



The Sweep

Royal Kingston Curling Club
Celebrating '10 Years on Days'

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A word from your President...

By John Ryce

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and that their 2017 is off to a good start. Speaking of 2017, we are only three years away from our 200th anniversary. As we all know, the time will fly by and 2020 will be here before we know it.

I am happy to announce that Murray Cotton has volunteered to chair the 200th Anniversary Committee and I know that he will do a fantastic job.

Also on the committee are Edward Gibson, Joanne Miller, Martha Tanner, Brian Ward, Jan Ray, Deb Wilkin and myself.

We had our first meeting in mid-December and we are really excited about some of the ideas that we are looking to promote for this historic year. Contact any of the members if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

We are also going through the selection process for a permanent General Manager (GM) for the club. As you know, when Graham left we were lucky enough to have Steve Hulton jump in as interim GM. We have received many quality resumes and the Personnel Committee will be conducting interviews in late January and early February.

Last month we learned that our application for a grant under the Ontario 150 Community Capital Program had been denied. We had been hoping to make some improvements to the club so that we could host more revenue-generating events by outside organizations, particularly during our off season. We are reviewing the process and will try again when the opportunity arises.

Good curling for the remainder of the season!

Empire Spiel 'mixes' it up

By April Welsh, Bonspiels Coordinator

December was another busy month with three in-house fun days. The Stick Mini-Spiel (convenor Ken Burns), the Day Ladies' Christmas Mini-Spiel (Brenda Charette) and the Mixed Turkey Spiel (Lorne Carmichael, Kathleen Poole) were all well attended. Thank you to the convenors and your committees for all your time and energy.

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The **84th Whig Standard men's spiel** is January 26 -28, convened again by Phil Tomsett. The Whig is our largest spiel and Phil is still looking for a few more entries.

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The **59th Empire Life Mixed Spiel** is on Saturday, February. 11. This spiel is open to all RKCC members, not just members of the mixed section. It is an invitational spiel, so if you have friends or relatives who curl elsewhere, invite them to enter a team, or join you as a hybrid team! Register on-line, or submit an entry form plus cheque to the office or bar. We have relaxed the usual "2 guys/2 girls" requirement to include any mixed team (3:1, 2:2 or 1:3) to accommodate more entries.

See Bonspiels on page 2

Seniors' Major League Update

The Cataraqui Golf and Country Club is hosting (for the 18th season), the **Lefty McDonald** Seniors' Major League during the 2016 – 2017 curling season. Last year the League was renamed to honour Lefty McDonald, who convened the league for many years. The League is a venue for senior curlers of the Kingston area to have an opportunity to play against other competitive senior curlers. The league is comprised of 12 teams representing clubs in the Kingston area.

A complete 11-game round robin continues to be played on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Cataraqui Golf & C.C.; finishing January 24th. Playoffs commence January 31st and finish on February 14th. Spectators are welcome to watch these games and support your club mates.

Standings through December 20th

Team	Club	Wins	Losses
Mitchell	R.K.C.C.	6	1
Schneider	R.K.C.C.	6	1
Aldridge	R.K.C.C.	5	2
Paul	Napanee C.C.	5	2
Palmer	Napanee C.C.	4	3
Waller	R.K.C.C.	4	3
Allan	Cataraqui	3	4
Munro	Napanee C.C.	3	4
Suddergaard	Cataraqui	3	4
Matthews	R.K.C.C.	1	6
Williams	Garrison C.C.	1	6
Young	Cataraqui	1	6

Bonspiels, continued from the front

The exciting news for the Empire Life spiel this year is that **John Epping**, popular Ontario curler and successful World Curling Tour skip, will be speaking to our group after the dinner. If you can't curl with us, come out for the dinner and for John's entertaining talk. Dinner tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased at the bar or from Kimberly Barker.

Our second invitational spiel in February is the **Junior Spiel**, on February 18, convened by Janet Fowlow.

Two more in-house spiels round out the very busy month of February: the Open Mixed Skins event on Feb. 3 and the Day Ladies' rated spiel on the 17th.

Thanks to all our convenors and their committees, and to our curlers for participating in and supporting these events!!



Wall of Fame



Nominations close January 31

The deadline for submitting nominations to the RKCC Wall of Fame is Tuesday, January 31st, 2017. Nomination forms are available at the bar, at the manager's office and on the website in the Members' section, under "Documents". You may leave your completed form at the office or give them to Joanne Miller directly. Remember that you must fill in the form in order for your nomination to be considered. If you have any questions or need any help in completing the form please do not hesitate to contact Joanne.



Perfect in Plaid

59th Annual Mixed Empire Life Bonspiel

Team Entry Fee: \$220.00 (HST inc.)

2 Games Points Spiel with OCA Rules

Draw Preference A 8:45 and 1:15

Draw Preference B 11:00 and 3:15

Please Indicate Choice When you Register Your Team

Email: Admin@royalkingston.com or Phone: 613 546-2243

Food Allergies & Gluten Free Orders Please contact Kimberly Barker - barkers44@cogeco.ca



Royal Kingston Curling Club

Cash Prizes Based on 24 Teams at 25% Entry Fees



Celebrate 10 years!

A Special Evening with John Epping Top 10 World Curling Tour Status and Motivational Speaker

Extra Tickets for Bonspiel Supper \$30.00 each. Available through Bar or Kimberly Barker

Bonspiel Meals Include



Continental Breakfast

Lunch & Snacks

Bonspiel Supper

Contact RKCC Website

or barkers44@cogeco.ca

Empire Mixed Bonspiel

Payment by Cheque to:
Royal Kingston Curling Club
130 Days Road
Kingston, Ontario
Canada K7M 9G6
Draw Preference:
Draw A
Draw B

Registration Information

Skip Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Vice Name: _____

Second Name: _____

Lead Name: _____

Home Club: _____

Empire Life Annual Mixed Bonspiel 11 February 2017

Day Ladies head to ‘the beach’ for a mid-winter escape

By Donna Jeffery

HAPPY NEW YEAR to one and all! We are almost halfway through our curling season. Time flies when you’re having fun. Since the last *Sweep* was published we have determined the first team to make it into the Carrie Cole playoffs and that is the Tuesday team of Denise Mulville, Val Malmsten, Marge Craig and Sylvia Myers.

Congratulations, ladies.

On December 5 we celebrated the beginning of the Christmas season with a delicious turkey dinner. Fifty-six ladies attended. Thank you very much, Denise Mulville, Deb Wilkin, Liz Brown, Cyndy Jones, Susan Hara, Linda O’Sullivan, Gillian Turnbull, Denise’s son and Deb’s granddaughter. A special thank-you to Lorne Carmichael, who carved all the turkeys. What a team effort! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share a meal with our curling family.

On Friday, February 17 there will be a Day Ladies In-House Rated Spiel, with the theme “Beach Party”. By the middle of February we will probably all need an escape from reality, so head for the “Beach”. Sign up and enjoy the day. If you want a break from curling, you can still participate in the fun by volunteering to help convenors Brenda Charette, Pat Thompson, and Pat Bradshaw.

I would also like you to keep in mind an event that is not directly associated with the Day Ladies and that is the Empire Life Bonspiel that will be held on Saturday, February 11th. Some of you play in the mixed league, but that is not a prerequisite. Let Kimberly Barker know if you are interested. Whether you curl or not, it would be appreciated and very worth your while to come out for the dinner and to listen to the guest speaker, John Epping. He is worth the price of admission. Tickets for the dinner and talk are \$30 and can be purchased at the bar. Please support this event if you can.

Last, but certainly not least, the Day Ladies section is looking for curlers to think about filling positions for the 2017-18 season. Please talk to any member of the executive and see where you can be of service. We all know “It takes a village”.



John Epping will be the guest speaker at the Empire Life Bonspiel on February 11.

Greater Kingston Curling is sponsoring the following activities to showcase curling:

Feb Fest- Curl at Market Square on Friday, February 3 from 6 p.m. -8 p.m.

Feb 12 - Join us at a Frontenacs game and support curling.

Family Day Weekend- Each of the five clubs will have open ice for free curling, so gather friends and family and take them curling. RKCC has open ice from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. on February 20. Please bring a friend out to curl!



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

RKCC hosts Greater Kingston Curling Continental Cup

Saturday, March 4th

\$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 the Royal Kingston Curling Club.

It will consist of two teams of 42 curlers made up of players from each of the five member clubs (21 men and 21 women), who will compete in various events to earn points. Events will include Ladies, Men's, 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

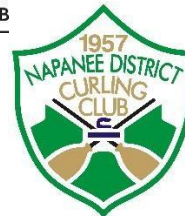
Cataraqui – 10 Men and 10 Women

Napanee – 7 Men and 7 Women

Gananoque – 7 Men and 7 Women

Garrison – 7 Men and 7 Women

Team captains will determine which games each curler will play.



Greater Kingston Curling Continental Cup Overview

The Greater Kingston Curling Continental Cup consists of two teams: Team Red and Team Blue. Each team has players from each member club of Greater Kingston Curling (GKC). There are 10 co-captains, one male and one female, representing each of the five GKC clubs. The co-captains from each club are split, one on the Red team and one on the Blue team.

The co-captains for each team draft their teams from the pool of entrants from the five clubs and assign them to teams for each of the events (Men's, Ladies, Mixed, Mixed Doubles and Skins). Entrants play a minimum of two and a maximum of three events or games each.

Points are awarded to the game winners in each event (see points distribution below). The team with the most overall points will be declared the winners of the "Greater Kingston Continental Cup". In the event of a tie after all events, each team will select four players to make up a mixed team to play a one-end playoff. Hammer will be determined by a coin toss. The Awards Presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Men's teams shall consist of four males and women's teams four females. Mixed teams shall consist of two males and two females alternating positions, i.e., either M, F, M, F or F, M, F, M. Each team shall have no more than two players from a single club. Standard OCA rules apply. Games are six ends, with a mini tie breaker (one rock per player) if required. Men's and women's games start at 8:30 a.m., followed by mixed games at 10 a.m.

Mixed Doubles teams consist of one male and one female, who must not be from the same club. The game is six ends, with a draw to the button tie breaker if required. Mixed Doubles play at 1 p.m.

Skins teams shall consist of four players (open makeup), but no more than two players from a single club. Games are eight ends, following standard OCA rules. Ties will be decided by a draw to the button. Ice time for skins games is 3 p.m.

Points Distribution

Event	Number of Games	Ends per Game	Points per Game	Event Points
Women	3 Games	6	50	150
Men	3 Games	6	50	150
Doubles	6 Games	6	50	300
Mixed	6 Games	6	50	300
Skins	6 Games	8	300	1800

Total available points = 2700

This is a great opportunity to meet and curl with members from other clubs, so please sign up! Look for signup sheets at the club.

FEB. 8 DEADLINE FOR TICKET SALES

ONLY \$15.00

KINGSTON FRONTENACS
VS.
OWEN SOUND ATTACK

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY 12, 2017

GO TO: WWW.TINYURL.COM/CURLINGSHOWCASE2

ALSO ENJOY “STREET CURLING” & “ROCKS & RINGS”, TEE-SHIRT TOSS & CHUCK-A-PEP !!



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Think about joining the Board of Directors

The following article is reprinted, in part, with the permission of Curl Canada. It was posted by Kim Perkins on the Curl Canada website on April 10, 2013. It has been edited for length.

Most curling clubs are guided by a Board of Directors. If you're new to curling or you've been a member for only a few years, you might feel you don't have anything to offer the Board. This couldn't be further from the truth. Curling clubs are always trying to recruit new members, and who could be better than a new member to offer the Board fresh eyes, new energy, and interesting ideas. Please don't let your neophyte status stop you from volunteering to help guide the club.

Networking and community-building– Being elected to your club's Board of Directors will allow you to get to know many other members you might not otherwise have a chance to know. Sitting on the Board of Directors is a great way to get to know the community that is your curling club.

You and the committee, as a collective, can effect change– Change may not come swiftly, as committees generally meet only once a month, but by working as a group you can make huge improvements or just tweak things a little if they're already working well.

Find a position on the Board that interests YOU – Everyone has a specialty, from marketing, to accounting, to engineering, to construction and so on. Try to run for a position that sounds stimulating and exciting to you.

Don't let having a complaint be your only reason for running– This is not a good reason to get onto the Board of Directors. This is probably a good reason for you to consider writing a letter to the Board raising your concern. It is important to join because you want to help make the club better overall.

Keep your term short and sweet – If you are asked to sit for a three-year term, do just that and take a break after the three years. Committees get stale and can seem almost elitist if there is not a clear succession plan and actual succession. We all admire those volunteers who keep coming back to help, but it's important to rotate volunteers on the Board to prevent burn-out and encourage new blood to join.

Don't join just to gain another chink in your belt –If you want to sit on the Board of Directors of a Curling Club for the accolades you may be in for a surprise. Board members are respected for what they DO while on the Board not just for filling a chair.

Don't run if you don't want to – Sometimes people feel obligated to take on a volunteer role just because there isn't anyone else (these are usually people who volunteer constantly and are a wonderful asset to any club). Taking on a role that doesn't interest you is just going to bore you and potentially cause volunteer burnout. The last thing we want is to lose a great volunteer because he or she was pushed into doing too much. It's OK to say no, just remember that.



Consider joining one of RKCC's many committees, such as Marketing, Membership, Communications, Finance, Operations, Skills Development and more– *Joining a committee will provide valuable experience and knowledge before making the leap to committee chair and member of the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on a committee or on the Board, please speak to any Board member. And please consider volunteering in whatever capacity you can.*