



The Sweep

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A word from your President... Mike Schneider

Congratulations to all the participants in this year's Championship Day!

I know this year's new Championship Week format was the source of some controversy for a number of members but I am confident that these issues can be addressed when next year's curling calendar is put together over the summer.

As the club's fiscal year officially ends on April 30, I'd like to thank four board members who have completed their terms: Henry Treier, Carole Rivington, Tom Bryant and Reg Gore; all of whom have made tremendous contributions to the club over their tenure on the board. And a special thanks to Dave Sansom for filling in as Curling Committee chair for the past six months.

I'd also like to welcome the new board members for the 2016-2017 season:

- Dave Fraser (Marketing)
- Edward Gibson (Governance)
- Joanne Miller (Member at Large)
- Wayne Smith (Operations) and
- David Townsend (Curling)

I'm sure they are looking forward to working with your new President, John Ryce, who is replacing me as the chair of RKCC's board next season.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable, safe summer and I look forward to seeing all of you out on the ice in the fall!

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Have a great summer!

2016-17 Board of Directors

President: John Ryce
 Vice President/
 Governance: Edward Gibson
 Past President: Mike Schneider
 Secretary: Erwin Batalla
 Finance: Martin Sherris
 Marketing: Dave Fraser
 Membership: Linda Lott
 Communications: Martha Tanner
 Social: Pennie Robert
 Curling: David Townsend
 Operations: Wayne Smith
 Member-At-Large: Joanne Miller
 Finance Advisor: Karen Matheson



Congratulations to this year's Life Members! Ella Brisson, Rich Waller and Nick Sears all received their certificates signifying 30 years at RKCC.

Committee Reports



Finance Committee
 Martin Sherris, Chair

We have just closed out another successful season

at our Curling Club culminating with a very busy Championship week. Congratulations to all of the winners!

As I write this report, the Board is meeting this week to finalize our 2016/17 operating budget. Rest assured that we have a dedicated team of volunteers that are committed to provide the best possible service for the next season while providing reserve funds for our future.

As reported at the AGM two weeks ago we are in a sound financial position with our revenues outpacing expenses in a minor way. We will however need to keep a tight rein on expenses as we continue to save annually to increase our Capital Replacement Fund. Our "new" building is now 10 years old and some equipment will need replacement or repairs in coming years and saving for this is only prudent.

Regarding membership, we are 4% up on revenue from last year however we are slightly more than 2% down on actual numbers of members. We all need to look for new members, perhaps your friends and family, to join our club.

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

The finance committee will remain unchanged next year and is comprised of:

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

Best regards,

Martin Sherris
 Finance Chair



Governance Committee

John Ryce, Chair

Another successful season of curling has come and gone and my year as Governance Chair is over. I had no idea on the amount of work that the

Governance Committee does for the club. As I reflect back on what we have accomplished over the last year, I am very proud of the members of this committee and the many other volunteers that help make this club what it is.

Here are some of the items that we have completed:

- Established our objectives for the 2015/16 season and met most of them
- Developed a refund policy due to sickness or injury
- Helped establish a joint membership with the Landings
- Did some training with the Board on "Roberts Rules of Order"
- Created an appendix in the Policy & Resource Manual that deals with the HR process
- Redefined the terms of reference for the Communications and the Personnel Committee
- Updated our archives agreement with Queens
- Developed a code of conduct & ethics policy.
- Created an accident response & reporting procedure
- Established a Resolutions Committee
- Created a privacy policy
- Presented a slate of Board Officers for the 2016/17 season

We are working on many other issues which will be reported once we have them approved by the Board.

I also want to thank my committee of Jim Barton, Mike Schneider, Henry Treier, Joanne Miller, Martha Tanner, Bob Helliard and Edward Gibson.



Social Committee

Pennie Robert, Chair

The Social Committee would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our events this season.

This year's results from Championship week/night

are:

Juniors

Sam Fowlow, Josh Fowlow, Nate De Groote, William Vandenburg, Kibo Mulima and Ratidzo Mutsvene

Runners up: Elijah De Groote, Max Hannah, Joel De Groote, Luke De Groote and Nils Lintner

Mixed

Todd Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Patrick Casey, Marie-Claude Goyer
Runners up: Erwin Batalla (sparing for Bill Cannon), Kimberly Barker, Paul Switzer, and Monica Kirk (sparing for Tensia Cannon)

Day vs Evening Ladies Club (Carrie Cole)

Evening Ladies... Christy Gilmour (sparing for Denise Mulville), Lisa Mulville, Pam Power, and Cyndy Jones

Runners up: April Welsh, Martha Forkes, Pat Bradshaw, and Katherine Banko

Day vs Evening Ladies Flight

Evening Ladies... Joanne Miller, Vanessa Giguere, Jennifer Cook (sparing for Joanne Gizzi), and Lil Rynbend

Runners up: Denise Mulville, Judy Sly, Joanne Gizzi, and Martha Tanner

Day Ladies Flight

B Flight- Jan Ray, Linda Bell, Nancy Suenega, and Jill Spettigue

Evening Ladies Flight

A Division- Joanne Miller, Vanessa Giguere, Jennifer Cook (sparing for Joanne Gizzi), and Lillian Rynbend

Runners up: Donna Jeffrey, Nancy Gray, Mary Dupuis, and Liz Baer

B Division- Heidi Burke, Kelly Johnson, Colleen Cross, Marie-Claude Goyer.

Runners up: Donna Smith (sparing for Carole Rivington), April Welsh, Kimberly Barker, and Gail Irving

C Division- Linda Lott, Denise Mulville (sparing for Gwen Mitchell), Janine Durk (sparing for Lee Thompson), and Rene Marchen
Runners up: Christy Gilmour, Monica Kirk (sparing for Sandy Fairbairn), Pennie Robert and Christine Sweetnam

Men's Club

Tom MacLean, Rick Thorburn, Ron Pols and Mike Murphy
Runners up: Bill Cannon, Bradley Sumner, Trevor Kirby, and Paul Moorby

Men's Flight

Bob Campbell, Henry Treier,
Tom Bryant, Mike Schneider

Runners up: Phil Tomsett, Joe Waller,
Mario Fabbro, and John MacMillan

Day Men's Senior Flight

A Flight- Bob Daley, Brian Ward,
Brian Dowling, Mike Charette

B Flight- Erwin Batalla, Dominico Gizzi,
Gene Miller, Steve Mansell

C Flight- Denis Faubert, Steve Lloyd,
Dwight Farrell

D Flight- Bill Grant, Fred MacDonald,
Dave Lollar, and John Pratt

Stick Leagues**2 Person**

Jim Rose and Bill Worthy

4 Person

Jim Rose, Edna-May Mckay,
Alice Simpson, and Bill Worthy

The Social Committee wishes all of you a great summer and look forward to seeing all of you in the new season.

**and Communications Committee**

Carole Rivington, Chair

As the 2015-16 curling season comes to an end so too does the HR & Communications Committee as it currently exists. The Communications Committee will no longer be combined with the Personnel Committee which I believe to be a very positive move. Another change to the Communications Committee will be the role of Kitchen Chair which will be moving over to the Operations/Resources Committee. We'll be sad to see Joanne leave our team but feel that this makes much more sense.

As my term as Chair of the HR&C Committee is also coming to an end, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for all their great work and commitment during the 2015-16 curling season:

- ◆ the Personnel Committee of Mike Schneider, President and John Ryce, Vice President/Governance for all their much

needed and appreciated guidance and support!

- ◆ the Communications Committee members consisting of:
 - *April Welsh* who again provided her guidance and assistance to the many bonspiel conveners
 - *Joanne Gizzi* who continued to monitor and inspect the clean-up of the kitchen on a regular basis
 - *Donna Smith* who was new to our committee this year, as Club Archivist.
- ◆ to the many contributors who helped me keep the website up-to-date with the various upcoming event flyers, curling league teams, schedules and standings
- ◆ to the Committee Chairs, Section Chairs and countless others who provided me with their reports and updates to be included in the monthly "Sweep" newsletters
- ◆ and last, but certainly not least, i'd like to thank the very dedicated and hard working RKCC staff of:
 - Graham Weatherby, Club Manager
 - Rod Leeder, Head Ice Maker and his team of Gene Miller and Kevan Welch
 - Gerry Buist, Head Bartender and his team of Julie Cox, Bev Townsend, Steve Hulton and Kevan Welch.

Martha Tanner will be taking over as Chair of the Communications Committee for the 2016-17 curling season. First up for Martha will be looking for someone to fill the role of Volunteer Co-ordinator, responsible for co-ordinating volunteer requirements throughout the club, so if you're interested, please let her know.

**Bonspiel Report**

April Welsh, Chair

RKCC continues to be known for hosting great bonspiels. 2015/16 was a good year, both socially and financially!

I would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to all the convenors and their committees!

Invitational spiels:

Limestone Sr. Men's – David Leeson
 Evening Ladies' – Heather McMillan
 The Whig Standard – Phil Tomsett and Roy Vasey
 Empire Life Mixed – Kimberly Barker
 Grandmothers and Great Aunts – Alice Pignal, Kathy Jackson, April Welsh
 Super Seniors – Steve Quinn
 Famous Fisherman's – Bob Moore, Grant Paterson

In-House:

Back-in-the-Hack – Pennie Robert
 Day Men's (x2) – Ernie Carter, Glenn Owen and their many co-convenors!
 Mixed Club (x3) – David Townsend (Xmas, Chocolate), Laurie Winter (Wine)
 Stick Mini-spiel – Sandy and Ian Duncan
 Day Ladies' Christmas – Pat Bradshaw and Brenda Charette
 Day Ladies' Rated – Pat Bradshaw and Brenda Charette
 Open Mixed Skins – Brian Hetherington and Nancy Gray

The Junior Spiel had to be cancelled due to lack of entries.

Betty Bush was a major force behind the Evening Ladies' Rated Spring and Fall Spiels. With her passing, no one had the heart to carry on this year. The Fall spiel will be renamed the "Betty Bush Memorial Bonspiel" and will be open to all female curlers.

Bonspiels can't be run without the scores of volunteers who invest their time and energy. Again, many thanks to all who made this such a successful year!



Operations Committee

Reg Gore, Chair

The board has approved in principle the

replacement of all florescent lighting both exterior and interior with led lighting. Quotes are being received for final approval at the April board meeting. This project will save the club an estimated \$6000 annually in hydro costs; based upon current hydro one rates of \$0.16/kwh; and has a payback period of 3.1 years. Total cost of the project including hst is not to exceed \$35,000. All lamp replacement will be done by operations with the exception of the exterior lighting. There is also a \$6000 rebate from hydro one associated with this project.

During the summer of 2016, a small ice pad will be built for the scraper. It is important that the blade of the scraper remain cold at all times. Currently the ice technicians have to set the scraper on the ice for as long as possible prior to scraping the ice. This isn't sufficient time and imperfections in the scraping may occur.

We want to complete repair work on the access door in the lounge area mentioned above; repair certain seams in the carpet in the ice shed; begin making progress on painting mechanical equipment both on the roof & compressor room.

In closing i would like to thank members of the operations committee without whose support many of the projects undertaken in the past 4 years would not have been completed. Members include Mike Braun, Gord Greer, John Koronyi & Wayne Smith.

This completes my tenure as operations chair and Wayne Smith will be filling this position on the board effective immediately. Thank you all for your support over the years.



Membership Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

The membership committee members for the 2015/2016 season were Linda Shanks, Leslie Higginson, Nancy Gray, Martha Tanner, Liz Baer, Dwight Farrell and Linda Lott (Chair). Michael Cook and Steve Orme are our newest members. Dwight Farrell has left the committee and we would like to acknowledge his valuable contributions.

The committee placed a movable sign on the northwest corner of our property in late November

to increase our visibility to motorists. We added three new members through this form of advertising.

The final membership statistics for the 2015/2016 season indicated that our membership consisted of 650 members, 28 members less than in 2014/2015 (678 members). Three hundred five members are aged 50-69 (47% of total members), 149 are aged 70-75+ (23%), and 78 are aged 30-49 (12%). This final age bracket is a group that we need to attract to the club.

The committee has identified three groups that have room for members: Evening Ladies' Club and Monday and Thursday Men's Club. We plan on targeting local summer sports groups, in particular the Kingston Slow pitch leagues to encourage them to join in the fall. Another idea under consideration is a College/University open league that would attract those junior curlers who are now away from home and who still want to curl in a competitive league.

The Landings is offering the golf/curling membership incentive again this summer so please contact the committee for further details.

If you have ideas about member recruitment or know of membership drives that have been successful for other clubs or associations, please share with the committee!

In closing, the best thing that each of you can do this summer is identify one friend, neighbour, or sports buddy and convince him or her that curling is a fun and engaging winter activity. The club hosts clinics that accommodate both the novice and experienced curler, an ideal setting for members to introduce newcomers to the game.



Section Reports



Day Ladies by Donna Jeffery

The Ladies Closing Dinner was held on Wed, April 13 during Championship week. There was an excellent turn out. Live music was supplied by Tim Aylesworth and great food provided by Joe de Sousa. Ella Brisson was recognized as a new lifetime member. So much gaiety ensued that someone fell off their chair. Curling and comradery make a great combination.

When the fourth draw for the Tuesday Club league came to an end the first place team was **Nancy Gray, Valerie Malmsten, Francine Korczynski, Deb Kennedy**. Second division winners were Diane Labrie, Jane Kelly, Maria McGibbon, Sally Stewart and the third division winners were Mary Skeggs, Teresa Wilson, Bonnie Arlt and Bev Pitts.

The winners of the Thursday fourth draw were **Denise Mulville, Betty Bryant, Pat Simms and Gay Chamberlain**. Second division went to Ella Brisson, Nancy Page, Francine Korczynski, Bev Pitts. Third division was won by Nancy Gray, Marilyn Chilton, Lois MacArthur and Kathy Jackson.

To determine the overall fourth draw winners Gray took on Mulville in a barn burner of a game with the Mulville team coming out victorious. On Tues., April 12 the Day Ladies Club Playdowns began. Four teams were involved in the Carrie Cole playoffs. Two teams were skipped by April Welsh, one by Linda O'Sullivan and one by Denise Mulville. When necessary Judy Sly spared for April. After many rocks were thrown the team of **April Welsh, Martha Forkes, Pat Bradshaw and Kat Banko** were declared the **Day Club Champions**. Congratulations ladies.

On Championship Night April's team took on the Evening Club Championship team of **Denise Mulville (spared by Christy Gilmour), Lisa Mulville, Pam Power, Cyndy Jones**. Congratulations to Denise Mulville's team for earning the title of **Carrie Cole Champions**.

Day Ladies flight playoffs began on Wed., April 13.

The top 4 teams in **A**, Mulville, Jeffery, Scott-Zelt and Paterson, along with the top 4 teams in **B**, Bellringer, Ray, Brown and O'Sullivan took to the ice. After some great curling the **Day Ladies Flight Champions** emerged as the team of **Denise Mulville, Judy Sly, Joanne Gizzi and Martha Tanner**. On Championship night Denise's team played against the **Evening Ladies Flight Champions of Joanne Miller, Vanessa Giguere, Joanne Gizzi (spared by Jennifer Cook) and Lil Rynbend**. After a very exciting game the Evening Ladies took the title of **Flight Champions**. Congratulations! Joanne you made Betty proud.

On April 6th Day Ladies had their Spring General Meeting. I would like to introduce you to the slate of officers for the 2016-17 season.

Chairperson – Nancy Gray
 Past/Nominating Chairperson – Marilyn Bellringer
 Vice Chairperson – Donna Jeffery
 Secretary – Jennifer Robertson
 Games Chairperson – Deb Wilkin
 Assistant Games Chairperson – Sharon Windsor
 Fun Days Conveners – Brenda Charette and Pat Thompson
 Sunshine Girl – Darlene Naugler
 Alzheimer Coffee Conveners – Sheila McHenry and Jennifer Robertson

Thank you to every member of the day ladies for making this past season a wonderful curling experience by participating in the spiels and volunteering in countless ways. Enjoy your summer and hope to see you all back on the ice in September.



Evening Ladies

by Heather McMillan

The 2015-16 Evening Ladies season came to a close with several exciting games on Championship Day. The Evening Ladies Club winners were Denise Mulville's team of Lisa Mulville, Pam Power and Cindy Jones. They went on to win the Carrie Cole trophy with Christy Gilmour sparing for Denise in the final game.

The Evening Ladies 'A' Flight Championship was won by Joanne Miller, Vanessa Giguere, Joanne Gizzi (Jennifer Cook sparing), and Lil Rynbend. Runners up were Donna Jeffery's team of Nancy Gray, Mary Dupuis and Liz Baer. Team Miller went on to win the Overall Ladies Flight trophy against the Day Ladies Flight winners.

The Evening Ladies 'B' Flight was won by Heidi Burke's team of Kelly Johnson, Colleen Cross and Marie Claude Goyer. Runners up were Carole Rivington (Donna Smith sparing), April Welsh, Kimberly Barker and Gail Irving. The Evening Ladies 'C' Flight was won by Linda Lott's team of Gwen Mitchell (Densie Mulville sparing), Lee Thompson (Janine Dunk sparing), Rene Marchen and Martha Forkes. Runners up were Christy Gilmour, Sandy Fairbairn (Monica Kirk sparing), Pennie Robert and Christine Sweetnam.

Congratulations to all the winners and finalists!

This was my second year serving as the chair of the Evening Ladies Committee, and I am very pleased to welcome Deb Wilkin as chair for the upcoming year. I would like to thank the other members of our Evening Ladies Committee: Mary Buchanan, outgoing vice-chair and returning as secretary; Georgia O'Shaughnessy, outgoing secretary; Mirelle Ringuette, outgoing social convener; Denise Mulville and Susan Hara, flight league conveners; Monica Kirk and Liz Baer, club league conveners; as well as Linda Lott who filled the OCA representative duties. An additional thank you to all other evening ladies who volunteered throughout the year, including Judy Russell for providing instruction before the 6pm Evening Ladies Club games.

Thanks for a great season everyone! Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you back on the ice in the fall!



Day Men

by Brian Hetherington

Well the season is finally over and the Championship Week had some growing pains. I am sure this will be evaluated for next season. Please let your Chairmen know your preferences for next year.

I had a lot of help again this year from Roger Chown who did an excellent job of scheduling and Ken Burns, Vice Chair, who worked tirelessly every day during the Championship Week and again this year made a profit of over \$2100 coordinating the Monday lunches. Thanks to all the teams who helped prepare these meals. The curlers and the Bridge ladies appreciate this effort.

The Champions are listed below

A FLIGHT----SKIP BOB DALEY, BRIAN WARD,
BRIAN DOWLING, MIKE CHARETTE

B FLIGHT----SKIP ERWIN BATALLA, DOMINICO
GIZZI, GENE MILLER, STEVE MANSELL

C FLIGHT----SKIP DENIS FAUBERT, STEVE LLOYD,
DWIGHT FARRELL

D FLIGHT----SKIP BILL GRANT, FRED
MACDONALD, DAVE LOLLAR, JOHN PRATT
Congratulations and we will see you all next year
and have a nice hot summer so we can all cool down
again on the ice next Fall.



Mixed Curling

by David Townsend

Friday and Sunday Mixed leagues both had successful years. Lots of new friends. Lots of good curling and even lots of opportunity to share a friendly beverage following the game. I would like to congratulate all of the winners this year. From A Flight, congratulations goes to Team Casey, with Patrick Casey, Marie-Claude Goyer, Todd Johnson and Kelly Johnson. We will all miss Patrick and Marie Claude, whose lives are taking them to the West Island of Montreal. Bonne chance. Our silver winners was Team Cannon, with Bill Cannon, Kimberly Barker, Paul Switzer and Tensia Cannon.

In B Flight, Congrats goes to Team Suenaga, with Shawn Suenaga, Teresa Gibson, Edward Gibson and Nancy Suenaga. B Flight silver winners are Team Townsend, with David Townsend, Bev Townsend, Dale Marecak and Mary Kelly. In C Flight, which in keeping with its recreational component, the overall standings leader was Team Macartney, with Donal Macartney, Renee LeClair, Paul Moorby and Steve Orme. Silver place winners were Team Tessier. Our Sunday recreational winners were Team Kirby, with Trevor Kirby, Kimberly Barker and Rachel St

Jean and our silver winners were Team Higginson.

Mixed closed off with a great dinner and dance on Friday, April 15. Successes this year have included the 3 Mixed Club events, with a total of 168 curlers taking part.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Mixed Committee of Lorne Carmichael, Mary Kelly, Trish Beckett, Dave Lollar and Kathleen Poole. With a huge behind the scenes pat on the back to Dale Marecak and Bev Townsend. I wish Lorne all the best as Chair of Mixed for 2016/17. Remember, the more hands working, the easier everyone's job becomes. Think about volunteering to help RKCC stay the great Club it is.

I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall.



Junior Curling

On March 20th the junior curlers had a hot shots competition. Congratulations to the curlers who finished in first, second and third place: Natalie Macartney, Cormag Kilfoyle and David Cox.



RKCC Stick Leagues

by Ian Duncan

Another curling season gone!

Having survived a curling packed championship week, we finally determined our winners. Jim Rose and Bill Worthy triumphed over Jim Rayner and Claire Rayner in the 2-person joust. In the 4-person contest; Bill Worthy, Jim Rose, Edna May McKay and Alice Simpson were the victors over Jim Rayner, Paul Switzer, Claire Rayner and Don Mallory. A

successful end to an eventful year of curling.

One season barely ends before the next one begins. I would appreciate hearing from anyone interested to comment especially on the concept of Championship Week, but, also, on any other topic concerning stick curling, or curling generally. Comments by email would be welcome to: theduncans@cogeco.ca. Deliberations start with the May meeting of the curling committee.

Also, please consider volunteering to be the social convener. That involves co-ordinating the two luncheons that we have during the season.

Until next fall I hope that everyone has a healthy and pleasant summer.



Curling Skills Development

by Denis Faubert, Chair

Under Tom Bryant's leadership, the sessions for the **Thursday Daytime Learn to Curl** Program was once again fully engaged with 13 registrants, 12 of whom were from the Seniors Association. Cost for this 8 wk program was \$85.00 per person. Tom was well-supported by fellow instructors: Trish Beckett, John Koronyi, Dave Kerr, Mike Charette and Sandy Fairbairn. Not unexpectedly, they have received positive feedback from this group and we certainly appreciate their time and expertise in providing this worthwhile program on behalf of our club..

The Sunday Evening Learn to Curl Program provided yet another profitable (\$1,595.00) & instructional curling opportunity for both members and non-members. Kimberly Barker was supported by Judy Russell, John McMillan, Nick Karsin and Dwight Farrell in assisting participants in various

capacities from novice to intermediate curlers. This on-going initiative would not occur without the commitment provided by these dedicated volunteers and we are fortunate to have them contribute in this manner.

NOTE: The budget allocated for the curling skills development committee as well as special funding assistance over the last 3 yrs has enabled us to purchase over \$2,000 worth of instructional aids/devices and are available to participants for instructional purposes only and are not intended for general club member usage.

The **Sunday Evening Adult Novice Program** running from October to December this year attracted 15 participants, 12 of whom have joined as club members. At a cost of \$150.00 per person (incl. full slider/2 grippers), this 8 wk program provided new curlers with the necessary skills and confidence necessary to eventually curl in a more competitive setting. Martha Tanner contributed both her off-ice administrative talents as Program Convenor as well as on-ice instruction under the direction of Denis Faubert along with Mirelle Ringuette, and Kathleen Poole.

The **Wednesday Evening Novice Curling League**, had it's inaugural year and provided novice curlers with limited experience (4 yrs & under) an opportunity to play in a league setting with mentoring provided by Martha Tanner, Barry Malmstem, Denis Faubert, Michael Cooke and Leslie Higginson. Four teams took part from January to April 6th, and this has proven to be a successful segue to conventional league play for several of the participants. Many thanks to all those who have contributed in making this a success. Building on this momentum, the intent will be to expand this league to a full curling season for 2016/17.



Bonspiel Reports

Whig Standard Bonspiel Report

The 83rd annual Whig Standard Men's Bonspiel was held Jan. 28 to 30, 2016 with most games at the Royal Kingston Curling Club. It was necessary to also have games at both the Catarauqui Golf and Country Club and the Garrison Golf and Curling Club. Again the bonspiel started earlier on Thursday afternoon to ensure more games at the host club and avoid teams having to play 3 games on Friday and 3 games on Saturday.

This year, again there were 54 teams competing for \$6,000 in prizes. In the **main event final** Joe Waller from the host club defeated Dan Action and his team from RCN Navy club from Ottawa. Other event winners were: **2nd event** Ed Warren from Carleton Heights Curling Club over Ron Cameron from RKCC; **3rd event** Pascal Michaud from Catarauqui over Steve Bright from City View; **4th event** Dennis Elgie from North Grenville CC over Randy Levac from Garrison; **5th event** Jeff Whalen and his Queens alumni team over Sandy Staples from Catarauqui **6th event** Mike Braun from RKCC over Brian Ward from RKCC.

Special thanks to our sponsors: the Whig Standard newspaper, the Ambassador Hotel, Bob the Butcher and Amey's Taxi. To have a successful large bonspiel, it requires the efforts of many volunteers and once again I was so impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm of many RKCC members. On a sad note, during this past year, we lost 3 very dedicated volunteers for the Whig and we will always remember the efforts of Brian Collingwood, Bill Duffe and Lefty McDonald. I must signal out the various committee heads: Dave Kerr (Scoring), Linda Lott (Thursday night dinner), John Berry (Friday lunch and Saturday dinner), Roy Vasey and Jim Lesley (Friday dinner), Wayne Gilmour (Saturday breakfast) and Gary Dupuis (Saturday Lunch). Special thanks to Vic Matthews, Dave Kerr and Mark McDonald for their help with the complex draw. There was excellent work by Graham Weatherby, Rod Leeder and his ice makers and Gerry Buist and his bartenders. The bar was very busy this year as the curlers enjoyed the music of Andy McDonald and his band "Mick, Mack and the

Whack".

Sincerely

Phil Tomsett and Roy Vasey, Bonspiel Co-Chairs



Famous Fisherman's Bonspiel

Submitted by Grant Paterson

The 63rd Famous Fisherman's Bonspiel was held from March 31st to April 2nd, 2016. RKCC hosted a full complement of 48 teams. Teams participating came from many areas including London, Gravenhurst, Ottawa, Toronto, five teams from the US, and Kingston area.

Thanks to a hard-working volunteer committee who prepared delicious seafood, such as oysters, shrimp, clam chowder, fish and beans, and regular fare, all enjoyed by everyone.

At the traditional Fisherman's Banquet held at Four Points Sheraton, two previous members of RKCC, Brian Collingwood and Bill Duffe, were honoured as joint "Fisherman of the Year" for their many years of contributions to the Famous Fisherman's Bonspiel. Brian created the invitation fliers, kept participation records for all the curlers from year to year, and was the bonspiel photographer. Bill willingly gave many years as a kitchen volunteer. Their presence this year was sadly missed by the committee and all of the curlers.

Winner of the 1st event was Joe Waller, RKCC, and his team of Gord Lansdown, Mario Fabbro, Patrick Casey and Shawn Suenaga. Runner up of 1st event was Team Barkley, RKCC, skipped by Jason Boyce with Chris Barkley, Peter Andersen, and Kirk MacCrae.

Winner of 2nd event was John Dunbar, Catarauqui. Runner up, Team Keith Baker, Winchester.

Winner of 3rd event was Team Dan Machold, Schenectady, N.Y. Runner up, Team Ron Barker, Nepean.

Winner of 4th event was Team Ron Cameron, RKCC.

Runner up, Team Bradley Jones, Utica, N.Y.
 Winner of 5th event was Team Dave Cassell, Prescott. Runner up, Team Gord Walton, Perth.
 Winner of 6th event was Team Tim Aldridge, RKCC.
 Runner up, Team Don Muldrew, Ottawa.
 Semi-finalists of 1st event were Team Dave Cox, R.K.C.C., and Team Ken Thompson, Cataraqui.

Fisherman's Committee – Mike Schneider, Bob Moore, Grant Paterson

3rd – Sheryl French, Napanee

High 1 game winner was Denise Mulville with a grand total of 30 ½ points.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ROYAL KINGSTON CURLING CLUB
44TH GRANDMOTHERS AND GREAT AUNTS BONSPIEL 2016

Easter Parade

by Alice Pignal

April Welsh, Kathy Jackson and I convened the 44th Annual Grandmothers and Great Aunts bonspiel. The event was held on **Wednesday March 23rd, 2016**.

The theme this year was **Easter Parade** and the ladies rose to the challenge providing a variety of unique and some very funny Easter bonnets.

In order to enter this bonspiel the ladies needed to meet the criteria of either being a grandmother or a great aunt.

We had **18 teams** (72 participants) of which 10 teams were not from our club.

Joe de Sousa catered the meal and he did a wonderful job of providing a loin roast of pork with Dijon mustard gravy, varied roasted vegetables, doubled baked potatoes, salad and buns.

We received rave reviews regarding the meal, the decoration, and the bonspiel itself.

A nice profit added the icing on the cake.

The winners were;

Draw 1:

- 1st – Mary Paterson, RKCC;
- 2nd – Debbie Currier, Napanee;
- 3rd – Mary Stevenson, RKCC

Draw 2:

- 1st – Denise Mulville, RKCC ;
- 2nd – Jan Ray, RKCC



Calendar of Events Summer 2016

Date	Event
Wed, Jun 8 @ 5:15 PM	EL Golf Tournament at the Landings
Thu, Jun 16 @ 1:00 PM	2016 Annual RKCC Golf Tournament at Glen Lawrence
Wed, Jun 29	Day Ladies Golf Tournament at the Landings

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2016 Annual RKCC Golf Tournament

The curling season is rapidly winding down with only a few weeks left to go. In the February Sweep we announced the upcoming RKCC Golf Tournament at the Glen Lawrence Golf Club. The sign-up sheet has been in place now in the lobby of the club and we have 100 golfers signed up to date. This is far short of our goal of 160 names.

This event is a major fund raiser for RKCC and requires all our support to be successful. A fun day of golf followed by a great salmon and steak supper and drinks at RKCC is a great way to kick off the summer. Remember this event can be attended by RKCC members, family, friends and golf buddies. You are encouraged to invite a neighbor or fellow golfer to attend.

What a bargain at \$70 per person which includes a cart (\$35 for Glen Lawrence Members). The scramble format is fun and makes an enjoyable day for skilled and not so skilled golfers. Mark June 16th, 2016 at 1:00 PM (sign up at noon at the course) on your calendars and sign up to reserve your spot. You can sign up on the board in the lobby of RKCC or by email to ruse@kingston.net.

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 \$10 to \$20 is appropriate, as is "re-gifting".

Greg Ruse and Dave Fraser, Co-convenors



Commemorating the 94th anniversary of the Kingston Curling Club fire on **Tuesday, March 28th, 1922**.....a summary of excerpts from various articles appearing in the Sporting News of The Daily British Whig at that time.....

On Wed, Oct 21st, 1921, Kingston Curling Club moved to a site "*along the road in the college grounds*". The wood structure was set on cement piers, positioned north-south, located north of Jackson Hall and was immediately adjacent and ultimately attached to the new Jock Harty arena which had recently been constructed on Arch Street where Humphrey Hall now stands. One could stand on the sloping roof of the curling club rink and look in the windows of the arena, practically able to touch it with your hand from four feet away.

In the early morning hours on that fateful day in March 1922, fire broke out in the club rooms at KCC. When the motor (fire) truck arrived, the south end of KCC where the club rooms were located was aflame and fifteen minutes later the entire roof was ablaze. The fire drew large crowds out of their beds to watch and the sky was lit up for a large distance. Four fire hoses were used – the first were from the truck from Division St who entered the west end; the second were from the Arts building brought into the southwest corner; the third hose was laid by the No. 1 fire station using the hydrant near the medical building; the fourth from Arch & Division St to a position between the arena and the burning rink.

The Carruthers building caught on fire several times but students and others doused with water. A few minutes after arriving at the fire, James Bews, physical director of Queen's University, noticed windows on the north side of the gymnasium were being melted out of their frames. Using fire hoses located in the gym, he and 25 students went into preventive action – they patrolled the roof for flying embers. (they later had to clear 3" of water

off the gym floor, sending it down the basement stairs to the main drains) By 10 o'clock the gym floor was ready for use.

Queen's principal, R. Bruce Taylor, would later say that the quick action by the firefighters saved the gym and the new medical building. Likewise, the fact that it was a northeast wind, a favourable wind direction, helped keep the fire from reaching their facility. It blew the flames away from it but part of the scaffolding still standing did catch fire.

It was 3 a.m. before the major part of the fire was under control and 3:30 before the danger was past. The rink contained an enormous amount of dry timber and the furnace shape of it carried the fire from bottom to top.

The place was heated by steam from the Queen's main heating plant (no fires used other than a gas heater used to warm water for flooding the ice).

The morning after the fire, members went to their wrecked club to see if they could find their curling stones (estimated there were about 127 pairs on site worth about \$27 or \$37/pair). M.P. Reed (President) thought that about \$4000 worth were lost. Some of the members had been carrying insurance on their stones for years. A number of lockers were built at the expense of the club and members who paid a yearly rental of \$1.00 were allowed the use of the cupboards as well as have their stones insured. A number of curling stones were also in boxes – all in boxes and lockers were a total loss – the intense heat cracked many. One box with a couple of pairs of stones at the north end of the building had been burned but the stones were in good shape. Fortuitously, on the previous Saturday, an 80 year old honorary member, J.B. Walken, thought it would be wise to put some insurance on his stones and took out a policy! All curling trophies but one (Rockwood Trophy) were saved as they had been taken to a jeweller for engraving.

The loss to the KCC executive was about \$3000 (not including loss of the stones). (During the year of 1918, when extensive repairs had been made to the club rooms and lighting systems in their previous facility (total cost of \$6500 of which Queen's paid \$3000), no additional insurance was placed after the improvements). The curling clubrooms were considered up to date (separate rooms for ladies and gentlemen) with two well-equipped kitchens. (Club entertainments were held at Queen's

cafeteria). A large moose head (gift from A.B. Cunningham) was lost. Sweater coats and caps, property of the curlers, were totally lost.

The executive had been planning a meeting for that very afternoon to wrap up the season and present the trophies.

Although there was no official cause stated, it was assumed that the fire might have started by a lit match or cigarette thrown on the floor – some members had been there playing cards on the Monday night.

On Thursday, March 30th, 1922 it was reported *that authorities at Queen's had no intention of allowing the curling club to be re-built on the burned-out site.* Before a new rink could be erected, a new site was needed and \$23,000 to build it, with monies collected from club members (*practically an admission from Queen's that it would not build it*). If \$10,000 could be raised, the remainder could be secured later.

A newspaper quote in the week following the fire.....*"the thing to figure out now is the future possibilities for curling in this city, which, for many years, has been one of the leading centres for the sport. It is a grand game and a great benefit, especially for those men who have passed beyond the age limit for more youthful and strenuous games.... When their golf sticks are put away for the winter, and a mantle of snow and ice covers their beloved bowling green, those Kingston men have the curling to fall back on. That is to say, they have had it!"*

Consideration was given to making arrangements to use the Rockwood Rink (but with its two small rinks accommodation was doubtful). Another proposal.....*the same solution as there was for golfers when the old links were spoiled at Barriefield by the erection of the Marconi stations and the blasting operations on the hillside – golfers got together and formed a new club, loosened up and formed a new business/semi-pleasure organization to start with, secured a desirable tract of land and made their own links to which have been added one of the neatest little club houses in the country"* (hmmm – any guesses as to where this was?)

It was thought that curlers could do the same and they'd be better off than before – no further danger

of expiration of leases or excessive rents and the new structure could have many improvements.

and voila on January 11th, 1923, the new six sheet facility at Clergy Street opened!

As a footnote. the original Jock Harty arena itself burned to the ground in 1924. A second arena was built on the same location and it lasted until 1968 when it was torn down to make room for the psychology building Humphrey Hall. The third incarnation of the arena was built on the north side of Union Street (1968-2007). It was replaced by the new Queen's Centre that prompted the re-location of RKCC from our Clergy Street location to Days Road in 2006.

Ironic that decades later, (R)KCC ended up residing BEHIND their arena and Queen's DID help us build a new club!

Nostalgia respectfully submitted by
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