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President's Report from the Fall General Meeting...

Sunday, October 24th, 2010

Good afternoon,

Welcome to the 2010 Fall General Meeting. I trust everyone has had an enjoyable season so far. We had a great start with the hard work of our ice makers Rod Leeder and Terry Barker in getting our ice in along with the assistance of Ops-Resource committee volunteers. Thanks to them we have the earliest start of any club in the area and the best ice conditions.

The great start bodes well for another successful RKCC curling season.

I also want to take a moment to thank several volunteers who have served their terms on the Board and have stepped down, namely Nick Brown, Past President, Gail Irving, Secretary, Michelle Paquin, Financial Officer, and Keyan Welch, Membership and Curling Development. Their time and commitment are greatly appreciated. In addition to our staff who are led by Graham Weatherby, our Manager, this Club also depends on the hard work and dedication of all of its volunteers.

Most of our sponsors have returned along with a few new ones. Please remember to support them and thank them for their contributions.

In closing, please remember the Board and committee members are there for you. Please let them know if you have any questions or concerns. We're all here to make The RKCC the best curling club we can. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Good curling,
Roy Vasey, President, RKCC

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Thank You!

Committee Reports

Curling Committee

by Gord Rogers

We have made more changes to the scheduling for 2010-2011 based on requests from various member sections.

All starting times for games during the day have been modified to 9am, 11:15am, and 1:30pm. Fridays have been left open for elementary schools and bonspiels.

Day men flight has been changed to Mondays only.

The stick league continues to grow and they have needed extra ice time on Thursdays to accommodate this.

Evening men's flight has grown to 42 teams and is now playing on several Sunday mornings to accommodate the extra games.

Mixed now have options for Friday only or Friday/Saturday which will make much better use of the curling club on Saturday nights as well as still allowing for rentals.

Watch for clinic announcements on the RKCC website.

Curling Etiquette #5

Sweepers stay between the hog lines

- When you are a sweeper and it is not your team's turn to throw, your position is on the side lines between the hog lines.
- Only the skips and vices are allowed behind the tee line.

Human Resources and Communications (HRC)

by Dave Bracken

The HRC Committee is responsible for the operation of the kitchen and communications within the club, such as the website, the newsletter, the club roster and calendar.

The members of the HRC Committee and their responsibilities are as follows:

- ◆ George and Diane Gratton – Kitchen – Recent improvements to the kitchen include the purchase of a new refrigerator and an infra-red food warmer. George and Diane are responsible for analyzing our needs and determining what improvements should be made to enhance the kitchen. George is a huge volunteer for the Club and spends countless hours cooking and running events. Please, when you see either George or Diane, ask them what events are coming up and offer your help. It will make their tasks easier and more enjoyable. Helping out is the key ingredient to our Club's success. Many thanks to George and Diane for all of your help.
- ◆ Carole Rivington – Club Roster, Sweep Newsletter, and Vice-chair – Carole is in the process of preparing this year's club roster. Carole solicits news items from the various committees, sections, and members and produces the Sweep. The newsletter is accessible on-line, or a copy can be obtained at the front desk. Thank you Carole.
- ◆ Teresa Wilson – Teresa continues to amaze many of us at the Club with her talents and enthusiasm. She is very knowledgeable with computers and has greatly improved our website. There is a tremendous amount of information available on our website. The incorporation of the Card of Intent onto our website has reduced the time required to prepare the mail-outs, as well as saving the Club postage and photocopy costs. Thank you Teresa.



Social Committee

Linda Lott, Chair

The Social Committees first event of the season was the 2nd annual Swing and Sweep held on Saturday, September 25th. 36 golfers enjoyed 9 holes of golf at the Landings followed by 6 crazy ends of curling. 8 guests joined the curlers for a fabulous fish fry dinner. The following people helped make the day a success: George Gratton, Joanne Miller, Lee Thompson, Rene Marchen, Gwen Mitchell, Pam

Twiddy, Martha Forkes, Sandy Edwards and Joanne Touchette.

Plans are in place for the Grey Cup party on November 28th. The committee is working on the details for a new event this year which will be a *semi-formal dinner on New Years Eve catered by Gary Appleton*.

Tickets for both events will be available at the bar or contact the manager. We are only selling 100 tickets for the New Year's Eve Dinner so buy your ticket early.

Social Committee members are:

Chair: Linda Lott

Vice-Chair: George Gratton

Rene Marchen

Pam Twiddy

Bill Duffe

Gerry Buist

Secretary: Joanne Miller

If you have ideas or suggestions for an event please share it with the committee. We appreciate your input and help with club events.



Marketing Committee

Bruce Jeffery, Chair

The members of your 2010-11 Marketing Committee are:

Chair: Bruce Jeffery

Vice-Chair: Garry Dupuis

Roger Taylor

Deanne Clark

Graham Weatherby

Cathy Grant stepped down this year as she is not curling. I want to personally thank all of them for their efforts to date this year.

Again this year we sent out Thank You letters and \$10 of Bar Bucks along with the new Invoices in May to all our Advertisers. This was followed up with personal thank you calls in June & July.

To date, we have lost 5 Wall Sign advertisers and have brought in two new Wall advertisers. We are also very pleased to welcome back SLH Transport to Ice Sheet #2 and we just recently have signed up Dr. Deborah Berry @ Chiropractic Matters on Ice Sheet #5 as our 6th and final Ice Sheet advertiser. We hope to have her sign & logos installed in the near future.

In summary, we have 49 paid Wall Sign advertisers and 6 In-Ice advertisers. We have room for 2 or 3 more Wall advertisers and are actively looking to fill those openings.

The addition of the new ladder will allow the rink staff to more easily & safely install and move around the signs.

As a reminder to the membership, these Wall & In-Ice Advertisers provide over \$23,000 in income to RKCC and we encourage all of you to patronize our RKCC advertisers whenever you are looking for a product or service.



Operations Committee

Vic Matthews, Chair

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of this committee members and the considerable effort they have all put into the many tasks this committee has taken on. The members of the RKCC Facilities Committee are:

Chair: Vic Matthews

Mike Braun

Dean Clark

Bill Duffe
Reg Gore
John Koronyi
Dave Spence

I would like to thank Graham Weatherby for his efforts in dealing with many building maintenance items that have occurred over this past season. His keeping me informed of the issues is appreciated.

The following tasks have been compiled and are being investigated for RKCC by the Facilities Committee. These items have the potential to improve quality of the ice, revenue generation, and safety of employees and volunteer workers. In all cases the aim is to keep the quality of the club very high.

The Facilities Committee will submit some of these items in an attempt to get grants. It is hoped that our efforts to accommodate schools, fund raisers and handicapped events will be in our favor for grant consideration. At this time I do not know if there is any chance of obtaining grants for any of the items. The following list of items are in no particular order:

1. New Ice Scrapper
2. New Dehumidifier
3. Roof Leak Resolving
4. Scaffolding -COMPLETE
It was decided to go with a portable stairway.
5. Construction of a storage facility
6. Investigate installing a cold floor for the ice scrapper in the ice shed area
 - this is required to maintain the blade at ice temperature to prevent warping which puts runs into the ice
7. Investigate utilizing the heat recovery system in the ice plant
8. Write procedures for various tasks our personnel have to perform
 - this is required to show "due diligence" regarding our employees safety
9. Relocate TV monitors from lounge to ice area. -WITHDRAWN
10. New lounge chairs
Tasked To: John Koronyi
Some members feel that new furniture is required to enhance the rentability and appearance of our club. As yet the exact chairs to be bought and a price has not been determined.
11. Install shelves along glass in the lounge
Tasked To: Bill Duffe, Vic Matthews

- Design, construct a test shelf suitable for in front of sheet 1
 - Install the shelf and poll members as to it's acceptability
 - If acceptable, do the rest of the sheets, if not, remove it
12. Obtain grant money for club improvements
Tasked To: Vic Matthews, John Koronyi
As we do not have quotes on all of the above items no effort has gone into this task yet.
 13. Men's public washroom damage -COMPLETE
 14. New banner display cases -COMPLETE
 15. Electrical protection -COMPLETE
 16. Outside lighting -COMPLETE
Problems with the parking lot lighting have been experienced. As of right now all lighting has been repaired and all outside lighting has been checked for functionality.

Curling Etiquette #6

Do not get in the way of the opposing team

- Stay out of the way of the opposing sweepers.
- Stay to the side of the ice when you are not playing.
- Sweepers should walk back along the sides of the ice leaving the ice for the opposition to use.
- Do not cross the ice when a player is in the hack.

Member-at-Large

Betty Bush, Chair

As the Member At Large I am responsible for setting up adhoc committees when required. As such I am pleased to report that the plates for acknowledging the Life Members and the Past President's will soon be displayed in the Club.

Also, I have spent a considerable amount of time with a local history and heritage activist, Helen Finley, and have researched much of RKCC's history at Queen's archives with her. Did you know, for example, that our Club burned down on March 28, 1921? And on October 12, 1921 the curling rink was pulled across the college grounds to its permanent location on Clergy Street to make room for the Jock Harty arena? And that on January 11, 1922 a grand gala was held to celebrate the opening of the new Club? All of this was carried on while curlers still competed in competitions against Brockville, Napanee and Belleville! Also, were you aware that

in the 1920's the Club purchased cigars to hand out to those attending a general meeting?

There is still nothing more important than keeping up with old traditions to preserve the continuity of our history. I will, therefore, be asking each section for a list of draw winners, trophy winners, newspaper clippings and pictures to add to our memorabilia. Also, any such material that members wish to donate would be most appreciated. And, any member wishing to join this committee is encouraged to talk with me. Time spent searching through old issues of The Whig at the Kingston Public Library is needed.

Section Reports

Day Ladies

by Claire Dominik

The Day Ladies started the year with 107 Cards of Intent. This included four new members to our Club and Section. We welcome Pam Dickie, Judy Heath, Claire Petkow and Martha Tanner. Also the return from Social Member to Acting Member is Mary Stevenson. Good curling to all.

Our first draw, which is well under way, is playing for the Tri-Heat Trophy. We began the draw on Tuesday, September 28th and Thursday, September 30th and it runs for six weeks.

Our Games Chairs, Marilyn Bellringer along with her assistant Debbie Gillespie were able to field 16 teams on Tuesday and 12 teams on Thursday. The sign-up sheet is already up for the next draw.

Our Flight teams began play on October 6th with A Flight playing on Wednesday morning with 9 teams, and the B Flight on Wednesday afternoons with 8 teams.

We have already been reminded of our annual Flight Friendly Day with Cataraqui Curling Club this year to be held Wednesday, December 1st. More information to come.

Another December date to mark on your calendar is December 8th. Teresa Wilson and Debbie See our Fun Day Conveners are working on our Annual Christmas Mini Spiel. Sign-up poster will be up soon. Always a great day with a good mixer and fun for all before our hectic Christmas season.

Diane Labrie has again started our Card Day on

Monday afternoons starting at 1:00pm. We are pleased to have Active and Social Members coming out for an afternoon of either Bridge or Euchre. There is plenty of room for more players so feel free to join us for this casual afternoon of cards.

Also on Mondays the Day Men put on a delicious, very reasonably priced lunch, something that the card group has been happy to support. Come early for lunch then cards.

Royal Kingston Curling Club

Ladies Open Bonspiel

Saturday, November 20, 2010



"KINGSTON CASINO ROYALE"

Bring your poker face!

1st prize \$400 CASH

Many prizes/raffles

1st draw 8:30am & 12:30pm

2nd draw 10:30am & 2:30pm

Includes light breakfast, lunch after morning games and dinner at 5:30pm.

Points Spiel: Two 8 end games

Cost: \$160 (includes HST) per team

Register by November 8, 2010

----- For more info contact -----

the club at 613-546-2243
or Denise Mulville
bfitzgerald88@cogeco.ca

Curling Etiquette #7

Keep alert

- Pay attention to every shot being played; your opponents' and your team mates'.
- Stop rocks before they leave your sheet.

Evening Ladies

by Linda Lott

The 2010/2011 curling season started well due to the efforts of Karen Peters-club convenor and Lilian Rynbend- flight convenor. We have 16 teams curling Wednesday night club and 15 new curlers. Flight has gone up to 18 teams from last years 16 and we have a "B" flight of 8 teams on Thursdays. The Evening Ladies Bonspiel will be held on November 20th. Please contact Nancy Tosh if you are interested in curling or helping.

The Evening Ladies Executive for 2010/2011 is:

Chair: Linda Lott

Vice-Chair: Denise Mulville

Past-Chair: Betty Bush

Club Convenor: Karen Peters

Flight Convenor: Lillian Rynbend

Special Events: Fran Cooney

Bonspiel: Nancy Tosh

Secretary: Gwen Mitchell

OCA Rep: Joanne Miller

A special thanks to our dedicated Wednesday night instructor-Judy Russell.

Once again I would like to ask that you encourage any ladies that you know to come out and try the sport.



Club Curling

by Karen Peters

Despite the fabulous September golf weather, we had over 70 ladies sign up to play Wednesday Evening Club and the first draw boasted 16 teams. We not only had some people completely new to curling, we welcomed some imports from other clubs. Deborah Brown came all the way from Winnipeg, Kelly Tindale from Sutton, Nancy Hayes

from Napanee, Stephanie Bailey Stamler from East York and Pam Dickie from Cataraqui. Sandra Beninger returned to RKCC after a brief absence and Charla Gray, Claire Termbly and Katie Mountjoy are new to the game. Welcome everyone!

While looking for some rule clarifications last season I found that there had been no update to the rules for our section since the 2000/2001 season. So over the summer those rules were digitalized and a few of the executive sat down and updated them to reflect the changes. The skips have all received copies and have submitted further revisions or suggestions. Once finalized, they will be sent to all players and a copy will be posted on the bulletin board for your reference.

One of the things that changed considerably over the past ten years was the way players were ranked. With the demise of the onetime "Rating Committee" we have asked the skips to rate all players after each draw. Each skip has been given a ranking sheet with all the players' names and present position ranking. They will be rating the players they have played with/against and the results will be posted to the Roster and used to help set up the teams for the following draw.

The signup sheet is up for the second draw and I would like to remind everyone to please sign up. In an effort to insure everyone who signs up gets to play we often end up with a shortage of spares. If you don't want to commit to the full schedule please put your name on the spares list.

Don't forget The Ladies Open Bonspiel that is being held on **Saturday, November 20th**. This is always a fun day so make sure you are registered.

Our ladies would like to extend well wishes to Cheryl Flett who is unable to curl with us this season due to injury. Take care and we hope to see you next year.



Day Men

by John Koronyi

The RKCC Day Men started their season week of Monday Sept 27 for both Flight and Tues/Thurs morning club curling. Flight started with 28 teams in four divisions and a lengthy list of players who wanted to be on a flight team. Instead of waiting for the next draw, the Flight Committee spearheaded the formation of two more teams, added them to the C Division and modified their schedule to allow for makeup games. Brian Collingwood did an

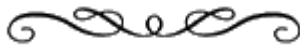
outstanding job in rescheduling and the skips in the C Division were graciously accommodating. We now have 30 Flight teams versus 29 last season.

A total of 153 RKCC members submitted Cards of Intent for Day Men this season, an increase of 5 over last season. Fifteen did not renew their membership but importantly, we welcomed 17 new RKCC members to the Day Men's section.

We expect attendance at our Tues/Thurs morning sessions to continually increase as the golfers come in from the cold. Brian Hetherington is our pick-up team craftsman and has a list of 90 players who indicated a desire to play on one or both mornings. Sign-up for the first Day Men bonspiel is underway for play on Nov 19 under the direction of Murray Cotton and Keith Forrest.

The 9am start time adopted for Monday Flight curling last season was expanded to Tues/Thurs play in order to enhance the social experience and augment bar revenue. On balance, the time change is being received favorably with one exception and that is Bi-Club. Garrison has indicated they are unwilling to start play at 11:15 at our club. However, they are willing to continue to host play every second week despite not playing at RKCC. Don Pringle, Bi-Club Coordinator will keep us posted on any further developments.

The Monday lunch under Bill Duffe's direction continues to be a popular event. This initiative is a noteworthy contribution to the club both socially and financially. To sustain this, we are looking at ways to be more efficient and effective in how this service is provided.



Evening Men's

by Gord Rogers

There are 20 teams signed up for Monday night club and another 22 teams signed up for Thursday nights.

Flight has grown once again and is now up to 42 teams. As a result, most teams are now playing twice each draw on Sunday mornings.

Although I am not sure of the final count, there has definitely been a growth in evening men's members this year and we will do our best to accommodate all during this season.

All participants wishing to play club in the next draw are encouraged to sign up early on the registration sheets on the bulletin board.



Mixed Curling

by Erwin Batalla

The regular season began on October 1st for the "Friday" league of the Mixed section. A total of 46 teams have joined this league. Thanks to Steve Tanner, Donna Jeffery, Dave Bracken, Walter Nuvoloni and Berthier Pineau who have taken the plunge and are skipping teams this year. We also welcome back the other 41 skips and their teams. A special thank-you goes out to Dave Bradshaw and his team who were willing to abide with my last minute manoeuvring. There are new members in all the divisions and we are especially pleased that they are joining this section.

For the Sunday league, play began on Oct 3rd. Ten teams are enjoying a recreational atmosphere at 5 PM with a mixture of veterans of the section mingling with fresh recruits. Thanks to Kevin Tanner, Tom Naugler, Pierre Vanderhout and Brad Venditti and their teams who are new entries in this league.

The mixed section received 215 cards of intent. In these, 48 members indicated that they would be available as spares. A list of the Friday spares is available on the net and the list of Sunday spares has been distributed to all participants. Please get in touch with them if members of your team are unavailable for an upcoming game.

This year all sections of the Friday/Friday & Saturday league will play a complete round-robin. For the Competitive Friday and Competitive Saturday divisions, the last four games of the season will be a playoff format. There will be no playoffs in the recreational divisions. The Sunday league will play a double round-robin (18 games) with no playoffs. Please make sure to indicate the result of your games on the Mixed board so that Hugh Pollitt-Smith can maintain accurate standings which can be viewed on the web site (www.royalkingston.com). Prizes will be awarded at the closing dinner to winners of the round-robin for the Sunday league and all divisions of the "Friday" league.

Plans are going ahead for a one-day bonspiel on Saturday Nov 6th. Gord Gillespie is the main organizer of this event and potential participants will have been contacted by him by the time the Sweep is distributed. This event is targeted to recreational curlers to give them a taste of the bonspiel experience.

The Mixed Christmas party is scheduled for Friday Dec 17th. Michael Braun and Patricia Beckett are the main organizers this year. There is no mixed curling scheduled for that evening.

We are continuing with the donation draw. Profit from the draw will go towards the purchase of the on-ice candies and a post-game snack at the tables. We hope that you enjoy these activities and welcome any other suggestions.



The Landings Stick League

by Diane Labrie

We have gotten off to a good start. Our section has grown this year, we have 28 teams and a number of spares. Bill Worthy hasn't lost all his hair yet, he is doing his best trying to schedule all the games and keep everyone happy.

We had to go to Thursday mornings for the extra ice that was needed. The schedule is for one sheet at 11:15-12:15 and one sheet 12:15-1:15. It should work out that each team will play three games on a Thursday morning during the year. Right now on Thursday Mornings there is extra ice that can be used. The four teams scheduled for Thursday can be on at the same time. We might not always have this extra ice, we will keep you informed if there are any changes.

Keep in mind of our Fun Spiel on Friday Dec. 10 from 9am-2pm. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the board a few weeks before.

Keep having fun!



OCA Report

by Joanne Miller

The **OCA Fall Meeting** was held Monday, September 27th. Highlights:

◆ Some changes were made to ice allocations for competitions. A new schedule will be sent out

with updates and then posted in the club.

- ◆ Rule changes are available online on the OCA web site. Generally CCA rules will apply at OCA competitions with some exceptions which are listed in the rules supplement.
- ◆ Grand Masters (70 and over) will now be available for females. Teams can be any combination of male/female, all male, all female
- ◆ In order to compete in OCA events, all participants must be full members of a curling club prior to the start of zones
- ◆ Coaches for bantam and juniors will need a police check.
- ◆ Anyone interested in a coaching certification should contact Linda or Tom at the OCA office to be sure they are taking courses in the correct stream – club coaching or competition coaching.
- ◆ Some rule changes –
 - In mixed competition if one player has to leave the game (perhaps because of injury), then the player of the same gender will throw his/her rocks.
 - Senior mixed is now 8 ends
 - 4th end break – Beverages and small quantities of prepared fruits or vegs. **No thermal coolers** will be allowed. Non-breakable containers.
 - Practice time is 5 minutes/team. Cool down of sliders and a slide will be permitted before the 5 minute practice.
 - If a stone crosses the back line it is immediately removed. It cannot be allowed to spin back on.
 - In provincial competitions a draw to the button will determine last rock advantage. Zones and regions will remain a coin toss.
 - For this year, (may change next year), coach time outs will be 2, 1 minute time out with both coaches allowed on ice.
 - If a team is deliberately delaying a game, after a warning is given, the team will have 45 seconds to put the rock in play or it will be removed.
 - Delay of game – after 15 minutes one point is given to non-offending team, next 15 minutes another point is given, after 30 minutes game is forfeited.
 - If a team runs out of time and the opposing team still has time, they can continue to throw rocks until they run out of time. The team with no remaining time cannot throw any rocks.
- ◆ In the Dominion competition, eligibility rules for elite players have been toughened.
- ◆ Prime -1% loan is available to member clubs through OCA up to \$30,000 for emergencies or project funding.



Calendar of Events Nov 2010

Date	Event
Sat, Nov 6 th	Recreational League Mixed Bonspiel
Sat, Nov 13 th	Eastern Ontario Junior Curling League
Fri, Nov 19 th	Day Men's In-House Spiel
Sat, Nov 20 th	Evening Ladies Annual Bonspiel
Sun, Nov 28 th	Grey Cup Bash



Board of Directors 2010/11 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date *	General Meetings
Wed, Nov 17, 2010	
Wed, Dec 15, 2010	
Wed, Jan 19, 2011	
Wed, Feb 16, 2011	
Wed, Mar 16, 2011	
Sun, Apr 17, 2011 @ 3 pm	Spring Annual General Meeting
Wed, Apr 20, 2011	
Wed, May 18, 2011	
Wed, June 15, 2011	
Wed, July 20, 2011	
Wed, Aug 17, 2011	

* Regular monthly meetings begin @ 5 pm

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Season of Champions 2010-11 Event Schedule



Canadian Mixed Championships
Morris, MB
Nov 13 – 20, 2010



Canada Cup of Curling
Medicine Hat, AB
Dec 1 – 5, 2010



Continental Cup of Curling
St. Albert, AB
Jan 13 – 16, 2011



TSN Curling Skins Game
Rama, ON
Jan 22 – 23, 2011



Canadian Junior Championships
Calgary, AB
Jan 29 – Feb 5, 2011



Scotties Tournament of Hearts
Charlottetown, PEI
Feb 19 – 27, 2011



World Junior Championships
Perth, Scotland
Mar 5 – 13, 2011



Tim Hortons Brier
London, ON ~ Mar 5 – 13, 2011



Capital One World Women's Championships
Esbjerg, Denmark
Mar 19 – 27, 2011



Canadian Senior Championships
Digby, NS ~ Mar 19 – 26, 2011



Ford World Men's Championships
Regina, SK ~ Apr 2 – 10, 2011



World Mixed Doubles/Seniors Championships
Minneapolis, MN
Apr 15 – 24, 2011