



# ROCK TALK

February 2005

## BOARD of DIRECTORS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### President

Alec Curtis

#### Vice President

Garry Thompson

#### Past President

Joanne Laws

#### Treasurer

Doug Hamather

#### Secretary

Fay Weiler

### BOARD MEMBERS

Mike Bancroft

Marc Claveau

Bob Davis

Tom Fejes

Dave Heinrichs

Guiti Massoumi

### CLUB STAFF

#### Office Manager

Barb Colbourn

#### Head Ice Technician

Kevin Breivik

#### Ice Assistants

Dan Currie

Dale Fanset

Dan Myers

#### Club Pro

Andrea Child

#### Bar Staff

John Spetman

Darlene Bardawill

Kim Ange

#### Housekeeping

Hope Marshall



Organizers, Mary Lois and Bruce Cooper



Two of the wonderful servers, Karen Shearer and Mary Fran Mahoney



Our own Sheila Novlan putting the finishing touches on the decorations.

**Valentine's** was celebrated again this year at LCC with a special dinner at the Club. Our wonderful servers (Jean Glendenning, Lois Wright, Donna Wakefield, Karen Shearer, Jean Cameron and Mary Fran Mahoney) greeted guests with plates of appetizers, and Bruce Cooper sold raffle tickets on an intarsia of St. Francis of Assisi. Linda Arthur served up a delicious dinner, followed by a molten chocolate dessert worthy of St. Valentine. The Brian Fox trio (Brian on guitar, Christine on violin, and Dave on double bass) set the place on fire with their Celtic and gypsy rhythms. Thanks to all who attended, and to the committee of Ken and Jean Walmsley, Ken and Sheila Novlan and Bruce and Mary Lois Cooper. Special congratulations to the Walmsleys, who met at a Valentine Dance on Feb. 12 exactly 45 years ago!

**The Valentine Dinner raised \$800 toward the Capital Campaign Fund.**

The 2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts will be in London, Ontario February 25 – March 5, 2006

Page 2



LCC is planning to host an "End of Year" Party On April 16<sup>th</sup>

Mark that date on your calendar and watch for more details to be posted.

### "BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S VACANCY"

**Member needed:** to look after the Advertising Portfolio, to work with the Advertising Committee and to be the liaison to the Board. If you feel this is your area of expertise and you would be interested in contributing to the Board of Directors, contact Joanne at 685-0686, on behalf of Nominating Committee.

**Nominations to close March 1, 2005**

## Vehicle Break-in Update:

On Saturday, January 15th, during The City of London Bonspiel, **9 vehicles were broken into on our parking lot.** This brings to 11 the number of vehicle break-ins that we have experienced this year. Your Board's immediate response to this problem was to email our City Councillors, Cheryl Miller and Sandy E. White, to advise them of this event and to request their assistance. By Thursday of the following week we held a meeting with Constable Sean Travis of the Community Oriented Response Unit of the London City Police. Constable Travis advised that our lot will have increased police patrol and that, with our consent, trespassers will be prosecuted. An LPD surveillance team has been observing our parking lot from the teacher's cafeteria at St. Mary's since our meeting and will continue this activity until the end of February. At that time this activity will be reassessed.

**London Curling Club**

**Private Property**

**Trespassers will be prosecuted**

Two signs have been posted in the lot indicating that it is being monitored.

The Board has approved two additional signs which identify our lot as private property and that trespassers will be prosecuted. Constable Travis further agreed to increase the Police Patrol of the parking lot during our major scheduled events. It is important that all members be particularly careful about not leaving valuables in plain view in their automobiles; **lock them in your trunk where they are out of sight.** *Personally, I have a SUV and do not have the benefit of a trunk. I have decided to leave nothing of value in the vehicle, Put a "club" on the steering wheel, and leave the doors wide open. Hopefully in this way I'll avoid having it damaged by those who would otherwise break a window to gain access.*

*Alec Curtis, LCC President*

## SURVEY SUCCESS



**We received 230 responses to the survey.**

**This is great!** We'd like to express our appreciation and thanks to all members who took the time to fill the survey and share their views with us. We are compiling the information on the surveys and are hoping to report our findings to club members by the end of March. The Board will use these comments as a guideline for future short term and long term planning.

Membership Committee: Guiti Massoumi, Marc Claveau, and Joanne Laws



## HEARTS "SMARTS"

The volunteer night for the members at St Thomas was held on January 16<sup>th</sup>. This completed the meetings at the four Clubs. During the week ending January 22<sup>nd</sup> the applicants for Director Positions were interviewed and all the Director positions have now been filled. The London Curling Club will have the following Directors play key rolls in making the 2006 Hearts a success:

Rob Craig - Public Relations and Promotions  
Rob is a member of the London Life Curling League and he will work with the Vice Chair of Business.

Pat Chater - Volunteer Recruitment, Uniforms and Appreciation

Andrea Child - Heartfest Activities

Pat Steele - Banquets and Receptions

These London Curling Club members will work with the Vice Chair - Special Events and Volunteers.

Marg Sirna - Decorating

Dave Shaw - Liaison with 2007 Committee

Marg and Dave will assist the Vice Chair of Hosting

Jack Phillips - Banking

He will work out of the Heart Stop Lounge with the Vice Chair - Heart Stop Lounge

On behalf of the Bid Committee please accept our congratulations on your appointment.

There are 23 Director Positions and we are extremely pleased that London Curling Club members will be responsible for seven of these positions.

On Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> a reception was held at The Hilton for the executive of the 2006 Hearts and during the evening the Directors had the opportunity to meet with the CCA and Scott Paper representatives who were at the event.

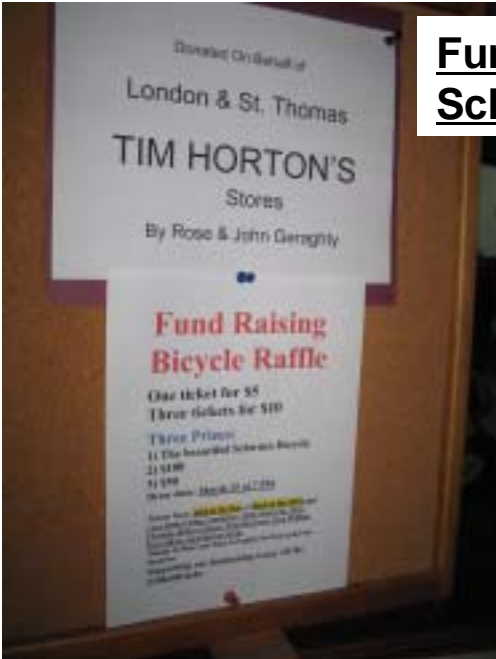
On Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> the Group had a tour of the John Labatt Centre and the Convention Centre in the morning and during the afternoon the Vice Chairs and Directors met with the CCA people and the Scott representatives to discuss the planning for the upcoming event.

The 2005 Scott Tournament of Hearts will be held in St Johns Newfoundland from February 19<sup>th</sup> to February 27<sup>th</sup> and a number of the London Committee members will be attending this event to meet with the St Johns Committee members and to observe how this event functions.

**A full report will appear in next month's issue of Rock Talk.**

Jack Phillips

## Fund-Raising Raffle for the Beautiful Schwinn Bicycle



### **Rose and John Geraghty,**

on behalf of the London and St. Thomas Tim Horton's outlets, have donated a beautiful Schwinn bicycle to the London Curling Club for a raffle.

### **Raffle tickets are being sold (1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10)**

By John Spetman at the bar, Barb Colbourn in the office, and your fund-raising committee: Mike Bancroft, Marc Claveau, Bruce Cooper, Pam Harrison, Jack Phillips, Dave Shaw, and Sharon Sivak.



In addition to the bicycle as first prize, there will be two additional prizes of \$100 and \$50 cash. **The draw will take place at the LCC on Friday March 25 at about 7 PM.**



Thanks very much to Rose and John for their generous donation and to Masoud Kasrai and Guiti Massoumi for their help with the draw tickets.

**Please help the club fund-raising effort to pay down the \$100,000 debt.**

## **The Spirit of Curling Award**

It's not too late to nominate **YOUR** candidate for this year's Spirit of Curling Award. Nomination forms are available in the lounge and all active members (except members of the Board of Directors and those who have already won it) are eligible nominees. The award is usually presented at the Annual General Meeting. Look for the forms in the Lounge.

## **FIGHT DIRTY!**

Please do Your part to keep our ice clean!



**From the Senior Men's Desk:** Dan McInnes

The Senior Men's constitution has been updated to reflect your "Christmas Luncheon meeting" directives (50 years of age eligibility and dropping the 2nd Past Pres. From the executive). As well, numerous revisions and rewordings, of the guidelines, have been implemented to make our constitution better represent how we actually operate! The constitution & guidelines are now in the hands of the printer (i.e. Garry T. & Don McK), so will be ready and available for next year's executive.

Our group continues to be very well represented on the 'S.W.O.S.M' circuit. On Jan.7th we hosted the 'Tier 55 Bonspiel' with our great PO PA (Club President) Alec Curtis convening, Don McK and Dick K. provided able assistance and John S. provided the sustenance needed to return to the ice for the second game. Alec C. has advised that this will be his final time at the helm of the ship, but Don & Dick are poised to fill the void. We'll all miss you and your computerized formatting Alec--Thanks a bunch!

Other S.W.O.S.M.B. events attended by some of the compatriots this last month were St. Thomas -H. Buechler, B. Boyd, B. Hart, & R. Leblanc; London C.C.- B Hart, B. Boyd, B. McFarlane, G. Thompson & R. Leblanc, also from this club were teams, J. Fitzpatrick, R. McLennan & R. Allum; Wallaceburg (mixed)- R. Leblanc; Sarnia-C. Townsend & R. Leblanc; Glencoe-B. McFarlane, B. Hart, B. Boyd & R. Leblanc, Chatham (mixed)-R. Leblanc, Wallaceburg-R. Leblanc & C. Townsend were recruited to skip a local team; St. Thomas- R. Leblanc B. McFarlane & B. Boyd Kingsville- R. Leblanc; Forest (mixed)- R. Leblanc; Ilderton- R. Leblanc, & B. Hart St. Marys- B. Boyd, C. Townsend, N. Sauter (A. Easter), B. McFarlane & R. Leblanc. Ridgeway- R. Leblanc (I skipped-- How humiliating.)

As mentioned in last month's Rock Talk, three major 'sign-up' spiels were scheduled early in February. First off let me thank you for your willing and timely response to the sign up sheets. Nick S. & I, with the very able assistance of your past pres. Don McK. were both pleased and saddened that not all signies could be accommodated. Some very capable curlers were left off, only because of the later sign up (first come, first served - is the mandate). Now, to the gory details. The Highland Friendly, Part 2 & L.C.C. (starting at a minus 20), we managed to hold their lead to only 1 additional point (2) over all--Well Done Guys! The Medcalf Trophy, Part 2, at St. Thomas C.C. (starting at a minus 13 points) we skillfully extended their lead to 26 points over all (a huge improvement if you consider after the first game we were down 32 points). If I say, "We'll get 'em next year", will anyone notice that I am repeating myself? The '3 D's' (Don, Don & Dick) "Sweethearts" spiel will have to await the next Rock Talk edition to be reported on.

Something for you to think about over the next month and a half:

**A date of March 28th/05** has been reserved and scheduled for our wind-up "Closing Luncheon Meeting". The club's calendar had not provided us with a date for this function, so Harry Steele (acting manager at the time) has reserved that date and the upper lounge for us-. Mark your calendar!

**The election of your 05/06 Executive will be part of the "Closing Luncheon Meeting"**. Dick Kilbourne will become the "President" and I the "Past pres" (as per the constitution). All other positions are to be voted on and your exec. is presenting the following list of candidates for your consideration :

1st Vice President – Bob Hyatt (presently 2nd vice pres.)

2nd Vice President –Garry Thompson (presently secretary)

Secretary –Ray McCorquodale (new candidate)

Treasurer) – Doug Petch (new Candidate).

Our Treasurer Stu McBride has decided to retire from the executive after 7 years of faithful service, much thanks Stu....

3) A proposal, by Doug Petch, has been presented to add some "variety" (read interest) to the winding down days of the season by having a three day Shoot Out. We have posted sign up sheets for those of you who can commit to the last three Mondays in March. (Mar.14, 21, 28/05). Those unable to commit will still be able to sign up in the usual manner, for those dates. From the "Shootout" sign up sheets teams will be made up that will remain together for those three dates. The teams will be made up by the Shootout convenor, Doug Petch, based on the Ratings tags, prior to March 14th. After each game the winning team (only) will each throw one rock at the "button"- target broom and sweeping is permitted. Points will be awarded based on the resting place of those stones. The opposition skip will be the awarder of the rocks' point values. Following the three games, all points will be tabulated and a great big "At -A- Boys" presented to the winning team at the closing luncheon meeting on Mar.28th/05. So guys, clear your busy calendar for Mar.14 and 21 and March 28th morning and afternoon so you can sign up for this " Season Ending Shootout".

Bob Hyatt did some research on our group regarding the queries presented in the January Rock Talk, ( see Quiz Results) We have 16 active members who are over 80 years of age. Two are 90 years old this year (Wunderbar Leo and Les!. 9 curlers last year have not returned this year but 15 new curlers have been added to our ranks. 88 individual persons have participated so far this season. I can tell you that no other club has provided more teams to various bonspiels of the S.W.O.S.M.S than has this club's group.

**GIVE YOURSELVES A BIG 'AT- A- BOY'!**

# The 95th annual City of London Bonspiel

was held on January 13, 14 and 15 with 24 teams from the region competing. The winning team was skipped by Dave Heinrichs and his team of Ted Ellwood, Jeff Parsons and Bob Bourdeau, all from the London Curling Club. They defeated the team of Mike Williams, Doug Crosbie, Jack McLaren and Paul Reily in the main event final. Other event winners were skipped by Josh Firman (Ilderton), Dave Beckett (London), Brian Davy (Highland), Mike Bancroft (London) and Jim Fitzpatrick (London).

This event was once again a huge success with great prizes and lots of food.

Special thanks from all of the curlers to Dawn Lewis, Beth Heinrichs and Deanne Fitzpatrick for helping out with the reception on Saturday afternoon.



Greg Lewis and Doug Crosbie of the London Curling Club did an outstanding job of organizing and convening this event which is steeped in history and tradition. The event began on Thursday evening and went through to the finals, played on Sunday afternoon. The final games followed the "President's wine and cheese" hosted by the wives of LCC teams playing in the bonspiel. Competitors in the final games were "piped onto the ice" and after a ceremonial toast got down to the serious work of determining winners.

For the first time since 1997 a London Curling Club team won the number one event.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the London Curling Club, I want to thank the organizers, the participating teams, the hosts of the wine and cheese and the staff for making this an excellent curling event.

Alec Curtis, President  
London Curling Club.

## Men's Holiday Inn Challenge Update

Having advanced through zone 16 playdowns, **Dave Beckett's rink of vice Tom Zavitz, second Earl Steele and lead Dave Fraser traveled to Brighton and District Curling club on Jan 21-23, 2005 to play in the 32-team provincial finals of the Ontario men's Holiday Inn Challenge.**

The guys made it to the final 8 teams by winning their first two games and losing a heartbreaker on last shot in their third game which eliminated them.

All of us at the London Curling Club congratulate them for representing our club extremely well.



## PRO SHOPPE YEAR END SALE NOW ON!

In an effort to reduce Pro Shoppe inventory and summer carrying costs, we are now offering price reductions on most in-stock items.

Shoes, brooms, clothing, gloves, jewellery and novelty items are now on sale. An excellent way to obtain next year's curling needs and finish the season using these items.

I would also like to thank all purchasers of Pro Shoppe items. Your support has been most encouraging and generous. And, of course, **all proceeds go directly to your curling club.**

If anyone has suggestions concerning product to carry next curling season, please let me, any of the sales associates, or the office know, and we will certainly consider your request.

Bob Davis

PRESENT THIS COUPON AND GET

# \$10 OFF

BUY ONE ENTRÉE AT REGULAR PRICE AND GET \$10 OFF THE SECOND LOWER- PRICED ENTRÉE

---

300 Colbourne  
South of York  
679-2296

**UNDER THE VOLCANO**

215 Piccadilly St.  
at Richmond  
435-1197

---

Sorry, not valid on Saturday evenings after 5 p.m. With coupon only. Not with other coupons or promotions.

## Mixed Curling: Don & Gail Agnew

### Italian Night Dinner

The Friday Night Mixed League's fundraising event was a great success.

A fun time was had by all who attended one of the three Italian Night Dinners. Your participation allowed us to reach our goal and raise \$1,520.00 for the building fund.

Over the three nights we consumed:

30 head of Romaine Lettuce

20 lbs of Penne Pasta

18 lbs of Lean Ground Beef

gallons of Tomato Sauce

lots of peppers, celery, onions & mushrooms

a "secret" quantity of spices

150 buns

30 litres of Spumoni ice cream

148 "bottles" of wine



Poppa Don and Momma Gail preparing for the banchetto Italiano! Buono appetito!

### Friday Night Mixed League

Following are the Second Draw Winners:

Flight 1 – Heinrichs & Greenfield Teams Tied

Flight 2 – Hofstetter Team

Flight 3 – Parsons Team

Flight 4 – Weir Team

Flight 5 – Kristiansen Team

Flight 6 – Hebert Team

**Note: Last week of Mixed Curling is March 18th**

**A sign up sheet will be posted for the Mixed Playoffs, which will take place April 1st and April 2nd.**



Excerpt taken from Club Highlights---  
1984-85

A garage sale for the Tournament of Hearts was held at the Ivanhoe, May 31/June 1  
The proceeds were \$17,382.

A card party was held the same year with proceeds of \$398 towards the Hearts.  
The Club also donated \$1000 towards the event.

In that year there also was a dress code introduced.

Rock Talk would be interested in information from the last "Hearts".

Also, information about the statement on "dress code" would be appreciated?



Monday thru Friday 7am - 11pm  
Saturday, Sunday 10am - 6pm  
(519) 432-0112

OVERSIZE COLOUR BOND & VINYL POSTERS • PRINTS • COPIES  
FOLDING • COMPUTER RENTALS • BINDING • FAXING  
DOCUMENT CREATION • FREE PICKUP AND DELIVERY

www.kinkos.ca

## Daytime Women's Report: Jean Walmsley

Fundraisers of **Theatre Night Feb 9 (\$380)** and **Card Party Jan 17 (\$599)** were extremely well attended and added to our fundraising total of now...\$2636.82...for the year (goal was \$2500)!!! Tickets now available for a second theatre night April 6 to see 'Midnight Sun'....tickets from Jean Walmsley for \$10 each.

Thanks to Dot McRae and team for providing us with a new and interesting way to stretch our brains by providing us with a game of '**SKINS**' on Jan 5, 2005. None of us is ready yet to take up the skins format on a regular basis.....not yet!

Dianne McKenna and Joan Cuthbert convened the 6 week event and lunch for the **Bonanza** with continued valuable sponsorship from Courtesy Meats. Winners were Joan Cuthbert (skip), Jean Cameron, Donna Wakefield and Dorothy Cousins. Two curlers new to the club in January helped in the kitchen....thanks to Jan Culley and Bev McDonald for getting involved in club activities.

The **Bernies event** was enjoyed by 40 curlers and wound up on Feb 8 with trophy winners Lil Richardson, Marg Sirna, Ruth Carew and Dorothy Cousins. Thanks to Jean Cameron and Joan Bidinosti who convened the event and provided a delightful lunch from Bernies restaurant. Members of the club are encouraged to visit Bernies at Adelaide St. North or in Byron at Baseline and Boler Rd.

**Women's Social** runs Jan 12 to Mar 30 under the able guidance of Barb Vitkauskas...good to see you back Barb (she's a new **grandma now**). Approximately 10 women attend each Wednesday morning and pay \$1.00 per day. Attendance for the last few years has been minimal but it does seem a good opportunity for newer curlers to hone their skills and to just enjoy some of the fun of curling without being competitive.

Ten teams played for 3 Thursdays and everyone was a winner at the **BYOP** (Bring Your Won Prize) event convened by Janet Stenson and Barb Gordon.

Sharon Sivak and Dan McInnes co-convened the **Sweetheart Mixed Bonspiel** on Feb 9 with one game and lunch, this year provided by the men....our turn next year. Thanks for the fun and for the roses each woman received! Winners were Jean Walmsley, Brent Cowan and Dick Lapp. **Nash and No Name** events are underway with good sign up and both will take us through to the end of the curling season.

**Carson Curl for Cancer** (Feb 23) promises to be a day of fun and great raffle prizes thanks to Sharon Sivak and the many member who donate raffle items. We would like to make this a full draw and are still in need of curlers....phone Sharon if you could be attending. This is an excellent day for new curlers to join in as the curling is not competitive, the lunch is great as usual, the curlers are fun and it is for an excellent cause.

Plans are coming together for the Women's **Two Day SheilaBetkus Bonspiel March 7&8**. This is the first year for our new plan of having the Past Chair convene the event....Marg Sirna and her crew will lead us off to a MarchFest.

Remember to let your thoughts be known re the change of Friday open league to another day (Thurs?).....suggestion box in locker room. Last date is Feb 28.

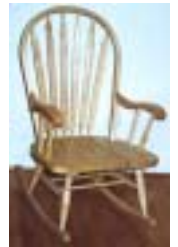
**Mark Tues April 5 on your calendar for the closing luncheon and meeting....tickets will be available from the Executive.**

## Grandmother's 'Spiel

On January 19th, Grandmother's and "Over 50's" arrived from Chatham, Sarnia, Woodstock, Alymer, and Highland CC for a day of curling. Eleven in club teams completed the draws. Grandmother's Apron was the theme and decorator Sheila Novlan had many practical, zany, and colorful aprons to display. The sponsor and LCC member, Heather Greenfield of *Dundee Private Investors*, lent a welcome hand, prizes for 5th and 6th place, and as well, a financial contribution. Our sincere thanks, Heather. *Under the Volcano* catered the entree of the lunch, delivering, on time, two sittings of hot, tasty and healthy portions. *Under the Volcano* is an advertiser in RockTalk and a repeat performance is recommended for any event at the Club.

The winner of the Trophy (Yes!

It is a rocking chair!) was the Sharon Philpott team from Sarnia, and winner of the opposite draw was the LCC Ginet DeMarchi team of Doreen Jones, Mary Ellen Duggan and VernaCapson.



**Convenors Pat Bell, and Lynda Reesor** thank kitchen helpers, Dorothy Cousins, Barb Dalrymple, Sandy Roche, and Jane Copp.

Jean Walmsley's team made nametags and designed the flyer, and then ended up being the first team drawn out; they were the standby team we needed. We thank all who joined in the fun and look forward to January, 2006.

## ← OCA REPORT – Linda Karl →

This month LCC Masters rink of Dot MacRae, Sylvia Leuszler, Linda Karl, and Dianne McKenna competed in Zone Playdowns in Leamington.

They were eliminated from competition with the Spooner rink from Leamington coming out the A side and the Sheppard rink from Ilderton the B.

Intermediate Zones will be held in Ilderton, February 11-13.

London Curling Club will be represented by the Rochefort rink (Eileen Rochefort, Wendy Foster, Lois Jackson and Rhonda Persichilli). Good luck ladies !!!!!!!

The sign up sheet for Mixed and Senior Mixed has come down for this year.

Good Curling to all.

**In Memoriam** - Contributed by Fred Slater**Joe Noon**

On January 18th, our good friend Joe Noon passed away. Born and raised in Hamilton, Joe came to London in the mid 70's to work in the Regional Assessment office as a Valuation Manager. He retired in December 2002.

Joe was the father of two sons, David and Brian, and grandfather of four. "Papa Joe" beamed with pride whenever he talked about his grandchildren. On several occasions Talia came to the curling club to watch Papa Joe. You could see that the closeness and love was mutual.

A lifelong sports fan, Joe coached hockey and ball, played competitive baseball and slow pitch and curled for the last ten years. Joe skipped in the Friday night Mixed and the Sweeney leagues and played lead in the Millar league. He was also the convenor of the Sweeney league. Due to back pain, Joe had not curled since November. It wasn't until one week before his death that the cancer was discovered.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friday Mixed curlers, enough money was collected on the night of Joe's funeral to engrave a rock in his memory and contribute \$300 to the building fund in his name. What a tribute to Joe!

He will be missed.

**Teasdale League**

On January 20th, Round Robin play ended with the top 3 teams as follows:

Rick Allum – 33 points

Jim Lone – 29 points

Glen MacDonald – 28 points

For the second half of the season, we will split into two divisions with 9 teams in Division A and 4 teams in Division B

The team with the most points from both halves of the season will be declared champions.

**Interview : Marilyn Beernink**

Marilyn was very gracious in agreeing to be interviewed by Rock Talk. We wanted to know how well we welcome new members to the LCC. {American Sign Language is her first language so, we communicated by E-Mail.}

Q. Are all members of your team hearing impaired (is that correct terminology)? You seem to follow very well on a team where the other 3 are hearing (e.g. Friday) how do you do that? Some of us who hear don't always follow directions so well!!!

M. All 4 of us (Friday Night Mixed Team) are deaf and culturally deaf. We do not like to be called Hearing Impaired. The word is too negative! (Meaning bad hearing or broken hearing) We follow easily during curling because we use our eyes 110 %. As a deaf person, the eyes become the strongest sense. We do a lot of lookout and we read body language.

Q. How did you get together as a team?

M. We knew each other from long ago. We used to curl at Ivanhoe and were involved in competitive teams for the Deaf Curling Provincial Championships and some other Deaf Bonspiels. We stopped curling about 1990, as we had many other commitments. Then recently we asked the same curlers to play again, as old timers and to keep fit. We hope to find new curlers in the near future, as we have quite a lot of deaf adults living in London.

Q. You are a very nice curler. Have you been curling long? Would you recommend it to other deaf people?

M. Yes, I curl pretty well and I improved a lot with the new stabilizer. I am very athletic and enjoy golf, darts, bocce, and shuffleboard. I like these sports and they need good eyes.

Q. Do the other members of your team curl at other times?

M. We play every Friday night together. I also signed up for other Ladies Day curling, just to meet new people and to stay healthy.

Q. Would you share with us some of the difficulties you face in the curling club and in interactions with hearing people in other situations?

M. The barrier is communication because that's what we live "through and by". Some of us can read lips and others don't. The best is to write on a piece of paper for clear communication. Small international gestures that everyone can use also work. It would be nice if Hearing adults would learn sign language.

Q. I would like to mention your team by their names in the article, if that is okay with them.

M. The team: Skip Brad Keenan, Vice Marilyn Beernink, Second Larry Brown, Lead Holly Drake.

Q. Have you enjoyed your year at the club?

M. Yes and I am looking forward to playing again next season. I hope to bring more Deaf adults.

LCD is a social club for deaf persons. They feel they have a normal life at LCD events where everyone uses sign language to communicate. The purpose of this organization is to help to provide for social and recreational activities for members.

Visit [www.lcd.on.ca](http://www.lcd.on.ca)



## Little Rocks: Dave Dreher

Special thanks to our supportive parents, volunteers, and of course our all important sponsors.

The Optimist Club of Middlesex- London, Tozer Electric, North Pole Trim and Supplies, Tony Why, Why? Designs, and Darren Chapman & London Ice Cream.

Without sponsorship some things can't happen. Please extend your gratitude when you come in contact with any of these companies.

### Highland Bonspiel on Jan.9.

Team# 1 in the little rock div. full sheet,

Skip - Andrea Holstein, Vice - Blake Nichols, Second - Emma Whitley, and Lead - Ciarra Jensma. Won their 1st game, lost their 2nd game, finished in 2nd place.

Team# 2 in the same div.

Skip - Zachary Sequin, Vice - Heather Aipperspach, Second - Russell Cuddie, and Lead - Brett Power. Won both their games and took 1st place.

Team# 3 in the regular rock full sheet div.

Skip - Nathan Cowderoy, Vice - Colin DuPlessis, Second - Connor MacLeod, and Lead - Mark Whitley. Lost their 1st game, won their 2nd, and placed in 3rd.

What a showing for the first bonspiel of the season! But that's not all folks!

Next spiel was in Vanastra. Guess what? They don't have blue ice in it anymore, but they do have a wicked crown, as the players in this beauty can attest to. On Sat. Jan.29.

The team of: Skip - Nathan Cowderoy, Vice - Connor MacLeod

Second - Micheal Dreher, and Lead - Steven Pettigrew. Played three games. The boys lost the first game, then rebounded back with two wins to capture the " B ".and a bronze medal.

**Well done boys!** {This reporter was so excited to get to the spiel to report back that he was greeted by Huron County's finest}.

On Feb. 5th two teams were in Dundas for their little rock spiel. A very nice venue for a bonspiel I might add. The teams of ; Skip - Nathan Cowderoy, Vice - Connor MacLeod, Second - Russell Cuddie, and Lead - Brett Power. Won both their games and came in third place.

Skip - Andrea Holstein, Vice - Heather Aipperspach, Second - Blake Nichols, and Lead, Max Borowiec. Won one game, and lost one game. And that put them in 6th place.

All of us involved in the Little Rock program are extremely proud of these boys and girls.

Next spiels for them: Ilderton on Sun. Feb. 20. Nathan Cowderoy and his team of Connor MacLeod, Daniel Mallett, and Brett Power. and Andrea Holstein with her team of Heather Aipperspach, Ciarra Jensma, and Zachary Sequin.

The Westmount Golf & Country Club on Sat. Mar. 5th.

Then last but not least our own Optimist's Club of Middlesex-London LCC 13 and Under Spiel.

Look forward to results in the coming issues. We wish these teams good fun and good luck.

**Wishing you sweeping success  
in 2004/2005**



Aon Reed Sterhouse

Providing Canadians with insurance solutions since 1850.  
For information on Aon's comprehensive home, auto and  
commercial insurance, please contact our London branch.

Aon Reed Sterhouse  
255 Queen Avenue  
Suite 1400 - One London Place  
London, Ontario N6A 5R8

Tel: 519-435-5441 Fax: 519-453-3855

[www.aon.ca](http://www.aon.ca)

**AON**

Insurance Brokerage • Risk Management

**Family day for the Bantam Program brought together the curlers and their parents, siblings and friends.**



The bantams held their family day on January 30. Many parents, brothers, sisters and friends joined us in some very fun curling.

The first task was for the kids to teach their parents how to deliver a rock.

**Now the parents understand that it is a lot more difficult than it looks.**

So far this season, our four curlers with the most points are Jared Daudlin, Steven Pettigrew, Andrew Sercombe and Travis Hay.

**Team  
Jackets!**



**The Little Rock/Bantam program**

purchased 8 matching jackets (out of the program's funds) for any of our youth to wear when they go as a team to out of club bonspiels. The jackets can be signed out by one of the program convenors, or by the office manager. They are grey and white and will have "LCC" printed on the back of them. We have 6 small and 2 medium (unisex sizing - quite generous a fit), and technically could be worn by anyone who wishes to go into an away spiel and wants that "team" look – that's if they fit them of course!

Rick Battson

**Bantam Zones: Congratulations to these two teams who played OCA Bantam Zones in Wallaceburg**

David Easter, (skip), Aaron Chapman, Eric LeDreff Kerwin, Curtis Easter, Darren Chapman (coach) played in their first zones this year. They played well in their two games and got a lot of experience. They are looking forward to continue to play together and go to zones again next year.

Mike Batson, (skip), Luke Grasby, Jonathan Zettler, Kevin Batson, Andrea Child (coach) have played together for several years. They reached the A finals but lost a close game. In the B finals they played against the home team and again lost a close game.

We have a Bantam team going to mixed zones, Feb 25-27 in Wallaceburg. They are Mike Batson, Luke Grasby, Katelyn Andrews and Madeleine Joval.

Our final day for play with the Junior Program will be on March 20th. Sue Beckett



**The 19th annual Ronald McDonald Mixed Curling Bonspiel**

was held at the Highland Curling Club January 15th.

A record \$15,000 was raised from registration, pledges, silent auction and raffles.

**The London Ronald McDonald House serves as a temporary home away from home for parents and families of children receiving medical care for serious illness at London hospitals.**

Two teams of Don Agnew, Mardi McLachlan, Alan McLachlan, Gail Agnew & Ken Novlan, Sheila Novlan, Ken Warner, Marilyn Warner from LCC enjoyed the event, which was topped off with a great dinner.

**Hope to see more members from LCC participate next year.** Don Agnew

Did you know that Shakespeare was an astute observer of the curling scene? His plays are crammed with references to the Roaring Game.

1. From *King John*, "Blow each dust, each straw, each little rub, Out of the path."
2. From *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, "To show our simple skill, That is the beginning of our end."
3. From *As You Like It*, "Sweep, you fat and greasy citizens."

**CLUB TRIVIA!****Answers to Last Month's Questions:**

1. The oldest female member of the club is Kay Carr (86).  
The oldest male member of the club is Leo Johnson (90).  
He outscores Les Brayford by 2 months.
2. The youngest member of the club is a Little Rocker – we are sure, but we didn't receive a name, but did come up with a prospect.
3. There are a number of people from our club who have traveled a long distance to curl.  
In 1985 Sheila Betkus, Jean Glendenning and Lois Wright were in Glasgow (Brier Head) at the Air Canada –Trans Atlantic Pond Hopper's Spiel.  
Jean has been to Germany, to Switzerland and to Scotland. The game in Pit-Locky, Scotland would have been an experience as it was in a curling Rink, fashioned from a farm barn. (It sounds as though the animals had not been long gone from the premises).  
I am sure there are many fascinating stories to be heard from these travellers.
4. The person who has traveled the farthest to watch a curling game is Jack Phillips. He and June were at the Air Canada Silver Broom World Curling Championships held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany in March 1982. They were back in Germany in 1994 to attend the World Championship.
5. The person who has been a member for the longest period of time without interruption is Al Prentice. He has been a member in good standing since 1958.

**A VALENTINE TO OUR STAFF!**

A special **"Thank You"**, to John for all the "Extras" that he takes care of around LCC. On a recent day when Alec, Ken, Barb and Hope all had the flu – John could be found carrying out all of their duties. When it occurred to someone later in the day to inquire if he needed any help, he assured that individual that he had, "everything under control" **Is there a message there?**

A Valentine this month to all the staff at LCC.  
They are dedicated to the work of making the club run smoothly.

For many who were not aware, Kevin came to work with a sprained ankle. It's not easy to walk on ice with two good feet. That must have been an extra challenge. Kevin, we appreciate your efforts to provide us with great ice – and for doing your best with #6.



**O**ur busy detective received some interesting facts this month..  
He is searching for help with his new questions.

**Will you help?**

1. Has an LCC member been to "The Hearts", other than when it was in London?
2. Name the team that has won "The Hearts" more than twice? How many times and where?



**An enthusiastic WannaBe Curler!!**

**M**ore members are doing dishes and helping out these days, as we are all aware that Hope (who does a great job, in the time allotted) is only there for a short time each day. **We thank you for that!**

**Are these members also aware that we do NOT have a dishwasher – It is only a sterilizer.** That means that dishes must be clear of all loose food, and wiped clean of materials such as lipstick, before being placed into the sterilizer.

The instructions are posted for anyone not sure of the procedure. Thanks.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

## February

- 9 Sweetheart Spiel  
 11 Rock Talk February Deadline  
 12 Valentine Dinner  
 18 February Rock Talk

## MARCH

- 2 Club closed  
 3 Club closed a.m.  
 7&8 Sheila Betkus Women's Two Day  
 9 Flip-flop Fun Day  
 12 Family Bonspiel  
 19 Little Rock Bonspiel  
 23 Tier 70

## Did You Know?

A gentleman by the name of Camille Villeneuve, from Chicoutimi, Quebec has the hobby of finding Curling Clubs where he has never played and arranging to do so. He does not visit a Club more than once. He says he visited LCC 2 years ago. He has played with more than 2583 partners. He contacts a Curling Club and arranges to be a partner with someone there – often during regularly scheduled play. He is scheduled to play at Highland on February 24th. Truth is stranger than fiction!

## “Looking Back”

Would you know these people?



# Tim Hortons

## ROSE & JOHN GERAGHTY

## London Stores

|                           |                |                     |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1061 Wonderland Rd. S.    | (519) 685-2261 | Fax: (519) 685-7085 |
| Westmount Shopping Centre | (519) 473-1103 | Fax: (519) 473-1048 |
| 4530 Colonel Talbot Road  | (519) 652-0700 | Fax: (519) 652-6882 |
| 1322 Commissioners Rd. W. | (519) 641-2333 | Fax: (519) 641-8580 |



Dave and Wink have returned from a six week vacation in New Zealand. If this is an indication of the country, it is certainly beautiful! This is Baldwin St. in Dunedin recorded in The Guinness World Book of Records as the highest in the world.

**Rock Talk** is the newsletter  
 of the London Curling Club,  
 377 Lyle Street, London, Ontario  
 N5W3R5  
 Telephone (519) 432-3882  
 Website [www.curling.com/london](http://www.curling.com/london)



Please direct ROCK TALK inquiries to Wink DuBrule  
 519-434-4410  
 Email – [rocktalklcc@yahoo.ca](mailto:rocktalklcc@yahoo.ca)  
 RT Mailbox is located outside the office door.  
**Deadline for the March issue is March 11th**