established last fall to gather information and present a report to the Board on ways that RKCC could generate additional income. This report will be discussed at the March board meeting, ideas prioritized, and implementation of some of the initiatives will begin.

The club is looking for a new ice sheet sponsor for 2014-15 and there will be at least 4 wall sign sponsorships available. Let a member of the marketing committee (Linda Lott, Garry Dupuis, Roger Taylor, Bruce Jeffery, Tom Bryant) know if you have any leads which the committee can pursue.

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



*Social Committee*

Joanne Gizzi, Chair

Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>.....Green is the theme for the 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Dance at the Royal Kingston Curling Club. Come out and enjoy an evening of great music with Steve Cheesman and The Heeters.

Party starts at 8pm. 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 Nancy Gray

Even though we have started the 4th and final draw, the winner of the 3rd draw has not yet been determined. A team did go through undefeated on Tuesday and it was the foursome skipped by Marilyn Bellringer with teammates Jane Kelly, Eleanor Brooks and Marge Craig. However, on Thursday, after six weeks of play, the situation was not as clear cut as three teams ended up tied for first. The tiebreaker games will start Feb 24 with Judy Sly (Zak Sieben, Carrol Knowles and Mary Birrell) playing Denise Mulville (Betty Bryant, Maria McGibbon and Cathy Hamilton). The winner of this matchup will then play a second tiebreaker against Marilyn Bellringer (Helen Noble, Sue McConnell and Claudia Stevenson) on Feb 28. This will result in a winner for Thursday which will then play off against Marilyn Bellringer's Tuesday winner to decide the overall winning team for Draw 3. This playoff game is scheduled for Mar 3.

Day Ladies Flight has finished its round robin play and the eleven teams have been sorted into A, B and C Divisions based on points. The playoffs commence on Feb. 26 and this year a 1-2 page playoff format will be used. The schedule for the day has Betty Bush playing Denise Mulville and Kathy Brown playing Edna-May McKay in Division A. In Division B, Marilyn Bellringer plays Jan Ray and Mary Stevenson plays Mary Smith. In Division C, Mary Patterson will be playing Teresa Wilson. Linda O'Sullivan earned the bye as she had the most points in this division.

Jan Ray, Linda Bell, Nancy Suenaga and Carrol Knowles travelled to Richmond Hill for the "Snow Flake" Bonspiel. This event took place at the Thornhill Golf & Country Club on Feb. 4, 5 and 6. These ladies have been participating and re-kindling friendships through the years at this spiel.

Betty Bush was on the road again; this time with her team of Joanne Miller, Joanne Gizzi and Karen Peters. They went to Ottawa where they competed and won the Seniors Event at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Crystal Heart Curling Classic. This large and well attended sporting event took place at nine different curling clubs in Ottawa from Feb. 6-9. Betty's team was one of thirty-two rinks in the Seniors' Division.

Of course, we have all watched the Olympics and in particular, the curling. No doubt, we will all experience improvement in our play between now and the end of the season (whether in reality or only in our minds). Curling remains the best game on ice.



### *Evening Ladies* by Denise Mulville

Congratulations to the winners of our third draw in Wednesday Club Curling. First event went to Betty Bush' team of Marie-Claude Goyer so we will see them in the play-offs in April. Runner's up were Denise Mulville, Debby King, Pam Power and Gay Chamberlain. Our second event winning team was Lil Rynbend, Lauren Baker (Martha Tanner sparing), Marzena Zakrzewski, and Pattyann Dicks and our third event winners were Nancy Suenaga, Liz

Brown, Susann Gauthier and Pennie Robert/Bonnie Arlt.

Our fourth draw started on February 19<sup>th</sup> with 16 teams participating and the playoff games will be played on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our Annual 'Bring a Friend Night' will be held on Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> with a 'Tacky Tourist' theme so keep this day open for a fun-filled day of curling. The sign-up sheet is on the Evening Ladies' Board and it is \$25.00 to enter. Contact Betty Bush for more information.

The Annual EL golf tournament will be run by Betty Bush and Joanne Miller and will be held at the Landings Golf Course on Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Details can be found on our website on times and format.

The year is coming to a close so keep these dates open:

Ladies Closing Dinner: Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Championship Night: Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Carrie Cole Playoffs: Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>, Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> (if needed). If you are involved in these play-downs, try and keep these nights open and if you are away please contact myself, Heather McMillan and/or Monica Kirk.

Enjoy the rest of the season and I am sure we all look forward to some spring weather in the coming months.



### Day Men

by Murray Cotton

A reminder that there is an meeting being held March 24<sup>th</sup> just before the 1:30 draw goes on the ice to elect a new executive for the Day Men (Chair, Vice-Chair, Club Chair and Flight Chair.

Although we have not finished our last draw or

started the playoffs I decided to put this thought out there. For any male member of the club over 50 we are always looking for curlers for the Monday Day Men's' Flight. Now is the time to make your interest known so existing teams that may have need of a player for next year can start to plan. Also this allows new players to form a team of their own. Anybody interested should contact Murray Cotton so I can put you in touch with other persons who are looking for a team for next year or a team looking to pick up a player for next year. We will place on the Web site names of persons looking for a team and teams looking for a player. I hope this will make it easier for teams to be formed for next year.



### Stick League News

Approximately three weeks before the playoff games begin, both leagues continue to experience great games. The team of Lefty McDonald and Bill Duffe remain in first place in the Landings two person Stick League, while Gwen and Bob Mitchell continue to do a great job holding on to second place, on behalf of Mary and Grant Paterson, who are hopefully enjoying the sunny south.

In the Bob's Butcher Shop 4 person Stick League you can never count out our strongest competitor Russ Brown and his team of Jim Rines, Lorne Lloyd and Ernie Carter. The team of Dave Sansom, Jim Lesley, Ed Tibbutt and Don Mallory are still close behind in second place.

Just a reminder that the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Marvin Valensky Memorial Stickspiel' will be held on Saturday March 22, 2014. If you are interested in participating in this event please contact Phil Tomsett.



### OCA News

by April Welsh

RKCC has had a great year on the competitive front, and one of our members came "that close" to winning a provincial this past weekend.

RKCC/Cataraqui member Dianne Wylie and her Cataraqui team of Larke Zarichny, Judy Valberg and Barb Worona played in the Senior Women's Provincials in Ennismore, Feb. 19-23. The team won the round robin with a 6/1 record. Unfortunately the ladies ran into a determined Marilyn Bodogh in the final and were defeated. (They beat her in the round robin). You may remember Bodogh (or Darte) as 1986 and 1996 Women's Canadian and World Champion. Bodogh represents Ontario in the Nationals in Yellowknife, March 22-30. Congratulations, Dianne and team, on a great week!

OCA events are coming to a close, but we still have plenty of in-club, and arm-chair curling to keep us busy. Enjoy!

## Bonspiel Reports



The 56th Empire Life Open Mixed Bonspiel was held at Royal Kingston Curling Club on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> with 24 teams competing in a 2-day, 3-game points format. The theme for this year's bonspiel was Dynamic Duos, and many creative and interesting costumes were seen throughout the event. Saturday

evening's entertainment was provided by Whiskey Overdrive, featuring our own Wayne Smith.

Thanks to Empire Life for their continuing event sponsorship and to Building Services by Braun Limited and Purple Essentials for prize donations.

Many thanks go to our volunteers who helped make the event such a success:

Decorations: Fran Cooney, Shirley Kwakkenbos, Debby King and Charlie Cooney

Posters: Liz Baer, Brian Collingwood and Donna Smith

Registration: Barbara Jackson

Photos: Shawn Suenaga

Drawmaster: David Poirier

Friday dinner: Murray Cotton, Dorothy Cotton, Roger Chown, Allan Sono, Dave Kerr, Claire Dominik, Barbara Jackson, Dwight Farrell, Steve Miller, Ross Steele, Dave Mitchell, Glen Owen and Keith Forrest

Saturday brunch: Sandy Edwards, Kathy Brown, Linda O'Sullivan and Jim Rines

Congratulations go to the winning team of Scott Moore, Tammy Scott-Zelt, David Zelt and Jennifer Moore from Brockville.



2<sup>nd</sup> place: Irwin Batalla, Shirley Kwakkenbos, Hugh Pollitt-Smith and Alexandra Simmons

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Andy Palmer, Cheryl French, Darrell Scott and Cathy Palmer, from Napanee District Curling Club

4<sup>th</sup> place: Dave Spence, Christie Gilmour, Wayne Gilmour and France Spence

5<sup>th</sup> place: Bill Mulville, Denise Mulville, Brian Fitzgerald and Lisa Mulville

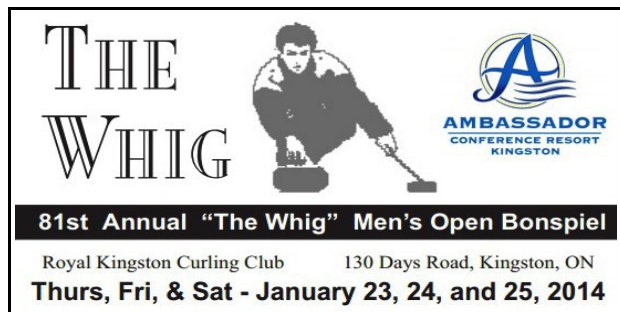
6<sup>th</sup> place: Dean Clark, Donna Jeffery, Bruce Jeffery and Deanne Clark

Highest points total with single win: Jim Campbell, Carolyn Beaulieu, Bob MacNeil and Kathy Ralph, from Garrison Golf and Curling Club

Highest points total with no wins: Robert Ringuette, Shannon Maxwell, Michel Ringuette and Mariette Ringuette

The organizing committee of Trish Beckett, Michael Braun, David Poirier and Donna Poirier also wish to

thank all the staff of RKCC who helped contribute to making the event run smoothly.



I am pleased to report that the 81<sup>st</sup> Whig Standard Bonspiel was successful. Noel Herron, skipping the Barkley entry, claimed his fourth Whig-Standard Bonspiel title as a skip with a one-rock victory Saturday evening, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The other members of the team were Chris Barkley, Brian Wooding and Randy Neal.



The Barkley rink defeated Gananoque's Jason Boyce, the 2012 champion, 5-4 in the main event final of the 62-rink, three-day men's bonspiel.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers and staff who contributed a great deal of time and energy over the three days. Their support was invaluable.

I would also like to thank our major sponsors, the Ambassador Hotel and Convention Centre, and the Whig Standard newspaper for their financial support of the bonspiel.

Roy Vasey,  
2014 Whig Standard Convener

# Upcoming Events



## Calendar of Events March 2014

Date	Event
Wed, Mar 5	DL Spring Mini Spiel
Fri, Mar 7	Insurance Adjusters
Wed, Mar 12	EL Club Bring a Friend
Sat, Mar 15	Eastern Ont Jr 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	EL Rated Bonspiel
<b>April 2014</b>	
Wed, Apr 2	DL Lunch & Spring Meeting
Thu, Apr 3 to Sat, Apr 5	Famous Fisherman's Bonspiel
Sun, Apr 6	Junior Pizza Party
Sat, Apr 12	Big Brother/Sister Bonspiel Mixed Closing Dinner
Sun, Apr 13	Eastern Ont Jr League Annual General Meeting (1pm)
Mon, Apr 14	EM Closing Dinner
Wed, Apr 16	Ladies Closing Dinner
Thu, Apr 17	Championship Night
Fri, Apr 18	Good Friday
Sun, Apr 20	Easter Sunday Skate-out-the-Ice





Royal Kingston Curling Club

**Grandmothers and Great Aunts Bonspiel 2014**

**Mexican Fiesta!**

**Wednesday, March 26, 2014**



**Entry Fee: \$140.00**

**New Format!**

**9:00AM Draw:** Light breakfast at 8:30AM, team pictures, on ice at 9:00 for 8-end game, lunch, 6-end game, desserts and *Cash Prizes*

**- OR -**

**11:00AM Draw:** Light breakfast at 10:30AM, team pictures, on ice at 11:00 for 8-end game, lunch, 6-end game, desserts and *Cash Prizes*

Prizes for each draw – Trophy for overall winner

**More Information:**

Darlene Boucher (613)352-5845

Teresa Wilson (613)453-8869

Please send your entry form and cheque payable to **RKCC** by: **27 February, 2014**  
(Preferred draw times awarded as per date received)



**2014 Golf Tournament  
Reminder**

The annual RKCC golf tournament will be held on June 19th at Glen Lawrence golf club. We guarantee that the snow will all be gone and the weather warmer. We are hopeful that the "rain man" will stay in hiding this year. The "scramble" format will be utilized again this year to speed up play.

The preliminary sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby. In an attempt to get a full field of 144 participants, the tournament is now open to guests.

Due to "attrition" we need about 160 people signed up by the end of the curling season. You may sign up as a team or an individual.

Now is the time to mark your calendar and to consider inviting guests, either family or friends. And, also, to plan on bringing a donation to the prize table.

If you have any questions please contact Steve Quinn.



*Eighth Annual*

**SUPER SENIOR  
Men's Bonspiel**  
(Age 60+)

**Friday, March 28, 2014 - Royal Kingston Curling Club**

Two 8-End Games  
Total Points

Morning Coffee  
Hot Roast Beef Lunch  
Prizes

Prizes Awarded  
After Each Draw

**Entry Fee \$140**

**24 Team Entries Accepted**  
(Entries Close March 14, 2014)

Royal Kingston C.C.  
130 Days Road  
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**Draw A - 8:30 a.m. & 12:45 p.m.**  
**Draw B - 10:30 a.m. & 2:45 p.m.**

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Steve Quinn  
613-634-2660

Please Enclose \$140 Cheque With Entry - payable to R.K.C.C.

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