



# The Sweep

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

Volunteers!

I'm approaching the end of my two year term as your president and have been doing a lot of thinking about the keys to RKCC's past and future success. As I said in the August issue of Sweep, I think the club's greatest strength is the culture of volunteerism that permeates RKCC. That culture comes primarily from those experienced members who want to give back to the club and make it a thriving entity well into the future.

Unfortunately over the past twelve months the club has lost four of our long time members (Betty Bush, Brian Collingwood, Bill Duffe, and Lefty McDonald) whose volunteer contributions to RKCC over the years have been immeasurable and to whom we will be forever grateful.

We continue to 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 and myself, thank you for all that you do.

Going forward, the challenge we as a club need to address is how to continue to promulgate volunteerism throughout our entire membership. I believe one of the keys to addressing this challenge is to find a way to make it easier for everyone to volunteer in whatever capacity they are able. While I have already received several ideas on how to do this from a number of our volunteers (and we are already implementing some of these) I'd love to hear from others with their ideas on how the club make volunteers' lives easier.

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### **Next Sweep!**



# Committee Reports

## Governance

John Ryce, Chair

As I mentioned in my last report, The Board has approved the splitting of the HR & Communications Committee into two committees although this still has to be approved by the members at the spring AGM.

We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to Chair both of these new committees. Both committees come with experienced volunteers to help make your job that much easier. If you have some expertise in human resources or communications and want to give back to the club, please consider stepping up to Chair one of these committees.

If you want to find out more about either of these positions, you can talk to one of the nominating committee members who are; Mike Schneider, Jim Barton, Joanne Miller and myself. You could also speak to Carole Rivington who currently Chairs the HR and Communications Committee.

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.



*Be well-advised.*

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## Social Committee

Pennie Robert, Chair

Our next big event is our annual St. Patrick's Day Dance which will be held on March 12, again Steve Cheesman & the Heeters will be entertaining us! Tickets are on sale at the bar, we hope to see you there.

The Social Committee is looking for members to join our committee, if you are interested please do not hesitate to contact one of us. Also if you have any ideas of events that the Social Committee could host please let us know. We thank you for your support at our events.

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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

SATURDAY MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 8 pm

ENTERTAINMENT BY STEVE CHEESMAN & THE HEETERS

\$15/PERSON

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE BAR

Everyone's Irish On March 17th.

HOSTED BY THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE. FOR FURTHER INFO PLEASE CONTACT PENNIE ROBERT AT [penelopejane671@gmail.com](mailto:penelopejane671@gmail.com) or any other member of the Social Committee





## Operations Committee

Reg Gore, Chair

Although activity has been slow we are currently in the throws of drawing up both our Operating and Capital budgets for next season 2016-17.

We are currently working on a lighting proposal that would replace all fluorescent fixtures & incandescent light bulbs with LEDs. This was brought on with the problems the club experienced earlier this season with the external lighting ie parking lot and building. We are working with a local company and preparing a presentation to the Board of Directors. This presentation would include any and all incentives we could generate through Hydro One, The Trillium Foundation & any other source available. Major cost savings in KWH consumption would be realized ie 6 watts of a single LED tube vs the current 32 watts. We will be calculating a payback period so we have to wait until all the facts are in before making any decision.

The Operations Committee is currently in the process of drawing up a Risk Management Survey of all the equipment in the club. The purpose of this survey is to provide us with a guide to when equipment will reach its useful life and have to be replaced. Two examples of this are the Glass Washer and the Ice Machine. This is an asset when it comes to Finances and projecting future replacement expenditures.

The Operations Committee has received Board approval to proceed with the fabrication and installation of units for storing sticks during curling games. The design has not been finalized as we have found a variation in handle diameters & concerns exist with obstructing the view on the glass side.

There was an incident that occurred the week of the Whig when a 600 amp fuse blew in the compressor panel. The panel was cleaned of all residue and the fuse replaced.

## Membership Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

As we head into the homestretch to Championship night and the end of the 2015-2016 curling season, now would be a great time to take advantage of the Sunday night learn to curl sessions and the open ice time on Sundays. Grab a neighbour, a friend or even a stranger and bring them out to throw some rocks- get them interested and we can get them out to the clinics in the fall.


The Landings will be offering a membership incentive again this year to RKCC members so stay posted for details!

The membership stats for January 31<sup>st</sup> indicated that we have 652 members, down 26 members from last year. Maintaining a strong membership base is essential for RKCC to maintain reasonable memberships rates and ensure that our facility stays viable.

**DISCOUNT TICKETS DEAL !!**  
**HOCKEY AND BRIER TICKETS COMBO**

EVERY TICKET PURCHASED AT YOUR CURLING CLUB FOR THE KINGSTON FRONTENACS VERSUS SUDBURY WOLVES GAME ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 28TH WILL INCLUDE A CHANCE AT A PAIR OF TICKETS TO THE OPENING WEEKEND OF THE BRIER CURLING BONSPIEL IN OTTAWA.  
 (Draws 1 to 5 on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.)

PROMOTION LIMITED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE FIVE CLUBS IN "GREATER KINGSTON CURLING".



PRIZE PROMOTION VALID FOR IN-CLUB SALES BETWEEN FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> AND FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>.

HOCKEY TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR DISCOUNT PRICE OF \$15.00 EACH.  
 DISCOUNT PRICE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT [WWW.TINYURL.COM/CURLINGSHOWCASE](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/CURLINGSHOWCASE) FROM FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup>.

This offer is available for the next two weeks. The tickets can be purchased online (at [www.tinyurl.com/curlingshowcase](http://www.tinyurl.com/curlingshowcase)) or at the bar.

Members can buy for family and friends. The buyers will be able to collect their tickets at Sales Window #6 starting February 24<sup>th</sup> right up to Game Time. For those that know the seating plan at K-ROCK, Curlers will be grouped together in Section 110. The draw for the Brier Prize will be held at the game but the winner does not have to be in attendance.

### **RKCC Curler, Betty Bush, inducted into the Kingston Sports Hall of Fame.**

Congratulations to Betty Bush's family on her induction into the Kingston Sports Hall of Fame.

This is a well deserved honour for one of our curlers who has achieved great success in the game we all love. Two banners hang in our curling club bearing Betty's name and you will find her name on numerous club trophies, on bonspiel trophies in other cities such as Napanee, Brockville and Ottawa to name a few. The list of her curling achievements is lengthy indeed.

There are other notable aspects to this great curler. Over the years she has worked tirelessly for her club, mentoring new curlers, organizing bonspiels and serving on countless committees. She was one of the directors for the organizing committee for the Scotties. Various community organizations such as the Alzheimer's Society and Almost Home have been the recipient of her generosity in sharing her time and skills.

Well done Betty!  
Joanne Miller

## Section Reports



### **Day Ladies** by Donna Jeffery

It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through another curling season. Time flies when you are having fun. Thank you to Darlene Boucher and Deb Wilkin for all their hard work to keep us organized.

These are the results of Draw 2 Tuesday Club:

1<sup>st</sup> Division Winner: April Welsh, Christa Myers, Cathy Warwick, Lynn Plumb  
2<sup>nd</sup> Division Winner: Diane Labrie, Philippa Fugler, Marge Craig, Joanne Cosgrove  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division Winner: Joan Doucet, Darlene Boucher, Lois McKeown, Sally Stewart

The Draw 2 results for the Thursday Club are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Division Winner: Linda O'Sullivan, Bonnie Bird, Cathy Warwick, Carrol Knowles  
2<sup>nd</sup> Division Winner: Jan Ray, Philippa Fugler, Pat Simms, Virginia Flynn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division Winner: Marilyn Bellringer, Teresa Wilson, Pat Thompson, Lola Cole

All the club curlers get to participate in a playoff game at the end of each draw so that keeps everyone on their toes. Congratulations to the victors.

After Draw 2 in Day Ladies Flight the top team is Denise Mulville with Judy Sly, Joanne Gizzi and Martha Tanner. It is a very close division so it will be exciting to see how it all plays out in the third draw. The teams of Ross, Stevenson and Hutchinson have moved to the A side and Bellringer and O'Sullivan have moved to the B division. Still a lot of curling to be done.

In January several teams travelled to Gananoque for the Chocolate Spiel. They did our club proud. Joan Doucet took a team to Prescott to participate in a spiel there and Donna Jeffery entered a team in a spiel at Garrison which was a fund raiser for the Special Olympics. At each of these events the RKCC ladies passed out flyers advertising our Grandmothers bonspiel at the end of March. Let's hope that some of those out of town curlers will make a trip to Kingston to enjoy our hospitality.

On Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> the day ladies ran an in-rated spiel with the theme "Lady and the Tramp". The lunch time quiz brought us back to our youth. Twelves teams participated and a great time was had by all. First place went to the team of Donna Jeffery, Susan Hara, Sandy Duncan and Claudia Stevenson. Second place went to Lois Logan, Sue McConnell, Mariette Ringuette and Bev Pitts. A big thank you to Pat Bradshaw, Brenda Charette, Alice Pignal and all the volunteers for a job well done.

Please know that we truly appreciate all the time and effort that goes into running one of these events.



**Juniors**

by Kevan Welch

Trevor Kirby has advanced to the OCA Bantam Boys Provincial Championship being played at The Galt Country Club Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Trevor plays on the Inglis Team representing St. George’s Golf and Country Club.

Representing Royal Kingston Curling Club is Sam Fowlow at the OCA’s Hit, Draw and Tap Competition in the Age 11-13 Division. The provincial event is being held in Brantford, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Ontario Tankard. The top 16 qualifiers from across the province will be competing for a provincial championship in each age division.

In the Age 6-8 Division Royal Kingston’s Logan Bedard placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in qualifying and Hayliegh Knetsch qualified in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the Age 9-10 Division, Abigail Van Der Plas placed in 3<sup>rd</sup> in qualifying.

Congratulations to all our curlers and good luck to those moving on to Provincials.



**Mixed Curling**

by Lorne Carmichael

Hello mixed curlers!

We are starting our last round robin series on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. We have an extra day on the schedule - you may have noticed that there are six games this time, and your last game is against the same team you

started with. The mixed committee is open to ideas for something else we could do on that night, so long as it is extremely fun. Let's hear from you!

In other news, the playoffs this year are going to be in a new format. With the new Championship Week, all the playoff games will be very close together. So, unlike other years they will not follow a bonspiel format. It will all be single elimination – lose and it's time to clear out the garden.

Good curling!



**The Stick Leagues of RKCC**  
by Ian Duncan



Because there has been a change in schools curling competitions, KSSA no longer will be using the ice on 24 February. This allows the 2 person stick section to reclaim its normal Wednesday ice times. Therefore, we are inserting the games that were cancelled on 23 December. Timing and ice allocations will be the same as the 23 December schedule.

With the exception of some small glitches, the stick curling has progressed well so far this season. Hopefully, everyone has been enjoying themselves. If there are any suggestions for improvement that could enhance things for next year, or anytime, please let Ken Burns or Ian Duncan know.

As a reminder, please look at the bulletin board once in a while just to make sure you're not missing anything.





Alice Simpson, Bill Hay

4<sup>th</sup> place ---Bill Worthy, Marilyn Chilton,  
Ken Brant, Deb Emerton

The cross corner event winners were:

Barb[Gunslinger] Robertson 6 1/2 inches  
Glen Owen 8 3/4 inches  
John Squarebriggs 9 inches  
Pat Thompson 29 inches



Calendar of Events  
February 2016

Date	Event
Sat, Feb 13	Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel
Mon, Feb 15	Family Day
Sat, Feb 20 & Sun, Feb 21	OCA Bantam Mixed Zones OCA Tim Horton's Colt/Trophy
Sat, Feb 27	Community Living Kingston Spiel

March 2016

Fri, Mar 4	Thousand Islands Insurance Adjusters Spiel
Fri, Mar 11	Day Men's In-House Spiel
Sat, Mar 12	St. Patrick's Day Dance
Wed, Mar 16	EL Bring a Friend Night
Fri, Mar 18	Super Seniors Spiel
Sat, Mar 19	Mixed Club
Wed, Mar 23	Grandmothers & Great Aunts Bonspiel
Mon, Mar 28	EL Spring Meeting
Wed, Mar 30	Stick League Meeting & Lunch
Thu, Mar 31 - Sat, Apr 2	Famous Fisherman's Bonspiel

Bonspiel  
Report

FUN MIXED SKINS SPIEL

Well the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual mixed skins spiel was enthusiastically attended with only 2 no shows on Friday Feb 5. The usual 3 --- 4 end games were played with the players rotating through lead to skip, great way to get experience at all positions. Tell all your curlers how much fun you had and the Chinese food from Lechee Gardens was excellent, thanks to Jim Lesley and his volunteers .

The teams were randomly assigned by handicaps the day before the spiel and the winning teams are

1<sup>st</sup> place ----Diane Labrie, Gene Miller,  
Claire Dubac Rayner, David Ball

2<sup>nd</sup> place----Brian Nolan, Teresa Wilson,  
Pat Thompson, John Emerton

3<sup>rd</sup> place----Brian Hetherington, Glen Owen,

## Greater Kingston Curling



### Greater Kingston Continental Cup

Hosted at Cataraqi Golf and Country Club on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>

\$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 Cataraqi Golf and Country Club.

It will consist of two teams of 42 curlers 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

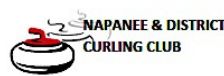
Cataraqi – 10 Men and 10 Women

Napanee – 7 Men and 7 Women

Gananoque – 7 Men and 7 Women

Garrison – 7 Men and 7 Women

The captains of each team will determine which games each curler will play.



## 2016 Annual RKCC Golf Tournament

February is at our door. Thank goodness!!!! Enough of winter already. It's time to think GOLF.

The 12th annual RKCC golf tournament will be held at the Glen Lawrence golf course on Thursday, June 16th at 1:00pm. Please mark your calendars for this important summer social gathering which is a Major Fund Raiser for the club. We will have our famous BBQ steak and salmon dinner at the curling club following golf along with a generous prize table. We will again play a scramble format as it promotes faster play. And the price will be the SAME as last year (\$70 includes a cart, \$35 for GLCC members.)

We are looking to fill this event so please make early plans, and invite family members and friends as well.

And please don't forget to start saving prizes for the prize table. Value in the order of \$15 - \$20 is appropriate, as is "re-gifting".

The preliminary sign-up sheet will be posted during the 1st week in February.

Greg Ruse and Dave Fraser, Co-convenors

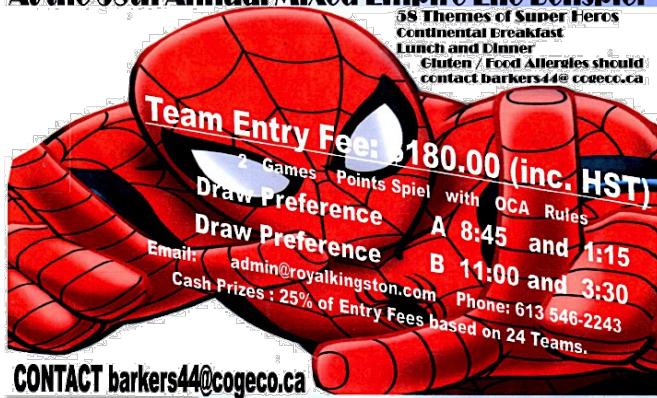




# Amigos 13 Feb 2016 Saturday's Edition THE EMPIRE WANTS You to Curl

## At the 58th Annual Mixed Empire Life Bonspiel

58 Themes of Super Heroes  
Continental Breakfast  
Lunch and Dinner  
Gluten / Food Allergies should  
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**Team Entry Fee: \$180.00 (inc. HST)**  
2 Games Points Spiel with OCA Rules  
**Draw Preference A 8:45 and 1:15**  
**Draw Preference B 11:00 and 3:30**  
Email: admin@royalkingston.com Phone: 613 546-2243  
Cash Prizes : 25% of Entry Fees based on 24 Teams.

**CONTACT barkers44@cogeco.ca**

Empire Mixed Bonspiel  
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Indicate Draw Preference

Draw A   
Draw B

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Second's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lead's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

