



The Sweep

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

We recently held our semi-annual general meeting. I'd like to thank everyone who attended for not only taking an interest in the operation of RKCC but also for making it one of the more interesting meetings we have had in recent memory. For those of you who missed it, I'd like to reiterate portions of my report.

The Royal Kingston Curling Club (formerly the Kingston Curling Club) is in its 196th year, less than 5 years from our Bicentennial. More on that later.

As I reflect back on last season, I asked myself the question "How does one measure a successful season?" At the start of the meeting we heard about our financial results for the year ending April 30, 2015. While the trend in our "income before depreciation" isn't going in the direction we would like it to, it was still a year in which had money left over from operations to add to our funding for the future replacement of capital equipment. While financially not a stellar year, it was still a successful year from a financial perspective. I think 2014-2015 was also a successful year from a curling perspective; both within and outside of the club. As always, we had a great Championship night in April and ran a full slate of leagues and bonspiels. We had a number of teams carrying the RKCC banner into regional and provincial play downs. But to my mind the most important single measure of our success is the literally 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. You are the ones who collectively make a year successful. To each and every one of you, on behalf of the board, THANK YOU.

I would also like to thank all of our employees for everything they do to make RKCC a successful club. I would also like to express my personal thanks to all the members of the board for all their efforts over the past year. In particular, I'd like to express my personal thanks to Betty Bush for her many contributions to the board and

to RKCC as a whole over the last three decades. You will be missed!

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Next Sweep!





Betty Bush

On October 28th, RKCC lost one of its most valuable members. A life member and one of our most successful skips, Betty's name is on two banners and numerous trophies. Few people in Kingston have an Ontario jacket. Betty has two. Her achievements in bonspiels in our area and further afield are well known.

That's not the whole story of Betty. Many of our beginner curlers have benefitted from her mentoring. She served on the Board of Directors many times as well as various Committees over the years. Organizing bonspiels and golf tournaments, buying prizes, all seemed to be taken in stride. She was instrumental in starting to organize the history of our club. Many charities, Almost Home and the Alzheimer's Society to name two, were helped by her generosity. Rest in peace my friend. You will be greatly missed.

Joanne Miller

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Martin Sherris, Chair

As we have wrapped up our summer season and see our curling season in full swing, it's time to reflect on our summer operation (May to September).

At RKCC we are continuing in the trend of utilizing our club in the summer months hosting events such as Paderno Kitchenware this year. Summer operations

provide value for our club and increase our exposure in the community and to potential future members. We need to get the word out that we are open for business in the summer so that we can get more of these events in our doors.

Now we are into full operations, part of our ongoing challenge is to make certain that the RKCC operates as efficiently as possible when it comes to costs.

As previously noted, our Operations Committee and staff worked on technical efficiencies last season with respect to the ice making plant which afforded us the ability to realize meaningful reduction in hydro consumption. This resulted in helping our club realize a reduction of approximately 12% in our hydro bill last year, this will continue to be crucially important as Hydro rates have just increase a second time this year.

Your finance committee will continue to be the watchdog for the RKCC and make sure that we utilize all the policies and procedures in place to keep you club operating financially at the high level you deserve.

Your RKCC Finance committee includes; Karen Matheson, Rob Campbell, Brian Ward, Paul Cridland, Donna Poirier and our General Manager Graham Weatherby. The extra work and volunteer hours that they put into this club is greatly appreciated.

If you have any ideas or questions, please contact myself or one of the committee members.



Carole Rivington, Chair

October 25th SAGM Report

As Chair of the Personnel Committee with members Mike Schneider, President and John Ryce, Governance and the Communications Committee along with members April Welsh, Joanne Gizzi, Mike Charette, and Donna Smith it has been a very busy summer and fall!

The *Personnel Committee* is pleased that all full time staff is returning and we anticipate another successful year of curling at RKCC.

This has been an especially busy time for the

Communications Committee, specifically those involved with getting the new website up and running and the online member/league registration process. Registration is always a busy time but even more so when the process is new and different from what we are used to. Next year we'll all be familiar with the process and I am confident things will go much more smoothly.

The new website has been up and running since July 28, 2015 and since that time we have had some very positive and some not so positive response to it. I hope that most of the not so positive with change to positive once people get more familiar with the site and what it can offer. I encourage people to email their suggestions and ideas for the website to webmaster@royalkingston.com.

Some of the many features of the website, are:

- Event Signups (club draws, bonspiels, member clinics, etc.)
- Twitter and Facebook Integration
- Sponsor Advertising Space
- League Spare Lists – personal opt-in/opt-out
- Personal Info Self Management
- Member Contact Information Look-up
- Member Personal Information Privacy Controls
- Member Volunteer Signup

What's next?

- Practice Ice Bookings
- Populate Pro Shop items
- Auto-generate game schedules – allow section heads to generate game schedules for the various leagues. Also, allow section heads (or delegate) to update league rosters, schedules and standings
- Online Payment of Event Registrations
- New and improved Member Search

April Welsh as Bonspiel Chair, is ensuring that all bonspiel convenors are informed about financial and logistical requirements that they should be aware of when planning their spiels. She is also relaying some measures our accountant has requested that should make her job easier when it comes to finalizing statements.

April would like to thank all convenors and their committees for volunteering. Bonspiels are an important part of RKCC's financial and social wellbeing and they cannot be as successful as they are without the efforts of many dedicated people.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome **Donna**

Smith to the HRC Committee in the role of Archivist. What is an Archivist you ask? Well, by definition, it is *'an information professional who assesses, collects, organizes, preserves, maintains control over, and provides access to records and archives determined to have long-term value'*. As a Past President and a 25 year member, Donna confesses to having a vested interest in seeing some focus and attention directed to this, but particularly with respect to helping commemorate our upcoming momentous 200th anniversary in a special way.

In closing, I want encourage all members to get more involved with ideas through our "Suggestion Box" located outside of Graham's office and/or through contact with any of our committee members. As well, all sections and members are strongly encouraged to submit articles monthly for "The Sweep" so all members will know what is going on in our Club.



Governance Committee

John Ryce, Chair

For those of you that don't really know what this committee does, the Governance Committee advises the Board on matters relating to the Board's governance structure and processes, we evaluate the Board's performance, and we assist the President in the recruitment and education of Board members.

We have been working on updating and revising various club policies which include existing ones as well as introducing new ones.

One of our recommendations to the Board was to split up the Human Resources and Communications Committee into two separate committees. The roles and responsibilities of HR and Communications are distinctly different and it was felt that they should be two stand alone committees with both of them having a

position on the Board. The Board approved this recommendation but we will be looking for your approval at the AGM in the spring and if passed, this change will take effect then.

Another important function that we perform is to help recruit and train members to join our various committees and possibly the Board. This year's nominating committee consists of Mike Schneider, Jim Barton, Joanne Miller and myself. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on one of the various committees, please speak to one of us. Without the hard work and dedication of our member volunteers, this club would not survive.

I would like to thank my committee members, Mike Schneider, Henry Treier, Martha Tanner, Joanne Miller, Jim Barton, Bob Helliard and Edward Gibson. A special thank you to Betty Bush and Roy Vasey who both just recently resigned from this committee.



Operations Committee

Reg Gore, Chair

It was a quiet summer for the committee on all fronts. In May your operations committee was fully involved in the preparation work for the Paderno Sale with installation of ramps, electrical requirements and offloading merchandise. We met with Paderno following the sale to determine the pluses and minuses that the Club could improve upon in the future. This list was forwarded to the Club Manager and Marketing Committee for their comments. These changes are expensive and it was felt that prior to proceeding with any, there had to be a return on investment with increased business to offset the costs. If an increase could not be realized then the work would not proceed. The only work that was deemed essential regardless of increased business was the heightening of the roll up door from 8 ft to 10 ft. The fork trucks had a mere 1-2 inches of clearance and had to be guided through the door to prevent damage. This is currently in the works but we found that structural modifications will have to be made. This work, if reasonably priced, will not occur

until the summer of 2016.

The Ice Shed roof repair was performed at no cost in October. Stress cracks were found in two locations of the roof panels due to the vibration created by strong winds.

The lounge roof drain was worked on and improvements made to prevent the freezing & resulting blockage of the drainpipe.

The vent above the cloakroom off the main foyer was repaired. A major leak occurred late in the 2014-15 season. The ceiling will have to be repaired and repainted once we are assured that no further leaks will occur.

The sills have been installed on all the exterior windows of the main building. The original sills had little to no slope and the water was running back into the building brick façade and creating staining (efflorescence) on the exterior.

Our Club Manager is working with a local fire sprinkler contractor to review the sprinkler capabilities in the Ice Shed. If the club is to continue utilizing the Ice Shed for shows and events like the Paderno Sale the fire protection has to meet the fire code for such events.



Ice Quality

At last spring's AGM concerns were raised with the Operations Committee on the subject of Ice Quality. It was suggested at that time that a group be formed to review ice quality and any issues pertaining to that.

In August Your President, Club Manager, Head Ice Technician & Operations Chair met to discuss this subject and clarify the need for consistent ice, particularly from a curl standpoint. It was requested of the Ice Technician that he produce ice with a consistent curl of 3-4 feet throughout the entire curling season. The group gave the Ice Technician full authority to clean or sand the rocks as required in order to meet these requirements.

In addition it was suggested and agreed to by the above

group that a committee consisting of the Head Ice Technician, and 5 experienced curlers meet & communicate on a regular basis to discuss ice quality and any runs or anomalies that may exist on any sheets. The committee members as chosen by the Ice Technician are:

- Rod Leader Head Ice Technician
- Mike Schneider
- Phil Tomsett
- Joe Waller
- Larry Waller
- Carole Rivington

A select group of experienced curlers together with the Head Ice Technician is the best, fairest & most effective manner to address the subject of ice quality.

Reg Gore



Membership Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

The 2015-2016 membership committee is comprised of the following members: Nancy Gray, Linda Shanks, Leslie Higginson, Liz Baer, Dwight Farrell, Martha Tanner and Linda Lott. This past summer we introduced a joint membership initiative with the Landings that gave RKCC members a discount on their golf membership and Landings members a discount on their curling membership. The number of members that took advantage of this initiative were low for this year but our hope is that more members will take advantage of this next year. The curling clinics were organized in conjunction with the skills development group. Numbers were down for the clinics and organizers felt that the warm weather was a factor. The "Bring a Friend Night" that was open to all members on the Friday night, had 6 members take advantage of the opportunity to introduce their friends to curling.

As of November 7th the membership numbers for the

season to date are:

byRegistrationType	2015-16
Active Member	376
Active Member 2nd Season	45
Active NEW Member	30
Adult Novice Program	9
Curling I	5
Junior in Adult League	3
Junior/parent a member	3
Junior/parent not a member	23
Mixed Only	34
NEW Member ONE	14
Social Member	24
Social Member Enhanced	6
Student	4
	576

(79 members less than last year)

Numbers are down significantly in the following categories- Active member, Adult Novice league, Junior/parent not a member, mixed only and new member one.

Provincially numbers are declining at most clubs but for this year and the RKCC start up, there were a number of things that were a factor, warm weather, competing against a very active media campaign of our two neighbour clubs and our early start up time. The committee's plan going forward is to advertise heavily for the second half of the season, target certain professional groups and reach out to our sponsors and their employees. The best membership drive is still you, the members, so please bring a friend out on a Sunday morning or a Sunday night and introduce them to the sport. Experiencing an activity first hand is more effective than print media campaign.



Social Committee

Pennie Robert, Chair

Back in the Hack was a successful opening bonspiel this year. The Social Committee would like to thank all of those who participated and to those who volunteered and helped out. First place went to Dean Clark and his team: Doug Boyd, Kathy Jackson and Christina Dinsmore-Weguerlin. Second place went to Dave Londry and his team of Pat Simms and Martha

McCallum. Our next event is the craft sale on December 5. We are looking for donations of baked goods to sell at that event. Great place to do some Christmas shopping!! Best of curling!!

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

The Royal Kingston Curling Club's
Social Committee is hosting a

Dessert and Craft Sale!

To help you with your Christmas shopping!

Saturday December 5th, 2015 from 9 am to 2 pm located at
Royal Kingston Curling Club, 130 Days Rd



Shop and Bring Your Friends

Take a break from you're Christmas shopping and enjoy a plate of DESSERTS
COFFEE AND TEA for \$5.00/person



THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT
all proceeds are returned to RKCC



Section Reports



Day Ladies by Donna Jeffery

Our new curling season started off with a well attended gathering at the Pot Luck Supper held Sept. 29th. Great food, great fun. Thank you to Mirelle Ringuette for organizing this event.

Now we are off and running, or should I say "sliding"? There are 106 ladies registered for day time curling this year and I am happy to report that we have 6 new

members. They are: Katherine Banko, Marie-Ann Carey, Virginia Flynn, Deb Emerton, Christa Meyers and Pat Simms. Welcome to RKCC ladies. We also welcome Jan Bryant who has joined us from the Evening Ladies rank.

As I write this we are in the middle of the first draws. Wednesday Flight has 13 teams. Tuesday Club has 15 teams and Thursday Club has 10 teams. The main change this year is in the club format. In order to keep all teams involved for the entire draw, each draw will consist of 5 games and 1 playoff game. Based on point totals teams will be assigned to event 1, 2, or 3 for the playoffs. We hope this will increase the "fun" aspect of curling.

On November 14 the Evening Ladies will be hosting our Open Spiel and I encourage everyone to participate by either curling or helping out where needed. This event is a good way to promote our club and it is always a fun time.

Congratulations to Carole Rivington, Donna Smith, April Welsh and Kimberley Barker who have advanced to the Provincial Travelers Championship in Kitchener-Waterloo Oct. 30-Nov. 1.

As you all know by now we have lost a great champion of ladies curling at RKCC. Betty Bush passed away on Oct. 28th. She contributed so much time and energy to our club and represented us honourably in many out of town competitions. We will miss you Betty.



Mixed Curling

by David Townsend

Well, draw #1 has come to a close and the new schedules are up and on the board. To me, it has been a disappointment that Mixed is down 5 full teams this year and our membership has dropped from 201 last year to 168 this year. That is huge and I welcome any and all ideas on how we can get more people involved in mixed curling.

Our first Mixed Club draw is coming up on Saturday, December 12. Even events like these can be used to bring new curlers to our Club. Sign up early for the "Turkey Draw" as we are limited to 48 curlers. I am trying to use the web site for registrations for this event. If you have any difficulties registering, send me an e-

mail and I will do what I can to help get you more involved.

And on the same date, we are hosting our Christmas party. This event is open to all – you don't have to be an RKCC member to come and take part in great fellowship, fabulous food and a live band. Registrations for this will be at the bar. Sign up early so we can plan better.

Here's hoping that everyone has a fun filled year of curling and that winter is kind to us all.



Curling Skills Development

by Denis Faubert

Sunday Evening Learn to Curl: Although the numbers have been somewhat variable to date, we have several very capable instructors namely Judy Russell, Trevor Kirby, John MacMillan, Christie Gilmour and Kimberly Barker (Convenor) eager to help both newcomers and more experienced curlers looking to help on any aspect of their delivery. For more information, please contact Kimberly Barker.

Thursday Daytime Learn to Curl: This program features both beginner and intermediate level curling sessions. There are 15 participants, 8 of whom have registered through the Seniors Centre and the remainder consisting of club members. This program is supported by several instructors: Sandy Fairbairn, John Koronyi, Mike Charette and Tom Bryant (Convenor). For more information, please contact Tom Bryant.

Sunday Evening Adult Novice Program: Building on last year's successful pilot project, this 8 week structured program has 11 enthusiastic participants (to date) with instruction provided by Mirelle Ringuette, Denis Faubert and Martha Tanner (Convenor). For more information, please contact Martha Tanner.

Open House/Member Clinics: The annual 3 day evening open house clinic featured both on-ice instruction as well as off-ice information on various aspects of club curling at our facility. Many thanks to the instructors and the membership committee for all their assistance. The in-house member clinic hosted on Oct. 18th

featured 'a la carte' service with several members participating in individualized analysis and correction on specific aspects of their curling delivery. Judy Russell, Martha Tanner, Kathleen Poole, and Denis Faubert (Coordinator) provided helpful instruction to those in attendance.



Bonspiels

by April Welsh

The "Back in the Hack" spiel on Sept. 26 was a fun way for 30 eager curlers to get the season started. Many thanks to Pennie Robert for organizing the event.

Dave Leeson convened the Limestone Sr. Men's spiel on Oct. 31. From all accounts, the spiel was a great success. A big "thank you" to Dave and his committee.

The Sr. Men's In-house spiel is on Nov. 13, and the Evening Ladies' Invitational, "High Tea at the Royal", is on Nov. 21. Please volunteer and/or curl where you can!



The Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel is still in need of a convenor, or team to convene.

The spiel is scheduled for Feb. 12 & 13, 2016. Please contact me if you are interested or have questions. We have lots of helpers, we just need someone to get things started.



OPEN CALL TO MEMBERS

As you know there has been a call-out for some time for volunteer(s) to assume the archivist role for RKCC. By definition, an archivist is '*an information professional who assesses, collects, organizes, preserves, maintains control over, and provides access to records and archives determined to have long-term value*'. For a club that will reach its 200th anniversary in 2020, that's a lot of history and collective memory to sift through and manage. Most certainly this sounds like a daunting task for any single individual and none of us should expect it to fall to just one. And, while it isn't expected we have many trained archivists in our midst nor do we have a great number of individuals vying to volunteer, what RKCC does have is: valuable information at our disposal AND some individuals who have dabbled with this in the past: a talent pool of experienced data or information professionals (retired or otherwise) ; excellent organizers, detail enthusiasts, genealogy hobbyists, keepers of records and lists of hereto now unknown value, good storytellers, holders/hoarders of tons of anecdotes and frequently good contacts (family and friends) in the citybut more importantly it does have a broad and loyal member base with an abiding love for RKCC and a treasure trove of memories to share.

But, and it's a big BUT, the reality is that we also have a lot of busy people in this club, myself included. I work full-time, curl 2 to 3 nights a week and have numerous commitments so I certainly don't have an abundance of time to devote more than a few hours here and there, just as I'm sure describes many of your situations. So...what to do? Parcel it up and prioritize!

As a Past President (2000-2001) and a 25 year member, I have to confess to having vested interest in seeing some focus and attention directed to this, but particularly with respect to helping commemorate our upcoming momentous anniversary in a special way. Among other things, the occasion should be celebrated by 'publishing' a record of our history to share with members and the community at large. I am certainly not alone in this desire (and I particularly want to thank Betty Bush for passing me the baton and Heather Sinclair for coming aboard so early). While I am sure there will also be a committee struck for the 200th Anniversary celebration itself (you will probably hear more on that later), the preparation of a commemorative 'book' is a sub-project that requires a separate, undivided focus. By starting early, putting a plan together, taking a divide and conquer approach to

divvy up the work, giving ourselves five years to do it and getting someone to muster the collective talent and will of our members, this daunting task is manageable. The journey to the end result promises to be enlightening, entertaining, informative and rewarding. To use a play on words, let's call this specific project '2020 Vision: A Look Back!'.

I last chaired the committee responsible for the opening ceremony of the new club in 2006 so felt it was past time I stepped forward again and volunteered for something.... why not contribute to this most important initiative. I would like to invite (challenge?) others, for example, fellow Past Presidents, Life Members, history buffs or anyone described above to come forward and be a part of the authoring of this collective effort. I will rally some troops and co-ordinate the effort to complete this task. I will also be calling on various individuals personally but please don't wait - your contributions are needed.

As part of the planning process, my intent is to put together an initial suggested outline (Table of Contents) for the subject matter to be included and once the troops are in place, assign a name or names to each person's particular area of interest or perhaps decade, with each assignee poring through the available information to extract what they need for their purposes (and perhaps sharing what they come across with others as it pertains to them). For example, Membership - an interested party could write one or two pages on how it changed over the years (composition, numbers, fees?, curling gear); Bonspiels - mens and/or women, history, themes, winners, out of town clubs participating; Board of Directors - composition, interesting agenda items, hot topics, trivia items (longest meeting, shortest meeting); Facilities - location, operating costs, changes over the years etc. you get the picture. If you had an unfilled desire to be on the school newspaper or yearbook committee, now's the time to scratch that itch!

Thanks for your consideration. Looking forward to sharing the voyage.

Donna Smith



Empire
Life



Upcoming

EVENTS



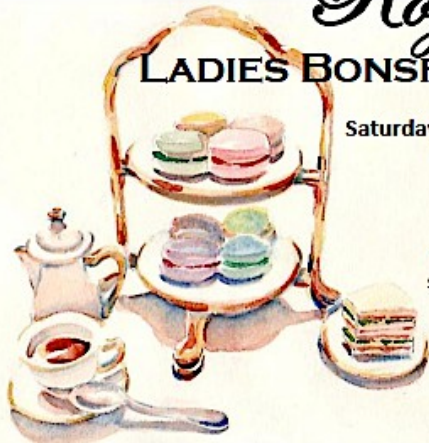
**SCOTTISH WOMEN'S
TOUR STOP**
at
Royal Kingston Curling Club
Sunday, November 15, 2015

AGENDA FOR THE DAY

- 2:45 PM - ARRIVAL AT THE CLUB**
- 3:15 PM - ON-ICE CEREMONY**
- 3:30 PM - CURLING GAME**
- 8:00 PM - DEPART FOR HOTEL**

ROYAL KINGSTON CURLING CLUB
PRESENTS

High Tea at the Royal LADIES BONSPIEL



Saturday, November 21, 2015

Points Spiel
Two 8-end games
First Draw 8:45am & 1:15pm
Second Draw 11am and 3:30pm

+ Cash Prizes +
Cost \$180 per team
(includes HST)

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



Calendar of Events November 2015

Date	Event
Wed, Nov 11 @ 8 PM	Evening Ladies Fall Meeting
Fri, Nov 13 @ 9 AM	Day Men's In-House Bonspiel
Sun, Nov 15	Scottish Curlers
Sat, Nov 21 @ 8 AM	Evening Ladies Invitational Bonspiel
Fri, Nov 27 – Sat, Nov 28	OMA Bonspiel

December 2015

Wed, Dec 2 @ 9 AM	DL Christmas Mini Spiel
Sat, Dec 5 @ 9 AM	Craft Show
Sat, Dec 12 @ 8:30 AM – 6 PM	Mixed Club Mixed Dinner
Sat, Dec 19 – Sun, Dec 20	OCA Boys and Girls Bantam Zones OCA Men's Tankard
Mon, Dec 21 @ 7:30 PM	Men's Christmas Dinner



Bonspiel Reports



Royal Kingston Curling Club

The 30th LIMESTONE Senior Men's Bonspiel

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015

A very successful Senior Men's Curling Bonspiel, sponsored by Chartwell Conservatory Pond Retirement Residence, was held on Saturday, October 31st. This was the 30th edition of this popular annual Eastern Ontario curling event which continues to attract entries from most curling clubs in the vicinity. This year included teams from Garrison, Brockville, Cataraqui, Manotick, Prescott, Campbellford, Napanee, Land O'Lakes and Royal Kingston, and even one newly emigrated from Calgary.

Food is often a highlight of curling bonspiels and this was no exception with Conservatory Pond showing off their excellent food services by providing superb food for breakfast, lunch, and an awesome prime rib dinner.

This year's champions were Paul Farrow's team including Joe Myers, Steve Mann and Roger Doiron from the Garrison Curling Club. This is Paul's 2nd Limestone championship, having also won it exactly 20 years ago in 1995. Just a quarter point behind was Ron Edgeley's team from Brockville Curling Club, and in third place was Garth Mitchell's team from Royal Kingston.



As usual successful events cannot happen without excellent ice (thanks Rod and Gene!), service and amazing volunteers. John Pratt spearheaded the

breakfast crew, Garry Dupuis the lunch crew and Jim Lesley the supper serving and cleanup crew. Thanks guys! The only hiccup was when one team got mixed up on the draw time and we had to scramble to put together a replacement team. Thanks especially to Ken Brant and Glenn Owen who not only assisted with scoring, but formed the nucleus of the last-minute team.

This was my first stab at convening a bonspiel. I am extremely grateful for the wonderful support from all the volunteers and club personnel.

David Leeson



SPEEDING UP THE GAME!

KEY WAYS TO KEEP THE GAME MOVING AND TO PLAY ALL 8 ENDS

5 MINUTES



Be ready to go on the ice 5 minutes before your game is to start. This allows for handshakes, warm-up slides and the coin toss!

LEAD ON



At the beginning of an end, if you do not have hammer, your lead should NOT help to put the rocks away. Instead, the lead should find their first rock, get in the hack, clean their rock and be prepared to throw as soon as the skip is at the other end.

ROCK READY!



If your teammate has to get their slider on, or your skip is coming down the ice, get the rock out for them while you're waiting.

OUT OF ORDER



Rocks do NOT need to be put away in order. Simply putting the rocks neatly in the corners and not worrying about number order saves A LOT of time! If you are compulsive about putting rocks away in order, skips can help by putting rocks that are out of play in their appropriate place as the end progresses.

HACK IT!



As soon as the opposing player has released their stone, the next player to throw should move quickly to the hack. Clean the rock and set up so when your skip takes control of the house, you're ready to throw.

STAY FOCUSED



Skips must stay focused on the next shot and not be chatting with the opposing skip or players on adjacent sheets.