



# *The Sweep*

## Royal Kingston Curling Club

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## **New season, new changes**

By **Martha Tanner**

You may think the club has been quiet from May to September, but it has been a hive of activity and the results are sweet! Here's the buzz on the new season:

### **New Leagues**

In an effort to maximize ice usage and increase membership, the club has revamped its calendar and is introducing several new leagues and opportunities for members to play.

New this season, Evening Ladies Flight will play on Monday evenings only, while Evening Men's Club will be on Thursdays only. The U4 League will move to Monday evenings at 7:20 p.m.

Six-end Mixed Doubles will be scheduled on Mondays at 9:20 p.m., Tuesday mornings, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings.

An Industrial League, convened by Phil Tomsett, will be introduced on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for local businesses to give their employees a chance to build teamwork in a fun and recreational setting.

Deb Wilkin and Linda Lott will be recruiting students from Royal Military College, Queen's University and St. Lawrence College for a Post-Secondary League on Friday mornings.

The popular Learn to Curl Drop-in Program will move from Sunday evenings to Saturday mornings, in order to allow a new partnership with the Kingston Sport and Social Club, which will play in the Sunday evening time slot.

New leagues will start after Thanksgiving, and will be six-end games.

### **New Fees**

New this season, the club will offer a reduced rate for curlers who only curl once a week. This will replace the Mixed Only fee and applies to all curlers who play one game a week.

### **New Payment Options**

The club is also offering more payment options for members. And, in keeping with the practice at other area clubs, fees will be advertised exclusive of HST.

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## A Word from Your President

It is hard to believe that the summer is coming to an end and we will be soon back on the ice. Not that I want to wish the warm months away, but I am looking forward to starting another season of curling.

We have had quite a few changes at the club in the last year and there are many more to come in the near future. This year we utilized the club more in the summer with the introduction of Pickleball, and we are in the midst of a major investment and partnership to have beach volleyball for next summer.

The Curling Committee has had the difficult task of looking at how we might change the schedule to accommodate new leagues, while at the same time being as fair as possible to all members. Sometimes change can be very difficult to accept, but we have to try something different in order to keep our club going. I ask you all to accept the changes, but please provide me or the Board with any feedback so that we can take everyone's comments into account.

We should be very proud of the fact that we are the second-oldest curling club in Canada and will be celebrating our 200th anniversary in 2020. Stay tuned for some exciting announcements as we plan for this historic milestone.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the staff and the countless number of volunteers who make our club the success that it is. Without them we wouldn't survive. Don't be afraid to express your gratitude to those who help make your experience at the club a positive one.

I look forward to another successful season - "Good Curling".

**John Ryce**  
**President RKCC**

## Wall of Fame Dinner

*All curlers,  
family and friends of*

***Betty Bush,***

***Linda Lott***

*and*

***Phil Tomsett***

*are invited to join us  
in celebrating  
their induction*

*onto our Wall of Fame.  
The dinner will be held  
at RKCC on Saturday,  
October 14, 2017.*

*Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.,  
followed by a sit-down  
dinner at 6:30 p.m.*

*Tickets available at the  
club for \$25 per person.  
Hope to see many of you  
on this very special  
occasion.*



# Wanted: curlers and convenors

By David Townsend, Curling Committee Chair

Most of you by now know that registration is open for what we hope will be an exciting year of curling. All of you will have received an e-mail from the Club in June of this year announcing many changes to our curling calendar and opportunities. With more than 75 per cent of both men and women curling once or twice a week, we have geared the new calendar and leagues to attract new members to our wonderful sport. The calendar is now posted on the RKCC website.

Ladies and men both have designated nights for their club and flight curling. This has also enabled the creation of several new opportunities.

**Doubles**— We will start after Thanksgiving with play on Wednesday nights. If there are more than 12 teams, there are times on Monday and Thursday nights as well. There will also be a new league and opportunity on Saturdays. These are not mixed, men's or ladies teams. Make up a team of your choosing and come find out what the fastest growing curling game is all about. Phil Tomsett has promised some on-ice instruction and rule explanations.

**Mixed Club** commences on Friday nights, also after Thanksgiving. If you cannot make up your own mixed team, sign up for Mixed Club, either as a single or couple. Chances are you will have opportunities to play against your spouse and see which spouse earns bragging rights. Linda Lott is convening and will have more information.

**Saturdays** are one of the biggest changes. The popular **Learn to Curl** is moving to Saturday mornings, followed by an **Open League** convened by Michael and Jenn Cook. The Open League is an opportunity to put together a team of your choosing. It could be four men or four women or any combination thereof. The Saturday Doubles still requires a convenor, so if you are interested in helping out, we could certainly use your assistance. Also new to the Club on Saturdays are **children's supervised activities** in the lounge while you are out curling.

Once a month, there will be a **skills development session** focusing on strategy. This is open to all members, so keep a keen eye on the calendar for those learning sessions.

If you are curious about the Friday Industrial League, give Mario Fabbro or Phil Tomsett a shout. We are creating an opportunity for Kingston and area employers to reward their employees with time on Friday afternoons with lunch and curling. We hope this will, in turn, attract new members to the club.

**Club Curling.** Please remember that if you sign up for Club Curling, you must also sign up for each event. This can be done on the website and if you encounter any challenges, please call Steve Hulton in the office.

And finally, if you want to help each of our sections grow, we are in need of a few new convenors. As mentioned above, we have people stepping forward for Doubles, Mixed Club, the Open and Industrial Leagues, but we still have need for people to help us convene the following:

**Skills Development** – once a month on Saturdays

**Sunday Juniors** – both Kaitlyn Welch and Christy Gilmour will help, but we need an overall leader.

**Evening Ladies** – Deb Wilkin has moved to the Governance Committee and needs a replacement. It would be a shame to not start the year on time without a convenor.

I hope everyone has a great season on the ice. It should be a fun one.

Hurry hard.

## **Golf tourney nets \$3,933**

### *Organizers looking to pass the torch*

The annual RKCC golf fundraiser event was held at The Glen Lawrence Golf course on June 15, 2017. Despite a few rain showers, 134 golfers attended and enjoyed a fine day of golf and camaraderie. After the golf, everyone returned to RKCC for drinks, prizes and a wonderful supper of salmon and steak.

The fundraising was very successful with total net revenue of \$3,933 being raised for RKCC from golf/dinner fees and raffle sales. This does not include an estimated benefit of \$650 in net bar sales at RKCC during the dinner.

Everyone attending received a prize and a big thank-you goes to all those who donated prizes to make this a success. Special mention to Peter and Ryan Schenk (Edward Jones), Henry Trier (Assante Financial), McDougall Insurance, Loyal Oarsman, The Landings, Edward Gibson (Empire Life), Manulife Financial, Scotiabank, Henry Green, Murray Lynch, Doug Swain, Mike Tureski, Tom Bryant, and Dave Fraser. And thanks to Jim Rayner, who donated the John Epping jersey (that he won in a raffle at RKCC previously). We raised \$110 on an auction of this item. Also, a host of other prizes were donated by RKCC members too numerous to list here. Thank you to all who donated.

Also many thanks to the organizers whose efforts made this event successful: Jim Leslie for organizing the dinner, Dave Fraser for golf-related events including acting as emcee at RKCC, Garry Dupuis for raffle ticket sales and who worked with the sponsors for prizes, and Steve Hulton for his help in co-ordinating procedures at RKCC. And a huge thank-you to all the volunteers who assisted these organizers in making this happen.

We also thank The Glen Lawrence Golf Club for hosting the event, donating \$500 in prizes and for being a major ice sponsor at RKCC.

After co-ordinating this event for two years, Dave, Garry and I will be stepping down as co-convenors and RKCC will be looking for a new convenor or convenors to take on this important event for RKCC. We will be available to assist the new coordinator(s) in holding the 2018 event.

Thank you to all who assisted again this year.

**Garry Dupuis, Dave Fraser, Jim Leslie, Greg Ruse**  
**Event Co-ordinators**

## **Bonspiels**

**By April Welsh**

Welcome to the 2017-18 curling season! As Bonspiel Chair, I serve as a resource person for our convenors with regards to financial guidelines, kitchen duties, advertising, etc. I will be touching base with all convenors and/or section heads in September.

I'd like to put in an early plug for the Swing and Sweep, to be held on Saturday, September 30. It is a fun way to continue your golfing, and gently stretch a few curling muscles. Watch for info.

I'm happy to report that David Leeson is once again convening the Limestone Sr. Men's Spiel on Saturday, October 28. The Evening Ladies' bonspiel on November 25 still requires a convenor. If you are interested, please contact me. It is a one-day, two-game points spiel.

Thank you in advance to all convenors and committee members for volunteering – bonspiels help make RKCC such a success, both socially and financially.

If you would like to help with a spiel, be it as convenor, kitchen help, decorator, etc., please contact me.

Here's looking forward to another fun and successful year of invitational and in-house bonspiels at RKCC!

## Join the new league: Mixed Club Curling

**By Linda Lott and Deb Wilkin,  
Co-convenors**

Come out and enjoy relaxed club play with your curling friends and/or family. Meet members of the club and expand your social horizons.

New teams will be created every six weeks. All games are six ends, so the time commitment to play is reduced.

Times: 5 p.m. 7:10 p.m. and possibly 9:20 p.m. (rotating with the other Mixed league games).

For the first draw (Event #1) teams will be created by the co-convenors. First draw (Event #1) - a six-week period beginning Friday, October 13 and ending November 17.

Please sign up via the RKCC website - Event #1. Deadline for sign-up will be October 6.

## Welcome back, stick curlers!

**By Pat Simms**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the Stick League curlers back for another year 2017/2018.

You are all very important to our club. Taking up the stick myself last year has allowed me to remain in the game I love, as it has for many of you.

It will be great to see your friendly, welcoming faces again for a great year of curling.

Good curling, folks, and most importantly - have fun!

**Pat Simms, Virginia Flynn, Ken Burns  
Stick League Convenors.**

## Day Ladies anticipate successful season

**By Marilyn Wilson**

Welcome back, ladies. Twenty-nine golfers enjoyed a sunny day at The Landings on June 28, followed by a nice lunch. The winners of the creative "trophy" this year were Linda O'Sullivan, Val Malmsten and Claire duBac Rayner. There were prizes for everyone, courtesy of Tony Bush, who had passed over the remaining prizes collected by the late Betty Bush on their trips to Florida. Thanks again to Diane Labrie for organizing this event which further fosters our Club friendships outside curling.

Here are a few dates to keep in mind. The last day for returning members to register and pay dues is Thursday, September 21. If you have not already registered, please do so as soon as possible. Then remember to sign up for Draw 1 (October 3 - November 7 for the Tuesday league; October 5 - November 9 for the Thursday league). To register for Draw 1 click on either the right side of the Home Page under "Upcoming Events" or on Events at the top of the Home Page, then Event Registration. Flight members must also register for the Event. There were problems last year when members did not sign up for Draw 1 after completing their Club registration.

New to the Club this year is a Member ONE membership for a curler who plays only ONE game a week in any league, but who may not spare in other leagues.

There will be opportunities to practice and get back in shape during the week of September 25 - 29, so check the Club Calendar for open practice times.

Our Day Ladies Fall meeting will be on September 28 at 1 p.m. Over the summer the Day Ladies Executive received and reviewed reports from the Task Force to Review Day Ladies Club Curling, Play-Off and Playdown Rules. These revisions will be presented at the Fall Meeting for discussion and ratification. Our Ladies Open Dinner (potluck) is Thursday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

As curling starts now in October, the play-offs continue into April with Championship Weekend on April 20 - 21. So, in anticipation of a successful year, get out your gear and be ready for some "good curling".

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 season!  
Meet your curling friends at our first social event of the year

# Swing & Sweep



Sat September 30, 2017

2pm Landings for GOLF

5pm Dinner at RKCC

6:30 pm CURLING



#### Register by Monday Sept 25:

- On Line Registration RKCC website
- At the Bar
- Manager: Steve Hulton

\$40 Everyone

\$25 Landings Members only

#### For more information contact Social Committee members:

Kathleen Poole (Chair)  
Trish Beckett  
Sandy Edwards  
Janet Fowlow  
Linda Lott  
Pennie Robert

## Evening Ladies League seeks executive members

By Deb Wilkin, Past Chair

As we start the 2017-2018 season, please be aware there are still vacancies to be filled: Chair; Vice-Chair; and two Social Convenors (includes organizing the Evening Ladies Invitational bonspiel on November 25, 2017) Without a Chair or Vice-Chair there is no representation for the league on the RKCC Curling Committee beginning with the September meeting.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please let any of the following executive members know in advance of the annual meeting scheduled for October 23:

- > Mary Buchanan - Secretary
- > Liz Baer and Monica Kirk - EL Club Convenors
- > Denise Mulville - EL Flight Convenor
- > Deb Wilkin - Past Chair
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All the best and wishing everyone another successful season.