



The Sweep

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A word from your President... **Mike Schneider**

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer. Once again this summer, there have been a lot of volunteer initiatives going on at RKCC since curling ended in April.

As you will hear more about these initiatives as you read the other articles in this month's Sweep, rather than reiterate these initiatives I'd like to focus your attention on the future.

So how does the future look for RKCC? In business, when you look forward to the future you often start by performing a SWOT analysis; SWOT standing for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.

Let's look at a few of our strengths. As you are likely aware, RKCC is one of the oldest curling clubs in Canada, with our bicentennial coming up in 2020. We are steeped with history and annually run two major bonspiels that have both been in existence for more than 60 years. We are mortgage free and in much better financial shape than the vast majority of Canadian curling clubs. In the short term, we will have no problem flourishing through to our bicentennial.

So why is the board so focussed on balancing our budget? As we've mentioned throughout the past year, our demographics are, at least in one respect, a weakness for the longer term. With over half our members over the age of 60, chances are we will be losing more than 300 of our existing members in the next 10 to 20 years even if we retain 100% of the existing members who are under the age of 60. Without a continued infusion of new members to replace those who leave the club, it will be a struggle to continually increase our revenue at the same rate as inflation. Thanks to the efforts of the Membership Committee we have come very close to adding enough new members to replace those who have left in the past two years.

Fortunately our aging demographics are a two edged sword. Not only a weakness but a towering strength. Perhaps the club's greatest strength is the culture of volunteerism that permeates RKCC. And

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this culture comes primarily from those experienced members who want to give back to the club and make it a viable entity well into the future. Last season I heard glowing praise from a Cataraqui member attending the Famous Fishermans Bonspiel. He literally could not believe how much great food was provided to Bonspiel participants over the three days by volunteers. And he was right, it is something that plain wouldn't/couldn't happen at a lot of clubs. And that's just one example. We literally have hundreds of members who volunteer countless hours in the kitchen or organizing and working on bonspiels and other events, or serving on committees and curling sections or representing the club. To each and every one of you, on behalf of the board, THANK YOU.

So how do I see the future for RKCC? As you may have gathered I think the future looks bright. While it won't come without perseverance on a number of fronts, I believe a continued focus on attracting new members coupled with an ongoing promotion and recognition of the importance of our volunteerism culture will enable RKCC to celebrate its tricentennial in 105 years.

Championship Night 2015

The Royal Kingston Curling Club held its Championship Night Friday April, 17, 2015.

Greg Ruse won the men's club title along with his team of Dave Bracken, Gord Smith and Drew Phillips. They beat Joe Waller, Graeme Dempster, Kevin Tanner and David Leeson 6-2.

Marilyn Bellringer and her team of Nancy Gray, Lois MacArthur and Laurie Winter won the ladies Carrie Cole Women's Club title over Denise Mulville and her team of Pam Davison, Tensia Cannon and Marg Plumadore 6-3.

Garth Mitchell and his rink of Alex Scott, Darren Waters and Murray Robertson captured the men's flight title.

The evening ladies flight was won by Carole Rivington, Donna Smith, Donna Jeffery (for April Welsh) and Kimberly Barker.

Dave Bradshaw, Janet Fowlow, Murray Lynch and Jessica Posavad won the mixed trophy.

Junior champs are Trevor Kirby, Nathalie Macartney, Hope Yen and Robert Heyman.

The Senior Men's Flight was won by Michael Braun and his team of Lorne Carmichael, David Burke, Gord Greer and Steve Mansell.

The winners of the 2 person stick league are Barry Elvidge and Jim Rose. Dan O'Neill's team of Bob Mitchell, Gwen Mitchell and Eden Jefferies won the 4 person stick league.

Congratulations to all our Championship Night Winners!



An honorary mention went out to **Doug Huddle, Doug Swain** and **Larry Waller** who received life membership awards for being members of the RKCC for 30 years.

As well to **Graham Weatherby** who received a certificate honoring him for being employed at the RKCC for 25 years.

Your 2015-16 Board of Directors

President: Mike Schneider

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HR & Communications: Carole Rivington

Governance: John Ryce

Curling: Betty Bush

Operations: Reg Gore

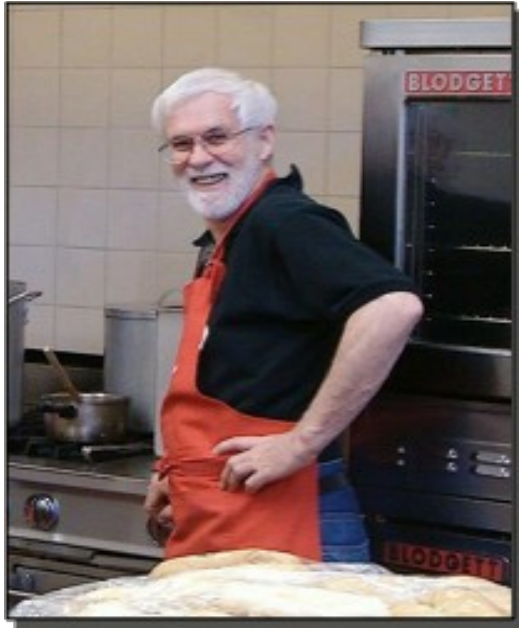
Marketing: Tom Bryant

Membership: Linda Lott

Social: Pennie Robert

Member-at-Large: Martha Tanner

Secretary: Erwin Batalla



Brian Collingwood

RKCC lost a good and loyal friend when Brian passed away in May. To say that Brian, a Life Member, was an asset to RKCC would be an understatement. Everyone who knew Brian realized that his dedication and commitment to our club was both unselfish and without expectation of acknowledgement.

Brian did whatever was needed of him behind the scenes with passion and diligence, whether he was setting up a draw for a section or event, or keeping the kitchen equipped and tidy, as a long-time member of the kitchen committee. Many new curlers might not have gotten to know Brian personally but his efforts touched each and every member at some time. Perhaps it was through his graphic arts talents in preparing countless posters and programs, serving as unofficial photographer for many events, helping to prepare tasty meals in the kitchen or just doing whatever needed doing. He also created and managed the Sr. men's Flight schedule and website for many years.

Brian had an avid interest in the history of RKCC and often served as an unofficial archivist. He maintained innumerable photo albums and manuals of past bonspiels. In addition, Brian photographed all of the Club's trophies in preparation for the move to 130 Day's Road in 2006.

Brian was a good competitive player and was on numerous winning teams: Famous Fisherman's 2002; Opening Spiel of 2006; RKCC and City Mixed Champions, 2005 & 2012; Garrison Rocking Chair Spiels of '98 and

'99. Brian also enjoyed venturing out to many out-of-town bonspiels and forged enduring friendships with curlers all across the region.

Although much of Brian's time revolved around the curling club he had many other interests, making for a well-rounded life. His interests in music, antiques, car racing, food and cooking, politics, history, reading, travel, and gardening, not to mention his appreciation for a good cappuccino or a relaxing meal on a downtown patio were integral parts of what made Brian "tick".

These few words cannot do justice to all that Brian was to us but it is hoped that they remind us all how much our club depends on the efforts and kindness of each of us and Brian was a perfect example of that. The great attendance at Brian's Celebration of Life in July was a testament to that and was a credit to Brian.

You may have noticed Brian and April's sponsorship rock, red 3 on sheet 3, which simply says "Brian and April" – nothing more, nothing less, just like Brian's philosophy on life. When you have a chance to play red rocks on sheet 3 sometime, take a moment to remember all the good times we have had with our friend, Brian Collingwood.

by Garry Dupuis

Thank You

I would like to give my heartfelt "thank you" to all our friends who sent cards, memorial donations, "care packages", flowers, and emails after Brian passed away in May.

Your condolences and support were a great comfort.

Brian was the computer whiz in the family so I needed help with the various notices and photos. Thanks to Carole Rivington for coming to my rescue!

His "Celebration of Life" on July 8th was attended by many, many of our friends.

Thank you to Mike and Barb Tureski, and their crew of Cam G, Bob M, Mary & Grant P, and Fran C for supplying the snacks. Mary Dupuis and Sharon Lillis kept the dessert table full with baking by Mary, Sharon,

Pam C-T, Donna P, Cindy and Emily W. Thank you ladies!

Several people mentioned that it looked like a bonspiel was taking place since the parking lot was so full. A very fitting description!

Brian would have been amazed but very honoured by the turnout.

Thank you for remembering him.

Sincerely,
April Welsh, and the Collingwood and Welsh families.

Committee Reports



It seems hard to believe that we are talking about the upcoming curling season when we are experiencing the nicest weather of the summer. However, curling is just around the corner and all RKCC committees are planning for a great season.

As the new chair of the Finance Committee and new to the Board as a whole, I am encouraged to see the commitment of a significant number of member volunteers that have taken up the cause of providing their time, expertise and dedication to making sure this club operates at the highest possible level.

We are in the process of working through our annual audit for last year's financial results, 2014/15 season, and I will have more specifics to report next time, however, it is clear that we have a challenge ahead of us to offset the energy costs that continue to rise and have become a significant factor to all curling clubs namely the ever increasing hydro costs. Fortunately Graham and his crew have worked diligently to find ways to reduce the impact by identifying and developing methods that reduce the amount of hydro we use to maintain the ice.

As our new club facility reaches its 10 year anniversary next year, it is only prudent that we "put money aside

for a rainy day", a large part of this process is budgeting \$58,000 annually to build our Capital Replacement Fund. This become more important as our facility ages and will need to invest in repairs & replacement of equipment. This is no easy task however; the finance committee will work toward this goal each and every year to ensure the longevity of our great facility.

Feel free to contact me or any member of the Finance Committee if you have any questions or concerns.

The committee is comprised of:

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

Curling Committee

Betty Bush, Chair



The Curling Committee spent a very busy May and June preparing the Calendar for the upcoming 2015-16 season. I would like to thank the following for their interest and co-operation in representing their sections.

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| Day Ladies: | Nancy Gray |
| Day Men: | Brian Hetherington |
| Evening Ladies: | Heather McMillan |
| Evening Men: | Mario Fabbro |
| Stick Leagues: | Ian Duncan |
| Mixed Leagues: | David Townsend |
| Juniors: | Kevan Welch |
| Curling Skill Development: | Denis Faubert |
| OCA Rep: | Ron Cameron |

Special thanks to Carole Rivington who on July 27 introduced the new website to Section Heads and those in charge of Club and Flight curling. Many questions were asked and everyone came away with a better knowledge of this system.

The Curling Committee will reconvene at the end of August to further discuss the 2015-16 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:

April Welsh is our Bonspiel Chair. April will serve as a valuable resource person for all bonspiel conveners. 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 reach out to Mike whenever possible.

Joanne Gizzi is our Kitchen Chair. Joanne is responsible for ensuring that the kitchen is kept spic and span and supplied for the various events.

Carole Rivington who, along with Graham Weatherby (Club Manager), is responsible for the care and upkeep of our new RKCC website. Please ensure that all suggestions, requests for articles to be posted and updates are emailed to webmaster@royalkingston.com.

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 and Bonspiel Conveners. Carole has been performing these

roles for the past 7 years and would very much like to pass this duty on to someone new. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the HRC committee and taking on these two tasks, please let me know.

Wanted!!! Someone to take on the role of **Archivist**. This person will be responsible for collecting, organizing, preserving and provide access to records and archives determined to have a long-term value to the club.

The HRC committee members look forward to a great 2015–16 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 2015-16 season! RKCC continued to host well-attended and very enjoyable bonspiels last year, in a year that saw many area clubs struggling to fill or even run spiels. As Bonspiel Chair, I will serve as a resource person for our conveners, with regards to financial guidelines, kitchen duties, advertising etc. I will be touching base with all conveners in the near future.

A couple of spiels are in need of conveners: The Evening Ladies' Bonspiel in November, and the Empire Life Mixed Spiel in February. If interested, please contact Heather McMillan for the Ev. Ladies' spiel, and me for the mixed. There will be no shortage of volunteers to help with either spiel – we just need someone to head the committees and get things started.

Organizing a bonspiel involves work, but with committees 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 conveners and committee members – bonspiels help make RKCC such a success, both financially and socially.



Member-At-Large

Martha Tanner, Chair

Welcome back to what will surely be another great season of curling!

As Member at Large, I represent the membership at monthly meetings of the Board of Directors, so if you have any questions or concerns, please bring them to me and I will have them addressed. I also head up any ad hoc committees that the board requires, such as the Wall of Fame Nominating Committee, and serve on the Governance Committee. This season I will be part of a sub-committee examining risk management and the issue of waivers. In June I attended the Canadian Curling Association's annual conference in Collingwood that increased my understanding of how a good curling club constantly works to improve and I am excited to bring some of those ideas back to RKCC.

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. There are lots of opportunities at our club to become involved, to get to know other members and to work together to make RKCC *the* place to be.



Social Committee

Pennie Robert, Chair

As the summer draws to an end we will soon be out on the ice!

This year's Social Committee members are Pennie Robert (Chair), Linda Lott, 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 Back in the Hack, our first bonspiel of the season on September

26. This is open to existing and new members. You can register for this event either when you register your membership or sign up at the club.

On December 5th we will be hosting our 2nd annual Craft Show. Please watch for further information at the club On December 27 we will be assisting with Family Fun Day.

On February 9th we will be hosting our 2nd annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. 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 12th. So bring out your Irish and join us for another good time.

The Social Committee would like to welcome new members to RKCC and looking forward to another great year at RKCC.



BACK IN THE HACK

**SEPTEMBER 26
NOON TO 6 pm**



PLEASE JOIN US AT RKCC FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF MIXED CURLING.

THIS EVENT WILL INCLUDE TWO 6 END GAMES WITH PRIZES AND SNACKS

**COST: \$10/PERSON
RECEPTION
AT 11:30,
FIRST GAME
AT NOON**

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

PLEASE SIGN UP WHEN YOU REGISTER YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR AT THE CLUB.
TEAMS TO BE DETERMINED

**HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!**



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"Since 1936, four generations of service"

MARKETING

Committee

Tom Bryant, Chair

- Do you work for a business or organization which needs to increase its community exposure?
- Would you be willing to approach a business owner or possibly your boss to have them consider advertising at RKCC?
- Have you recently made a major purchase and think the business you dealt with might be interested in advertising at RKCC?
- Can you recommend a contact for the marketing committee so they can follow up with a potential new sponsor?

If you answered **YES** or even considered answering **YES** to at least one of the above questions, please contact a member of the marketing committee (Dave Fraser, Linda Lott, Roger Taylor, Bruce Jeffery, Garry Dupuis, Tom Bryant) so that details can be shared and follow up completed. The vast majority of our present sponsors are with us because of a close association with a RKCC member.

Advertising revenue is very important to the club's 'bottom line' and we need to increase this or at the very least, maintain it for the coming curling season. Kindly assist the Marketing Committee by providing contact information of potential new sponsors.

JOIN OUR MEMBERSHIP!!

Membership Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

We have five weeks before we are back on the ice for the start of another curling season at RKCC-Yahoo! This is the second year for online registration so on Wednesday & Thursday's, August 19th thru to September 17th from 9 am-12 pm, and September 21, 22, & 23rd from 9 am-8 pm there will be computers and helpers on hand to help members with this process.

The Curling clinics are on Monday(21st), Tuesday(22nd)

and Wednesday(23rd) nights from 6 pm until 8 pm. We are also hosting a "Bring a Friend night" for all sections on Friday, September 25th. So please get the word out to colleagues, friends, family and neighbours about the clinics and the Friday night event. We have 650 members at RKCC, if 325 of those members invited one person out to try curling and then 1/2 those people decided they liked curling-we would have lots of new curlers! RKCC members recruiting people to curl is the best kind of membership drive...So please find a friend and get them out to curl!



The High School league is looking for curling shoes so if you're buying new shoes this year please consider donating your old ones to the HS League!

Instructors

Also, instructors are needed to help out with the high school league. Please consider donating your time for this worthy cause! See Linda Lott for more details.



Operations Committee

Reg Gore, Chair

1. Paderno Sale May 2015:
Your operations committee worked closely with Graham and the folks from Paderno to make access to our ice shed possible. Operations met with Paderno following the show to discuss ways and means we can make our facility more user friendly.
2. Installed ramps at all entrances to the ice pad for ease of access as the drop is > 8".
3. Roof repair will be completed in September
4. Window work will be completed in September
5. Roof drain in crawl space above lobby coat rack

will be completed in September

6. Drain pipe for Lounge Roof area – heat tracing has been modified and construction of a windbreak will be completed in September – October
7. Ice Cleanliness:
This is a very important topic that applies to all curlers who use our Facility. As everyone knows our ice gets dirty very quickly. So what can we do about it? We really appreciate & require your participation in this to make a difference.
IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS:
> Mats for the vestibule area that would allow all members and visitors the opportunity to clean their footwear before entering lobby.
> Please use the boot cleaner, located at the front door, at all times before entering the Foyer
> Please check your grippers before each game and clean them as necessary.
> Please dispose of old grippers.
> Please use the boot cleaners before going onto the ice
> Please use the sticky mat when going onto the ice and avoid using it when leaving.
8. Operations is continuing to work with our Ice Technicians on ways and means to reduce dirt buildup on the ice & provide members and guests with the best ice possible.



Curling Skills Development Committee (CSDC)

Denis Faubert, Chair

Adult Novice Program

Always wanted to try curling, but didn't want to be the only beginner?

RKCC will be providing an 8 week program on Sunday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm beginning Oct. 4th. These sessions will combine both on & off-ice instruction with actual game play, all in a supportive environment with experienced instructors on each sheet to assist you. The fee of \$150 (free to members), includes a full slider and 2 grippers as well as the use of the club's brooms and stabilizing devices if needed.

This program is based on the Canadian Curling Association's "Getting Started for Adults" program which begins with skill development progressing to game play in the later sessions, where each participant will have the opportunity to play every team position under the tutorship of qualified, experienced instructors.

The aim of this program is to instill a passion for the game and more importantly the confidence to eventually join one of many leagues available to members. For those who wish to join the club, the cost of the Novice Program can be applied towards your RKCC membership.

Should there be sufficient interest, an Adult Novice League will be available to both graduates (for an additional fee) and novice club curlers In January of 2016.

We look forward to seeing you on the ice, and as we say before each and every game "Good Curling!"

Spread the word... RKCC has an Adult Novice League!!

**YOU CHEERED
LAST SEASON...**

...Now try curling this fall
8 weeks for only \$150.00!!

The Royal Kingston Curling Club
Adult Novice Program begins Oct. 4th, 2015

Sunday Evening Learn to Curl

Whether you've never curled before or are have been away from the sport, the Sunday Evening "Learn to Curl" team are very excited about the opportunity to help you improve your skills whether as a novice or more experienced curler.

This program is offered each Sunday from 7 to 9 pm throughout the curling season and is free to all RKCC club members and open to the general public for a nominal fee (\$15). This program is primarily intended to provide novice players with basic curling instruction (game etiquette and rudimentary skills) followed by an informal game amongst other participants. The program also provides targeted instruction for more experienced curlers looking to improve their technique or understanding of the game.

For those considering joining or simply playing occasionally, this may be the ideal opportunity for you to experience our state-of-the-art curling facility and club amenities.

A team of experienced curlers will be on hand to welcome you and assist you regardless of your level of experience ... just bring your enthusiasm and let us help you with the rest. Participants are encouraged to wear clean, soft-soled running shoes and loose-fitting pants. No additional equipment is required.

Should you decide to join at some point in time, your accumulated LTC payments will be credited towards your membership fee.

Daytime Learn To Curl

Curling I

Getting started. Learn the rudiments of delivery, sweeping, strategy, sportsmanship, and rules of the game with an emphasis on safety and etiquette. This activity is suitable for both regular and stick curlers and those with no or limited curling experience or returning curlers. A clean pair of running shoes required & warm clothing suggested. Led by RKCC instructors..

Thursdays, 11:15am to 1:15pm
Session 1: Oct 8th to Nov 26th (8 classes)
\$95/session (free to RKCC members)

Curling II

Game on. Receive instruction to 'better hit the broom', understand options for shot selection, and become more knowledgeable about curling strategy and rules. Refine delivery and sweeping. Suitable for both regular and stick curlers. Led by RKCC instructors.

Prerequisite: Curling I or permission of instructor

Thursdays: 11:15am to 1:15pm
Session 1: Oct 8th to Nov 26th (8 classes)

\$95/session (free to RKCC members)

Member Clinic

Need to brush up on your delivery and impress your teammates?

RKCC is providing a member-only clinic on Sunday October 18th from 8:30am to 11:00am.

As enrolment is limited, pre-registration is required with 1 or 2 key aspects of your delivery that you would like to work on.

For more information, please contact Denis Faubert @ 613-384-3756 or email dfaibert@cogeco.ca



Section Reports



Day Ladies

by Donna Jeffery

Welcome back ladies!

As I write this it is a steamy, hot summer and the ice sounds inviting to me. I hope you have all had a wonderful few months away from the rink and I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

While you were out and about did you find someone who would like to try curling this year? It is important to grow our membership and you can't have too many friends. There is a 20% discount on fees for 1st year curlers and a 10% discount for those people who started last year as new curlers at our club. Let's all try to bring one unsuspecting soul, who doesn't yet know how much fun curling is, to our open house clinics that take place the week of Sept. 21st.

As per tradition the Day Ladies organized a summer golf event that was held at The Landings golf course. Thank you to Betty Bush and Diane Labrie for taking on the

task. Twenty-seven golfers participated and 6 others joined the group for lunch. A good time was had by all but especially for the winning team of Betty Bryant, Sylvia Wright, Edna -May McKay and Norma Burns.

Club curling begins on Tuesday, October 6 (11:15am and 1:30pm) and on Thursday, October 1 (1:30pm).

Flight curling starts on September 30 (9:00am).

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR SEPTEMBER:

- Ladies Opening Pot Luck Dinner - Tuesday, September 29 at 5:30pm
- Final day for returning members to pay dues - Friday, September 18
- "Bring a Friend" Practice - Tuesday, September 22 from 1-4pm
- Day Ladies Fall GM - Thursday, September 24 at 1pm
- Open House Clinics - September 21, 22 and 23 at 6pm
- Registration for new members can also be done from September 21-23

Day Ladies Executive for 2015-16:

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| Chair: | Nancy Gray |
| Vice-Chair: | Donna Jeffery |
| Past Chair: | Marilyn Bellringer |
| Secretary: | Phillipa Fugler |
| Games Chair: | Darlene Boucher |
| Assistant Games Chair: | Deb Wilkin (Flight Convenor) |
| Fun Days Co-Chairs: | Pat Bradshaw, Brenda Charette Alice Pignal (advisor) |

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

Quote from "Weird Facts about Curling": Curling becomes more prevalent among women, with the formation of the Montreal Ladies Curling Club in 1894.



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 conveners can work on the schedules.

The RKCC Open House nights will be on Monday September 21, Tuesday September 22 and Wednesday September 23 at 6pm. Think about bringing a friend, family member or co-worker out to try the sport you love!

The Opening Pot Luck dinner will take place on Tuesday, September 29th at 5:30pm, and is hosted by the Evening Ladies this year. The Evening Ladies AGM for the fall will be held on Wednesday, November 11th at 8:00pm.

Evening Ladies Flight games will begin on Monday, September 28th at 5:10pm and 7:15pm. Club curling will begin on Wednesday, September 30th at 6pm and 8pm. Schedules will be available on the RKCC website and sent by email in advance.

Keep Saturday, November 7th 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 is scheduled for Saturday, November 21st. Volunteers to help run the November 21st bonspiel are needed immediately! Please consider helping out with this fun event so that it can continue this year.

Evening Ladies Executive for 2015-16:

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

If you have any suggestions, concerns or questions about the upcoming season please contact me or 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 planing 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 fights, based on your teams success. The number of fight 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 fight teams will be held until Sept 8. After that, new fight teams will 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.

Day Mens Senior Flight starts Sept 28th.



Mixed Curling

by David Townsend

Welcome back! And to our new members, welcome!

Our year ahead is pretty well set. The calendar is on the web site. I will be sending all Skips copies of the draw sheets once we have registrations in and set. Once again, not only will we welcome new teams but our Mixed Committee will again help put curlers together to form new teams.

As in past years, Mixed has asked to not start until October. Therefore, the first Friday game is on October 2 with a schedule of 21 games prior to playoffs. Sunday recreational gets underway on October 4, also with 21 games on the calendar. New to RKCC this year is a full Championship week and play-downs for A & B will take place during the week of April 11.

Again this year, I will be coordinating three Saturday Mixed Club events, where curlers can sign up as individuals and I will place everyone on a team for two games. It is a great chance to meet some new people, try some new positions if you want and to help us all remember that curling truly is a social and fun sport. Those dates are December 12, January 23 and March 19.

And talking about social, write these two dates onto your calendars now! Our Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 12, starting at 6:00 (after the Club event) and our closing dinner will be on Friday, April 15, starting at 7:00. This night also sees the two Mixed B semi-final games and the four Mixed A quarter-final games at 5:10.

I also welcome back our Mixed curling committee of Lorne Carmichael, Mary Kelly, Trish Beckett and Kathleen Poole. There were a couple of brave souls who volunteered at the end of last year to come and join us and I will be in touch with them as well as welcome and all participation into Mixed curling.

In closing, I want to wish each and every one of you a fun filled and enjoyable year of Mixed curling.





The Stick Leagues of RKCC
by Ian Duncan



There's not a lot to report at this early juncture of the season; however, there are a number of things to consider.

First, as previously, The Landings Golf Course and Bob's Butcher Shop will continue as the sponsors of the 2-stick and 4-stick groups. There will still be offered the enhanced social membership, which allows one to curl once a week as a stick curler for a reduced fee.

Even if you can curl from the hack, you're welcome to participate with the stick curlers.

There will be a stick representative at the open house clinics for anyone who might have a question or desire further information. Or, you can contact Ian Duncan (<tel:613-545-9636>; e-mail:theduncans@cogeco.ca) or Ken Burns (<tel:384-1474>).

The first Semi-Annual General Meeting will be held on 28 October following the 12:15 games.

Ken and I are in need of some assistance, as follows:

- ◆ A secretary to take minutes for the two semi-annual meetings;
- ◆ A scorekeeper to keep game scores updated;
- ◆ A drawmaster to produce our game and playoff schedules; and,
- ◆ A social convener (for want of a better term) who would co-ordinate the many willing folks to produce the two or three events that we have each season.
- ◆ Any and all offers would be appreciatively received.



Last year our donations weren't as generous as other years. We will again have the bucket in the lounge, and encourage everyone to consider supporting this cause. The need never seems to diminish, and the organizers always are grateful for what is donated.

Upcoming Events

| Calendar of Events August 2015 | |
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| Date | Event |
| Wed, Aug 19 th and Thu, Aug 20 th 9am to 12pm | In Person Registration |
| Wed, Aug 26 th and Thu, Aug 27 th 9am to 12pm | In Person Registration |
| September 2015 | |
| Date | Event |
| Wed, Sep 2 nd and Thu, Sep 3 rd 9am to 12pm | In Person Registration |
| Fri, Sep 4 th | EM Flight Applications Due |
| Wed, Sep 9 th and Thu, Sep 10 th 9am to 12pm | In Person Registration |
| Wed, Sep 16 th and Thu, Sep 17 th 9am to 12pm | In Person Registration |
| Fri, Sep 18 th | Last day to pay dues! Returning Members Registration deadline! |
| Mon, Sep 21 st to Wed, Sep 23 rd 8am to 9pm | New Member Registration |
| Mon, Sep 21 st to Wed, Sep 23 rd 6pm | Open House Clinics |
| Mon, Sep 21 st to Wed, Sep 23 rd | |

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| 8:30pm | Members Practice |
| Tue, Sep 22 nd 1pm to 4pm | DL Bring-a-Friend |
| Thu, Sep 24 th 1pm to 4pm | DL Fall Meeting & Practice |
| Fri, Sep 25 th @ 6pm | Bring-a-Friend Night |
| Sat, Sep 26 th 12pm - 4pm | Back In The Hack Opening Bonspiel |
| Sun, Sep 27 th 10am to 1pm | Members Practice |
| Tue, Sep 29 th @ 5:30pm | Ladies Opening Dinner |
| Wed, Sep 30 th @ 6:30pm | EM Meeting |

Evening Ladies

 Night

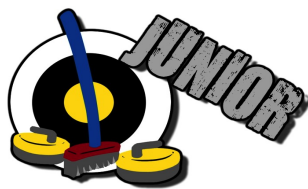
On Wednesday, June 3, 2015 fifty RKCC ladies gathered at The Landings for the Evening Ladies Annual Golf Tournament. Good weather, good food and lots of laughs proved to make this a successful event- not to mention interesting golf challenges.

The winners were Karen Peters and Gail Beck and the winners of the illustrious lamp were Celia Russell and Ana Sutherland. Congratulations to both teams.



Joanne and Betty

*Junior Registration
 Sunday, October 4th, 2015*



*12 PM – 3 PM
 All are welcome!*



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