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HEARTS "SMARTS"

2006 SCOTT TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS COMES TO LONDON

On July 26th the Canadian Curling Association announced that the 2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts will be held in London from February 25th to March 5th, at the John Labatt Centre. The last time the "Hearts" was held in London was in 1986 when Marilyn Bodogh was the winner. The 1974 Brier and the 1981 Silver Broom were also held in London.

The Tournament will be hosted by four curling clubs in the area – London Curling Club, St. Thomas Curling Club, Highland Curling Club and Ilderton Curling Club. The Organizing Committee has elected Peter Inch from the St Thomas Curling Club as the Chair of the Host Committee.

The 2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts will mark the 25th anniversary of Scott Paper Limited's sponsorship of women's curling. Scott Paper is planning a big party to celebrate this occasion and has already booked all the rooms in a downtown hotel during the event. The Canadian Curling Association has also made arrangements with the Convention Centre for the Heart Stop Lounge and entertainment to be held in that facility. Buses will be used to transport the curling fans between the John Labatt Centre and the Convention Centre. The Tournament office will be located at 100 Wellington Street South .

There will be an opportunity for many people to get involved in this event. The next step will involve appointing the Vice Chairs for the event. Vice Chairs will head up the following areas: Facilities, Business, Special Events and Volunteers, Hosting, and Heart Stop Lounge. In addition to the Vice Chairs, 100 Directors to lead various committees will be required, and to make sure the event is a success, a large contingent of 600 volunteers will be required to carry out numerous responsibilities for the tournament. Peter Inch plans to visit each Club in the near future to discuss in some detail duties of the volunteers and to answer any questions that may arise during the meetings.

If you are interested in a Vice Chair or Director position you can contact Dave Shaw at 434-4410 or Jack Phillips at 471-7158 for more details.

The Canadian Curling Association has set up a Web Site at www.tournamentofhearts.ca where additional information can be obtained.

Jack Phillips



NOTE: Jack Phillips is a long-standing member of the LCC, where he is also a member of the Capital Improvement Committee, the Fundraising Committee, and the Bid Committee which was formed in 2002 to promote the City of London as a potential host to a national curling event.

Keep up-to-date on all the "Hearts" news in future issues of Rock Talk, where **HEARTS "SMARTS"** will be a regular monthly feature.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT:

Annual General Meeting Summary

Alec Curtis

The Board of Directors under the leadership of President Joanne Laws was happy to report that our excess of revenues over expenses from operations totalled \$28,862 for the 2003/04 season. By comparison, the surplus for 2002/03 was \$21,537. Membership growth of 43 to a total membership of 670 was the major contributor to this increase. The new ice-making plant was installed on time at a cost of \$269,000. Bank loans amounted to \$144,236 at the end of the 2003/04. Donations and Fundraising, which are the major sources of funds to pay our loans, decreased to \$21,993 which is less than half of the \$57,693 raised during the 2002/03 season.

The spirit of volunteerism by our members augmented the fine performance of our staff to combine for a most successful curling season. Volunteer league conveners resolved difficult issues and fostered fun and enthusiasm amongst the membership. Volunteer managers attended to the smooth operation of the club. The volunteer Capital Improvement Committee supervised the installation and commissioning of the new ice-making plant and the removal of the old ice-making equipment from the basement. Special thanks to Bill Easton who spent part of every day during the summer of 2003 at the club on behalf of the membership. Wink DuBrule and Marg Sirna combined their efforts to make Rock Talk a great communications vehicle for the membership. Andrea Child and her committee did a superb job of hosting the OCA Pepsi Junior and Bantam Mixed Provincials which enhanced our reputation as a good place to hold events. Last, but by no means least, the volunteer Board of Directors worked tirelessly to benefit the members with the best curling experience that our club is capable of providing.

Direction for 2004/05 Season:

A nine-point Statement of Direction was presented at the first meeting of the Board of Directors for the 2004/05 season:

- 1) To focus all efforts and resources on delivering on the commitments contained in our Vision Statement and Mission Statement.
- 2) To insure that all decisions made by the Board:
 - reflect due diligence and good stewardship
 - are made with the knowledge that they represent the interest of the majority of the members.
- 3) To continue with the volunteer management method of operation.
- 4) To increase club membership by
 - marketing the club to everyone who participates in a rental or expresses an interest in our game
 - building on the excellent information nights held in the past 3 years.
- 5) To optimize the profits generated from club operations.
- 6) To develop fundraisers which will shorten the club's period of indebtedness and provide for future capital projects.
- 7) To maximize the profit from ticket sales for the 2006 Tournament of Hearts.
- 8) To establish committees of volunteers for each of the portfolios of the Board from which future board members may be recruited.
- 9) To make the 2004/05 term on the Board a rewarding and enjoyable experience for the members.

INTRODUCING the 2004-2005 Board of Directors of the London Curling Club

Club President **Alec Curtis** (center back, accompanied by "Buddy"), is pictured beside **Mike Bancroft** (Planning/Fundraising, left), and **Marc Claveau** (Property/Housekeeping). **Tom Fejes** (Curling Committee), **Doug Weir** (Advertising/Marketing) and **Arnie Easter** (Vice President) appear in the front row, in front of **Fay Weiler** (Secretary) and **Guiti Massoumi** (Member Services). Missing at photo time were Past President **Joanne Laws**, Treasurer **Doug Hamather**, **Bob Davis** (Pro Shop), and **Dave Heinrichs** (OCA-CCA Representative).

The Board of Directors is comprised of 12 members, each of whom is nominated and serves on the Board for a three-year period. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month during the curling season. Club members are encouraged to read the minutes of their meetings, which are posted on the bulletin board located in the hallway by the back door of the club, and to direct any questions to the Board member responsible for that particular area of club operations.





FREE PARKING?

Not if our Senior Men have anything to say about it! Dan MacInnes (right) and Bob Hyatt were just two of the Seniors who took part in renting out spaces in our parking lot to Western Fair-goers this year ... and, at a rate of \$3 per car, raised \$1109 in the process!

Special thanks to Dan and Millie McInnes who organized this project and "worked" the lot during the 8-day event, and to all the other members who took a turn or two: Don Agnew, Dave Austin, Bud Boyd, Jim Coupar, John Dixon, Don Dudley, Ed & Carmen Galloway, Don Harrison, Dick Kilbourne, Dick Lapp, Roger LeBlanc, Don Lowry, Stu McBride, Bill McFarlane, Don McKay, Pat Millar, Dennis O'Connor, Gord Rodgers and Al Starratt.

BAR SHOTS

Bartener John Spetman is pleased to introduce the *PEPSI* product line to the LCC. As an added bonus, when the bar staff is "off duty", a brand new vending machine located in the back foyer is ready to take orders for your favourite *PEPSI* beverages. John will ensure that there is always plenty of product 'in stock'. And the best news is that all of the profit from this new venture goes to the Club.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

In my remarks at the Annual General Meeting, I stated that in preparing my projections for the Directors, I had included an amount of \$10,000 for Capital Fund donations during the fiscal year ending April 30, 2005. In order to retire our long term debt in the amount of \$116,666 as quickly as possible, fundraising must continue to be a major project for the Club's members.

Our thanks to the following individuals and groups whose contributions were recorded after my last report in the March issue of Rock Talk. Donations to the Capital Campaign as of September 14, 2004 total \$90,247.29.

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| Jo-Ann Yungblut | Les Brayford |
| Ron & Kay Carr | Dick Kilbourne |
| Greg McLaren Bonspiel | Junior Curlers |
| Mixed Social League | Lady Sinners |
| Senior Men | Fun Shot Winners |
| Mixed League | Women's Daytime League |
| Scotch Doubles | Dot MacRae |
| Laurie McKenna | Teasdale Curling League |
| Thursday Night Ladies Business League | |
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Have a great season!
Jack Phillips



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Spirit of Curling Awards

The London Curling Club was pleased to recognize and celebrate the winners of the 2003-2004 Spirit of Curling Award at the Annual General Meeting held at the Club in June.

The worthy recipient of the women's 2004 Spirit of Curling Award was **Sheila Novlan** (aka "Lou Lou"). Sheila is one of our club members who can be described as indispensable. As an avid curler, she has participated in and championed the sport for many years. Sheila became known as the *party girl* a few years ago in the women's evening league. This is not a frivolous title to be confused with table dancing. Sheila ensured all our events were extra special with her table centre pieces, prizes, raffle items, food, etc. She made things happen and it was actually assumed she would do so. When a person contributes so willingly (always with a smile), it is unfortunate that she is often taken for granted.



During the 150th LCC anniversary celebrations, she and her husband Ken convened the memorable and successful closing party. Anyone who attended this event -- the climax of an exciting year -- was well aware of the beautiful and professionally-organized evening. They did it so well, they were requested to repeat the success and did so willingly.

Since her retirement and participation in daytime curling, her almost-full-time role as chief decorator for all the events has become a tradition. Her talents are always requested by convenors, and she has undertaken convening more than her share of events. In various bonspiels she has prepared meals in her own kitchen to ensure cost saving and quality. Here is where she epitomizes kindly feeling. The makeup of a club's success ranges from the ice to sharing a meal in beautiful surroundings at the end of the event. Sheila's volunteerism and talent has been one of these important links in this circle. The phrase we hear second to "*sweep harder*" is "*ask Sheila*". If the club archives and final reports from **all sections** were searched, there would be few events in which Sheila was not involved. We look forward to seeing what she can design for us in the 2004-05 seasons. Congratulations Sheila!

Pat Steele

Rick Allum is the 2003-04 recipient of the men's Spirit of Curling Award. Rick was not present, but he was eloquently introduced by John Spetman (who better to observe one so deserving the Spirit of Curling Award?).

Rick, as well as being an avid curler, is a volunteer with the Alice Saddy Association. On their behalf, some time ago, he approached the LCC about introducing curling to a group of these special-needs adults. As a result, the club generously donated the use of its facility for two hours each Monday afternoon. The club has enthusiastically received the program and any members who are at the club on Monday afternoons will vouch for the contribution made by Rick. He is a valued volunteer and is loved by the group, who affectionately call him "Rickety", because they think he is old! The members of the "Alice Saddy with Brooms Club", under Rick's direction were proud to volunteer their services at the Fundraising bonspiel held at the LCC in December 2002.

The time Rick gives to assisting these adults to learn the "fundamentals of curling" demonstrates his good sportsmanship and positive, caring attitude. He loves the game of curling and he wishes to share it with others. These are all very important attributes.

Well done, John Spetman, to have nominated one who so well exemplifies the spirit of the game!

Congratulations Rick!

Marg Sirna



Once again, this year's Open House on September 7 and 8 was very successful and was very well attended, specifically by potential new members. We will have the final number of new members by next month. Our pre-season activities were further improved with free publicity in Free Press, on the radio and by distributing information flyers to all the city's libraries a few weeks prior to the Open House. We also rented and posted a sign in the parking lot facing King Street for 20 days before the Open house (at the cost of \$164).

Our special thanks to everyone who played a role to ensure a very successful Open House. Thanks to all the convenors who attended the Open House to represent their leagues and to sign up all the returning members as well as new members. And we were very grateful for Maureen Cloughesy's assistance in designing an attractive curling caricature for our Open House info flyer. Thanks, Mo, for your patience and devoted time

We would like to urge every member of the Club to promote membership at any opportunity, to ensure a healthy, quality and profitable social Curling Club. A Special Welcome to all new members and returning members -- GOOD CURLING AND GOOD FUN!!!!!!!

Member Service Committee: Guiti Massoumi, Joanne Laws and Marc Claveau





London Curling Club is pleased to announce the winners of the competitive events for the 2003-4 season.

PRESIDENT'S LEAGUE

Dave Mann
Bruce Thom
Frank Van Diepenbeek
Dan Curry

WOMEN'S OPEN LEAGUE

Marlene Benny
Isobel Campbell
Mary Lynne Patterson
Mary Lois Cooper

THURSDAY NIGHT BUSINESS WOMEN

Pat Steele
Leslie Steele
Connie Weir
Darlene Pfaff

MILLER LEAGUE

Dave Heinrichs
Ted Ellwood
Des Lackey
Greg Lewis

FRIDAY EVENING MIXED

Dave Heinrichs
Beth Heinrichs
Des Lackey
Colleen Sullivan

The "Grand Old Lady" Gets a Facelift !

In case no one has noticed, LCC has received a new paint job! Along with the two burgundy canopies, we are "looking good"! This has been a great year for maintenance projects. We finally have some money to spend on much-needed repairs. The largest expenditure of course was the paving of the parking lot. This has been long overdue, and will greatly assist in the winter maintenance, snow plowing and sanding. We ask everyone to please observe the directional arrows and angle parking lines. My thanks to John Spetman for the paint job and to Bill Easton for his help in organizing the paving project.

Other items such as the new boiler for the hot water heating system, new refrigerators, and our new ice-making equipment put us in an excellent position as far as maintenance is concerned, and will save a considerable amount of money in repairs for years to come. Having said that, of course, there will ALWAYS be something going wrong, simply because of the age of our building! Perhaps the roof?

This is a good time to introduce our new board member and chairman of the Maintenance Committee, Marc Claveau. Even though you are much younger than I am, Marc, I am NOT suggesting that you go up on the roof. However ... hmmm ... maybe if we could save some money??? Just kidding, Marc! Good luck and enjoy.

Don Dudley

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Don't miss your chance to pay in advance for the LCC

50/50 Draw

For several years now, Bill Nugent has been "custodian" of the 50/50draw, LCC's longest-running fundraising event! Entry is on the honour system ... you simply put your LOONIE into the 50/50 jar and initial beside your name in the member log book. Bill has another club member draw from a series of numbered tickets to determine the winner each week. If the number drawn matches the name of a member who **hasn't** contributed to the 'pot' in that particular week, then the total dollar amount is 'carried over' to another week. Last January's carry-over was \$788 ... a close 'second' to the pot of almost \$1000 which was won the previous season! What a nice return on a \$1 investment! Last year, the profits from the 50/50 venture contributed \$2134 to the Club.

The Club's "pay-in-advance" program allows members to make their yearly 50/50 contributions at the beginning of the year. This season's draw starts the week of October 18th and ends the week of March 25th (for a total of 21 weeks). Don't miss your chance to sign up ... drop off your \$21 payment at the office before October 18th.



Daytime Women's Report

The **Closing Meeting** of the Daytime Women's Section was held April 6 with 70 women in attendance. Penny Brown presented Marg Sirna with the Chair's Pin for her service the last year as Women's Chair. The new executive was introduced: Past Chair Marg Sirna; Chair Pat Bell; Vice Chair Jean Walmsley, Public Relations/Historian Linda Peeling and assistant Dorothy Cousins; OCA Representative Linda Karl and assistant Sylvia Leuszler; Games Chair Dot MacRae and assistant Jean Cameron; Trophies Pat Chater; Advisory Committee Mo Cloghesy, Fay Weiler and Joan Dickie. Linda Round graciously agreed to fill the post of secretary when Holly Cox had to resign unexpectedly. Thanks to Mary Lois Cooper for helping Linda get acquainted and organized with the process, and to Linda for stepping in. The **Opening Meeting** of the Women's Daytime Section will be held at the club at 1:30 pm on October 6, with sign up for events starting at 12:30.

Please advise Jean Walmsley of any new members you know are joining; she will be looking for Big Sisters for them. Please encourage them to attend the opening meeting so that they might meet the other members. Also, please advise Jean if you would be a Big Sister. At this time we will honor Sheila Novlan who was awarded the Spirit of Curling Award at the June general meeting.

A **fundraiser** event was well attended by 50 curlers with some from the evening women's group joining us on May 12 for supper at Bernie's (one of our sponsors) and then a dress rehearsal at The Palace Theatre. We are planning two **theatre evenings** in the new year ... on Wednesday February 9 to see 'Eve' and on Wednesday April 6 to see 'Midnight Sun'. Mark those dates on your calendar. Tickets will be made available closer to the dates ... ticket price is \$10, with \$5 going to our fundraising efforts.

There are plans being made to sell **Poinsettia Plants** before Christmas and more information will be available at the start of curling season ... so save your plant purchases until then.

The two groups of **golfers** from the women's section (see accompanying photo) enjoyed the cooler summer weather for their weekly ventures to different courses around the area. They gathered on September 21 for a lunch at Jean



Glendenning's following their golf games ... the end of one season and beginning of another!

The Daytime Women's Section plans to purchase a rock in memory of **Sheila Betkus** who had given so much to women's curling and who dearly loved this club. More news at the opening meeting. Anyone wanting to donate can contact Jean Walmsley for details.

Plans are underway for another **Valentine's Dinner Evening** as a fundraiser for our section, to be held Saturday February 12 ... so mark that date also. Last Year's dinner was a great success thanks to the efforts of Joan Cuthbert. Joan is taking a rest from that event this year and Linda Arthur will provide the meal. Further details later. Anyone wishing to help should contact Mary Lois Cooper.

And last but not least, make a note to attend the **Bridge Party** on October 25. Tickets will be on sale at the Opening Meeting. Contributions to the 'prize' table will be appreciated. Welcome back everyone!

Jean Walmsley

OCA Report



The Fall meeting of the OCA was held at the London Curling Club on September 23rd. Although the weather does not seem to be calling us to the rink as we write this, in fact the ice will soon be in and the curling year will be again in full swing.

We received our sign-up sheets for all of the groups (men, ladies and youth and mixed) and they will soon be posted on their appropriate bulletin boards in the club. When looking at the sheets you will notice a change in that the OCA has established the official closing dates for entries in each of the playdowns; this is now listed on the sheets themselves and on the OCA website. The club representative may, however, change that date to ensure that the deadlines are met (ie. Master Women will be moved ahead from the December 24th date so that entries may be sent prior to the club closing for the holidays). Linda asks that all ladies entering events to have their names in by noon of any deadline (so we can fax said entry and make sure that the appropriate cheque has been mailed). All cheques must be made payable to L.C.C. and given to the office prior to the deadline. Entries (and payment) may also be made online -- please discuss this with your rep or the club manager; teams must still sign up on the sheets posted in the club, even if they enter their team online. The London Curling Club looks forward to hosting the Scott Tournament of Hearts (Women's) in February of 2006 and the Kia Motors (Men's) Zone playdowns on December 10 to 12, 2004. We encourage club members to come out to watch these exciting games.

This year we have not been given a new Rule Book for posting in locker rooms. Any questions can be referred to the office or to your reps, who have been issued updates.

Once again this year a Master List of Bonspiels has not been printed but may be accessed via the internet at www.ontcurl.com or www.curlingzone.com.

Good Curling - see you on the ice !!!!!

Linda Karl and Dave Heinrichs,
OCA Reps, London Curling Club

Farewell Sheila Doris Betkus

Enjoy the next dance!

On Saturday, May 5, 2004, the friends of Sheila, including many from LCC, gathered to bid her a last "Goodbye". It was so appropriate that the hymn that she had chosen, her favourite, was The Lord of the Dance. The eloquent eulogy given by her good friend Pat Reid expressed what we all felt ... our love and respect for Sheila. In 1995/96 she served as Club President and in 1998 she was awarded the prestigious Spirit of Curling Award. Always an enthusiastic proponent of the sport and of the club, she was a walking example of the spirit of the award. When she was President of Ontario, Sheila represented the province at the Canadian Curling Association meetings. She was well known in Curling Circles as coach and organizer and loved the teaching component, which she carried out so well. Many of us, as we get down in the hack and prepare our rock, will hear Sheila reminding us to draw an imaginary line from the rock to the Skip's broom and then throw along that line. She never gave advice unless you asked, but she was always willing to help. Sheila loved the etiquette and the correctness that is such an important component of curling. Her monthly Rock Talk column, Curling "Foe Paws", was an example of that passion. The following poem, which was given to Rock Talk by Sheila several months before she passed away, illustrates the love and respect Sheila had for "The Game".

We have all been blessed to have known you, Sheila, and as we gallantly shake hands with the enemy, we will try hard to smile and not to wish "it was his neck" in our hand!

Marg Sirna

Thou shalt have no other game before me for I am the roarin' game which was in the beginning (even in the stone age) is now and ever shall be!

Come not upon the ice with the old house broom. Thou can't not quicken the pace of a dying rock with last year's broom.

Thou shalt learn thy turns, both the out and the in. For the Skip will not hold him guiltless who throweth the wrong turn.

Plan not a running shot when asked for a guard, lest thy pass thine own shot through, so sending the Skip up into the air. Such play getting his goat, queereth his game, causeth him to swallow his tobacco and to revile thee openly.

Thou shalt not strew straws off thy broom in the path of thine own or thy adversary's rock. Neither shalt thou introduce any foreign body in front of them, causing them to halt in their course and die suddenly.

Thou shalt not stealthily push or kick a rock into the house for the opposing skip shall know of a certainty and his anger will be kindled against thee. Even to the breaking of his broom handle over thy head and thrusting three hence from the sight of curlers. Causing the end of the days of curling for this is an unpardonable sin.

Thou shalt have no discourse with thine adversary while his foot is in the hack and his hand is on the rock. But if thy wilt thou canst pray for him! And when though comest to the last end and hast the game won and still has one rock to play – and this played with deliberation. They rock gambols playfully down the ice sailing jauntily through the port and pusheth thine adversary's rock into the house so that it counts him the end and the game.

And thou comes down the ice with fear and trembling and art hailed by the enemy as a good sport and a fine curler and by thine own side with groans and mutterings for having thrown the game away. Thou shalt receive the proffered hand of thine adversary with a smile even though thou may wish it was his neck!

Author unknown

CLINICS And INSTRUCTION



Welcome back curlers ... new and returning! The London Curling Club held it's beginner clinic for new curlers on Sunday, October 3; however, there is still time for our returning members to register for the advanced clinic, to be held on Saturday, October 9 from 10:00am - 2:00pm. The cost for the clinic is \$20. Please call the office to register. If you can't make the clinic, Andrea Child is available for private lessons again this year. Andrea is a level II certified CCA instructor and coach, and would be more than happy to set up an appointment with you. Cost for lessons is \$20 per hour for individuals or couples. Andrea can be reached at 680-7308 or email at childsplay@sympatico.ca.

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KIDS CURLING PROGRAMS

JUNIORS Jayne Broughton

Unfortunately, the Juniors ran out of weekends last season to hold our overnight Curl-a-Thon, so instead we raised money by having a Funshot event on Sunday, March 21. We had 16 curlers and \$38 was donated to the building fund. Each curler had to demonstrate their skills... Thomas Beckett and Katelyn Andrew won "Chocolate Cars" for most points. Our closing party was held on March 28. We enjoyed a potluck lunch and presentation of Club Championship awards. Our Top Scoring members, whose names will be engraved on the club trophy, were Katelyn Andrew, John Paul Myers, Robert Broughton and Thomas Beckett. We said goodbye and best wishes to long-time Junior members Robert Broughton, Jordan Sutherland and Chelsea Hicks, who will be leaving London next season to further their education. Good luck!

I will be retiring as the Junior Coordinator and passing the reins to Sue Beckett. I wish Sue and her volunteers the best in this rewarding task. Thank you.

CONVENOR: Sue Beckett, 268-3022, sbeckett@rogers.com

BANTAMS Rick Battson

Welcome back to another curling season for the bantam curlers. Bantams are grade 6 - 8 students. Last year, winners of "Team 1" were Eric LeDreff-Kerwin, Jimmy Daunt, Ryan Wilson and James Green and winners of "Team 2" were Lauren Charman, Andrew Sercombe, Andrew Sherriff and Jordan Baldwin. Andrew Sherriff also won a special sportsmanship award for his leadership on the ice.

Curling starts for the Bantams on October 10 and will run, along with the Little Rocks, on Sundays from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. There will be no curling on October 17 but we are back on the 24th. Registration for Bantams is only \$50 and can be paid on our first day (Oct. 10).

I would like to express my thanks to the Sinners Curling League and the Club for supporting our Instructors Training Day which will be taking place on Sunday, October 17. During this day, on-ice helpers (mostly parents) will receive training by the OCA on techniques of teaching curling to children. This should be a great help and improve the quality of our on-ice instruction.

CONVENOR: Rick Battson, 439-7105, rbattson@execulink.com

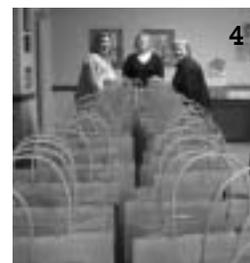
LITTLE ROCKS Dave Dreher

Greetings everyone! We ended last season with our 2nd annual Optimists Club of Middlesex-London LCC Little Rockers Bonspiel, with LCC members and out-of-club guests taking part. Unfortunately the results have been misplaced (a thousand pardons please!) ... however, I can tell you that the event was a huge success. A great big thank you to each of the following sponsors for providing first, second and third place medals for the winners, and for making the medal presentations: **Gold Medals - The Optimists Club of Middlesex-London** (presented by Marvin Mills and Mike Rozon); **Silver Medals - Tozer Electrics** (presented by Brent DuPlessis on behalf of Dwight Tozer); and **Bronze Medals - North Pole Trim and Supplies** (presented by Dave Dreher on behalf of North Pole Trim). The new medallions were greatly appreciated by LCC and out-of-club curlers and will become an ongoing fixture of our Little Rock Optimist Bonspiel.

Our closing party was held on the last week of curling ... lots of pizza and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Attendance awards and year-end prizes were given out.

The new format for the 2004-5 season will see the Little Rockers sharing the ice each Sunday from 3 to 5 pm with the Bantam curlers, whose Convenor is Rick Batson. Rick and I are very excited about this new season and look forward to welcoming back all the 'kids'!

CONVENOR: Dave Dreher, 659-9913, dreherrock@sympatico.ca





Memories of the

ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION Bantam and Junior Pepsi Mixed PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 31 to April 3, 2004

- 1. Viewing stand construction
- 2. Dave & Beth Heindrichs, Facilities Committee
- 3. Little Rock banner carrier
- 4. Goodie bag assembly line
- 5. Juniors at work guarding the cake
- 6. Leading the procession
- 7. LCC brand head bands
- 8. "Bear" theme table centerpieces
- 9. Junior participants



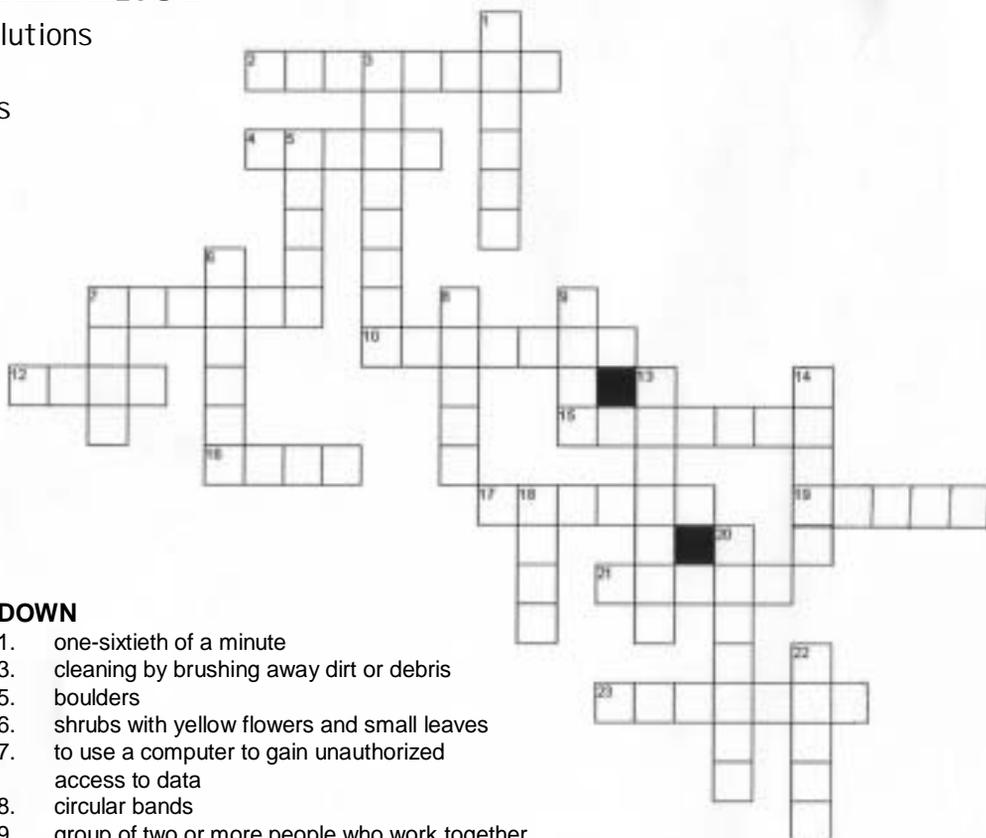
TWO SETS OF TWINS WIN! ...

- 10. Junior winners, Team Merklinger from Ottawa West's Granite Curling Club
- 11. Bantam winners, Team Clayton from the Brant Curling Club
- 12. Bantam participants
- 13. Keynote speakers Jim Waite and Bob LaRose
- 14. OCA officials, taking care of business
- 15. LCC Icemakers Kevin and Dan
- 16. Thanks for the great Opening Reception
- 17. Dave Shaw, "Roving Reporter"
- 18. LCC President Joanne Laws receiving OCA plaque from GM Doug Bakes, while Provincials Event Chair Andrea Child looks on
- 19. Timekeeper Garry Thompson and coaches hard at work
- 20. Timekeeper Committee Bob Kirwin & Cristine LeDreff
- 21. Bantam participants
- 22. Refreshment/Banquet convenors Jean Glendenning and Jayne Broughton taking a break



CROSSWORD CHALLENGE*

Find the "curling-word" solutions by answering the "non-curling" questions



ACROSS

- 2. Danish for "a rustic game"
- 4. prickly shrub, whose woody root is used for making tobacco pipes
- 7. Valentine symbols
- 10. device that takes a firm hold
- 12. bad habit
- 15. to find out the size
- 16. to jump a rope
- 17. device which moves along a smooth surface while maintaining contact
- 19. gems
- 21. prison security worker
- 23. opposite of seniors

DOWN

- 1. one-sixtieth of a minute
- 3. cleaning by brushing away dirt or debris
- 5. boulders
- 6. shrubs with yellow flowers and small leaves
- 7. to use a computer to gain unauthorized access to data
- 8. circular bands
- 9. group of two or more people who work together
- 13. the opposite of 'eat in'
- 14. OCA cola sponsor
- 18. to be ahead in a game
- 20. hard rock made of quartz, mica and feldspar
- 22. undergrowth, small trees and shrubs

* solution on page 12

MARJ CARSON CURL FOR CANCER

Wednesday, March 17 saw 48 curlers at the club ready to enjoy a day of curling and fun while raising money to battle cancer. The day is named in honour of Marj Carson, a past president of the Women's Section and mother of Pat Chater. Marj enjoyed the fun days and fellowship at LCC and that was the common denominator of this day.

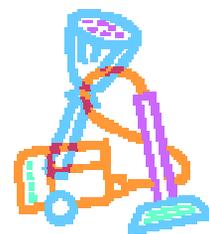
Raffle prizes were all donated, ranging from a cookbook and bath items to baby shawls and a basket of wine and cheese goodies. Three larger items were sold by silent auction—a quilt/afghan rack made by Don Lowry, an afghan made by June Phillips and a garden chair made by Shirley Vaile. A cheque for \$889 was sent to the Cancer Society, not bad for a "bring something" – "buy something back" event!!

Curlers played two 6-end games with lunch (brought by the curlers!!). Joan Esterbrook, fund raising coordinator for Elgin Middlesex spoke at lunch time and stayed to enjoy the kibitzing while draws were made. For the second game, high winner played high loser, giving the losers a chance to win the event for the first time. Pat Chater presented the trophy to the rink of Ginete DeMarchi, Connie Weir, Sue Lundy and Marnie Sherritt.

Judging by the laughter and chatter during the day, Marj would have really approved of the day named for her! To those who convened with me, to everyone who worked so hard the day of the event, and to all those who made donations, my sincere thanks!

Marilyn Hart

Keeping House at the LCC



Hope Marshall has joined the staff, assuming the ever-so-important housekeeping duties. If you're at the club early in the day, you'll have a chance to meet Hope ... please give her an enthusiastic welcome to the LCC!

Please Give Our Advertisers YOUR Support!

Doug Weir and his Advertising Committee (Harry Steele, Barb Vitkauskas, Bruce Cooper, Dennis O'Connor, Wink DuBrule) have been working hard over the summer months soliciting advertising for our new arena advertising program, for Rock Talk, and for the Membership Roster. The resulting good news is that we have several new advertisers on board, and that your Roster should be available in record time ... by the early part of October.

The businesses that place ads with us would like to know that their advertising dollars are well spent. So when you patronize any of the businesses listed below, please be sure to tell them that you saw their ad at the London Curling Club!

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GEOGRAPHY LESSON

In the late summer, the club receives many requests from people inquiring about joining the club or renting space for their own events. Alec Curtis tells the following story about a young woman whose email message indicated that she wished to introduce her Australian friends to curling via a mini bonspiel to be held in November. She and Alec emailed back and forth several times and had every detail organized ... dates, times, number of sheets to be rented, lesson requirements, food and beverage requests. Everything went along smoothly until Alec quoted her a price.



No, it's not what you're thinking. We weren't too expensive ... we were simply in the wrong place! You see, when she initially tried to hook into a London, England curling website, our London Ontario LCC website appeared! It wasn't until Alec quoted her a price in **Canadian** dollars that she discovered our Canadian location! She was a bit embarrassed (needlessly so!) and terribly disappointed! Alec wished her luck in finding a curling club a little closer to home!

GET A GRIP!

"Welcome back curlers! The Pro Shop is completely stocked with all your curling needs for the new season. To kick-off the curling season, we are promoting **"Get-a-NEW-Gripper!"** month. Trade-in your old gripper and get \$3 off the price of a new one. No old gripper will be refused! If suitable, your old gripper will be passed on to our Little Rocks, Bantam and Junior programs. So help yourself AND our younger curlers at the same time.

The Pro Shop welcomes aboard **new manager, Bob Davis**, who will be learning the ropes and taking things over from Andrea Child. The following sales people have agreed to help us again this year: Marilyn Wearing, Pat Bell, Lil Richardson, Bud Boyd and Andrea Child. Alec Curtis, John Spetman, Barb Colbourn and the "manager of the week" will serve as back-up when needed.

We are still looking for a few evening curlers who could be available to assist with pro shop sales. If interested we offer an excellent remuneration and benefit package! To volunteer please call Bob Davis or Andrea Child. Please support your Pro Shop, as all profits generated go directly to *your* London Curling Club. As always, our **prices include the tax.**

CLEAN-UP CREW



A phone call to **Habitat for Humanity** in the spring resulted in the arrival of Sylvia Degraffenreid and her crew, who took apart and removed all of the old ice-making equipment from the basement of the club.

A special thank you to "Habitat" and to Sylvia and her crew for a tough job well done.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 5 Ontario Trillium Foundation Tour
- 6 Daytime Women's Opening Meeting
- 9 Curling Clinic
- 11 Thanksgiving CLUB CLOSED
- 15,16 Southwestern Ontario Ladies' Cashspiel
- 17 Curl Canada Coaching for Youths
- 25 Women's Card Party
- 29 Rock Talk November Deadline
- 29,30,31 London Junior Cashspiel

NOVEMBER

- 2 Medcalf Trophy
- 3 Leads & Seconds
- 20 Curl for the Cure
- 22 Early Bird Bonspiel
- 23 CLUB CLOSED all day for Ice Maintenance
- 24 CLUB CLOSED until 5 p.m. for Ice Maintenance
- 26 Rock Talk December Deadline
- 27 Junior Bonspiel
- 30 Sifton Classic

WHEEL CHAIR CURLING

An International Wheelchair Curling event will be taking place from December 8 to 11 at the Thomson Arena curling rink. There will be three domestic teams (Team Canada, B.C. and Ottawa) and five International teams (Scotland, U.S.A., Russia, Sweden and Norway) competing.



Wheelchair curling started in Canada in 2001, and this is the first time this kind of event has been held in North America. Team Canada won the Gold medal in 2003 and the Silver in 2004. There is a major fundraising campaign

currently being waged and a request for volunteers has been issued. There will be many opportunities for liaison with the teams, with security, etc. Any help would be appreciated. There is an application on the web-site, www.canadainvite.ca.tc.

Dot MacRae

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