

# The Sweep

# Royal Kingston Curling Club

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# A word from your President... Mike Schneider

It seems like only yesterday that the season was just getting underway and now here we are heading into the last full month of the season. How time flies when your having fun...

While all curlers go through ups and downs in any curling year, there are a couple of constants that, in my opinion, serve to make <u>every</u> curling season at RKCC a successful one.

While we all like to win, the social aspects of our sport, both on ice and post game, help mitigate the "agony of defeat" that is more prevalent in other sports. I think the camaraderie and fellowship that is such a large part of curling helps to make all of us feel successful irrespective of what the scoreboard may say on any particular day or evening.

The second, and most important, factor in making each season at RKCC a successful one is the large army of volunteers that always seem to be there when needed. The countless hours that are put in each year by virtually every one of our members are integral to the successful operation of our club. So to all of you who have volunteered this season, I'd like to pass on my personal thanks and that of the Board of Directors for helping to make 2014-2015 yet another successful season at RKCC. I honestly don't know what we would do without your efforts. Thank you very much!



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# Next Sweep!



# Committee Reports

# Reports

### Finance Committee

John Ryce, Chair



The committee has been working on the 2015/16 budget with a "draft budget" presented to the Board at the February Board meeting. We hope to have the final budget approved at the March meeting. A special thank you to Karen Matheson who has done the majority of the work on the budget preparation and presentation.

We are struggling with the fact that our costs continue to go up and our membership numbers are fairly constant. If we don't bring in new members to the club we will have to find the extra revenue from other sources or we will be forced to raise our membership fees by more than we would like. Please do your part by introducing new members to our club or by using the facilities for an event. Any extra revenue for the club will help us to achieve a balanced budget and keep our dues down.

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.

Respectfully submitted, John Ryce



## Governance Committee

Jim Barton, Chair

The following recommendations were made to the Board in February, and were accepted by the Board, as follows:

- 1. The Committee recommends the following Objectives for 2015/16 to the Board of Directors
  - a) Ensure the financial sustainability of RKCC
    - Increase the top line revenue of the club

- at a significantly greater rate than inflation or our expenses
- Develop a Policy, including principles, to guide the allocation of club facilities between club use and external (rental/gratis) usage
- Investigate reducing operating costs by maximizing ice utilization within a shorter curling season
- Develop a plan to fully meet our capital cost recovery objective each year
- Continue the evaluation of current energy reduction initiatives and assess additional opportunities for reducing energy costs

# b) Establish improved systems and processes to manage the Human Resources of RKCC

- Investigate reducing/rebalancing the General Manager's workload by incorporating volunteer help where appropriate
- Request each Board Committee Chair to provide a January Board meeting assessment of their succession plans for committee members for the next year
- Develop an HR Policy which will document all of our HR processes (performance appraisals, salary adjustments, hiring, termination, Personnel Committee processes, etc.) along with a timeline for managing these processes
- Implement more effective processes for managing our volunteers and elevate the role of the Volunteer Co-Ordinator, possibly to Board member status
- 2. Governance Committee recommends to the Board the creation of a new membership category to be called an Affiliate Member. An Affiliate Member, who is not otherwise a Full Member of RKCC but is eligible to enter OCA Events, would have the right to join an RKCC team for the purpose of engaging in OCA competitions at all levels from Zone to National. The fee for this membership would be \$50. Up to three Affiliate Members may join a team representing RKCC, but at least one member of the team must be a Full Member of RKCC. The Affiliate Membership designation will be added to Membership Policy, Appendix 6, of the Policy and Resource Manual.

- Governance Committee recommends that funding for Teams representing RKCC and competing in OCA Events, regardless of which Zone they are representing, will be as follows:
  - Zone: refund of entry fee for the Team if they advance to Regionals
  - Provincial: \$250 for the Team
  - National: \$500 suggested, but otherwise at the discretion of the Board

Affiliate Members would not be eligible for the above funding and thus Team funding would be reduced in proportion to the number of Affiliate Members. To be added to the Curlers Handbook.

- 4. Recommend that RKCC should be available to host up to two OCA events per year, depending on ice availability, with a preference for Regional competitions. Amendment to be made to the Curlers Handbook.
- 5. Recommended that appropriate signs be posted at the entry to locker rooms advising members that due to allergies and enhanced sensitivities of some members it is requested that members refrain from wearing excessive fragrances.

#### Notice of Motion for the April Annual General Meeting:

The following, which has been approved by the Board, will replace the corresponding sections of the current By-Laws and will be presented to the AGM for approval. The number of Board committees has been corrected and the new tenure limits for Directors have been clarified.

#### 7 DIRECTORS

Final authority for the government and management of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Directors of the Club consisting of twelve (12) Voting members of the Royal Kingston Curling Club. Directors shall be eligible for election to three (3) consecutive one (1) year terms for any particular role on the Board and for a cumulative total of (9) nine one year terms as a Director in any role. This Policy does not apply to the role of Past President. Exceptions may be granted with the approval of more than 2/3 of the Directors.

#### 7.1 Directors

**7.1.1** This group shall consist of twelve (12) members of the Royal Kingston Curling Club

including: the immediate Past President and eleven (11) qualified Voting members. These eleven (11) Directors will fill the following positions of responsibility: President, Vice-President, Finance Chair, Human Resources and Communications Chair, Secretary, Curling Committee Chair, Secretary, Operations/Resources Committee Chair, Marketing Committee Chair, Membership Committee Chair, Social Committee Chair, Member at Large.



# **Operations Committee**

Reg Gore, Chair

#### Roof Repair:

- 1. Working with Steelway and have confirmed that the repair work & labor on the existing cracks, will be performed under warranty.
- 2. It has been decided by your Operations Committee that the most efficient way to approach a remedial solution is to deal directly with the firm that manufactures the Windbar and perform the work ourselves. RKCC would only have to cover the material cost which we are working on. This approach has received approval from Steelway.
- 3. Budget was presented to Finance Committee for presentation and review by the Board
- 4. Brian Dowling has approached the Operations Committee with a proposal to address the recovering of the club brooms. Currently these are being washed on a regular basis by the Ice Technicians. This will be presented to the Board as a separate topic.
- 5. Operations Committee is actively pursuing the piping requirements required to take advantage of the heat recovery system now in place on the compressors but never utilized. This would provide hot water for the Ice Technicians to be used for ice maintenance and flooding. Cost

currently unknown but it is expected to be affordable and is another energy saving exercise.

- 6. Total run time of compressors for January was 825 hours down 278 hours from 2013 and equivalent to 9 hours per day.
- 7. Members of the Operations Committee met with Cimco on Friday Feb. 13, 2015 to review a new contract proposal. The current contract format is no longer offered in that it covered the labour for all call ins. The new contract has a lower annual fee but the call ins will be charged to the club as an extra. The contract should be finalized before the end of February for Board approval.
- 8. Incident occurred last week with the downspout from the lounge roof area freezing and creating free water on roof surface. Our thanks to Mike Braun & Gord Greer for freeing the downspout. Remedial action will have to be taken in the summer to heat trace the downspout in a more extensive fashion to prevent a recurrence.



# Social Committee

Pennie Robert, Chair

Our first and possibly annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner was a great success. Thank you to all who came out and dined with us.

Our annual St. Paddy's dance is soon approaching and tickets are selling fast so get yours soon and join us for another fun filled night to the tunes of Steve Cheesman & The Heeters.

The Social Committee is looking for new volunteers to our committee. If interested or would like more info please contact any of the social committee members:

> Pennie Robert (chair), Joanne Gizzi, Linda Lott, Trish Beckett and Kathleen Poole.



# Membership Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

The membership committee has been working on your behalf to negotiate a joint membership package with the Landings golf course-please stay posted for news on that initiative.



If you are interested in helping the club grow its membership base please consider joining the membership committee for the upcoming season.

# Section Reports

# Day Ladies

by Nancy Gray

Unlike the last draw, there were no tie breaker games to decide the overall winner for Draw 3. Mary Dupuis with her team of Marilyn Chilton, Trish Beckett and Alice Pignal proceeded through the Tuesday Draw undefeated with 6 straight wins! Joan Doucet with her team of Bernie Kay, Lois MacArthur and Kathy Jackson won the Thursday Draw with 5 wins and a tie. These 2 talented teams then played off to determine the Draw 3 winner; Joan's team prevailed in a very close game. On that day, Judy Sly spared for Joan and Maria McGibbon spared for Trish.

Flight playoffs start March 4. In Flight A, the 1-2 page playoff will be between Denise Mulville's team (Judy Sly,

Joanne Gizzi, Martha Tanner) and Donna Jeffery's team (Joanne Manion, Susan Hara, Sheila McHenry). These 2 teams tied for first place with 20 points each in the final round robin. The 3-4 page playoff will be between Linda O'Sullivan's team (Sandy Edwards/Pauline Herron, Bernie Kay, Bonnie Bird) and Betty Bush's team (Joanne Miller, Diane Wylie, Karen Peters).

In Flight B, the 1-2 page playoff will involve Marilyn Bellringer's team (Claire Dominik, Philippa Fugler, Nancy Page) and Marg Hutchinson's team (Deb Wilkin/Brenda Charette, Val Gore, Debbie See). The 3-4 page playoff will be between Mary Smith's team (Lois Logan, Sue McConnell, Mariette Ringuette) and Kathy Brown's team (Mary Skeggs, Sharon Windsor, Lil Rynbend).

The remaining 4 teams (Paterson, Ray, Stevenson, Wilson) that did not qualify for playoffs will finish the season with a regular curling game on March 4, followed by 2 weeks of organized fun and skills testing on ice i.e. "Hot Shots".

A number of our Day Ladies continue to play in out-of-club bonspiels. A popular one this year was the Picton "Queen Of The Castle" spiel which took place on February 7. RKCC was well represented with 4 teams, 3 of which were predominantly made up of curlers from our section. Donna Jeffery skipped a team with Pat Young, Cathy Hamilton and Maria McGibbon. Marilyn Bellringer had her team of Claire Dominik, Sue McConnell and Nancy Page. Denise Mulville took the team of Judy Sly, Tammy Scott-Zelt and Monica Kirk. The Donna Jeffery foursome had a great day! They finished at the top and became the "Queens" of the bonspiel. A title to be held until this event resumes in another year.

I will complete this report with a brief account of another competition, away from our club, submitted by Betty Bush. The Crystal Heart 4-Day Bonspiel held in Ottawa February 5-8 proved successful for an RKCC team. Betty Bush, Joanne Miller, Diane Wylie and Joanne Gizzi came out on top of the 32 teams for their third consecutive win in the Senior Division. With this result, they won the coveted Crystal Heart pin again. The Open Division of the Crystal Heart is comprised of 64 teams with games in both divisions being held at numerous clubs throughout Ottawa.



# Evening Ladies

by Heather McMillan

Congratulations to the winners of our third draw in Wednesday Club Curling. First event went to Donna Smith's team of Melissa Preece, Mary Kelly and Gay Chamberlain. We will see them in the playoffs in April! Runner's up were Tammy Scott-Zelt's team of Karen Matheson, Mary Andrews and Sue Chamberlain. The winners of the second event were Heather McMillan, Liz Baer, Danielle Arsenault and Dagmar Jones. Third event went to Jenny Brown, Lynn Witheridge, Sally Stewart and Carol Fitzpatrick. Our fourth draw started on February 18<sup>th</sup> with 14 teams participating. The playoff games for the fourth draw will be on April 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by the Carrie Cole Playoffs.

Our Annual 'Bring a Friend Night' will be held on Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> so gather up your family, friends or co-workers and bring them out to try curling! If you have any questions or would like to help out with this fun event, please contact Heather McMillan.

Our next EL In-club rated bonspiel will be held on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> with a St. Paddy's Day theme. The sign-up sheet is on the Evening Ladies' Board and it is \$25.00 to enter. All RKCC ladies members can join in for this fun bonspiel!

The year is coming to a close so keep these dates open: Ladies Closing Dinner: Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, Championship Night: Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>, Carrie Cole Playoffs: Thursday April 2nd, Monday April 6th, Wednesday April 8th, Monday April 13th and Tuesday April 14th (if needed). If you are involved in these playdowns, try and keep these nights open and if you are away please contact Heather McMillan and/or Monica Kirk.

Enjoy the rest of the season – good curling!



The first mixed bonspiel held on Feb 6 was a great success and by all accounts was a lot of fun. All agreed we should do it again next season. So tell your fellow curlers how much fun you had. The winners were:

First ----- Team - Lois Logan, Barry Elvidge, Lorne Lloyd, and Ross Thompson

Second ----- Team - Brian Hetherington, Marty

Chilton, Claire Petkow, and Edgar Mills

Tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> ---- Team - Lisa Mulville, Don Mallory, Ken Brant, and Chris Hargreaves

> Team - Marilyn Bellringer, Brad Paterson, and John Pratt

Thanks to all the curlers that help run this spiel especially Jim Lesley's kitchen crew and Jim Rayner and Marilyn Bellringer.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year run smoothly, especially Ken Burns for organizing the Monday lunches and Roger Chown for the scheduling.



Wow, hard to believe it's already March and the Brier is on. The season has been rolling along with good participation in club curling and flight. The final push in on for the playoffs which are just around the corner and teams jockeying for position. Good luck to all.

We are saddened by the sudden passing of Rob Renoy. Rob was an avid club curler on both Monday and Thursday nights and he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends at this difficult time.

A reminder that the men's closing dinner tickets will soon be going on sale and that there is an EM AGM scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>.

# Bonspiel Reports



The Royal Kingston Cruise Line filled it's port terminal with KCSS and other members from various clubs as we

hosted our 57<sup>th</sup> Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel held on February 13 -14<sup>th</sup>. We were guided through various ports of call with direction from our Cruise Convenor Mirelle Ringuette, who inspired an unforgettable curling cruise. Complete with 24 teams participating in the 3-game points' spiel to piano bars, patio pool, comedy entertainers, tropical drinks, on board draws, prizes, a photographer for team photos, to the formal captain's dinner and dancing. No cruise ship complete without a curling rink on board and all with a Valentine's twist.

Of course, anchoring away would not have been possible without RKCC's volunteers, this Cruise Roll call involves so many; the ship's galley luncheon thru the ladies club, dinner prepared thru our mens' club, our members' baking goods and all our servers, kitchen helpers, decorating crews, committee members, scorekeepers, and our many sponsors including Empire Life, Tim Hortons, Ramekins, etc..., appreciative in making this event so successful.

A special Thank you is extended to our MC Murray Matheson and our Ship's Captain Michel Ringuette.

Congratulations to our top winners with the highest points Erwin Batalla, Shirley Kwakkenbos, Hugh Politt Smith and Alexandra Simmons.

#### Prizes:

1	Highest pts	\$260	Irwin Batalla
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> highest pts	\$240	Carole Rivington
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> highest pts	\$220	Bill Cannon
4	4 <sup>th</sup> highest pts	\$200	Lorne Carmighael
5	5 <sup>th</sup> highest pts	\$18o	Trevor Kirby
6	6 <sup>th</sup> highest pts	\$160	Marty Chilton
7	Highest pts with 1 win	\$120	Mike Olive
8	Highest pts with o wins	\$8o	Mary Buchanan

Yes, it's maiden voyage was a grand success...and it's next port of call?

Written by Pattyann Dicks

# High School Curling Report

by Linda Lott, EOSSAA Convenor

RKCC hosted the Eastern Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association Curling Championships on February 25 & 26. The event had 21 teams from high schools in

Eastern Ontario. Teams from Cornwall, Pembroke, Brockville, Napanee, Alexandria, Perth, Smith's Falls and Kingston participated in the two day event. The following teams earned medals for their schools.

Gold

Girls: Fellowes, Pembroke

Paige Knechtel-skip Kayla Tyson-vice Danielle Hall-second Jessica Kenney-lead Caroline Rose Emily Letourneau

Boys: Gananoque Secondary School

Adam Thompson-Skip Jonah Paquette-vice Patrick Stewart-second Curtis Jackson-lead Shane White

Mixed: St. John's Catholic High School, Perth

Ryley Gemmill-skip Mikayla Gemmill-vice Teagan Retty-second Kate Thornton-lead

Silver

Girls: Glengarry District High School, Alexandria

Ali MacLeod-Mayes-Skip Brittany MacLeod-Mayes-vice Iliana Wajner-second Camy MacLeod-Mayes-lead

Boys: Perth & District Collegiate Institute

Hayden Richmond-skip Travis Barber-vice Brandon McPhee-second Jacob McPhee-lead

Mixed: C.S.C. Jeanne-Lajoie, Pembroke

Gabriel Arseneault-skip Mackenzie Bell-vice Nicolas Rousseau-second Maella Seguin-lead Kevin Rheault Alexandra Lafrance

**Bronze** 

Girls: South Grenville District High School, Prescott

Jade Merkley-skip Daria Sanger-vice Sophia Stegeman-second Melina Farmer-lead

Boys: Holy Cross Catholic Secondary school

Will Parkes-skip Franklin Parkes-vice Kyle Penney-second Jaime Sammon-lead

Mixed: Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School

Danielle White-skip Natalie Mccartney-vice Gage Dunleavy-second Phoebe Desousa-lead

The following people deserve a huge thank you for all their efforts during the event: Kevin Welch, Mario Fabbro, Jan Ray and Trevor Kirby. A special Thank you to the kitchen crew of Marilyn Bellringer, Teresa Wilson, Nancy Gray, Claire Dominik, Darlene Boucher, Alice Pignal, Zak Sieben, Diane Labrie, Pat Bradshaw. Philippa Fugler-thank you for the wonderful home make brownies and Cathy Kirby-thank you for all your help over the two days.

# Upcoming <u>Events</u>

March 2015				
Date	Event			
Fri, Mar 6	Insurance Adjusters Spiel			
Sat, Mar 7	Kidney Foundation Stick Spiel			
Fri, Mar 13	Day Men's In-House Spiel			
Sat, Mar 14	EL St. Paddy's Day Bonspiel St. Patrick's Day Party (8 pm)			
Wed, Mar 18	EL Bring A Friend Night			
Fri, Mar 20	March Break Camp for Kids			
Sat, Mar 21	Greater Kingston Continental Cup			
Wed, Mar 25	Grandmothers & Great Aunts Bonspiel			
Fri, Mar 27	Super Senior Men's Bonspiel			
Sat, Mar 28	Mixed Club Mixed Closing Banquet			
April 2015				
Wed, Apr 1	DL Lunch & Spring Meeting			
Thu, Apr 9 to Sat, Apr 11	Famous Fisherman's Bonspiel			

Sun, Apr 12	Recreational Mixed Friends and Family Event
Wed, Apr 15	Ladies Closing Dinner
Thu, Apr 16	EM Closing Dinner & Meeting
Fri, Apr 17	Championship Night
Sun, Apr 19	Annual General Meeting

## Calling All RKCC Ladies!



#### Saturday, March 14, 2014

\$25.00 (Please pay Denise Mulville)

8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. First Game 11:45 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Second Game

3:00 p.m. Prizes

#### Loads of Fun Guaranteed!!



# Bring a Friend Night Wednesday March 18th from 6 to 8 pm FREE Ladies Curling Attention all Ladies! Come alone or bring a friend No experience needed All you need is a clean pair of running shoes, warm sweater and gloves (broom, sliders and refreshments provided) Royal Kingston Curling Club 130 Days Road RSVP with your name and phone number to Heather at butterflies Signatal com

# GREATER KINGSTON CONTINENTAL CUP

Presented by



HOSTED AT RKCC SATURDAY MARCH 21ST \$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES 2 OR 3 GAMES PLUS LUNCH DRAW TIMES ARE 8:30, 10:00, 1:00 AND 3:00 LUNCH AT NOON

The Greater Kingston Continental Cup is based on the Continental Cup of Curling format. All games will be played at RKCC.

It will consist of two teams of 42 curiers made up of players from each of the 5 member clubs (21 men and 21 women) who will compete in various events to earn points. Events will include Ladies, Mens, Mixed Doubles, Mixed, and Skins

The team accumulating the most points by the end of the day will be declared the champions.

Register at your club.

Registrations will be limited as listed below:

Royal Kingston - 10 Men and 10 Women

Cataragui - 10 Men and 10 Women

Napanee – 7 Men and 7 Women

Gananoque – 7 Men and 7 Women

Garrison – 7 Men and 7 Women







Greater Kingston Curling



## Schedule for the day

Breakfast (coffee/fruit bread) at 8:30am
Lunch (Lasagne/Caesar salad) at 12:00pm
Trivia questions/some kind of team challenge.
Dessert served during awards ceremony



World Women's Curling Championship Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

14 - 22 March 2015



2015 Ford World Men's Curling Championship

March 28 – April 5, 2015 Halifax, NS

# ROYAL KINGSTON CURLING CLUB GRANDMOTHERS & GREAT AUNTS BONPIEL

# spring fling celebration

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Entry Fee: \$140.00

Prizes for each draw -

Trophy for overall winner



#### 9:00 a.m. Draw

Light breakfast at 8:30 a.m., on ice at 9:00 a.m. for 8-end game, lunch,

6-end game, dessert and Cash Prizes (25% of entry fee based on 24 teams)
- OR -

#### 11:00 a.m. Draw:

Light breakfast at 10:30 a.m., on ice at 11:00 a.m. for 8-end game, lunch,

6-end game, dessert and Cash Prizes (25% of entry fee based on 24 teams)

Convenor Contacts:- Marilyn Bellringer (613) 353-1354 email: missyb@kingston.net
Claire Dominik (613) 384-4336 email: dmnk@cogeco.ca

Please send entry form and cheque payable to RKCC by March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Mail to: Royal Kingston Curling Club, 130 Days Road, Kingston, ON K7M 9G4 (Preferred draw times awarded as per date received)



Friday, March 27, 2015 - Royal Kingston Curling Club

Two 8-End Games Total Points



Prizes Awarded After Each Draw

Entry Fee \$160

24 Team Entries Accepted (Entries Close March 16, 2015)

Royal Kingston C.C. 130 Days Road Kingston 613-546-2243

Draw A - 8:30 a.m. & 12:45 p.m. Draw B - 10:30 a.m. & 2:45 p.m. Convenor Steve Quinn 613-634-2660

Please Enclose \$160 Cheque With Entry - payable to R.K.C.C.



# 2015 Golf Tournament

The 11th annual RKCC golf tournament will be held again at the Glen Lawrence Golf Club on **Thursday, June 18th at 1:00 pm**. All RKCC members, family members, relatives, and guests are welcome to participate. The preliminary sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby. You may sign-up as a team or an individual. To speed up play, all teams are asked to play a SCRAMBLE format.

Due to significantly increased costs over the past few years we are forced to have a slight increase in the entry fee to \$70.

Golf will be followed by a full roast beef and salmon dinner, prepared by our volunteer cuisine experts, and prizes at RKCC.

This is intended to be a fun day when we can all get together in a "warmer weather" event. It also generates a huge revenue income for our club. This popular event has been filled with 144 participants in the recent past, so please sign up as soon as possible. The first 144 signees will have priority.

Steve Quinn



# Thank You 2014-15 Sponsors!

"Over 60 businesses advertise at RKCC. Their financial support is a major revenue stream for the club. Please patronize those who support us and when you do, let them know that you are a member of The Royal Kingston Curling Club. This impresses upon our sponsors that their advertising dollar works."





























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