



The Sweep

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A word from your President... Mike Schneider

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer (what little there has been of it prior to mid August). Considering summer is the off-season for curling, there certainly have been a lot of volunteer initiatives going on at RKCC since curling ended in April.

You'll hear more about the nature of these initiatives as you read the other articles in this month's Sweep. What I'd like to do is fill you in on **why** we felt it important to take on these initiatives. As I've always been better at numbers than words permit me to answer by quoting some numbers: 0, 51, 720, and 15,187.

0 - the last year's annual percentage increase in membership fee revenue (RKCC's single largest source of revenue) despite attracting 46 new members.

51 - the percentage of RKCC (non-junior) members over the age of 60 (in 2013)

720 - RKCC's maximum weekday evening capacity (calculated as 5 evenings per week X 3 draws per night X 48 curlers per draw).

15,187 - the \$ increase in our hydro costs last year versus the previous year. Put another way this cost increase is equivalent to the fees from 30 additional members

So what do all these numbers mean? While we are mortgage free and in much better financial shape than the vast majority of Canadian curling clubs, our recent financial trend is going the wrong way. Last year rising costs (particularly Hydro costs) and flat membership fee revenue meant we were unable to put enough money away to fund expected future capital replacement costs. In other words, our budget wasn't balanced.

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To get back to a balanced budget (something very important for the club in the long term), we faced three options; cut costs, raise fees by significantly more than inflation or increase membership. As significant fee increases aren't particularly appealing to anyone, the board elected to place our summer focus on reducing our hydro utilization (see the Operations Committee article for details) and increasing membership.

I mentioned earlier that we added 46 new members last year so we have been doing a good job of recruiting new members. Unfortunately our aging population means that each year we continue to lose some existing members. Thus, we have to get even better at recruitment if we are going to grow our membership. You will see more on these recruiting efforts in the other articles in the Sweep. I'm personally very excited about three of the many new recruiting initiatives for 2014: the Novice League, the Weekday Learn to Curl program and the online registration system.

We've also been doing some things to prepare for future increases in our evening membership. Once we get new curlers into the club we have to keep them. To do this we need to have sufficient ice time available so that all members can get value for their membership fee. And that's where our capacity number comes into play. We don't have a capacity problem right now but to make sure we have room for an increased membership in the future (and also to promote gender equity) we made a subtle tweak to this year's ice utilization. Evening men and evening ladies continue to have one dedicated night per week (Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively) but this year each section will be allocated three sheets of ice per night on Mondays and Thursdays to utilize as they see fit.

I'd like to pass on my personal thanks to all the individuals who have volunteered their time to make all these important summer initiatives happen.

Championship Night 2014

The Royal Kingston Curling Club held it's 2013-14 Championship Night on Thursday, April 17.

Mario Fabbro won the men's title along with his

team of Steve Miller, Drew Phillips and Barry Henry. They beat Greg Ruse, Jon Orpana, Dale Marecak (played for Dwight Farrell) and Michel Ringuette 5-3.

Georgie O'Shaughnessy (played for Betty Bush) and her team of Marie-Claude Goyer, Debbie Mansell and Linda Hofman won the ladies club title over Marilyn Bellringer, Jane Kelly, Eleanor Brooks and Marge Craig 9-3.

Tim Aldridge and his rink of Kelvin Cole, Joe Murphy and Scott Fraser captured the men's flight title.

The evening ladies flight was won by Donna Jeffery, Nancy Gray, Mary Dupuis and Debbie See.

Tyler Rider, Kelly Johnson, Todd Johnson and Anna Rider won the mixed trophy.

Junior champs are Trevor Kirby, Jarrid Conley, Sam Fowlow and Nate De Groot.

Jim Rose and Barry Elvidge won the two person stick league championship.

Dan O'Neill, Bob Mitchell, Gwen Mitchell and Eden Jefferies won the four person stick league title.

Larry Waller, Greg Ruse, Grant Paterson, Roy Vasey and Wayne Smith took the senior men's fight crown.

City Championships are slated for Saturday, November 8th at Garrison Curling Club. Come out and cheer on our RKCC teams!



Tony Bush, Fran Cooney, Carrol Knowles, Rene Marchen, Jim Rines and Judy Russell all received life member certificates after being members of RKCC for 30 years.

2014-15 Board of Directors

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Committee Reports



Finance Committee
John Ryce, Chair

I hope that everyone had a great summer. It is now time to start thinking about another year of curling.

I want to start with first congratulating the Finance Committee and the Board for keeping your membership rates down with only an approximate 1.5% increase to keep up with inflation. That is the good news but now I have to talk about some of the financial challenges that your club has.

I have just looked at the club's financial statements and compared the numbers for the past 5 years (April 30/10 to April 30/14). We were aware of this disturbing trend but quite honestly the results are shocking. The two biggest sources of revenue for our club is through the membership dues and bar revenues. The gross dues that we collect has increased by a total of 4.5% over this 5 year period and the bar revenue has gone up by 5.3%.

On the expense side I looked at wages, hydro and

gas costs. The wages have increased by 8.3%, hydro by 43% and gas by a whopping 83%. It is easy to see that we won't be able to keep the membership fees down if this trend continues.

As part of our annual budget we plan to put \$58,000 into savings each year to cover capital cost replacement. In other words we need to plan for the future to ensure that we have the funds to repair or replace any of our equipment. In this same 5 year period our "Capital Cost Replacement Fund" and "Future Development Fund" has only increased by \$68,649. Some money has been spent every year to deal with these issues but we are way behind in meeting our annual goal.

The easiest solution to make up ground is to find new members and to better utilize the use of our club. Please do your part by inviting a non-member to RKCC so that they can see firsthand what we have to offer. If everyone helps a little bit we can reach our annual budget targets and keep our fees down.

Feel free to contact me or any member of the Finance Committee if you have any questions or concerns. The committee is made up of:

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

Curling Committee

Betty Bush, Chair



In order to prepare the Calendar for the 2014-15 curling season your Curling Committee met several times in May, June and July. The members are to be commended on their positive approach and willingness to compromise in trying to do what is best for our members. Bravo, on a job well done!!

Members of the Curling Committee are:

Chair: Betty Bush
Day Ladies: Marilyn Bellringer
Day Men: Brian Hetherington
Evening Ladies: Heather McMillan
Evening Men: Mario Fabbro
Stick: Ian Duncan

Mixed: David Townsend
 Juniors: Dave Wolovick
 Learn to Curl: Denis Faubert
 Novice: Steve Lloyd
 Skills
 Development: Kimberly Barker
 OCA: Dianne Wylie

May you have a successful and fun filled curling season.



& Communications Committee

Carole Rivington, Chair

This committee is comprised of two separate committees:

1. The **Personnel** Committee, chaired by the HR Director and is responsible for the the Manager's performance reviews and salary negotiations. The President and Vice President are also members of this committee. The Personnel committee is pleased to announce that all full time staff are returning and we anticipate another very successful year of curling at RKCC.
2. The **Communications** Committee which is responsible for communications, bonspiels, volunteers and the Kitchen.

The HRC committee members are:

Teresa Wilson who, along with Graham Weatherby (Club Manager), is responsible for the care and upkeep of our website. There will be some new and exciting news to report on this front in the coming months, so please stay tuned!

Carole Rivington who is responsible for preparing the Sweep Newsletter and Club Roster. The Sweep is published six times throughout the curing season and depends heavily on article contributions from the President, Committee Chairs, Section Chairs,

Bonspiel Convenors and Membership.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome **April Welsh** to the HRC committee as Bonspiel Chair. Please see April's report below for more information on the duties of this very important role.

Mike Charette is our volunteer co-ordinator. Mike will be provided with a full list of those members who have expressed a desire to volunteer either with Curling Instruction, Bonspiels, Canteen Services, Section Events or Board – ad hoc committees and all sections should refer to this list whenever possible.



The **Kitchen Chair** position is currently vacant and in serious need of a volunteer! Kitchen duties include: check inventory, revise needs list, routine cleaning. Please contact Carole Rivington or any other Board member if you, or someone you know, is interested.

The HRC committee members look forward to a great 2014–15 season and to entertaining suggestions and input from the membership. Please feel free to speak with any of us, at any time, or pop a note in the "Suggestion Box" located just outside the pro shop.



Bonspiels
 April Welsh, Chair

Welcome to the 2014–15 season! RKCC has a long standing reputation for its terrific bonspiels, both invitational and in-house. As Bonspiel Chair, I will serve as a resource person for our convenors. I will be touching base with all convenors to make sure they are aware of the financial and logistical points of running a bonspiel. I will have info sheets available shortly. All bonspiels should have records from previous years to aid the incoming convenors as well.

The Evening Ladies' Bonspiel in November still needs a convenor. If interested, please contact

Heather McMillan. The Grandmothers' and Great Aunts' Bonspiel in March needs a convenor as well. Please contact Marilyn Bellringer if you are interested. There will be no shortage of ladies to help with either spiel – we just need someone to head the committees and get things started.

Convening a bonspiel involves some work, but with a committee taking care of the various duties, many hands make light work. It can be a fun and rewarding experience.

Thank you in advance to all convenors and committee members – bonspiels help make RKCC such a success, both financially and socially. Here's to another great year on the bonspiel front.



Member-At-Large

Martha Tanner, Chair

Welcome back to another season of curling! The Board of Directors and the members of various committees have been meeting throughout the summer to try to make this the best season ever.

As Member at Large, I will be heading up a committee this year to nominate worthy Life Members of the club to the RKCC's Wall of Fame. The Wall of Fame can be found in the lobby of the club - look up for the wooden plaques bearing the images of the inductees. The purpose of the Wall of Fame is to recognize and honour those members who have exemplified the vision and values of the club and have achieved extraordinary distinction by their contributions to the Club over many years. Nominees should have made outstanding achievements in the sport of curling and provided outstanding service to the club. The full list of criteria for nomination to the Wall of Fame can be found starting on page 79 of the Policy and Resource Manual, which is available at the manager's office and on the website in the Members' section under AGM/Board of Directors Documents. If you would like to nominate a member for consideration, please let me know.

In my experience, one of the best ways to really feel a sense of "ownership" and pride in the club is to become involved, either by volunteering at an event, or joining a committee, such as Membership or Social. Being Member at Large, a liaison between

members and the Board of Directors, is a great introduction to the way the club works. If you are interested in this position or in any other volunteer position in the club, please talk to me or any other committee member.

We hope that this season will be a great one for all our members. We all have the best interests of the club at heart and it is by working together and having fun together, both on the ice and in the lounge, that we make RKCC *the* place to be.



Social Committee

Pennie Robert, Chair

Hope you have all enjoyed the summer, curling season is soon upon us!

This year's Social Committee members are Pennie Robert, Joanne Gizzi, Linda Lott, Barbara Jackson, Trish Beckett and Kathleen Poole. We are looking for new members to join our committee. If you're interested please contact one of us.

Some of the highlights for this coming year at RKCC that the Social Committee will be hosting are Swing & Sweep on October 4th. Tee off at The Landings starting at 3:10 then after a fun 9 holes of golf join us back at RKCC for dinner followed by a game of curling and prizes. Please sign up on the roster in the lounge, both new and existing members are welcome. Hope to see you there. Cost is \$30 per person or \$20 per person if you only want to join us for dinner and curling.

On December 27 we will be assisting with Family Fun Day. The fun starts at 1:00 pm and snacks will be served. On December 31st the Social Committee will be hosting a New Year's Eve Dance. The dance starts at 8:00 pm, and we will be entertained by Whiskey Overdrive. There will be a hot buffet at 11:00 pm and party favors will be provided to ring in the New Year. Hope you can join us!

On February 17th which is Shrove Tuesday we will be serving a pancake dinner from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

We will be selling tickets in the new year, please watch for adverts.

We will be hosting our annual St. Patty's Dance on March 14. So bring out your Irish and join us for another good time at RKCC!



OCTOBER 4TH

**SWING &
SWEEP**



MARKETING



Committee

Tom Bryant, Chair

The busiest time for the marketing committee is the period between curling seasons as we approach potential new advertisers and secure the continuing sponsorship of those who have supported us in the last year.

At this time we have close to a full complement of sponsors for the 2014-15 curling season. Assante Wealth Management (Henry Treier) has changed his wall sponsorship to an ice sheet sponsorship and we have obtained new sponsorships from Carloft.ca (Barry Miller), Secura Financial, Secker, Ross and

Perry (our auditors), and K-Town Physiotherapy (Scott Fraser). Still available for sponsorship is the wall clock at the east end of the ice. The Dominion (our insurers) used to sponsor this but they are now known as Travellers and will be sponsoring two in ice logos instead. Last year we increased the visibility of our sponsors and this year we will also be adding their names to the club roster.

Please support our sponsors and mention when you do visit their place of business, that you are a member of The Royal Kingston Curling Club. This reinforces for our advertisers that their sponsorship budget is being put to good use. In addition, if you have potential sponsor suggestions, please approach a member of the committee (Garry Dupuis, Linda Lott, Bruce Jeffery, Roger Taylor, and Tom Bryant) so this lead can be pursued.

Thanks for patronizing our sponsors – have a great season on the ice.

JOIN OUR MEMBERSHIP!!

Membership Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

As we leave the dog days of summer behind us, it is time to turn our thoughts to that great Canadian winter sport-curling. RKCC is introducing online registration for the 2014-2015 curling season. Many thanks to the HR&C Committee for making this possible. By switching to an online registration process, it allows the club to manage our membership database in a more efficient manner.

To facilitate the registration process the club will be open on, Tuesday-Sept. 2nd, Wednesday-Sept. 3 & Thursday-Sept. 4 from 1-4 and Friday-Sept. 5 from 10-12. On Thursday, September 4th from 5:30-8 pm, there will be a Wine and Cheese, meet and greet, registration session.

Computer access and assistance will be available during the times listed above. Members must be registered by midnight on September 5th to ensure their place in the first draw and dues are to be paid in full by September, 19th.

The membership committee encourages you to nab

Tee off at The Landings starting at 3:10. After a fun 9 holes of golf join us back at RKCC.

After dinner we will hit the ice for a game of curling with prizes to follow.

COST

\$35/person

\$20/person for dinner and curling if you don't want to golf. Dinner will be around 6:30.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW OTHER CLUB MEMBERS IF YOU'RE NEW TO RKCC.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT RKCC. TEAMS TO BE DETERMINED

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

a friend or two and bring them to one of the opening clinics-September 22, 24 & 25th, the GKACA curling day on September 27th or a Sunday night Learn to Curl session. Studies have shown that if you go with a friend to try a new sport, you will stay and learn that sport. The best membership drive that a curling club can promote is to have its members bring their friends and family out to try curling. See you and your friends at the club.



Operations Committee

Reg Gore, Chair

In an effort to combat the 45% rise in Hydro Electric costs of the club the Operations Committee has been working with the refrigeration company and the following action plan is being put in place. All action items met with Board approval before being implemented.

Objective is to reduce the electrical load on the Ice Plant by:

- a) Reduce the thickness of the ice sheet itself. This required the procurement and installation of new puck board around the perimeter of the ice sheet eliminating the gap that once existed between concrete and board. This will reduce the quantity of water required to make the ice and it will take less energy to keep the ice sheet frozen.
- b) Installation of a new controller which will allow the Ice Plant to automatically shut down and restart for a set period of time during the night. Currently the ice plant operates continuously. The system will have a safety protection that will override the program & automatically restart the ice plant should the ice pad reach a set rise in temperature.
- c) Increase the temperature parameter on the brine. Currently the system maintains the brine temperature at 17 degrees F +/- 1

degree. This is too tight a tolerance and we want to increase this as much as is permissible. This will reduce the operation of the brine pump and compressors

- d) Operate the ice plant on one compressor, once the ice is in. The plant was designed to operate off one compressor with the second set to start if parameters could not be met. In 2013 it operated both compressors for most of the year.

Although the Operations Committee are expecting these changes to reduce the Club's electrical consumption dramatically it is not guaranteed. If all these efforts are not successful in reducing our Hydro costs substantially then further steps may have to be taken by the Board to offset the increased costs so the Club can remain operational into the future.

Other summer activities that took place:

- ◆ Painting of exterior man doors
- ◆ Painting mechanical piping on the roof (rusting),
- ◆ touch up painting of main girders in the ice shed.
- ◆ Kleenex box holders installed by score board.

Also, extensive study and work has gone into improving the back lighting on Wally's Bar sign over the bar. The work is planned to be completed prior to start of the curling season.



Curling Skills Development Committee (CSDC)

Denis Faubert, Chair

In an effort to provide a more cohesive educational/instructional program at RKCC, several ad hoc meetings were held last season primarily consisting of input from Learn To Curl volunteers/instructors as well as helpful contributions from the chair of the membership committee.

This process not only provided us with an

understanding of our current role and resources (both staffing and equipment), but more importantly an awareness that there was a need to better serve not only our membership but also the greater Kingston community.

Realizing that this exceeded the boundaries of the current Learn To Curl Program, the Curling Skills Development Committee (CSDC) was resurrected and repurposed to oversee the following club activities & programs:

- 1) Learn to Curl Sunday Program
Kimberly Barker – Coordinator
- 2) Learn to Curl Weekday Program
Tom Bryant – Coordinator
- 3) Open House/Member Clinics
Denis Faubert – Coordinator
- 4) Novice Adult Curling League
Steve Lloyd – Coordinator.

The last item mentioned above, namely the Novice Adult Curling League represents a new initiative for RKCC which will provide a venue for new curlers to acquire the skills and confidence to play “The Roaring Game” (see Steve’s excellent summary under Section Reports).

In addition, thanks to a funding endowment and much appreciated support from the Board, a new storage unit (adjacent to sheet 6) has been purchased as well as a variety of curling implements (brooms, stabilizers, sliders, grippers, and an iPad) that will certainly enhance the curling instruction and experience of participants in the Learn to Curl, Novice Adult Curling League and member clinics.

In an effort to augment our instructor base which is a critical component to the success of each of these programs, RKCC in conjunction with the Ontario Curling Association will be hosting a “Club Coach” curling course on Oct. 4th & 5th. I would strongly urge you to consider joining the ranks of instructors that sustain these worthwhile and value-added club activities, but more importantly the skills you learn will likely improve your own on-ice performance ☺

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 22 nd , 24 th , 25 th 6 pm - 8 pm	Open House Clinics
Oct 4 th / 5 th 8:30 am – 4 pm	Club Coach OCA Course

Oct 6 th 7 pm	Adult Novice Curling “Meet & Greet”
Oct 9 th 11:15 am – 1:15 pm	Weekday Weekly Learn to Curl
Oct 19 th 8:30 am – 11:30 am	Member Clinic
Oct 19 th 7 pm – 9 pm	Novice Curling League begins
Oct 19 th 7 pm – 9 pm	First Learn to Curl Session
Dec 27 th 1 pm – 4 pm	Family Fun Day

Section Reports



Novice League – New this Year!

by Steve Lloyd

Do you have friends that are interested in curling but have been reluctant because they don't know how to curl? The Novice League has been designed specifically for them!

The Novice League is a 10 week program of structured curling instruction and mentored game play for both new members as well as interested members of the public. The league provides an opportunity for new curlers, or curlers returning to the sport after a long absence, to learn skills, strategy and traditions in a fun environment knowing that all the curlers on the ice are beginners too.

The league will follow The Canadian Curling Association’s “Getting Started for Adults” program. The first weeks will concentrate on skill development and practice. Later we will introduce mentored game play where each participant will have the opportunity to play every position under the tutorage of our qualified instructors.

By the end of the program the participants will be

able to confidently join regular league play.

If any of your friends have shown an interest in curling please let them know about this opportunity.



Day Ladies

by Nancy Gray

Welcome back ladies!

I look forward to seeing all the familiar faces and hearing stories from the summer just passing. Golfing, travelling, gardening, hosting guests, curling meetings, etc. etc., there is no shortage of entertainment or activities when the warm weather arrives. The only shortage this summer is warm weather.

Once again, we are asking the membership to invite new people to try curling. We all know someone who has never thrown a rock or even stepped inside a curling club. What fun they are missing!

Please set aside the inhibitions and just ask a neighbour, a friend or even a relative to come out with you to a curling clinic or "bring a friend" event to try this fabulous sport. This season there is a 20% discount on fees for 1st year curlers. A 10% discount will be applied to fees for those people who started last year as new curlers and are returning for their second season this year. These discounts will hopefully help the membership grow. Our club, in order to remain viable and healthy (without increasing fees dramatically) must keep expanding the membership to offset the growing costs of operation and maintenance of the building.

On another note, the following is a golf report by Betty Bush. On June 25th, twenty-five RKCC Day Ladies went to the Landings G.C. to enjoy a day of exercise and sunshine. Not only are these ladies superb curlers but their golfing proficiency is not too shabby either. After a hearty lunch served by the Landings staff, the winners were announced. The prestigious trophy was won by the team of Ella Brisson, Joan Doucet and Linda O'Sullivan. Prizes for all were given out and the winners of the 2 rounds of golf donated by the Landings were Bernie Kay and Helen Noble.

Club curling begins on Tuesday, October 7 (11:15am and 1:30pm) and on Thursday, October 2 (1:30pm).

Flight curling starts on Wednesday, October 1 at 9am.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR SEPTEMBER:

- Ladies Opening Pot Luck Dinner - September 17 at 5:30pm
- Final day for returning members to pay dues - Friday, September 19
- "Bring a Friend" Practice - Tuesday, September 23 from 1-4pm
- Day Ladies Fall GM - Thursday, September 25 at 1pm (open practice to follow)
- Open House Clinics - September 22, 24 and 25 at 6pm
- Final day to register new members - September 26 at 6pm

Day Ladies Executive for 2014-15:

Chair: Marilyn Bellringer

Vice-Chair: Nancy Gray

Past Chair: Claire Dominik

Secretary: Phillipa Fugler

Games Chair: Zak Sieben

Assistant Games Chair: Darlene Boucher
(Flight Convenor)

Fun Days Co-Chairs: Alice Pignal
Pat Bradshaw

Please contact anyone on the executive if you have questions arising during the curling season.

Good luck and good curling.



Evening Ladies

by Heather McMillan

I hope everyone had a great summer and that you are looking forward to another season of good curling. Please fill out your online registration form as soon as possible so the league convenors can

complete the schedules as early as possible.

The Opening Pot Luck dinner will take place on Wednesday, September 17th at 5:30pm, hosted by the Day Ladies this year. The Evening Ladies AGM for the fall will be held on Thursday, September 18th at 7:00pm. The agenda will be posted on the website in September.

Flight curling will run on Mondays and Thursdays again this season. The times will be at 5:10 and 7:15 on Mondays and Thursdays – please note the 7:15pm time slot on Thursday nights is new for the Evening Ladies. Regular flight games will begin on Monday, September 29th at 5:10pm and 7:15pm. Club curling will begin on Wednesday, October 1 at 6pm and 8pm.

Keep Saturday, November 1st open for our annual fall EL in-club rated bonspiel. This is always a fun spiel for all levels of curling skill. As well, our Annual EL Invitational bonspiel will be held on Saturday, November 15th, so save the date for a day of great curling and if you have out of town friends who curl, invite them to come out for this fun event.

Evening Ladies Executive for 2014-15:

Chair: Heather McMillan
Vice-Chair: Mary Buchanan
Past Chair: Denise Mulville
Flight Convenors: Susan Hara,
 Denise Mulville
Club Convenors: Monica Kirk,
 Pam Davison
Special Events: Mirelle Ringuette
Secretary: Georgia Lee
 O'Shaughnessy
OCA Rep: Dianne Wylie
Kitchen Chair: Trish Beckett

If you have any suggestions, concerns or questions about the upcoming season please contact any of the Ladies on our Executive. I look forward to seeing everyone in September. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Good curling!



Day Men by Brian Hetherington

Greetings to all returning and new curlers joining us on Monday Senior Mens Flight and Tues & Thurs morning open curling.

If you are planning to play on Monday and need a team please get your card of intent in early. If skips are looking for players get in contact with me and I will forward you the name and phone numbers of available curlers. There are 4 sessions of curling, after which you move up or down the ladder, which consists of ABC&D flights, based on your teams success. The number of flight teams is limited to a maximum of 36 teams. Therefore team members are strongly urged to submit their membership application forms and cards of intent no later than Sept 8. Spots for last seasons flight teams will be held until Sept 8. After that, new flight teams will be compiled on first come basis. Talk to your friends and encourage them to try curling.

Lunches will start on the first day of Monday curling. Once you have seen your curling schedule, please volunteer your team to prepare a Monday lunch. Remember you should be curling at 1:30 pm time slot when preparing a lunch.

Tues & Thurs mornings at 8:55 to 11:00 pm is a relaxed curling game with the emphasis on fun. Please join us, no matter your curling experience. The teams are made up each morning and only if you desire, the more experienced members are more than happy to help you improve your curling technique. We welcome league curlers to join us and you can use it as away of getting in some fun practice time.

Practice curling starts Sept 22 and Senior Flight starts Sept 29.

Evening Men by Mario Fabbro

Hard to believe that we are almost ready to embark on another curling season. Where has the summer

gone? It seems only yesterday that we were gathered in the lounge on Championship Night enjoying some sportsmanship with our fellow curlers and celebrating a wonderful ending to another fantastic season.

Here is a rundown of the 2013-14 Evening Men's winners:

Club Champions: Mario Fabbro (Skip), Steve Miller, Drew Phillips, Barry Henry

Flight Champions: Tim Aldridge (Skip), Kelvin Cole, Joe Murphy, Scott Fraser

B-Flight Champions: Bob Daley (Skip), Brian Ward, Brian Dowling, Dave Kerr

C-Flight Champions: Murray Lynch (Skip), Andrew Lynch, Dale Marecak, Matt Lynch

Congratulations to all winners and we look forward to seeing you and all other returning and new members on the ice (And in the lounge) in September.

If anyone has any questions about the upcoming season please contact either Mario Fabbro, Gord Rogers or Phil Tomsett.

Good curling to all!



Mixed Curling

by David Townsend

Welcome back to another year of fun, fellowship and curling in a great Club and atmosphere.

There are a few new opportunities this year in Mixed. And yet what you have come to expect will also be back. Once again, there will be A&B competitive curling on Friday nights along with a more recreational C division. We are also pleased to have the Sunday recreational back in force!

From the feedback Denis Faubert received from all who responded, our Mixed Committee will continue to follow the formats from the past couple of seasons. This year's Mixed flight scheduling format

will again hold 3 consecutive round robins, allowing each team to play every other team in their respective subdivision. This will be followed by playoffs with initial draw positions based on year-end standings. Until we know how many teams register, we won't fully know the schedule.

New to Mixed this year are two great additions. The first is the Mixed Club days. These will take place on Saturday, November 29, Saturday, January 24 and Saturday, March 28. Each day is a one-day event where all curlers (and new to curling as well as non-curlers) will register in a Club format. Each curler can indicate preference of position (draws may be held to get the right number of skips, leads, etc) and you may or may not be curling with your regular curlers! There will be a cost to each of these events to cover ice rental, food and prizes. Talk about a great way to meet and laugh with other curlers!

The second is the Novice league that Denis Faubert is running on Sunday nights. We hope there will be some new teams that come out of this league and want to join us on either Friday nights or Sunday recreational in time for draw #2 of our round robins.

Mark the following dates on your calendar!

- Sunday, Oct 5 – Mixed meeting in the Lounge at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov 29 – Mixed Christmas dinner
- Saturday, December 27 – Family Fun Day
- Friday, Feb 8 & Saturday, Feb 9 – the Mixed Empire Life bonspiel
- Saturday, March 28 – Mixed closing banquet (even though we are still curling – time for another party)
- Sunday, March 29 – Mixed meeting in the Lounge at 7:00 p.m.

I would also be remiss if I did not introduce and thank the wonderful folks working with me on the Mixed Committee this year. My thanks go to Lorne Carmichael, Trish Beckett, Mary Kelly and Kathleen Poole.

If you are new to Mixed curling, want to enter a new team or even want to join a team, let me know or check out the member's news section on the RKCC website.

Happy curling.

*Junior Clinic and Registration
Sunday, September 28th, 2014*



9 AM – 4 PM

All are welcome!



The Stick Leagues of RKCC
by Ian Duncan

It surely seems early to be thinking about curling when the sun is still shining brightly, but here we are.

For those who may be experiencing some difficulty throwing from the hack, please consider signing up for the 2- or 4-stick leagues. Even if you can still curl traditionally, everyone is welcome to participate with the sticks. Despite what many think, the stick is a challenge to get right.

The 2-stick group continues to be sponsored by The Landings Golf Club and the 4-stick by Bob's Butcher Shop. Also, the Social Member (enhanced) membership is again being offered which allows one to curl once a week in the 2-stick league.

The 2-stick league has been well received. The 4-stick has gone from six teams to eight over the last few years, but there is room for more teams. The sooner people sign up, the easier it will be for the scheduler to get things together.

If you need further information, there will be a rep at the open house clinics on the 22, 24, and 25 Sep or you can call Ian Duncan at 545-9636 or at e-mail

at theduncans@cogeco.ca or Ken Burns at 384-1474.

We hope to see you there come October!



OCA Report
by Dianne Wylie

Welcome to the 2014-15 curling season! Let me introduce RKCC's OCA reps to you – Ron Cameron is the men's rep, Kevan Welch is the junior rep, and I am the women's rep. We, along with the OCA website, www.ontcurl.com can fill you in on the upcoming courses, competitions and bonspiels.

As in past years, the OCA offers courses directed to those interested in coaching teams, club curlers or club-youth. I am pleased to announce that RKCC is hosting an OCA-sponsored course on **October 4 and 5, 2014**. For more information about the course, and to register, please visit the OCA website indicated above, under the "courses" link. RKCC will reimburse the course costs for any member who

successfully completes the program and at least one season of volunteer work at the club. The reimbursement is given in the form of a dollar for dollar credit against membership dues owing the following season. Please ask our Manager Graham for more details.

Competitions: A draft list of dates appears on the OCA website, which dates will be finalized at our Fall OCA meeting. We encourage curlers to try out for the various competitions. They are a fun way to meet and compete with other curlers, and to visit other clubs in the area. We will post an announcement summarizing the competitions on various boards at the Club, so stay tuned!

RKCC is hosting two competitions this year. We are hosting the Senior Men and Senior Women Zone competition in December 2014, with the date to be finalized at our OCA Fall meeting. We are also hosting the Bantam Boy and Bantam Girl Zone competition on the weekend of January 17-19, 2015. If you would like more information about these events, please speak to Ron, Kevan or myself. We encourage you to come out and watch the curlers compete. You are sure to see some excellent curling!

Bonspiels: The OCA website is an excellent location to check for upcoming bonspiels in our area. I would also encourage all Bonspiel convenors to put your bonspiel on the OCA website under the Bonspiels link. This is a great way to get the word out about upcoming bonspiels at our Club.

Please consider volunteering your time at any of the many bonspiels, clinics or fun days that RKCC will be hosting this year. Here's to a great curling season – good curling everyone!



to take over as Leader of the Annual RKCC Golf Tournament

The annual RKCC Golf Tournament began 10 years ago, motivated by a desire to have a social event, as well as a fund-raiser, for members during the summer period. This event has been highly successful in both aspects, generating a profit in excess of \$3000 (excluding bar revenue) most years while providing a relaxed social gathering.

This year they were able to achieve a full field of participants (144) resulting in a profit in excess of \$3400. All of this revenue is a result of RKCC volunteers making this event a success. Special kudos to the kitchen volunteers, led by Jim Lesley and Bill Duffe, for the excellent meal they prepare every year.

Steve Quinn, who has been leading this event for the past 10 years, will be stepping down but has agreed to assist the new leader for next year's event.

It is Steve's recommendation that this event continue to be conducted on the same basis as a Bonspiel. That is, one committed leader who has the time to lead as well as attend to the details.

It is also recommended that the new leader be fully

committed to making this event an ongoing success. This role is, among other things:

- Selecting a golf location and negotiating an acceptable golf fee. This is usually done in December to ensure the golf course is "booked".
- Finding a sponsor for one on-course hole which generates a profit for our club (i.e. J.A.K.K. Tuesday's).
- Providing promotional articles on a monthly basis for the SWEEP.
- Developing a "sign-up" poster for early February, followed by constant reminders to individuals to sign up. Also recruiting, both members and non-members, and adding to this list from mid-February to mid-June.
- During the 2-3 weeks prior to the tournament calling all the signees to ensure they are still planning to come (attrition is approximately 10%).
- Urging participants to provide prizes. (No tournament money has ever been spent for prizes.)
- For 2 weeks prior to the tournament work closely with the golf course manager to ensure all details are met.
- Make up the draw sheet and provide to the golf club.
- Either be the "emcee" at the curling club during the meal to carry out "light-hearted" conversation and promote the sale of "draw" tickets, or recruit an appropriate person to do so.
- Conduct the draw for prizes.
- Provide a final financial statement to the Club manager and Financial specialist.

If you or someone you know is interested in taking over this lead role please contact any member of your Board of Directors or Graham, RKCC Manager.





On Wednesday, June 4th. ffty-three ladies gathered at The Landing Golf Course for a nine hole shotgun tournament. This was unlike most tournaments – where putting with a noodle, teeing off with oven mitts and playing a hole with a practice ball were compulsory. Needless to say, winning the tournament was up for grabs.

After consuming a delicious meal provided by The Landings, the winners were announced. By retrogression, the winners were Lil Rynbend and Bonnie Arlt over Denise Mulville and Colleen Bennett. The winners of our “other trophy” that will have yet another decoration added to it were Brenda Charette and Val Gore.

The Landings generously donated two rounds of golf which were won by Karen Matheson and Mirelle Ringuette.

From all reports, everyone had a good time and they look forward to participating again next year.

Betty Bush and Joanne Miller

Wed, Sept 3 rd 1:00 – 4:00 PM	Returning Members Registration
Thu, Sept 4 th 1:00 – 4:00 PM, 5:30 – 8:00 PM 6:00 PM	Returning Members Registration Wine & Cheese Party
Fri, Sept 5 th 10:00 AM – NOON	Returning Members Registration
Wed, Sept 17 th 5:30 PM	Ladies Opening Pot Luck
Thu, Sept 18 th 7:00 PM	Evening Ladies AGM
Fri, Sept 19 th	LAST DAY TO PAY DUES!
Mon, Sept 22 nd 6:00 PM	Open House Clinic, New Member Registration
Wed, Sept 24 th 6:00 PM	Open House Clinic, New Member Registration
Thu, Sept 25 th 1:00 PM 6:00 PM	DL Fall Meeting Open House Clinic, New Member Registration
Fri, Sept 26 th 6:00 PM	Final Registration for New Members
Sat, Sept 27 th	GKACA Sports Day
Sun, Sept 28 th 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Junior Clinic and Registration

October 2014

Date	Event
Sat, Oct 4 th 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM 3:10 PM	OCA Clinic Swing & Sweep
Sun, Oct 5 th 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	OCA Clinic Novice League Meet & Greet
Sat, Oct 18 th	RBC United Way Spiel
Sat, Oct 25 th	Limestone Senior Men's Bonspiel

Upcoming Events



Calendar of Events
September 2014

Date	Event
Tue, Sept 2 nd 1:00 – 4:00 PM	Returning Members Registration



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