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A word from your President... Mike Schneider

It is my belief that good curling ice is a lot like good health; you notice it most when you don't have it.

As we approach the middle of this, my first season as president, I haven't heard a single complaint about ice quality. And I don't think this is an accident, but rather the result of some excellent initiatives that have been implemented over the last three seasons.

Behind the scenes, our ice technicians (led by Rod Leeder) and our Operations Committee (led by Reg Gore) have collaborated on how to improve the cleanness and quality of RKCC's curling surfaces. This collaboration has resulted in the implementation of a number of initiatives: walk-on mats, new carpeting in the ice shed, a low price gripper replacement program and most recently, new boards that have resulted in a thinner ice surface.

So if you agree with me that you like the quality and cleanliness our ice surfaces this season, please pass on your thanks to our ice makers and/or operations committee (and please continue to replace your gripper regularly). If you don't agree, please let me know.

Finally, on behalf of the board of directors, I'd like to wish all members and employees a happy and safe holiday season!

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Committee Reports



Finance Committee

John Ryce, Chair

You have heard me complain repeatedly about how we aren't meeting our budget every year and how our expenses are outpacing our revenue but I am happy to say that I finally have some good news to report. Six months into this budget year our total revenue is down about 2% but our expenses are down 3% to put our net surplus up 1% over the same period last year. The biggest contributing factor is with all of our energy saving initiatives we have managed to show a year to date decrease in our hydro bill of 29%. This is a really good start but we can all do better to cut costs and bring more revenue (new members) into the club.

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 2015/16 budget so any ideas or suggestions should be presented to the appropriate person very soon if you would like them considered for next year's budget.

Any questions or ideas can be directed to myself or any member of the Finance Committee which includes:

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

Happy Holidays,
John Ryce



Marketing Committee

Tom Bryant, Chair

Although we have lost a few sponsors since last

year, the Marketing Committee (Linda Lott, Roger Taylor, Garry Dupuis, Bruce Jeffery, Tom Bryant) has found replacements and is still pursuing some leads to complete the available space for wall sponsorship.

It is very important to our sponsors that their advertising bear dividends so please patronize our sponsors and acknowledge their support.

We know at this time that one of our ice sheet sponsors will not be renewing for 2015-16. If you know of a business or organization who might want to fill this spot, please approach a marketing committee member.

Membership Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

As you finish up your last minute shopping, please consider pre-paying for a couple of Sunday night L2Curl sessions, as a great gift for someone on your Christmas list. The club hosts a family curling day on [Saturday, December 27th](#) - what a marvelous way to entertain visiting family and friends.

The membership committee invites you to drop into the club on January 3rd from 4-6 to share your ideas about membership with us. Specialty coffees & treats will be served!

"Best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas with family and friends."



Social Committee

Pennie Robert, Chair

The Holiday Season is upon us!

Please join us on December 13th from 11am to 4pm for the Craft Sale. We have quite a number of tables selling a wide variety of goods. The entry fee has been brought down to \$5/person which includes delicious desserts, goodies, coffee and tea to enjoy while you shop. Please tell your friends, family and neighbours. Hope to see

you there. All proceeds from the entry fees are returned to the club.

New Year's Eve is less than a month away!!! Tickets are now on sale for the New Years Eve Party on December 31st. Tickets can be purchased at the bar and are \$30/person and \$55/couple. Come and enjoy the evening ringing in the New Year to the sounds of Whiskey Overdrive, hot finger food buffet, and party favors. This year's theme is Black and White (not formal!). Again all proceeds from this event are returned to RKCC we hope to see you there.



Operations Committee

Reg Gore, Chair

Operations Committee Report for November 2014:

1. Based upon the efforts made last summer I am pleased to report the progress made to date on Energy Savings for the club. The KWH consumption has dropped and we are seeing a cost savings as a result. In October the compressors ran a total of 972 hours the lowest figure since 2010. November figures should even be better.
2. On October 27, Head Ice Technician started the program that automatically turns the ice plant off at 11 PM and restarts it at 05:00 AM. The results were very good and no ill effect was seen on ice conditions.
3. On November 12 he increased the downtime by one hour and no ill effects were seen. So now the Ice Plant is down from 11:00 PM until 06:00 AM
4. With this our ice plant is down 8 hours in every 24 hour period which exceeds expectations and we should see further reduction in energy consumption as a result.
5. On Tuesday Nov. 18 during a heavy wind storm the roof rattled to the point where it was difficult to hear on the ice. Upon inspection on Nov. 23 the Operations Committee found the roof in excellent condition with all fasteners secure. The Operations Committee has contacted the building architect and we are currently working with the General Contractor to determine what can be done to further secure the roof. Curlers will be kept informed.



**HO HO HO...IT'S ALMOST
CHRISTMAS TIME!**



The Social Committee is hosting a

Dessert and Craft Sale!

To help you with your Christmas shopping!

Saturday December 13, 2014 11 am to 4 pm



Shop and Bring Your Friends

Entry fee is only \$10 per person! Enjoy unlimited DESSERTS (eat in only), COFFEE AND TEA while browsing the craft tables.



THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT
all proceeds are returned to RKCC
if you have any questions please contact a member of the Social Committee



*NEW YEARS EVE
DANCE AT RKCC
DECEMBER 31 AT
8 PM
LET'S RING IN 2015
TOGETHER!*

**THEME IS BLACK &
WHITE!**

**ENTERTAINMENT BY
WHISKEY OVERDRIVE**

**COST: \$30/PERSON
\$55/COUPLE**

Hot finger food buffet at
11 pm, party favors, and
champagne to ring in the
New Year!

Tickets available at the bar

Section Reports



Day Ladies by Nancy Gray

We are now several weeks into the 2nd Draw and heading toward the Christmas break. The winning team from the 1st Draw has been determined and this is the foursome skipped by Lin Jenkins with Darlene Boucher as vice, Zak Sieben as second and Joanne Cosgrove as lead. Lin and her curlers had to first make it through a tie-breaker game against Lil Rynbend, Nancy Gray, Marge Craig and Lola Cole. These two teams had finished the Thursday draw with identical records. Lin's team then had to compete against the Tuesday draw winners, Donna Jeffery, Pat Young, Darlene Naugler and Alice Pignal. Once again, Lin, Darlene, Zak and Joanne were victorious. Congratulations, they are the first of four teams that will advance to the Carrie Cole play downs in April 2015.

The 1st Round Robin in Day Ladies Flight is nearing an end. As of week 9, Team O'Sullivan and Team Paterson are tied for first place with 7 wins and 2 losses. There is a real battle developing for second place with 4 teams (Bush, Ray, Jeffery and Mulville) tied at 6 wins and 3 losses. The 2nd Round Robin will certainly provide lots of suspense and great competitive curling as the teams move toward playoffs in the spring.

City Championships were held on November 8, at the Garrison Curling Club. There were 2 teams representing RKCC that day. Joanne Miller skipped a foursome of Judy Russell, Joanne Manion and Karen Peters. Donna Jeffery lead the team of Nancy Gray, Mary Dupuis and Tammy Scott-Zelt. After a long day of curling that concluded in 3 wins, Team Jeffery came out on top in the ladies division. We were able to return the trophy to RKCC for another year.

Alice Pignal, Pat Bradshaw and their helpers have been organizing the Christmas mini spiel on Dec.3. Preparations are going well; there will be a report

on this event in the next issue of the SWEEP. Stay tuned.



Evening Ladies

by Heather McMillan

Congratulations to the winners of our first draw in Evening Ladies Club Curling. First event went to Denise Mulville's team of Pam Davison, Tensia Cannon, and Marg Plumadore. They will compete in the play-offs in April. Runners up were Tammy Scott-Zelt, Joanne Manion, Bev Boyd, and Susann Gauthier. The winners of the second event were Mary Buchanan, Renee LeClair, Marzena Zakrzewski and Marie Phillips and our third event winners were Mary Skeggs, Karen Matheson, Jan Bryant and Penny Steele. The second draw of the year is underway, beginning November 12th and running to December 17th.

The first round robin of Flight Curling is coming to a close and the second round robin will begin December 4th, 2014. The Evening Ladies Flight Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday, December 8th, with a delicious menu by After 8 Catering.

On November 15th, our annual RKCC Ladies Open Invitational Bonspiel, "Saturday Night Fever", was run by Pam Davison, Lynn Witheridge, Janine Dunk, Heather McMillan, Liz Baer and Denise Mulville. Several volunteers also helped make the day a success; thank you to Donna Jeffery, Mary Andrews, Mary Kelly, Susan Hara and Jan Bryant, as well as Georgie O'Shaughnessy's team who ran the breakfast for the spiel. The bonspiel had 18 entries and the winning team was Dianne Wylie with her Cataraqui team of Larke Zarichny, Katie Zarichny, and Barb Nayler. We all enjoyed the great curling, wonderful food, and learning "the hustle" between games.

The evening ladies are holding a Bring-a-Friend night on Wednesday December 3rd. The Bring-a-Friend begins at 6pm and is open to all women who would like to try curling for free. Thank you to Mirelle Ringuette for organizing this event.

Remember that the club offers half year memberships to start curling in January so pass this information on to friends, family and co-workers. The third draw of

Evening Ladies Club Curling begins on Wednesday, January 7th, and new curlers are welcomed!



Mixed Curling

by David Townsend

On Saturday, November 29, the Mixed section hosted its first of three Club type events. We were hoping to fill the turkey spiel, which was open to all Club members, with 48 curlers. We ended up with 52! The winning team was skipped by Gord Greer with Marilyn Chilton, Murray Matheson and Sherry Cochrane. The winner of a turkey in the corner to corner draw was Edward Gibson with a distance of 28" from the pin.

With only a few scheduling hiccups, Mixed continues to happily motor on. There is still room for a few teams on both Friday and Sunday nights for the half year that begins in the New Year.

And talking about the New Year, the Empire Life bonspiel is in need of a coordinator. There is a number of people ready to volunteer in support of the event and we are hopeful that someone will step forward to keep this great event alive. For more details, please contact Donna Poirier or April Welsh.

Our next Mixed Club event will be on January 22, 2015. Registration for that is expected to fill quickly and will be open for registrants by mid December.

Happy curling, all



The Stick Leagues of RKCC

by Ian Duncan

After some confusions under new management, the season is well under way. Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves, once having sorted out their curling times.

Hopefully, those who signed up will have a good time at

the upcoming fun spiel.

Russ Brown having had to withdraw from curling this year, we all wish him improving health.

Just a reminder to look occasionally at the notice board for information. We continue to try to convey important news via e-mail and telephone, and we will support that with postings on the board.



Curling Skills Development

by Denis Faubert

The Christmas Holiday season will soon be upon us and Santa's little curling elves have been busy spreading good cheer and instruction at RKCC.

The Daytime Learn to Curl have completed a very successful 1st session and are anxious to begin 'Round 2' in the New Year (see Tom Bryant's information below **).

The Sunday Evening Learn to Curl has seen a constant stream of enthusiastic curlers, some for the first time, others looking to improve their skills. Kimberly has generously provided some home made refreshments for those attending.

The Novice Curling League has reached it's midway point with it's flock of new curlers progressing very nicely. There will be a new session beginning January 11th, and should you have any non-curling friends seeking New Year's resolutions, we would invite you to tell them of this great opportunity (10 sessions + 2 grippers/full slider for \$140).

The above-mentioned programs would not exist without the selfless dedication of the many instructors who volunteer for these worthwhile endeavours. Thank you all for your gifts of time and expertise.

Lastly, we would ask each of you to consider becoming an instructor. There is a continual need to fill these positions, in particular the Little Rocks and Bantam/Junior Programs. Should you need further information, I can be reached via email at dfaubert@cogeco.ca or by cell phone 613-484-4803.

May Christmas bring you joy and the New Year every blessing.

** CURLING 1 - "Getting Started"

Location: Royal Kingston Curling Club
130 Days Road, Kingston

Time: 8 two hour (1:15pm-3:15pm) sessions beginning Wed, February 4 and ending Wed, March 25

Equipment: Clean pair of running shoes (sneakers), warm clothing

Description: Consisting of teaching and game experience, this introductory session is for those with limited, no curling experience, or those who want to take up curling again. Suitable for both regular and stick curlers, participants will learn the rudiments of delivery, sweeping, strategy, sportsmanship, and rules of the game. Additional emphasis will be on safety and etiquette.

Contact: Tom Bryant

Cost: \$90

CURLING 2 – "Game On"

Location: Royal Kingston Curling Club
130 Days Road, Kingston

Time: 8 two hour (1:15pm-3:15pm) sessions beginning Wed, February 4 and ending Wed, March 25

Equipment: Clean pair of running shoes (sneakers), warm clothing

Description: This is a continuation of the Curling 1 session and will also be suitable for those with some experience who want to further refine their skills. Suitable for both regular and stick curlers, participants will further improve their delivery and sweeping skills, receive instruction to allow them to 'better hit the broom', understand options for shot selection, as well as becoming more knowledgeable about curling strategy and rules of the game.

Contact: Tom Bryant

Cost: \$90

If you would like to assist with the sessions in February or March (you do not have to commit to all of them)

please let me know.

Thanks,
Tom



OCA Report

by Dianne Wylie

Congratulations to Mike Schneider's Masters Team of Rob Campbell, Michael Braun and Tom Bryant who won the "A" side of the zones held at Campbellford on November 28, 2014. Mike and his team will represent RKCC at the Regionals to be held at the Rideau Curling Club on December 13 and 14, 2014. On the ladies side, Betty Bush's team with Dianne Wylie, Joanne Miller, Joanne Manion and Karen Peters will also be participating in the Regional Masters competition at Rideau. Good luck to both teams!

RKCC is hosting the Men's Senior Zone competition on December 6 & 7, 2014. 3 teams from across our Zone will be participating, with 2 of the teams advancing to the Regional competition to take place in Deep River on January 17 & 18, 2015.

There are many other OCA competitions pending. For more information, including entry deadlines, please visit the OCA website at www.ontcurl.com.

Good curling!

HELP

Convenors needed for the
Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel.
February 13 and 14, 2015

The "EL" is a 2-day, 24-team, 3-game points 'spiel. The big push at this time is to decide on a theme and to get the flyers posted.

Please contact Donna Poirier, April Welsh,
or Graham Weatherby for more details



Upcoming Events



Calendar of Events December 2014

Date	Event
Wed, Dec 3	DL Christmas Minispiel
Sat, Dec 6	OCA Zone play downs Senior Men and Women
Mon, Dec 8	EL Flight Dinner
Mon, Dec 22	Men's Christmas Dinner
Sat, Dec 27	Family Fun Day
Wed, Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party
January 2015	
Sat, Jan 3	GKACA Continental Cup
Sat, Jan 17 & Sun, Jan 18	OCA Zone play downs Bantam Girls and Boys
Wed, Jan 28	DL Rated Spiel
Thu, Jan 29 to Sat, Jan 31	Whig Standard Bonspiel
Wed, Jan 31	DL Rated Bonspiel
February 2015	
Wed, Feb 4	KCA Spiel
Fri, Feb 6	Open Mixed Skins Spiel
Sat, Feb 7	RKCC Junior Bantam Bonspiel
Fri, Feb 13 & Sat, Feb 14	Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel
Tue, Feb 17	Pancake Dinner
Wed, Feb 25 & Thu, Feb 26	EOSSA Championships
Sat, Feb 28	Community Living Kingston Spiel



Everest Ferbey Pro Am

Over 50?

1. Win monthly prizes
2. Win grand prize of -
 - a) round trip airfare for 2 to Edmonton
 - b) accommodation for 2 at a hotel in Edmonton
 - c) 2 tickets to Canadian Seniors' Curling Championship
 - d) Opportunity for 2 to play in the Everest Ferbey National Pro Am
3. Sign up after every game you play
4. No purchase necessary
5. Emphasis is on fun and participation

Bonspiel Reports

The Day Men held their first in-house bonspiel of this season on November 14th. It was another successful and enjoyable day. The winning team was the Oilers skipped by Steve Quinn, vice Bill Noble, second Ken Brant and lead Robert Ringuette. Winners of the popular corner-to-corner draw, which is a highlight of the event were John Koronyi who covered the pin, Garth Mitchell came second and Brian Hetherington came third closest to the pin. The food was great, thanks to the wonderful breakfast prepared by Mary and Gord Smith and sponsored by Robert J. Reid, and the Chinese food catered by Jim Leslie and his amazing team including Jim Rines, Chuck White, Bill Duffe, and Reg Gore.

Convened by: Ken Brant, Brian Hetherington, Keith Forrest, Glenn Owen, Dan O'Neill and Ernie Carter

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