



The Sweep

Royal Kingston Curling Club

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Doubling down on curling fun



Members of the RKCC Doubles League celebrate at the Riverhead Brewing Company, league sponsor.

By Peter Coughlin

The fall season has wrapped up for the league and all RKCC curlers were invited to a social event at Riverhead Brewery on December 14. The new league trophy was revealed and there was a visit from Bob and Doug McKenzie, with some handy curling tips. We have many fine curlers in the league, and most would agree that we have some of the friendliest curlers in the club playing with us. When there are only two of you on the team, one has to be sure to communicate and curl well together.

The league is shifting to a flight format for the January to April session and we will have two divisions, so that teams will regularly compete within their division. Games will be scheduled on Wednesday evenings, with the first game at 7:45 and second at 9:10 pm.

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Doubles, continued from the front

Thinking about Doubles play for this season or perhaps next fall? It is not too late to sign up for this winter, and teams can be slotted into the B Division. Good to know that Doubles games are fast-paced, only six ends and each team throws five rocks. There are some unique rules with two positioned rocks in play at the start of each end, a free guard zone and with additional strategy options, the power play can be used by each team, once per game. Most teams find that there is stronger reliance on draws, taps and some hits. Doubles play can really fine-tune some of your finesse shots. This is Open Doubles, so teams can include any combination of players and we have some stick curlers who are very successful in the league. There is more information about Doubles play, rules and suggestions on our league page on the club website, see [League information](#)>[Teams Schedules Standings](#)>[Doubles](#)>[Info](#).

Some curlers are hesitant to try Doubles, perhaps not sure about how sweeping works when there are only two players or are there many different shots used. If you would like some on ice consultation before signing up for Doubles, please contact one of the league organizers and we can arrange a Sunday morning or perhaps Wednesday evening time, to go over the format, strategies for rock delivery, calling line and sweeping. We can help get you ready for your first Doubles game.

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Riverhead Brewing Company is the proud sponsor of the RKCC Mixed Doubles League and created a commemorative ale for the club's 200th anniversary.



Bob and Doug McKenzie, aka Mike Flowers and John Leinweber, present some Doubles Curling Tips with the help of Amanda MacKenzie.



Provincial competitors

Congratulations to Team Mitchell, which qualified for the Master Men's Provincial competition January 8 – 12 at the Midland Curling Club. The team finished with a 3 -4 record. Pictured from left are skip Garth Mitchell, vice Ken McMillan, second Mark McQuillan and lead Dave Bracken.

Wanted: Sweeps from 1971 - 1990

RKCC - Fran Cooney, a member of the 200th Anniversary Committee, is responsible for the wonderful displays of historical materials in the new display case at RKCC. She is currently compiling a complete series of the Sweep newsletters and is asking members for help. If anyone has issues from 1971 to 1990, can you please drop them off to club manager Steve Hulton or to Fran Cooney. Eventually, they will be preserved in the Archives at Queen's, where they can be consulted in perpetuity.

In general, if you have any items that may be of historical significance to the club, or that may help build a clearer picture of its history, the 200th Anniversary Committee would be most appreciative to see them. There are still some gaps in the history of the club, and we are eager to fill them.

Hurry! Single-draw tickets for 2020 Tim Hortons Brier now on sale

KINGSTON - Single-draw tickets for the 2020 Tim Hortons Brier, including the playoffs, are now on sale, with adult tickets starting at just \$20.20, while youth tickets for those under 18 are just \$15.

But a word to the wise — tickets are already selling extremely well; there is limited availability for the opening draw on February 29, as well as the closing weekend (Friday through Sunday), so you'll need to act quickly to get the seat you want.

Here's a look at what is available:

- Tickets for Team Ontario games range from \$20.20 up to \$47.25 for Draw 1, which features Team Ontario versus defending champion Team Canada (Kevin Koe of Calgary). As an added bonus Team Canada will be on the ice each and every time Ontario plays during the preliminary round.
- Non-Ontario/Canada games range from \$20.20 to \$35 depending on date and time.
- Thursday Championship Pool draws are \$35 and Friday draws are \$39.75.
- Saturday Page Playoff games are \$47.25, Sunday's semi-final is \$35 and the Championship Final on Sunday is \$59.75.

Other options include day packages starting at \$59, the opening weekend package for \$119, and the championship weekend package at \$249. Club Seat full-event packages also remain available. Due to high demand, regular full event ticket packages are no longer available.

All prices (other than the youth tickets) are subject to standard facility and ticket service fees.

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

The home team for the 2020 Tim Hortons Brier will be crowned at the Ontario Tankard, which concludes on February. 2.

Opponents for Team Ontario, as well as the two preliminary round-robin pools, won't be known until the list of provincial/territorial champions is complete following provincial/territorial play-downs that are now underway.

The 2020 Tim Hortons Brier will kick off with the Wild Card Game on February 28, featuring the top two teams on the Canadian Team Ranking System that didn't qualify through their play-downs.

In addition to being a part of the world's most famous national curling championship inside the Leon's Centre, you can also be 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.

Keep checking www.curling.ca/2020brier/ for all event updates, new ticket offers, team announcements and the event schedule when it is set.

TSN/RDS2 will provide complete coverage of every draw at the 2020 Tim Hortons Brier.

Day Ladies determine Draw 2 winners

The Lin Jenkins Thursday Draw 2 Event 1 team won the Fanset Trophy and a berth in the Carrie Cole playdowns. From left are lead Lola Cole, skip Lin Jenkins, third France Kelly and second Karen Wolfe.



By Pat Thompson

Day Ladies completed the second draw of the 2019 - 2020 season before Christmas. Thank you, ladies, for another fun draw and welcome back to the ice to kick off another year and a new decade in our third draw of the season.

Winners of Tuesday, Draw 2 was the Bellringer team: Marilyn Bellringer - skip, Tensia Cannon - vice, Odette Haas - second and Cathy Murphy lead. The Tuesday, Draw 2 runners-up was the McHenry team: Sheila McHenry - skip, Francine Korczynski - vice, Deb Emerton - second and Gloria Herrick - lead. Second event winner was the team of Donna Jeffery - skip, Claire DeBac-Rayner - vice, Cathy Hamilton, second and Sue Ellen Coleman - lead. Congratulations to all the Tuesday winners.

Lin Jenkins skipped her Thursday DL team of Jenkins - skip, France Kelly - vice, Karen Wolfe - second and Lola Cole - lead to a victory in event 1. Runners up in the event was the team of Tish LaVallee - skip, Susan McConnell - vice, Claudia Stevenson - second and Brenda Merkel - lead. Event 2 winners in the Thursday draw 2 was the team of Marilyn Bellringer- skip, Marilyn Chilton - vice, Linda Robb - second and Lisa DaCosta - lead. Congratulations ladies!

The Marilyn Bellringer rink faced off against the Lin Jenkins rink in a play-off game on December 19 for the Fanset trophy and a berth in the Carrie Cole play downs.

Thank you to the teams for an exciting game and congratulations to the winners Lin Jenkins, France Kelly, Karen Wolfe and Lola Cole. Good luck in the Carrie Cole play-downs!

Don't forget to mark Tuesday, January 28 in your calendar! It is the DL Mini Fun Spiel starting at 11:15 am. You don't want to miss the fun!

Other dates to keep in mind are Sat., March 14 Betty Bush In-Rated Bonspiel and the Grandmothers and Great Aunts Bonspiel on Wed. March 25.

More photos on page 6.



Draw 2 winners and Fanset Trophy runners-up, from left: vice Tensia Cannon, second Odette Haas, skip Marilyn Bellringer, and lead Laurie Winter (sparing for Cathy Murphy).



Tuesday Draw 2 Event 2 winners, from left: second Cathy Hamilton, skip Donna Jeffery, lead Sue Ellen Coleman. Absent is vice Claire duBac-Rayner.



Tuesday Event 2 runners-up, from left: second Deb Emerton, skip Sheila McHenry, vice Francine Korczynski and lead Gloria Herrick.



Thursday, Draw 2 Second Event winners, L-R: Second Linda Robb, skip Marilyn Bellringer, vice Marilyn Chilton. Absent is lead Lisa DaCosta.



Thursday runners-up event 1 from L to R: lead Claudia Stevenson (sparing for Brenda Merkel), second Linda Shanks, vice Sue McConnell and skip Tish LaVallee .



The Evening Ladies Club Event 1 Champions were, from left, lead Carolyn Cormier, second Linda Shanks, vice Nancy Evans and skip April Welsh.



Draw 1 runners-up were, from left, skip Denise Mulville, second Sharen McDowell, and lead Liz Borges. Missing from photo is vice Sylvia Myers.

Photos provided

Evening ladies celebrate successful first half of season

By Gail Irving, Chair

The Evening Ladies' Section has had a good start to the year! Thank you to all of the volunteers for helping to make the EL Opening Potluck, "Canadian Eh" Bonspiel, and Christmas Dinner great successes—well done!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EVENING LADIES' EXECUTIVE to ensure that there is a smooth transition from the 2019-2020 curling season to next year! Namely: Vice Chair, EL Flight Co-convenor, Secretary, two or three Social Committee Members, and OCA Rep.

The EL Curling Sub-Committee is responsible for the leadership and governance of the EL Curling Section as well as the operational guidance provided in the Curler's Handbook. It organizes, co-ordinates and directs the activities of the EL Section. The EL Executive positions are to be held for two years. The EL Executive meets twice a year as a minimum, and attends two general meetings (Fall and Spring). The duties of each Executive position are outlined in the RKCC Evening Ladies Section By-Laws (posted on the bulletin board).

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the EL Executive if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

THE RKCC EVENING LADIES' SPRING AGM is scheduled for **Monday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.** All Flight games will be 6 ends. The slate of officers for the EL Executive must be posted 14 days prior to the Spring AGM. Don't hesitate—volunteer today! if you would like to add anything to the Spring meeting agenda, please send to me by March 1.

More photos on page 8.



Draw 1 Event 2 winners from left: vice Renee LeClair, lead Lisa Thorburn, skip Jan Ray. Not pictured is second Linda Shanks.



Draw 2 Event 1 Champions: lead Kristin St-Jean, second Rebecca McEwan, vice Renee LeClair, and skip Donna Smith.



Draw 1 Event 3 winners: lead Kristin St-Jean, skip Deb Wilkin, second Michelle Penney, vice Lisa Mulville.



Draw 2 Event 1 runners-up: lead France Kelly, vice Sylvia Myers, skip Lil Rynbend. Missing from photo is second Martie Bernard.



Draw 2 Event 3 winners: lead Tiffany Gazeley, second Mary Andrews (for Kim Eves), vice Pat Simms, skip Denise Mulville.



Draw 2 Event 2 winners: vice Tensia Cannon, lead Carolyn Cormier, second Linda Shanks and skip Joanne Manion.

From the Ice

By Terry Barker, Head Ice Technician

It's time once again to put pen to paper (figuratively of course, even I can't read my writing). We hope that everyone enjoyed the Christmas break. For us it was a time to remedy a number of issues that adversely affected ice conditions, allowing us to get things back in order. We removed a significant portion of the dirt-embedded surface and replaced it with a nice clean one, working tirelessly to remedy flaws from the first few months. I had underestimated the drag that the newly-honed rocks would have on the ice, which left the surface uneven and scored by imperfections. Our flood has put us back to square one and we will more closely monitor the ice surface, becoming more proactive in working out imperfections. If you believe a sheet is not behaving properly, please let us know so we can check for issues during daily maintenance.

In keeping with a New Year's resolution to be more positive, I will not be mentioning dirt or bad grippers. Does that denote a fail since I just mentioned it? Just know that the local kids have managed to build a skateboard park out back where we dump the snow from our scrapes. It appears that the rubber and lint contained therein makes for a good surface.

We have witnessed a number of fairly serious falls over the past few months. These are not the result of slippery conditions as much as over-confidence of people on the ice. We have seen people trip over hacks, rocks and their own feet. Please be careful out there. Remember at all times where you are. It is ice! There is no forgiveness to a slip or a trip and you will find the landing most unpleasant.



Ice maker Paul Moorby has attained his Level One Ice Technician certification from Curling Canada.

Since the last *Sweep* article Paul Moorby has attained his Level One Ice Technician certification. Congratulations, Paul, keep up the good work.

We are entering into one of our busiest times of year with The Whig Standard spiel coming up, as well as The Empire Life spiel just days later. Take that also as a reminder that normal rock maintenance occurs at this time of year. If you see one of your ice makers wandering the halls and muttering to themselves, please be gracious and point them towards a soft chair. We are down a man this season and it will be taxing on all of us. I would ask you not to feed them though, as bathroom breaks are a luxury.

It seems harder to write these things without mentioning dirt and bad grippers. Well, now I've really blown it! Oh well, the resolution regarding less sugar didn't last too long either.

As always, I would remind people that we are always available and receptive for comments regarding the ice. We are hoping to avoid issues out of hand before we learn of them. It makes repair far more difficult and time consuming. If you have concerns, please share them.

I will end by saying we have seen some great shots so far this new year. Here's hoping that we see many more before the end of the season.

Good curling!

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!!

Mixed Bag

By Keith Mitchell, Mixed Convenor

We are now into our final draws of the year (hard to believe how quickly it goes). The new schedules are posted. Be sure to check the dates, as we have a number of Fridays we don't curl (Whig, Empire, and Brier all impact mixed curling). Please note that we do curl the first Friday and Sunday of the Brier. Teams that cannot play those games should try and reschedule if possible. If it is not possible, then games will be considered tied.

Pizza Night

Mixed Curling held our first "Pizza Night", which was a great success. I want to thank everyone for their support. We raised over \$200 that will be used to help fund our new B Flight trophy.

Empire Life Bonspiel

As I hope you all know by now, the Empire Life Bonspiel is scheduled for February 7 and 8. There is a ton of stuff going on and there will be lots of food and fun. We are still looking for teams, so please get your team registered. It does not matter if you are experienced "bonspielers" or brand new to the club, this bonspiel will be fun for everyone. If you don't have a team, you can sign up as an individual and we will get you onto a team. Great way to meet some new friends.

The Empire is open to any member of the club, so don't hesitate to join in.

Turkey Spiel

The 2nd Annual Turkey Spiel was held December 7, 2019 and was full, with 48 curlers vying for the turkeys. Teams were made up at random and the theme this year was the "12 days of Christmas", with each team being named for a day. Our winners this year were the Dancing Ladies – Dave Townsend, Pennie Robert, John Pratt, and Martie Bernard.

Winning the corner-to-corner draw for the men was Peter Waugh and Martie Bernard won for the women. Safe to say Martie had a pretty good day!!

The real winner for the day was the South Frontenac Food Bank. Turkey Spielers were challenged to "Fill the Bin" with food donations and they filled it to overflowing! Both Dave and Martie donated turkeys as well, which was very much appreciated.

Big thanks are due to Sylvia Myers and Kathleen Poole – my co-convenors. Thanks also to the kitchen crew of Steve and Debbie Mansell, Lorne Carmichael and Susan Hara. Great job, well done! Thanks to all the curlers for coming out and supporting this bonspiel.



Above, Eldena and Peter sweep on their way to a victory against Wales.
 Right: Coach Judy Russell with David Jones of Scottish Curling, nephew Peter Andersen and Eldena Dakaj.



Team Kosovo competes at World Mixed Doubles Qualification Event

Former RKCC member Peter Andersen and his teammate Eldena Dakaj achieved their first win in mixed doubles on the world stage at the World Mixed Doubles Qualification Event held at Greenacres Curling Club near Glasgow, Scotland in December (<https://worldcurling.org/events/wmdqe2019/>). Twenty-eight teams competed for four spots at the 2020 world mixed doubles. Teams from Germany, Italy, China and Korea will join teams from the countries who ranked in the top 16 at the 2019 World's in Kelowna in April 2020. Team Kosovo was ranked ninth on the Last Rock Draw Shot Challenge with an average of 56.57 cm (distance to the pin), better than some playoff teams. Their seven-team group was tough, including two of the winners - Germany and China. Kosovo's win came in their last game, beating Team Wales 11-3 in seven ends.

Prior to the competition Peter, Eldena and coach RKCC member Judy Russell did some training in Stirling and Perth, getting extra help from David Jones of Scottish Curling. During one session at the National Curling Academy in Perth, Eve Muirhead's team was training on the next sheet.

While Team Kosovo competed in Glasgow, they were gaining some renown amongst travellers on Norwegian airlines. The December issue of their inflight magazine, N by Norwegian, features an article on Peter's efforts to get curling going in Kosovo. (Look for the December 2019 issue at <https://ink-global.com/our-clients/products/norwegian-magazine/>.)

Meet your Marketing Committee members

By Bruce Jeffery, Chair

Your 2019-2020 Marketing Committee is made up of Bruce Jeffery (Chair), Garry Dupuis, Roger Taylor, Linda Lott, Tom Bryant, Dean Clark, Dave Bracken and Colleen Emmerson. This year we were fortunate to maintain full Ice sponsorships. This was possible by replacing our long-time Ice Sponsor, Aqua Terra, with World Financial Group which has agreed to an initial three-year contract. This connection was established through the 200th Anniversary Committee, so I want to thank chair Murray Cotton for this.

There have been some changes with our Wall Sponsors, but overall we are pleased with our current support. As of January 1, 2020 we have 47 sponsors, including the following eight new sponsors: Bayridge Physiotherapy, Clayton Flooring, CS Physiotherapy, Gordon's Estate Services, Kingston Toyota, Lakeside Pools & Spas, Leslie M. Higginson Surveying Ltd, and Michael Braun. We could use five or six additional sponsors, so if any of our members have an idea for a new sponsor, please pass along the name to one of our Committee members and we will follow up with them.

Once again we want to encourage all our members to patronize our sponsors whenever possible and let them know that you have seen their sign at the Club. This goes a long way to encouraging these sponsors to stay with us.



Quilt winner

On Tuesday December 3, there were a lot of disappointed faces in the RKCC lounge. The draw for the fundraising 200th anniversary quilt took place. Club member Linda Robb was the delighted winner. Quilt makers Sharon Windsor, Gay Chamberlain, Shelia McHenry, Deb Emmerton and Francine Korczyński would like to thank all the members who supported this project by purchasing tickets. Our group made just under \$1,200 in support of the special events for this anniversary year.

Team Mulima Update

RKCC Junior Kibo Mulima continues to have success on the ice. In December, he and his mixed doubles partner, Daniela Aucoin, won the Nordic Junior Curling Tour (NJCT) pre-qualifier at the Quinte Curling Club in Belleville. They will compete again in Belleville January 24 – 26 for a chance to represent the Junior Slam Series in Sweden.

Kibo and his U18 men's team playing out of the RCMP Curling Club in Ottawa, also qualified for the Ontario Winter Games in Orillia February 27 – March 3.

The RKCC team
of, from left,
Celia Russell,
Liz Baer,
Mary Buchanan
and
Trish Beckett,
won the
Canadian, EH?
Invitational
Bonspiel at RKCC
November 9.



Full slate for ‘Canadian, Eh’

By April Welsh

The Evening Ladies’ Invitational bonspiel was held on Saturday, November 9. The club was colourful in red and white, and many of the curlers dressed in the spirit of the theme. We are very pleased to report that we had a full slate of 24 teams, with out-of-club teams coming from Perth, Prescott, Brockville, Napanee, Gananoque and Cataraqui.

The spiel was won by the RKCC team of Celia Russell, Liz Baer, Mary Buchanan and Trish Beckett.

The RKCC team of Kathy Brown, Joanne Manion, Mary Skeggs, and Lil Rynbend came second, and the Shirley Bush team from Prescott came third.

We thank our generous sponsors, Cheryl Walker from the downtown store “Cloth”, for giving each curler a lovely scarf, and Tim Hortons for supplying Timbits and coffee. Janie Ryan donated a festive winter floral arrangement for the raffle that featured a winter coat from “Cloth”.

We thank our wonderful volunteers for making the day such a success: Karen Peters, Georgie O’Shaughnessy, Wendy Labine, Linda Shanks, Denise Mulville, Judy Russell, Courtney Barnhill, Scott Eaton, Erica Simpson, Marilyn Wilson, Glenda Bauder, Mary Graham, Lynn Freeman, Gail Irving and Michael Gaylord. “Thank you” also to all the ladies who donated breakfast goodies and/or loaned us the Canadian-themed decorations.

The Bonspiel Committee: Laura Brown, Nancy Roantree, April Welsh

St Paddy's Dance



Royal Kingston Curling Club

Days Road, Kingston, ON



Sat March 14, 2020

8pm—12pm

**Steve
Cheesman &
the Heeters**

Tickets: \$15 at RKCC bar

Celebrating RKCC's
200th Anniversary



Tickets available for
non-club members

AFTER February 25, 2020

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.

Bonspiel Report

By April Welsh, Chair

The 2019-2020 bonspiel season is well underway and it has been very successful so far.

The Sr. Men's "Limestone" spiel was held on Saturday, October 26, with 22 teams participating. Many thanks to Dave Leeson for chairing once again.

The Evening Ladies' "Canadian EH?" spiel on November 9 had a full slate. Please see report elsewhere in this *Sweep*. The Senior Men's in-house, November 15, and the Day Ladies' in-house (You're a Star) on November 19, were well attended.

Peter Coughlin's inaugural Open Doubles' Spiel was held on Saturday, November 16 with 12 teams. A good start for a growing segment of our club!

The In-house "Mixed Turkey" on December 7 was full, with 48 curlers.

Unfortunately the Winter Solstice Birthday Party Bonspiel on Saturday, December 21 had to be cancelled due to the lack of entries. Thank you to the Social Committee for trying something new.

What's up in the immediate future?

The Whig Standard Men's Invitational January 23-25

Day Ladies' "Prior to the Brier" In-House January 28

Empire Life Mixed Invitational February 7, 8

Registration is up and running for these spiels on the website under Events/Event Registration.

On a very sad note, we lost two of our long-time curling friends and bonspiel convenors in December. Mike Tureski ran the Limestone bonspiel for many years and Grant Paterson has been a co-convenor of the Famous Fisherman's bonspiel for many years. They will be missed.

As always, I thank all our convenors and their many volunteers for all that they do!

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