



# *The Sweep*

Royal Kingston Curling Club

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## ***A Word from the President*** **RKCC is mask-friendly**

By Murray Matheson, Board President

In light of the recent recommendation from the Province to mask indoors, your Board and management would like to remind everyone that RKCC is a MASK FRIENDLY environment. While we do not require masking, we do strongly recommend the wearing of masks. It's also important to stay up to date with vaccine boosters and maintain social distancing. There are masks available at the office if you forget yours.

Please respect everyone's personal space and their choices. Let's keep everyone safe and healthy.



**Don't miss these exciting events coming soon!**

### **Dessert & Craft Sale**

**Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Enjoy shopping for the holidays at the fabulous craft displays (20 tables booked) and enjoy desserts or take home some Christmas baking, all while supporting your club.



### **Pop-up Store**

**Monday, Dec. 5, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

Stop by and meet Joe, our Goldline rep, while checking out Goldline's latest apparel, shoes and curling accessories. Everything is 10% off reg. retail pricing.



**Bonspiel winners, from left, lead Andrea Berry, skip Tammy Scott-Zelt, second Carol Fitzpatrick, spare Lisa Freeman and vice Judy Sly.**

## **Girls just wanna have fun . . . and they did!**

**By Georgie O'Shaughnessy, Nancy Roantree, Karen Peters, and Tanya Ledford**

The Ladies Invitational Bonspiel was held on November 12 with the theme “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun”, capturing the music, fashions and fun of the eighties. We were thrilled to have one full draw of 12 teams: five from RKCC, two from Napanee and Cataraqui, and one team each from Ottawa, Prescott, and Brockville.

Participants were treated to an amazing breakfast, thanks to many of our members who baked muffins, breads, and other goodies for them. With the addition of a little Baileys to their coffee, they were off to the ice, warm and full.

After the first eight-end game, draw master April Welsh, with the assistance of Mary Skeggs, calculated the scores to decide the next round opponents. Meanwhile, Janet Fowlow was busy baking bread, making salad and preparing phyllo pastries and Chicken a la King (an eighties staple) for lunch. With lunch and a Girl Group quiz completed, the teams returned to the ice for their final six-end game.

More volunteers took this opportunity to sell tickets on the RKCC Raffle of all donated prizes. Cheryl Walker, owner of local women's clothing store, Cloth, donated a beautiful Point Zero winter coat and Janie Roantree Ryan donated a live potted Christmas arrangement and wreath. Members donated a wooden cheese board with knife and a serving dish. April Welsh won the coat, Patti Staples from Cataraqui won the arrangement and RKCC's Linda O'Sullivan won the serving dish.

While tickets were being sold, the kitchen was once again busy with Georgie O'Shaughnessy peeling and coring apples for her apple crisp and the rest of the team loading up the dessert table with the apple crisp, brownies (baked by Karen Peters), ice cream and more goodies donated by our members. Many thanks to our clean-up crew: Natasha Muller and Carolyn Bernes.

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**Girls, continued from page 2.**

While April and Mary were tallying the final results, some teams entertained us with their ideas of “Girls just Having Fun”. Gladys Knight and the Pips took a “Midnight Train to Georgia”, two teams captured “Sandra Dee” as the Pink Ladies, the girls from CGCC went on a “Holiday” with Madonna and the Nuns from Sister Act assured us they would “Follow Him”. These teams were backed up in costume (leg warmers are actually great for curling) by many of the other teams including the Old Spice Girls.

After many laughs *at* and *with* the participants the curling cash prizes were awarded. The winner was the team skipped by Tammy Scott-Zelt, with Carol Fitzpatrick (spare Lisa Freeman), Judy Sly, and Andrea Berry. Runners-up were the Cataraqui team of Judy Valberg, Barb Biagi, Tanis Chambers, and Patti Staples.

Third place went to Kelly Johnson, and her team of Heidi Burke, Colleen Cross, and Katherine Hare.

In fourth was the RKCC team of Deb Wilkin, Joanne Miller, Tish LaVallee, and Bonnie Arlt.



Above, L-R, Pink Ladies Karen Matheson, Laura Winter, Mirelle Ringuette, and Sharen McDowall. Right, Gladys Knight & the Pips, aka Deb Wilkin, Bonnie Arlt, Joanne Miller and Tish LaVallee.



Sister Act, from left: Karen Peters, Gillian Turnbull, Nancy Roantree and Georgie O’Shaughnessy.





Two teams tied for “The Pratt” Spiel on November 25. Sharing the top prize were teams skipped by Denis Faubert and Vic Matthews. Back row, from left: Chris Hargreaves, Vic Matthews, Doug Boulter and Dave Leeson from Team Matthews, and Tony Bush from Team Faubert. In front are Denis Faubert and vice Richard Dickson. Missing from photo is Paul Gillespie.

## Teams tie for ‘The Pratt’ Day Men’s Spiel

The second edition of ‘The Pratt’ Day Men’s Spiel was held on Friday, November 25, with a full complement of 12 teams. Each team played three four-end games, with players rotating positions after each end. Teams were drawn at random by player position.

Formerly known simply as The Day Men’s In House Spiel, the event was renamed to honour John Pratt, who passed away on July 16, 2021. John was a longtime volunteer at the club and co-chaired the Day Men’s Spiel with Dave Leeson for a number of years. The Spiel is held in November and March of each curling season; ‘The Pratt’ was first held in March 2022.

This year the skins-format Spiel ended in a tie, with two teams sharing first and second prizes totalling \$110. Cash prizes were also awarded to the third- and fourth-place teams.

Corner to Corner winner was Garth Mitchell, with an impressive measurement of a half inch from the pin to capture the \$50 first prize. Second- and third-place prizes were also awarded.

But it’s not about the cash. “This is simply about a good day with good people and the memory of John Pratt who did so much for the senior men’s program,” says Shawn Kelly, a member of the organizing committee.

Special thanks to Robert J. Reid & Sons who put on a wonderful breakfast. Chinese Place delivered lunch. Thanks to Kathy Lollar, who once again made apple crisp for 50-plus.

The organizing committee of Dave Lollar, Brian Hetherington, Rick Thornton and Shawn Kelly would like to thank all the volunteers, especially Jim Rines and Doug Huddle, that made the day run smoothly. Also the RKCC staff Julie, Deb and Jeff, who helped things run smoothly.

The lucky winners of this event will form the committee in March 2023, co-ordinated by Dave Lollar.

# RKCC Turkey Spiel



Saturday December 10, 2022

Two 6-End Games - first game 10:30 PM

Prizes to the winners, a turkey raffle, trivia fun and a chase the turkey contest!

Lunch Provided by Janet Pressacco between games

**Open to ALL RKCC members.**

48 curler limit – sign up as individuals.

Teams to be determined – skin spiel format

Food donations will be collected for South Frontenac Community Services

**Cost \$30/person**

For info contact: [pj\\_waugh@hotmail.com](mailto:pj_waugh@hotmail.com)

Register on RKCC Web site under EVENTS – preferred payment by etransfer to [rkcc.payments@gmail.com](mailto:rkcc.payments@gmail.com). Please include your name and Turkey Spiel in your message with etransfer.



**Namesake sponsor Joan Roantree presents the Roantree Trophy to, from left, vice Debbie Hynes, skip Jan Ray, second Brenda Merkle and lead Bev Ayling.**

## **DL announce Roantree Trophy winners**

**By France Kelly, Day Ladies Club convenor**

The Day Ladies Club leagues on Tuesday and Thursday are in full swing. We happily welcomed several new members, both new to curling or just new to the club. Of note this year, there is no additional event registration, so if you wish to join us, please register for the leagues with club manager Deb Hill.

Congratulations to the Draw 1 Tuesday winners:

Bev Ayling (lead), Bev Pitts (second ), Claire DuBac Rayner (vice) and Joan Doucet (skip).

and Draw 1 Thursday winners:

Bev Ayling (lead), Brenda Merkle (second ), Debbie Hynes (vice) and Jan Ray (skip).

The Roantree Trophy was presented by our sponsor Joan Roantree on November 15, 2022. The Roantree trophy is awarded every year at the end of draw one to the winners of the Tuesday vs Thursday playoff game.

Congratulations to this year's Roantree Trophy winners: Debbie Hynes (Vice) , Jan Ray (Skip), Brenda Merkle (second) and Bev Ayling (lead)

Draw 2 is in progress and we are looking forward to having new members join us in the New Year for draws 3 and 4.

Good curling!



**Representing Garrison Curling Club, the Limestone winners are, from left, Wayne Williams, Larry Paziuk, Paul Farrow, Rob Loftus.**

## **Garrison skip three-peats Limestone win**

**By Dave Leeson**

The Limestone Senior Men's Bonspiel returned on October 29 after a two-year absence due to COVID-19. The format was changed to be a single draw of 12 teams – six RKCC teams and six out-of-club teams.

The single draw format allowed everyone to go home early after their second game, rather than wait for other teams to complete their second game. Everyone appreciated that.

The winner this year was Paul Farrow's team from Garrison. That may be surprising given that Garrison has been closed for almost a year now due to major equipment problems. But Garrison members are a loyal bunch and they still consider Garrison their home club even though they are (hopefully temporarily) curling out of other clubs. It doesn't seem to have hurt their curling – this is the third time Paul has won the Limestone, having also won it 27 years ago in 1995 and again in 2015.

Second place went to Reg Plaster's team from Carleton Place, and third place to Tyler Ryder's team composed of curlers from Cataraqui and RKCC. Other clubs represented at the event were Brockville, Manotick, and Napanee.

For the sixth time, Conservatory Pond Retirement Residence provided the food – this time a lasagna lunch with all the fixings. We are so grateful for the continuing sponsorship of "The Pond", and for the help of volunteers serving and cleaning up.

One of the traditions of the Limestone is the "cork draw", where a significant cash prize goes to a team whose cork is randomly pulled out of the trophy. This year it was won by Ian Munro's team from Napanee.

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



## Mixed Flight Champions

The Mixed Flight Championship game, postponed from April, was played on November 18.

Above: Denis Faubert pipes on the teams, followed by mixed league convenors Peter and Janet Waugh.

Left: The winning team of, from left, Andrea Berry, Michael Berry, Denise Mulville and Anthony Hale defeated Todd Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Ken Cross and Colleen Cross.



## ***Sweep* in 2023**

The next issue of *The Sweep* will be out in January 2023. The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 6. Please send your articles, photos or ideas to Martha Tanner at [communications@royalkingston.com](mailto:communications@royalkingston.com).



# *RKCC Book Club*



Want to join a fun and interesting book club?

We will offer both day and evening meetings at RKCC with our first meetings in **January 2023**. **Your feedback is needed** to determine the best day and time of the week for both the day and evening clubs.

Please contact Deb Emerton at [debemerton5@gmail.com](mailto:debemerton5@gmail.com) or Trish Beckett at [trishie\\_45@gmail.com](mailto:trishie_45@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the book club. Let us know your meeting preference(s).

Support your club by purchasing a  
**RKCC Pewter Tree Ornament**

Great little stocking stuffers  
for the curlers in your life

**\$5 plus tax**



## RKCC "DAY LADIES" Present



December 13th, 2022 First Game at 11:15



PRIZE FOR BEST  
"12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" COSTUME

SIGN UP IN LOBBY BY  
DEC 1ST  
(OR UNTIL FULL, MAX 48 PLAYERS)

Cost \$20 - Payment to  
Cathy Fobert or  
Candace McConomy

-2 FOUR END GAMES

-LUNCH PROVIDED (PLEASE ADVISE OF  
ALLERGIES)

-REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND  
YOU WILL BE PLACED ON A TEAM

Questions? Email [cemccconomy@aol.com](mailto:cemccconomy@aol.com)

## Get a grip on safety

This year we encourage all returning curlers **to purchase new grippers at the start of the season.**

**Why should 'you' get a new gripper?**

- **New grippers IMPROVE on-ice safety!** Worn grippers will reduce a snug fit on your shoe and become less 'grippy' as they degrade over time.
- **New grippers IMPROVE the game!** No one likes it when your rock gets a 'pick'. When grippers degrade over time they leave small black beads of rubber on the ice which are hard to sweep away.

RKCC has a large supply of *tournament grippers* which are compatible with most curling shoes. **The cost of a new gripper will be \$18**, payable at the Pro Shop.

Help support your club by staying safe and helping us make the best ice for members and guests alike.

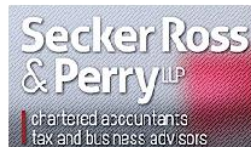
## Full complement of bonspiels in 22-23

*By Susan Hara, Bonspiel Chair*

*RKCC will host 17 bonspiels in 2022-23, beginning with 'Bring 2 Friends' in early October and ending with The Fisherman's taking place in late March 2023. Next up is the Turkey Spiel December 10, the Day Ladies Christmas Funspiel December 13 and the 4-Person Open Stick Bonspiel December 17. There is a nice balance of in-house and invitational bonspiels, plus there is a special spiel happening in January 2023 when a group of male Scottish curlers come to town for the Strathcona Cup.*

*A complete list of bonspiels, along with all the relevant information, can be found on the RKCC website under EVENTS/BONSPIELS. Convenors have been hard at work organizing these events and members are encouraged to sign up early and often!*

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