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WHETHER YOU'RE very young or just "young at heart" ... in great physical condition or have a few aches and pains ... looking for an inexpensive pastime or for travel opportunities to bonspiels in faraway places ... wish to be part of a professionally-run club or want to be involved in all the action of a volunteer organization such as ours ... an athlete preparing for the Paralympics 2006 (see Marg Signa's article about wheelchair curling on page 6) or an 'armchair' skip who enjoys watching all the great events on the sports channels ... then CURLING IS THE SPORT FOR YOU! Curling can be a 'just-for-fun' social outing, or a competitive venture. Read on to see what some of your LCC clubmates are doing.

A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

by Marg Signa



The Tuesday Night Mixed Social League, coordinated by Dick Merrill (pictured above) is now in its sixth season. This league was designed for new members, especially new curlers, to give them an opportunity to get to know the club and the game of curling. This has been very successful in the past because of the experienced club members who filled the positions of Skip and Third and provided guidance and encouragement to new curlers. Again this year, the league promises to be an opportunity for our new curlers to learn some of the basics in rules, strategy and technique, in a pleasant and fun atmosphere. There are 25 new members and 18 of them are novice curlers. Teams are formed at random, changing every five weeks, thus providing opportunity for interaction and socializing with a larger number of members. There are twelve five-person rinks, each one having an experienced Skip and Third and three members who are less experienced.

Dick says they have a lot of fun but they are in need of spare **Skips and Thirds**, so if you can help out on some Tuesdays, **please add your name to the spare list at the club.**

Dick encourages everyone to support the league's fundraiser ... details on page 3.

'HEARTS' IN THEIR EYES!

Skip Jackie McCormick, Second Pam McDermid and Lead Mackenzie Klages are club members who will be representing the LCC on the **Women's Competitive Circuit** this year. All are UWO students who have two weekly games and practice sessions in the varsity league with coach Bruce McAninch, in addition to their weekly President's League game at the club. The three were members of the 2003 OUA championship team and came second at the University Nationals in Regina. Joining this year's LCC team, and missing from the photo, is Tara McAninch, who attends U of T. She takes part in weekend competitions, and practices with the team whenever possible.

Team McCormick enjoyed the Cashspiel (held in London, Ilderton and St. Thomas) in mid-October, competing against well-known Canadian and European teams. Jackie, a self-proclaimed 'rink rat', started curling at the age of 5, and has curled competitively all her life. Her Dad was the ice maker at the 3-sheet rink in the village where she grew up, about 45 minutes west of Fort Frances. She and her teammates are pleased that this year's Zones competition, being held in Ridgetown in December, doesn't conflict with their university exam schedules. The team's goal is to reach the Provincials in Sudbury at the end of January. In order to do so, they must be one of the top two teams out of the Zones, and must have the same ranking in the Regionals in Elmira from January 2 to 4. Good luck and good curling!

Skip Jackie McCormick (centre), pictured with Second Pam McDermid (right) and Lead Mackenzie Klages (left)



Special Thanks to our Volunteer Interim Managers

by Ken Walmsley, Coordinator for LCC Volunteer Management

A very special 'thank you' to **Mr. Alex Curtis** and my dear wife **Jean Walmsley** for job sharing their efforts along with mine to fill the interim manager position for the entire month of September. Much work was completed -- including assisting new members, organizing sign-up sheets for convenors, following up on previous members, confirming rental leagues and bonspiels, along with day-to-day operations to get the club ready for another season. Without them I would have been a basketcase!

Also, special thanks to **Bill McFarlane**, **Ron Schiedel** and **Don Agnew** who have completed their volunteer time to fill this same position for the second year. Their efforts and input to improve the systems supporting the position are much appreciated. Thank you too to those who have stepped forward to fill this position in the near future.

WE DO NEED FOUR OR FIVE ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS to fill this position in the new year to provide coverage for the entire curling season. As the season progresses, the job becomes less demanding. One week would be excellent, two weeks would be fantastic! **Thanks in advance for stepping forward ! It's a great way to help pay for our new ice making equipment and facility.**

Want to improve your delivery?

Andrea Child, a level II certified CCA coach/instructor, is available for private lessons at the reasonable rate of \$20 per hour. Please call Andrea at 680-7308 to arrange an appointment.



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Board will be reporting to you in upcoming issues of Rock Talk about areas of club management for which they have assumed responsibility. Thanks to Past President Don Dudley, chair of the Property and Housekeeping Committee, for providing the following maintenance update:

A new beer fridge has been installed at a cost of \$2,800. No more beer on ice in the sink! Service calls on the old fridge amounted to \$680 last year.

A new hot water furnace has been installed at a cost of \$4800. The old furnace was over 40 years old and constantly breaking down. Service calls amounted to over \$1100 last year.

The roof has been repaired and should last for another two years. Money is being budgeted to replace the roof shingles. This will be a major expenditure (approximately \$25,000).

The parking lot is a major headache and needs to be repaired. The catch basin drain in the centre of the parking lot has been cleaned out and is working well. We will budget money to repair and pave the parking lot as soon as possible.

HELP WANTED

Convenors are urgently required for the **Andy Thomson Memorial Bonspiel** on Saturday, November 29th, and for the **FUNdraising FUNspiel** scheduled for Saturday, December 6th.

The LCC is pleased to be holding the **OCA Bantam and Junior Mixed Provincials** during the week of March 31 to April 4, 2004, and LCC Chair Andrea Child needs your help. Please call and offer your assistance and support ...680-7380.

VOLUNTEER CLUBS LIKE OURS RELY ON MEMBERS TO ORGANIZE AND RUN EVENTS SUCH AS THESE. PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!



Has the mystery of the ghost been resolved?

Solutions are materializing! **Dare** to read all about it in next month's Rock Talk!

HEY, WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET !

Our Capital Campaign last year realized \$73,000 -- \$27,000 short of our \$100,000 goal (of which cash was \$57,000 and pledges were \$16,000).

The \$125,000 bank mortgage we received was significantly below the expected \$150,000.

Our application for a construction grant (which we fully expected to receive) through the CCA was denied.

Our second grant of \$11,000 from the Trillium Foundation (the first being \$68,000) was less than hoped for.

The balance of funding has come from short-term bank loans, currently totaling about \$75,000. These loans are secured by funds held by the club as reserves and from operations.

Our \$25 annual fee-per-member pays for the mortgage. But we will continue to fundraise and will not breathe easy at least until we have the short term loans paid off.

Finance Committee



Dick Merrill and the members of his Tuesday Evening Mixed Social League invite you to participate in their

CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER

and they remind you that

TIME IS SHORT !!!

Order deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 5

Nine varieties available

18 cards per pack (not mixed)

\$10.00 by cash or cheque

Payable to the LCC at time of order

Samples cards and order forms are available in the lounge

Delivery the week of Nov. 10

Almost 50% of the proceeds go to the club!

Dealing with Curling's **FOE PAWS**

by "Mr. Completely" & "Ms. Takes"

In this monthly column, we will discuss various aspects of our favourite game, including etiquette and rules – why we have them and who breaks them. Let's start with the time a game is scheduled to start. You are expected to be there and ready to play. How many times have we stood on the ice looking over the gallery or searching in the locker room for a missing team member? Those players who are consistently late for games cause delays in getting started, confusion over the order of play in the first end, possible loss of an end because of time, and may cause their team to lose a match that they would otherwise win. Everyone knows that getting to the club on time runs the risk of trains, last minute work interruptions, telephone calls and family responsibilities, among other things. But being late affects your teammates and your opponents as well, so seven players count on you to show up on time and you should do your best to do just that.

When you know in advance that you will be late, call one of your teammates. Or, at the last minute, call the club and pass the message along. That way at least the game can start in an orderly way. Better still, give the game the priority it deserves and plan to be in the lounge and ready to play five minutes before game time.

LCC'S EARLY YEARS (1847-1923): A STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL

by Connie Weir

"The history of the sport in London is the history of the London Curling Club"
(LFP, Dec.2/61)

"Today I saw a band of Scotchmen who were throwing large balls of iron, like tea-kettles, on the river ice, after which they cried "Soop, Soop!" and then laughed like fools. I really believe they are fools!" (1850's - farmer speaking to a neighbour after witnessing his first curling game)



The roots of the London Curling Club date back to December 10, 1849, when two London citizens, Dr. Wanless, an avid curler, and F.B. Beddome, a London storeowner, decided that a curling club should be formed "without delay." After setting initiation fees at 10 shillings nine pence (\$3 to \$4), and annual fees at 2 shillings six pence, the two men conducted a two-day membership drive. At the opening meeting, 43 interested recruits elected their first slate of officers. Dr. Wanless, the newly elected Secretary, recorded the minutes of that first meeting, during which the most pressing issue discussed was the lack of curling stones. Apparently, granite stones could not be obtained, so the members agreed to pay a local tradesman, Elijah Leonard, a total of 14 pounds to make 16 cast iron stones.

Unfortunately, attendance at the first few games was poor, and the club struggled with low membership and debt for the next six years. Then, on Dec. 1, 1855, a supper meeting at Young's Tavern resulted in a new slate of officers and the determination to pay off the debt and instill new life into the club. Of course, this new found enthusiasm may well owe some of its strength to the food and "liquid refreshments" enjoyed that evening: *"an excellent meal of beef and greens was provided by Mr. Young, which was finished with sundry horns of hot scotch, and after a very pleasant evening, all the members went home all the more pleased with the grog and themselves."*

The next few years saw a number of "firsts." On Feb. 10, 1857, club members travelled for the first time, playing (and losing, unfortunately) on a millpond in Paris, Ontario. The following year saw the creation of their first trophy – a medal donated by R.C. MacFie. MacFie's 10-year-old nephew, who was often asked to drive the curlers to the river for their games, also "spared" when needed, becoming the first unofficial junior curler (not to mention "DD"). (Apparently the men allowed him to place the hack halfway down the sheet.)

Initially, the club had no fixed quarters, playing most often at the Coves on Springbank Drive, or on the river near the Wellington Street Bridge. Sleighs and horses were used to clear away the snow, with every curler pitching in to help. To encourage the workers, there was usually a basket of "liquid fortification" - bottles and jugs of whiskey, wrapped in blankets to keep them from freezing. The first "clubhouse" was built – a small wooden building at the Coves - in 1860.

In the early 1860's, a second club, the Thames Curling Club was formed, and became a friendly rival in many games. Unfortunately, there were insufficient members to keep both clubs going, so the two clubs amalgamated in 1872 under a new name: the Union Club of London. To mark the occasion, another annual competition medal – the Malahide medal – was donated by Elijah Leonard, maker of the original iron stones.

The amalgamation lasted until 1879, when the London Curling Club was revived under its original name. A rink was built at Lake Horn (a pond just north of Pall Mall, between Richmond and Waterloo, produced by damming Carling Creek, which flowed through the area at that time). Also in 1879, another rival club was organized – The Forest City Curling Club. In the early 1880's, LCC moved again, to permanent quarters on Simcoe Street, a facility shared by both curling clubs until 1907, when Forest City built a rink at Richmond and Piccadilly and changed its name to the London Thistle Club.

The Thistle Club became stiff competition for LCC, which once again came close to folding. But then, during the 1910-11 season, under the leadership of R. Bruce Wanless, LCC obtained a new home – a building at the Western Fairgrounds, called the Crystal Palace. Unfortunately, only three years after its purchase, the Crystal Palace burned to the ground. LCC was forced to move in with its Thistle Club rivals until 1915, when they took over the Jubilee Skating Rink on Lyle Street. Once again, however, disaster struck in the form of a fire, which destroyed the building in the summer of 1922. And once again, LCC members refused to give up on their club. In 1923, the reconstructed building opened – the building that still stands today, proudly, and which is the last remaining sports club of its era.

(The research material for this article was found in the vertical files in the Ivey London Room at the Central Library – "Curling" file)

Editor's note: Connie challenges the seniors at the club to come up with answers to the following questions:

- 1) What is the relationship between the original founder, Dr. Wanless, and the R. Bruce Wanless mentioned in the last paragraph?
- 2) Is the Simcoe St. location referred to in the second-last paragraph the old "London Arena" that was on Simcoe near Ridout?

TEASDALE TROPHY

The Teasdale Trophy Senior League began the 2003-2004 season with 13 teams. We're overbooked! This means one team will have a holiday on a given Thursday sometime in the next 12 weeks. Our start time has also been moved back to 1:30 p.m. instead of 2:00 p.m.

Missed in the last Rock Talk was recognition of the 2002-2003 season champions --David Foster, Nick Sauter, Bruce Cooper and Ron McLennan. Congratulations!



Curl for the Cure

The 7th Annual "Curl for the Cure" Women's Charity Bonspiel will be held at the LCC on Saturday, November 22, 2003. Proceeds from Entry Fees, Pledges, Silent Auction and Corporate Contributions will be donated to the Breast Cancer Society of Canada to support education, research and programs in London. Proceeds from the Raffle will be donated to Wellspring, a Cancer Support Centre in London in memory of Kit Benson. \$27,500 was raised at this event last year. Our goal this year is \$30,000.

The bonspiel will include two 8-end games, breakfast, lunch and snack foods. All participants will receive a prize and gift bag. Incentive prizes will be provided to participants who obtain a minimum of \$150 in pledges. Registration packages and pledge forms are available in the Women's Locker Room. Corporate sponsorship and/or contributions and donations for our Silent Auction, Raffle, Prize Table and Participant Gift Bags would be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS VERY WORTHWHILE CAUSE, WHICH TOUCHES THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE EACH YEAR AND JOIN US IN THE FIGHT TO END BREAST CANCER.

Pam Harrison, Bonspiel Co-Ordinator (686-2559)

The Pro Shop

carries an excellent selection of fleece and microfibre curling attire. All tops, jackets and vests are embroidered with the LCC logo. Clothing makes an excellent Christmas present for that special curler on your list.

If you have something special in mind, remember they do take special orders and there is still time to order for delivery before Christmas. Please contact one of the Pro Shop volunteers for assistance ... names are posted on the shop window.

Andrea Child

ON THE ROCKS



Step up to the bar and say 'hi' to John Spetman, who wears many "hats" at the London Curling Club, including looking after the bar most Friday evenings and weekends. Please welcome to the bartending staff Paul Decarie and Alana Riley, who look forward to serving your favourite beverages and snacks Monday to Thursday evenings.

Bits and Bitters

Please remember that the equipment, dishware and cutlery in our kitchen is available for use by all the members WHILE YOU ARE AT THE CLUB. Lil does a regular inventory. Missing items are noticed and result in great expense to the club and great inconvenience to your fellow curlers. If you feel that you MUST take an item home with you, please let Lil know. Items of equipment in locked cupboards are available by reserving them in advance. For special events, please notify the office in writing of all your requirements.

ASHAM is offering you a chance to win a unique ice bucket -- shaped like a curling stone! Look for entry forms on the tables in the lounge.

BOOK SALE

The response to the requests for books has been wonderful. Final day for contributions was Thursday, October 30, and the BOOK LADIES, Lil Richardson and Joan Bidinosti, thank you!

There are hundreds of interesting books to suit every taste -- Novels, Mysteries and Suspense, Sports, Cooking, books for Children, Canadiana and Autobiographies to name just a few. Buy them for yourselves, family, friends, and even as Christmas gifts.

**The prices will suit every wallet ...
from 5 cents to \$5.00.**

**Wednesday November 12 noon to 9:30 pm
Thursday November 13 8:45 am to 9:30 pm
Friday November 14 8:45 am to 9:30 pm
in the LCC lower lounge**

Please support this LCC fundraiser!

Wheelchair Curling

by Marg Sirna

The sport of Wheelchair Curling has been accepted as a discipline by the World Curling Federation. The International Paralympic Committee has determined that it will be in the Winter Paralympic Program in Torino in 2006. This is a very exciting prospect.

Wheelchair Curling came into the limelight in January 2000 when three teams, two from Switzerland and one from Sweden, took part in a World Cup Bonspiel in Switzerland. At the close of the Bonspiel, a seminar was held with input from the athletes and representatives of the WCF and the following rules were formulated for the play of the game:

1. Each game shall be played over 6 ends with an extra end to be played in the event of a tie.
2. Each player shall deliver their stones before the hog line.
3. No sweeping is permitted.
4. All players must deliver their stones from a wheelchair.
5. All other WCF rules apply.

For more information on Wheelchair Curling visit the London and Area Wheelchair Curling Association web site www.lawca.ca. It was established to organize, integrate, develop and enhance wheelchair curling for the physically disabled in London and the surrounding area. The Canadian team has two members who are the only certified disabled curling coaches in Canada. This team appreciates and enjoys the support of the Ilderton Curling Club and its members.

Watch for the following special curling events this year: Canadian Nationals, November 10 – 16, 2003, Toronto, Ontario
The Extender Open, December 20, 2003, Ilderton Curling Club
World Curling Championships, 2004, Sursee, Switzerland

Canadian Women Curl in USA on Senior Friendship Tour



LCC curler Dot MacRae will captain the Canadian Curling Association Friendship Tour to curl in the USA from November 5 to 17, 2003. Fellow club member Linda Karl, area curlers from the Highland and Sarnia, and curlers from St. Catherines, Brantford, Toronto Granite, Leaside, Whitby and Unionville complete the team.

Four teams will curl at nine clubs in the northeast USA, beginning in Nashua, New Hampshire and continuing on to three locations in Maine and four in New York State, ending in Utica and Rochester. The women will be staying in the homes of their host curlers.

This will be the third group of Canadian senior women curlers to be hosted by the USA. The exchange began in 1990 and is a collaboration between the USWCA and the CCA. Dot MacRae (Past-President Ontario and Canadian Curling Associations) shares the responsibility for coordinating the tour with Emily M. Smith, USWCA Senior Friendship Tour Chairman from Nashua, N.H.

Editor's note: No doubt Dot and Linda will have lots of great stories when they return to London (apparently there's something about the 'mounties musical ride'!) ... we'll share some of them with you in the next issue of Rock Talk.

CASHSPIEL 2003 SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction portion of the Southwestern Ontario Women's Charity Cashspiel was held at the London Curling Club on Friday, October 17. The auction raised over \$4,100 for Breast Cancer Care and Cure.

I would like to thank all the people who donated the silent auction items as well as the volunteers who helped run the event. They include Pat Bell, Marnie Sherritt, Sandy Ronson, Pam Harrison, Sheila Novlan and Mary Lou Dickinson. And a big 'thanks' goes out to Kevin, Dan, John, Lil, Barb, Alex, Ken W. ...they are truly remarkable!

Sharon Sivak



TRIVIA QUESTIONS by Linda Round answers on page 8

1. Which member of our club is affectionately called "Rickety"?
2. Name the winning skip of the recent Women's Cash Spiel and the province from which she hails
3. Were any " Eight-Enders" scored by LCC members last season? If so, can you name the skips involved?
4. Name the female curler who is the longest-standing active member of the LCC.
5. Which bonspiel was held at the LCC the weekend of Oct. 25/26th?

WOMEN'S DAYTIME IN-HOUSE CURLING by Pat Bell

We welcome the return of Ginet DeMarchi, as well as new curler Carol Wilson and Sandy Roche from the evening league. We are off to a great start ... terrific ice and good friends -- what more do we need! There's lots of curling underway and November will be a busy month. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday leagues are in the middle of their draw so winners will be announced in the next issue of Rock Talk. Watch for the new brightly colored sign-up sheets for upcoming events. If you're looking for curling equipment, your Pro Shop representatives -- Marilyn Wearing, Lil Richardson and Pat Bell -- look forward to assisting with your purchase.

Here are some great events organized by the Women's Daytime curlers:

- Don't forget to sign up for the Early Bird Bonspiel on November 17.
- Ask if you need ideas for "Theme Teams" (what a fun idea!) to be held on November 19.
- Grab a golfing or lawn bowling buddy and come on down to Friendship Day, November 27. Convenor Sheila Novlan would be glad to answer any questions you or your guests might have.
- "Leads and Seconds" Day is December 10.
- Our Women's Christmas Party will be held on December 17.
- Hone your "eye on the broom" skills and work on those glitches in your delivery at Andrea Child's clinic for women (Monday, January 5 from 1 pm to 3 pm).
- Our second fundraiser Card Party of the season will be held on January 17.

Special thanks to Lil Richardson and Joan Bidinosti and all their helpers for organizing our giant Book Sale, to be held on NOVEMBER 12, 13 and 14. (Details on page 5).

Andrea Child (Club Pro and Manager of the Pro Shop) thanks the daytime ladies who left curling shoes for the "SHOE BOX". Did you know that any gently used curling equipment (shoes, grippers, sliders) is used and appreciated by our Little Rockers, Bantams and Juniors, who borrow the equipment and then return it for the newcomers the following year? Trophies are also appreciated, as they can be recycled into greatly cherished prizes. What a great way to help our kids curling programs.

The Pampered Chef



Come out and see the great selection of high quality kitchen tools that make great gifts for Christmas ... AND save time in the kitchen! Sample the new Pampered Chef recipes.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2003

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

LONDON CURLING CLUB

Watch for more details and a sign-up sheet posted at the club ... bring a friend!

This LCC Fundraiser is hosted by Cindy Thom and the Thursday Evening Business Women's League.

15% of sales will be donated to the LCC capital campaign

Remembering Connie (Connie Collyer 1934-2003)

by Mary Dirk

Connie was a strong, brave woman with a zest for life that helped her to cope with the past year in the hospital. Her long struggle with her illness ended on October 2, 2003, surrounded by her loving family. Connie is survived by her dear husband Ron, daughters Margie (John), Sandra, Barbie (Albert) and her adored granddaughters Allison, Angela, Olivia and Chloe. They were the love of her life.

The celebration of Connie's life was at Colborne Street United Church where she and Ron were married on the same date 48 years ago. She was eulogized by Reverend Carrothers and by her youngest granddaughter as a fun loving, strong, devoted, organized and loving woman.

I remember Connie as a true and loyal friend, a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

I remember our friendship over the past 25 years and the sad and happy times we shared.

I remember the hours spent on the phone and all the special events in our lives that we attended together. We were always there for each other. I will miss that.

I remember the fun curling together at the Ivanhoe, Western Fair Arena, and the London Curling Club. Our finest hour was winning the 2001-2002 Daytime Women's Competitive League Championship with Hennie Melles and Janet Stenson. Connie was so excited as it was a first for her and Hennie. It was memorable for me as it was the last time we curled together.

I remember how much Connie enjoyed her years at the LCC. As Chair of the Daytime Women, she took her job seriously and did a wonderful job.

Most of all, I remember Connie's smile and infectious laugh. I will treasure her friendship forever.

Sincere condolences are sent to Ron and family from the members of the LCC. Rest peacefully, dear friend. You are missed, but never forgotten.

Always loved,

Your friend, Mary

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**NOVEMBER**

- 4 Medcalf Trophy
 5 Christmas Card order deadline
 12,13,14 BOOKSALE
 22 Curl for the Cure
 25 Closed all day – maintenance
 26 Closed until 5pm – maintenance
 26 Pampered Chef
 29 Andy Thomson Memorial Spiel

DECEMBER

- 2,3 Sifton Classic
 5 Rock Talk December deadline
 6 Fundraising Funspiel
 13 Junior Bonspiel
 20,21 JUNIOR CURLATHON
 24-26 Closed for Christmas
 27-30 Closed for Maintenance
 31 AM,PM Open for Reservations
 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Curling Party

ICE RENTALS

There are still a few ice-rental times available this season ... Why not plan your very own 'invitational curling event' for family or friends? RATES, tax included are:
 \$60 for one sheet for 2 hours,
 \$500 for all 6 sheets of ice for the day, or
 \$100 for the upstairs lounge and kitchen for an evening.
CALL THE OFFICE for further information.

ICE PICKS

Kevin reminds you that cleaning your shoes at the boot cleaner inside the front door will help to keep our ice and carpets clean!

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

Thanks for reading Rock Talk while at the club. If you'd like a copy to take home, please sign up in the lounge and we'll be happy to deliver one to the bar for pick-up every month. Rock Talk is also available on the web at www.curling.com/london. Give us your e-mail address and we'll notify you when the current issue is available on line.

The **JVC TSN Women's Skins Games** will be held on December 13 and 14 in St. Thomas. Colleen Jones, Sherry Middaugh and Debbie McCormick (defending World Champion) will be joining one other team that will advance out of the M&M Spiel in Winnipeg. There will be two games on Saturday and the final will take place on Sunday at 1 pm.

Ticket prices are \$75 for a VIP weekend pass or \$40 for the regular 3-game pass. Ticket information can be found at www.2003skins.com or by calling 663-7402

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**TRIVIA ANSWERS**

From page 6

1. Rick Allum by the Alice Saddy Association curlers
2. Suzanne Gaudet from PEI
3. Charlene Timms, Dan Currie
4. Mary Lou Dickinson
5. Junior Diabetes Research Foundation Bonspiel

ROCK TALK SAYS THANKS ...

to Marg Sirna for her ongoing assistance, support and contributions to our newsletter, and to Board members, league convenors and club staff for being so generous in providing articles and information.

Doug Weir deserves a round of applause for the work he does every month to install Rock Talk onto the 'web', as does computer genius Chris Henderson for helping to solve our space problems last month.

Welcome to Connie Weir, Linda Round and "Mr. Completely and Ms. Takes" ... watch for their entertaining columns every month!