



The Sweep

Royal Kingston Curling Club

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200th Gala a night to remember

By Martha Tanner

Next to curling, curlers love a good party and good curling talk.

Throw in some bagpipes and beer, a silent auction and a not-so-silent town crier, and you have a celebration that curlers and non-curlers alike will remember for years to come.

That was the scene at the Ambassador Hotel September 27 where close to 400 curlers, friends and family members gathered to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Royal Kingston Curling Club.

Highlights of the evening included guest speaker Russ Howard, the first public performance of The Royal Kingston Bagpipe March, the unveiling of a commemorative quilt by Linda Miller and Fran Cooney, the first pouring of the RKCC ale bottled by the Riverhead Brewery, and a special cry by town crier Chris Whyman, resplendent in his red coat. There was even a Fort Henry guard to point new arrivals in the right direction.

But despite the pomp and ceremony, the evening unfurled like one big kitchen party thanks in large part to Master of ceremonies Mark Potter, RKCC president Edward Gibson and guest of honour Russ Howard, who kept the audience in stitches with their banter, good-natured ribbing and insider stories.

Mark Potter paused solemnly before he spoke in a voice familiar after decades on television and radio as a sportscaster. "Curling started on the ice in the harbour in 1820," he began. "... And Russ Howard threw the first stone."

But he wasn't finished. "Russ Howard is probably the most recognized figure in curling," Mark said during his introduction of the man who has Been to 14 Briers, won two, and is an Olympic gold medalist. "Needless to say, he's won everything except the Whig and the Fisherman's - so take that, Russ Howard!"



Russ Howard poses with Betty Bryant, RKCC's most senior active member at 92!

Photo by Charlie Cooney

Gala, continued from front

And explaining Russ's move to from Moncton to Regina, Potter said, "Basically, they had named every street in New Brunswick after him, and it was getting embarrassing!"

Both Potter and Howard mentioned the great curling names from RKCC's history, including Noel Herron, who skipped his RKCC team to win the Canadian Junior Men's Championship in 1990 and was in attendance, and Ted Brown, who was a coach and mentor to many in what Howard called "this fraternity of curling".

Potter, who has never been a curler, but who has attended many a Fisherman's in his career as a sportscaster, said "When I think about RKCC, there is one word that comes to mind. This is a club that has heart, that has tremendous people. It's the people that make a club and the finest people in the city you'll find at Royal Kingston."

Kudos to the members of the 200th Anniversary Committee who helped make the gala such a success, especially Jan Ray and Deb Wilkin who worked on every detail of the gala for months, Murray Cotton, who liaised with sponsors and invited Russ Howard and Cheryl Bernard (who was unable to attend at the last minute), and Bruce Jeffery, who took charge of the silent auction.

One member summed it up best in an email sent to the committee the day after the gala.

"I would like to thank you and all of your committee for the fantastic party last night," wrote Sandy Edwards, Life Member. "Your committee did a tremendous job and thought of everything. All of the guests that I talked to were very impressed with the total package. A great time, great to see so many of the old curling members. nice to hear the history of the club. The whole night was full of entertainment. I cannot say enough about the whole evening. Such a nice time! The best time I have had in the 44 years I have been a member."



Above: Kingston Town Crier Chris Whyman delivers his Royal Kingston cry.
Right: Russ Howard poses with Linda Miller and Fran Cooney, makers of the 200th anniversary quilt.





City of Kingston councillor Simon Chapelle, RKCC president Edward Gibson and CFB Kingston Base Commander Colonel Kirk Gallinger participate in a tree planting ceremony at RKCC October 19.

Photo by Andrew Van Overbeke

Vimy oak a lasting legacy

By Martha Tanner

Of the many celebrations to mark the 200th anniversary of RKCC, one that will leave a lasting legacy is the tree-planting ceremony that took place on October 19, when members and dignitaries gathered on the north lawn to plant a Vimy oak.

The choice of tree was deliberate.

Vimy oaks are descendants of the fallen oak trees that were destroyed during the Battle of Vimy Ridge, France, in 1917. A Canadian soldier, Lieutenant Leslie Miller, gathered acorns from the fallen oaks (not a single tree had survived) and planted them on his family farm in Scarborough. Today Vimy oak saplings are grown by the Vimy Oak Legacy in Dundas, Ontario, whose mission is to create living memorials by repatriating the trees at Vimy Ridge and across Canada.

The 200th Anniversary Committee purchased a sapling in 2017 when the project was launched, and committee member Linda Lott nurtured the tree at her home until the time was ripe for planting at RKCC. With the help of Mario Fabbro and his son Ross, of Fabbro Masonry Kingston the sapling was carefully uprooted and brought to its new home.

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Vimy Oak, continued from page 3

Club member and master of ceremonies Murray Matheson read the following tribute:

“We gather today at the Royal Kingston Curling Club to plant this young oak tree to commemorate the tremendous sacrifices offered at Vimy Ridge and, in a particular way, those past members of RKCC who served in the “war to end all wars”.

“We honour the long association that the curling club has had with Kingston’s military family, starting with the formation of the early curling club by Scottish garrisons. We honour the importance of what this tree will provide to the world through its lifetime. Trees take many years of growth to reach their version of “adulthood” and they are a symbol of longevity and tranquillity.

“So we plant this young tree as a symbol of our respect for our fallen comrades and as a symbol for the continued longevity of the Royal Kingston Curling Club.”

Helping to plant the tree were City of Kingston councillor Simon Chapelle and Base Commander Colonel Kirk Gallinger from Canadian Forces Base Kingston.

“It is our distinct honour to be here to represent Kingston’s military community,” said Col. Gallinger. “A long lineage of military personnel have called Kingston home, and we are carriers of that torch. We wish the Royal Kingston Curling Club a very happy 200th anniversary.”

Col. Gallinger said that he had Scottish heritage himself and was proud, not only that the curling had started in Kingston, but that the City of Kingston had consulted with CFB Kingston in its bid for the Brier.

“We see curling as an important community activity, encouraging social bonds and fitness,” he continued.

“We are so proud to be in the community. We know we’re supported, and we know we’re loved by the city through interactions like yours.”

In addition to the tree planting, a commemorative plaque was unveiled next to the sapling. Visitors to the club will also notice a large limestone rock with a distinctive plaque near the front entrance, which serves as another lasting memorial of our 200th anniversary. The rock was installed by Mario Fabbro with the help of Rideau View Contracting. Other sponsors for the event were Exclusive Cooling (Rene Marchen), Raymond James Kingston (Mark Potter), DKS Design Inc. (Dave Soutar), Perfection Contracting (Rick Dupere) and Brookland Fine Homes (John Armitage).

Special thanks to the following for their help in making the day a success: Mario and Ross Fabbro, Karen Matheson, Kathleen Poole, Sylvia Myers, Deb Kennedy, Michael Flowers and Gerry Buist.



Emily Withers from Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School performs O Canada.



RKCC members at the tree planting ceremony.

Photos by Andrew Van Overbeke

From the Ice

By Terry Barker, Head Ice Technician

We have the first month of curling under our belts and most people are still speaking to one another. I'd say that was a minor success.

I believe we slipped somewhat in our efforts to provide consistent ice conditions. The wildly varying weather, combined with our attempts to train or retrain the ice technicians, may have had varying effects on the ice. Once the night time temperatures stabilized, we were able to get a little better handle on it, but it is not indicative of what we are attempting to provide on a consistent basis. We thank you for your patience so far and we are happy that no hit men were hired, or at least none that were effective. As always, we remain receptive to your comments and opinions.

So far the rocks have behaved as advertised. We have good to moderate curl depending on weight, and I have not seen one rock drift when the weight was brought up. You may find that the increased friction on the ice makes the ice seem heavy, but that is purely the result of a sharper running surface. You may also find that the rocks will turn sharply when crossing a knee or hand print on the ice (or a drip from the pebble can). The sharper edge has a tendency to catch defects in the ice and it will affect the path. Something we have not seen in the recent past.

I have been watching games to determine how the curlers are adapting to the curl and what we need to do to compensate. As the game has moved outside the four foot lines, we must be sure to adapt our pebble techniques to restore pebble further out with less focus inside the four foot, a change from previous years. If you believe you are seeing too much curl on a given sheet, please let us know. Games aren't played in the same manner from sheet to sheet and we don't want to affect playing conditions any more than needed.

Now for a little whining. If you don't want to hear it, stop reading now, otherwise, bear with me.

I have had reports of ice techs "walking into" curlers on a sheet being prepared for the next game. This is highly dangerous for all; we don't have rear view vision. Please be aware of your surroundings. We are helpless to protect ourselves while working on a sheet and need people to remain on their own sheet so we can get the work done without incident.

There are too many injuries waiting to happen for us on a sheet where curlers are sliding out of the hack. If curlers have moved onto a sheet we are preparing, we will move to the next sheet until the affected sheet has been cleared and it will wait. As always, if the numbers on the scoreboard aren't down; the sheet is not ready and there is no reason for anyone but the icemaker to be on the ice.

I will mention grippers even though I promised to drop the subject. In our most recent maintenance we took enough rubber out of the ice to replace half the tires in the parking lot. This detritus drastically affects play until we have a chance to dig it out; which isn't as often as we need. If a gripper is frayed on the sides or back, it will leave remnants on the ice which are ground in when passed over by traffic or a rock. Please check yours from time to time to ensure you are not adding to the problem.

My last issue rises from an inability of some to hit the trash buckets with used tissues. I can't fathom how this is acceptable practice in any venue. Aside from the obvious health risks, it's just wrong on every front. If you miss, please take a second to pick it up. Keep the germs where they belong.

For any that lasted through the whining, thank you. Please pass it on to anyone who didn't. We are getting into one of the busiest times of the year and we all need to work together to keep the ice in top shape.

We hope that all are enjoying the curling so far and look forward to witnessing many more good games. Good curling!

RKCC crest to be pewter collectible

KINGSTON - The Royal Kingston Curling Club crest will be one of five Downtown Kingston! pewter Christmas ornaments for 2019. Downtown Kingston! made the announcement on November 5. The ornament will be released on Monday, December 16. Each year, the Downtown Kingston! Business Improvement Area (BIA) releases five pewter ornaments replicating Kingston landmarks or buildings. The collectibles are available in a limited release and are sold for \$10 with proof of \$25 worth in purchases from downtown businesses (receipts dated November 1, 2019 or later).

Casting the RKCC crest as a pewter ornament was proposed by the 200th Anniversary Committee and spearheaded by committee member John Ryce.

The RKCC ornament is the last of five to be released. Each Monday, starting on November 18, a new ornament will be released, starting with The Pilot House on November 18, Newcourt House November 25, Douglas Library December 2, Fairfield House December 9 and RKCC December 16. Ornaments may be purchased at The Grand Theatre Box Office, The Visitor Information Centre on Ontario Street, or the Leon's Centre Box Office. Quantities are limited.



Eight ender!

The newest members of the 8-ender club are, from left, Joanne Miller, Tish Lavalee, Karen Peters and Bonnie Arlt. Joanne's team was curling in the Wednesday morning flight league on November 6, when they scored eight in the fifth. Tish was sparing for Nancy Roantree. Congratulations!

RKCC Mixed Turkey Spiel



Saturday December 7, 2019

Two 6-End Games - first game 11:00am

Turkeys! Turkeys! Turkeys!

Turkeys to the winners, a turkey raffle, and corner to corner draw for (you guessed it) more turkeys!

Lunch and Snacks Provided

Open to all RKCC members - 48 curler limit – sign up as individuals

Teams to be determined – skins spiel format

Cost \$20/person

Contact: keithmitchell1959@gmail.com

Register on line at:

<https://royalkingston.com/index.php/events/event-registration?task=register.register&eventId=369>

Mixed Bag

By Keith Mitchell

Well, we are one month into our 200th anniversary year and we are off to a fantastic start. A big thank you to Deb Wilkin, Jan Ray, Murray Cotton and their committee for putting on a great Gala. I think I speak for all the members of the mixed section when I say that the whole event was beautifully organized and a ton of fun. Well done!

Participation in the mixed section increased again this year with four new teams in our recreational division on Friday and more participation in our Friday club as well. Sunday mixed recreational is full with 14 teams, as well including a few new teams. A big welcome to all our new curlers!

We once again have a committee that has representation for all our divisions. If you have questions or concerns, please speak with your rep or contact me directly.

Mixed Convenor – Keith Mitchell

Friday Flight – Benny Gordon

Friday Rec – Dave Lollar

Friday Club -Linda Lott

Sunday Rec – Val Malmsten

As you are all aware now, the club has moved to on-line scheduling and scoring and the transition has been fairly smooth. Thanks to all members for entering scores. If anyone is experiencing any issues entering scores or seeing games or standings, please let me know. For makeup games, please make sure you send the results to Keith.

A couple of things to put on your calendars this year. First our **2nd Annual Turkey Spiel** will take place December 7. The format will be the same as last year, however, **you will need to register on-line!** This spiel is open to all members of RKCC and you sign up individually. Teams will be formed club style and it will be a skins format. The spiel is already starting to fill up so **do not delay!**

I also want to mention the **Empire Life Bonspiel** this year, which is a signature 200th Anniversary Event. There are a number of activities planned for the spiel that should make it a premier event, including a silent auction in support of Pathways to Education, a “Beer and Appies” afternoon, two dinners and brunch on Saturday. Dates for the spiel are February 7 and 8. If you don’t think your team can curl in the spiel no worries – we need LOTS of volunteers!

Good curling and keep your broom on the ice!!

Have your say!

Got something you'd like to say? Something to share with the rest of the club? The Sweep welcomes submissions from members. Send your articles and photos to communications@royalkingston.com. Try to keep articles to about 500 words, fewer if you are sending photos too. The next issue will be out in January, deadline January 10, 2020. If you would like to be added to the reminder list, please email Martha Tanner, editor, at communications@royalkingston.com and let me know.

New Team Mulima wins Jr. Slam event



From left: Skip Kibo Mulima, Jack Ragan, Jacob Clarke, Brayden McGuire .

Photo provided

While everyone was busy with the 200th anniversary celebration, one RKCC junior member was busy at a U18 bonspiel. Fifteen-year-old skip Kibo Mulima started a new competitive U18 Men's team with three other teens from Ottawa this year. While the ice was just getting in around Kingston, Team Mulima won the Junior Slam Series U18 Men's event in Ottawa at the Cityview Curling Club September 27-29. Earlier in the month, they also won the 'C' final at a U21 Ontario Junior Curling Tour Event at Carleton Heights. Kibo was disappointed he didn't get to participate in the activities with Russ Howard and Cheryl Bernard, but in the end felt it was a nice trade-off! You can follow Team Mulima on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook and see Kibo's curling story online @MyCurlingStory. Congratulations to Team Mulima and good luck with the rest of your season!

Curling Committee report.

When we start the week of November 11, we will have been curling for seven weeks, the club has been in full operation for eight weeks and we have already hosted two bonspiels and a clinic - some clubs in the area have just gotten on their ice! Being a member at RKCC is awesome!

All sections seem to be running smoothly, thanks to the hard work of the convenors. The Curling Committee's mandate this year is improved communication across all sections, so please share your thoughts about any issues so a solution can be found.

Being involved and participating in events is beneficial to you as a member but also to the club. Signing up for an event or approaching a convenor and helping out at an event is the perfect way to make RKCC your club - your home away from home! We always need volunteers and we always need new ideas so don't hesitate...volunteer. See you on the ice!

- Linda Lott, Curling Committee chair.

Evening Ladies Section welcomes all to new season

By Gail Irving, EL Chair

The Evening Ladies' leagues are off to a great start!

We are still looking to fill the following positions: Vice Chair, Co-Chairs for Social and Flight, and an apprentice Co-Chair for Club. Please support EL curling by volunteering for one of these important positions.

The EL Fall AGM was held on Monday, October 21, 2019.

EL Flight, Deb Wilkin:

EL Flight has increased by one team, and we are welcoming three new teams to the fold. We have nine teams in both A and B Divisions. In addition to the spares list, please remember that the 'bye' teams may be available for sparing. Results (W/T/L/D and game points) must be recorded on the bulletin board, as they are required for tie-breaking. Deb will record them on the website. After the first round robin is completed, three teams from B will move up to A, and three teams from A will move down to B.

EL Club, Liz Baer:

EL Club has 12 teams. Welcome to our eight new curlers this year. The altered play-off schedule for the 2019/20 season was approved at the Fall AGM. The schedule for EL Club play-offs will consist of six games in draws 1 and 2, five games in draws 3 and 4, and playdowns on April 8.

EL Social, Laura Brown: The invitational bonspiel on November 9 is full with 24 teams. Participants were able to register online under Events on the RKKC website. April Welsh reported on the Opening Potluck organized by Evening Ladies. Of the 88 attendees, 16 are social and seven are new members. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Christmas Dinner: The Evening Ladies will host a Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 5, 5:30 cocktails, 6:00 dinner. A turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, will be catered by Joe DeSousa. Tickets will be sold at the bar for \$30. All RKCC ladies will be invited to attend. The deadline for buying tickets is Wednesday, November 27—please let the bartender know if you require a vegetarian or gluten free meal.

Rosters can again be ordered online under event registration, for a cost of \$3.00.

If you require a locker, or want to move to another one, please contact Pat Thompson.

Have a wonderful curling season!

Lounge Committee Report

By Jan Ray

Many areas of our club have had a facelift over the summer. Our old blinds were taken down and Candace McConomy was responsible for purchasing the supplies, designing and sewing the new blinds. Glenda Bauder coordinated the following volunteers to help Candace: Linda Bell, Ella Brisson, Diane Labrie and Pat Simms. The walls in the main entrance, hall and lounge were painted by Laurie Winter with the help of Deb Wilkin, Sally Stewart, Brian Ward, Candace McConomy and Jan Ray. Our club looks brighter, and cleaner and it is a pleasure to be able to look outside while sitting in the lounge and board room.

Cam Gruer, Wayne Smith, Michael Braun, Reg Gore, Gord Greer, Steve Hulton and Gerry Buist all helped take down and rehang the blinds, pictures, plaques, banners and the new frame for our commemorative quilt by Linda Miller and Fran Cooney.

They also made and painted the frame for the large 200th Anniversary sign on the west wall of the club. The lads also refurbished the display cabinet, which will showcase historical items, to be curated by Fran Cooney each month over this curling season. These gentlemen have been hard at work the whole summer doing a multitude of other things on the Club's behalf.

Emil Lindt made and installed a new boot shelf for the ladies' locker room.

Carol Fitzpatrick spent many hours cleaning and reorganizing the kitchen, and she and Jan Ray are trying to make the kitchen storage room more functional.

Cam, Michael and Gord installed shelving and a rod to hang our tablecloths on, to help maximize use of this space. Let's all do our part when using these areas to leave them clean and return items where they belong.

April Welch once again has spent many hours polishing trophies and cleaning the trophy cabinets, with some help from Pat Thompson and Jan Ray. Candace McConomy watered the plants in our dividers over the summer and recently added some new ones.

Various volunteers also have weeded the garden beds in the front of the club, the latest being Philippa Fugler, Judith Hay and John Ryce.

We are extremely fortunate to have a wonderful volunteer base at RKCC. If you aren't currently volunteering in some capacity and would like to do so, don't hesitate to speak up.

Take pride in your club

In an effort to help keep the entrance, hall, lounge and more importantly our ice surface cleaner, we are encouraging ALL members to use the door at the SOUTH ENTRANCE, rather the MAIN ENTRANCE. If you are not using the locker rooms to change in, but are doing so in the lobby, please do not leave your belongings in this area. Leave them in the cloakroom located behind the trophy cabinets until you are ready to leave the club. This will keep our club looking more appealing and the seating area available for people wishing to just sit and chat. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of your fellow members.

Bulletin boards

There is a new bulletin board on the wall beside the water fountain. This board is to be used for notices that affect ALL members or non-members, i.e., general meetings, open bonspiels, dances, quilts/craft shows, pickleball and volleyball.

All specific league information should be posted on your own league bulletin boards, i.e., meetings, in-house bonspiels, sign-up sheets, schedules, etc.

We will NOT be using the easels to post any of this information.

Thank you for your cooperation. Here's hoping that this 200th Anniversary Year of the Royal Kingston Curling Club is an enjoyable one for everyone.

The 62nd Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel
celebrates  years of curling at



Royal Kingston Curling Club

February 7th & 8th, 2020

Celebrate

Join us for great food and a great Party!!

**32 Teams, 3 Game Minimum
Play Down Format, 6 End Games**

3 Draws to choose from:

Draw A: 12:30 pm & 3:45 pm

Draw B: 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Draw C: 5:15 pm & 8:30 pm

Team Entry Fee: \$320 (includes HST)

Friday Snacks and Dinner

Saturday Brunch, Afternoon "Ale and Appies", Catered Dinner

Best Costume Contest and Dance Saturday Evening

Lots of Prizes and a Charity Silent Auction to support Pathways
to Education

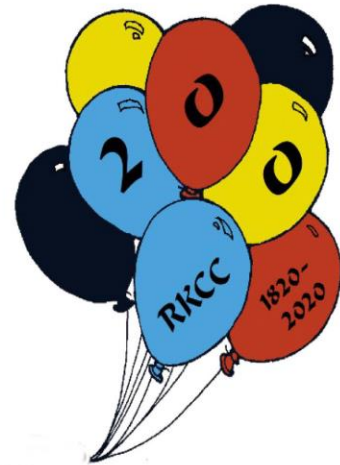
Register online www.royalkingston.com/Events/Event_Registration

Cheque payable to Royal Kingston Curling Club – payment will guarantee your entry

130 Days Road, Kingston, ON, K7L 9G4 Attention: Empire Life Mixed Bonspiel

Convenor: Teresa Gibson tjdgibson@gmail.com

Registration: Janet Waugh pj_waugh@hotmail.com



Don't Wait! This Bonspiel will sell out quickly!!



RKCC member Judy Russell helped coach the Kosovo team of her nephew Peter Andersen at the World Mixed Curling Championships in Aberdeen. From left are: assistant coach Judy Russell, lead Mirjeta Shatri, second Eric Shabaj, vice Eldena Dakaj, skip Peter Andersen and coach Merion Zeneli. Peter, son of Celia Russell, and a former member of RKCC, now lives in Kosovo.

Former RKCC member makes curling history in Kosovo

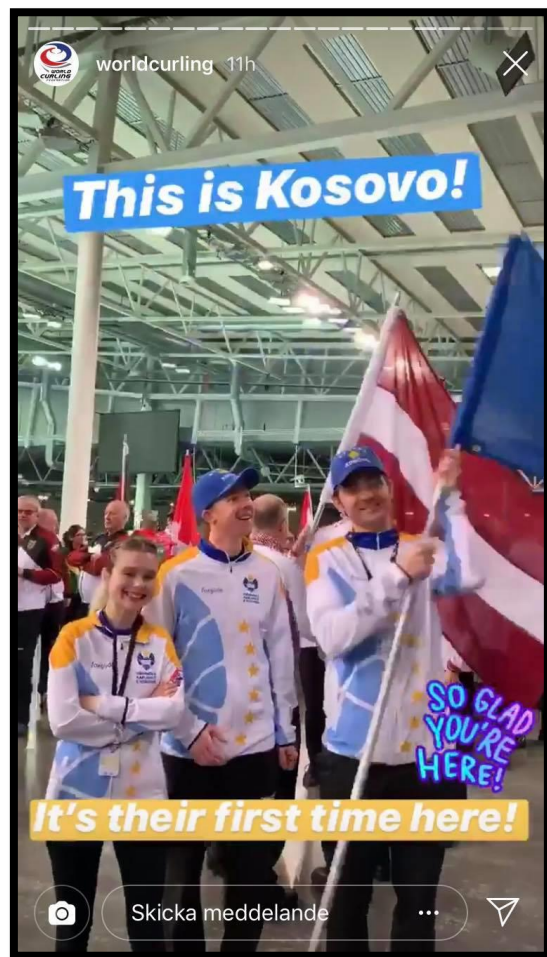
By Judy Russell and Celia Russell

RKCC former member Peter Andersen took a team of Kosovars to the World Mixed Curling Championships in Aberdeen October 12-19, where they recorded a historic first win. The road to Aberdeen however, was far from smooth for the tiny Balkan country’s first four-person curling team. After issues with visas and missed flights, they had to default their first game against Slovakia. They won their second against Nigeria, with rookie lead Mirjeta Shatri having had only a 45-minute lesson prior to stepping on the ice. Rounding out the team is Eldena Dakaj (vice), Eric Shabaj (second) and coach Meriton Zeneli. Assistant coach is Judy Russell of RKCC. Kosovo also had to compete in the same pool as curling powerhouses and finalists Germany and Canada, who went on to win gold. Kosovo did have its share of accomplishments. Peter and Eldena scored the best single Last Rock Draw result of the competition - both on the pin. The team’s win and accumulated last rock draw total put them at 34th out of 40 teams in the competition, and moved them up three spots in the rankings for World Mixed. “It was really tough and a lot of work getting here, but it was all worth it,” Peter said. “I could not be more proud of my teammates of how they played and continued to get better as the week went on.”

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Kosovo, which has no ice, made its curling debut last April in Norway when Eldena and Peter competed in the World Mixed Doubles Championship. Although they did not win a game in their eight-team pool, which included the USA and Russia, they scored points in nearly all their games and were competitive in many. Tied at six in the eighth end against Spain (who made the playoffs), Eldena, in her fourth curling game ever, made a clutch draw behind cover, forcing Spain to draw to the four foot to win. Sweden's Oskar Eriksson and Anna Hasselborg who won gold and the USA's John Shuster, who won bronze with Cory Christensen, hammered on the boards to applaud the shot. Next up for Peter and Eldena is the World Mixed Doubles qualification event December 2-7 in Glasgow, Scotland. In 2019 the World Mixed Doubles was an open event with 48 teams but for 2020 it has been limited to a field of 20, with the teams that made the playoffs in April filling the first 16 positions. The final four teams will be chosen from a field of 28 at the qualifier. Judy will be returning to Scotland to coach and cheer them on. The 2020 World Mixed Doubles is April 18-25 in Kelowna, BC.



From WCC Twitter of the opening ceremony.



Eldena and Peter in action at the World Mixed Curling Championships



Peter pays tribute to two of his curling mentors.

Creating the 200th anniversary raffle quilt

By Gay Chamberlain

After attending a quilting retreat in the fall of 2018, I was inspired to create a quilt with a curling theme. With the 200th anniversary of the club coming up, I thought it would be fun if a group of curlers could create one together and make it as a fundraiser by having a raffle. I approached Linda Lott, who is on the 200th Anniversary Committee, to see if the committee would be open to my idea, which they were.

I had talked to a few women who play day ladies club curling on Tuesday mornings and knew they quilted, so I approached them to see if they were interested. The group consisted of Sharon Windsor, Deb Emerton, Francine Korczynski, Sheila McHenry and myself.

We came up with a basic design of 12 blocks and divided up the blocks so that each quilter could create different blocks using techniques they were most comfortable with. Sheila and I chose the material, mainly reflecting the colors in the rocks and ice at RKCC.

By late spring all the blocks were complete, including an embroidered one we had commissioned with the 200th logo on it. I put the top of the quilt together with sashing between the block and then we all met again to decide on how to quilt it (stitching the top, batting and bottom layers together).

Francine and Sheila decided to do all of the quilting by hand stitching - which is a lot of work. They did an amazing job!

Sharon added the finishing touch by sewing the binding around the edges and it was completed by the end of the summer, ready to be displayed at the club for the fall.



Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10, and are available from any of the quilters, Linda Lott and or at the RKCC bar. The draw for the quilt will be at the end of December.

Photo by Liz Baer

RKCC 200th anniversary pins make great stocking stuffers. Buy them at the bar while supplies last!





On November 1 Lin Jenkins' Tuesday team played Lin's Thursday team for the Draw 1 DL club championship and the Roantree trophy. Lin Jenkins skipped her Tuesday team, as determined by a draw, while Donna Jeffery skipped Lin's Thursday team. Above left, the winning Thursday team of, from left, Mary Kelly, Sheila McKirdy , Tensia Cannon, accept the Roantree trophy from sponsor Joan Roantree. Above right, Lin with her Tuesday team of, from left, Nancy Brennan, Candace McConomy and Shelly Davis.

Day Ladies in full swing

Draw 2 is in full swing. Have fun, ladies, and don't forget to sign up for draw 3! You will be able to register online before the Christmas holiday. Day Ladies are holding their annual Christmas mini spiel on Nov. 19, a little early this year. Check online under 'events' for more details. The theme is "You are a Star", so let your imagination go wild. Online the spiel appears to be full, however, there may be a few cancellations. If you still would like to play, contact Francine Korczynski.



Runners-up in Tuesday Event 1 were, from left: Judy Hay (lead), Donna Jeffery (skip), Maria McGibbon (vice) and Francine Korczynski (second).



Runners Up Thursday Event 1 DL Club Draw 1 were from left: Marilyn Bellringer (skip), Shelly Davis (second) Lois MacArthur (sparing for Val Gore), Sheila McHenry (vice).



Winners of Event 2, Tuesday DL Club Draw 1 were, from left: Gay Chamberlain (second), Jane Ward (lead) and Barb Tureski (vice). Missing from photo is skip Jane Kelly.



The 200th Anniversary Committee arranged for Russ Howard to lead three clinics on the ice on September 28, plus an off-ice strategy session. Clockwise from top left: Russ and volunteers with the junior clinic; Russ catches up with another curling legend, Ted Brown; the kitchen crew, from left John Berry, Gerrit Buitenhuis and Jim Leslie, served up a fabulous lunch; Russ and volunteers with the Little Rock participants, and Russ with Denis Faubert, who recruited and coordinated the team of volunteer instructors and helped Russ on ice throughout the day.



Photos by Martha Tanner



Photo by Kimberly Barker



The winners of the November 16 Doubles Bonspiel at RKCC were, far left, John Leinweber (aka Bob McKenzie) who teamed up with Mike Flowers (aka Doug McKenzie) far right. Runners-up were Anthony Hale and Denise Mulville, second and third from left, and in third place were Donna Perrin and Pam Jordan.

Consider joining Open Doubles League for fun and skills development

By Peter Coughlin

The initial autumn draw is wrapping up soon for the Open Doubles league. This season we have 17 teams in the Doubles league, with two regularly scheduled game times at 7:45 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. on Wednesday. The league used a modified round robin format to help teams play as many other teams as possible. There is friendly and gentle competition among the teams, and all are becoming more skilled with the power play option and the strong focus on draws, taps and ticks. Doubles players are enjoying the development and growth of this league and we are pleased to invite other curlers to consider joining Open Doubles (two players, all female, all male or female-male). At the end of the autumn draw, we will shift to a flight format, with teams divided into the A and B Division for the winter draw from January to April 2020. Doubles teams will play within their draw grouping and teams will continue to have games scheduled at both 7:45 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. time periods. We will have a playoff format in April and club members will see some strong Doubles curling on Championship Weekend on April 17, 2020 and we will be presenting the new Riverhead Doubles trophy to the champions.

Ready to try out Open Doubles? It is good to remember that Doubles games last 75 minutes, six ends and each team only throws five rocks per end. If you are interested but not sure how it all works, we are glad to meet with interested curlers, map out some of the key parts of a Doubles game and we even have some colour diagrams to have with you, to remember those starting and power play rock placement positions. Check out our new bulletin board, along the main hallway for more information.

On Saturday November 16, 2019, we held our first ever Doubles bonspiel at RKCC and 12 teams each played three games (six ends) in a point spiel format. There was some very fine curling all day long and some tired curlers by late afternoon. Teams enjoyed a hot lunch (Rent a Chef catering), an amazing blueberry crisp, donated by April Welsh and the Evening Ladies Bonspiel team, and some fine craft beer poured by Riverhead Brewery. Teams came from other regional curling clubs and we congratulate the event winners: first John Leinweber, Mike Flowers, aka Doug and Bob McKenzie; second Denise Mulville and Anthony Hale and third Donna Perrin and Pam Jordan. Special thanks to April Welsh in her role as Bonspiel coordinator, and thoughtful and experienced volunteers Kathleen Poole, Sylvia Myers and Gord Greer. Watch for news of the next Doubles bonspiel and mark your curling calendar.

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To help you with your holiday shopping!

Saturday November 30th, 2019 from 9 am to 1 pm at
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Enjoy a plate of DESSERTS with
COFFEE / TEA for \$5.00/person



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

RKCC is on Facebook and Twitter

Celia Russell has joined the Communications Committee and has generously offered to keep our Facebook page and Twitter account up to date with the latest news, views, photos and more. If you have ideas or suggestions or photos to post, please contact Celia or Teresa Wilson, Communications chair, via communications@royalkingston.com.

Suddergaard takes Limestone Sr Men's

By Dave Leeson

RKCC snagged six out of the top 10 finishes at the Limestone Sr. Men's Bonspiel, but couldn't manage to keep the trophy at home. Based on his performance at the Limestone Sr. Men's Bonspiel, Ivan Suddergaard's new hip is working just fine, as he led his Cataraqui team to a commanding victory. His teammates were vice Gary Allen, second Jim Raven and lead Tom Morrow.

Second place went to Bob Daley's team, and third place to Larry Paradis' team.

Teams were also entered from Brockville, Manotick, Napanee, Carleton Place, and Garrison.

Once again, the food was awesome with Garry Dupuis and his crew providing the sausages and beans lunch. For the fifth year, Chef Bob Brey at Chartwell Conservatory Pond Retirement Residence cooked up an amazing prime rib dinner. We are so grateful for the continuing sponsorship of "The Pond", and for the help of so many doing serving and clean-up.

Last year we couldn't find the corks for the traditional "cork draw". Fortunately, the ransom was paid and we have our corks back. Walter Genereux's team may struggled on the ice but they walked off with the \$240 cork draw.

As always, the ice was great, the beer was cold and nobody left hungry.

Brier ticket packages now available

Ontario curling fans will have an amazing opportunity to kick off the 2020 Tim Hortons Brier, presented by AGI, by watching their home team in action against the defending champs on opening day.

Team Ontario will take on Kevin Koe's reigning Tim Hortons Brier champs Team Canada in the opening draw on the Saturday afternoon, Feb. 29.

All ticket packages are subject to standard fees, and are available online through Ticketmaster, at the Leon's Centre box office, curling.ca/tickets or 1-855-985-5000.

In addition to being a part of the world's most famous national curling championship inside the Leon's Centre you'll also be a part of what will be Ontario's best curling party, the World Famous Patch — just a short walk directly across the street from the arena. You can check out live music, have a meal and mingle with players and fellow fans from all over Canada.

Visit www.curling.ca/2020brier/ for all event updates or to volunteer.

- *From Curling Canada*

Kingston High School Curling

The high school curling league started on October 9 with curlers from LCVI, KCVI, Holy Cross and RND participating. There are approximately 30 students on the ice each Wednesday from 3:15-5 p.m. These high school curlers will compete in KASSAA near the end of February and, if successful, will travel to Pembroke for EOSSAA in March.

The high school league could benefit from your time (it is great having adults helping them with their game) or by donating your "old" shoes to the cause!

On behalf of the high school league, I would like to thank RKCC for their support of the high school curlers and their league. Special thanks to the following people who commit their time each week from October to March helping with the high school league: Cathy Kirby, Jen De Groote, Wayne Williams, Jan Ray, Sylvia Myers and Renee LeClair.

- *Linda Lott*