

WELCOME BACK !!

ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

October 2007

2006 – 2007 SEASON WINNERS



FRIDAY MIXED

A Champs
Jim Fitzpatrick
Cindy Thom
Bruce Thom
Deanne Fitzpatrick

LEARN to CURL
They are all winners!!

B Champs

Tom Zavitz
Sue Beckett
Dave Beckett
Sandy Bradford-Zavitz

BUSINESS LADIES TUESDAY

OCT-DEC-Sue Lawrence
Kelly Smith
Tracey McDonald
Frances Robinson

JAN-MAR - Jen Chapman
Lauretta McIlhargy
Mallory Holmes
Frances Robinson



BUSINESS WOMEN'S THURSDAY

A_ Darlene Pfaff
Katie Lambert
Jen Chapman
Amy Campbell

B-Wendy Foster
Eileen Rochefort
Lois Jackson
Rhonda Persichilli

MILLER LEAGUE
Ean MacDonald
Ted Elwood
Dave Heinrichs
Bob Bourdeau

TEASDALE LEAGUE

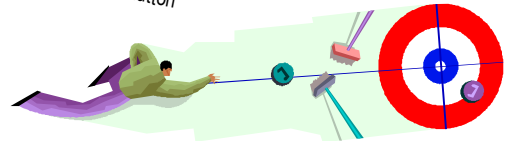
David Foster,
Bob Wakefield,
Bruce Cooper,
Ron McLennan

SEASON WINNERS

Bethany Heinrichs
Colleen Sullivan
Elizabeth Sullivan
Joan Hutton

PRESIDENT'S LEAGUE

Ean McDonald
David Heinrichs
Bob Bourdeau
Bonnie Arnold



SPIRIT OF CURLING AWARD WINNERS 2006-07



This award is presented annually to a man and a woman member of the club who exemplify honourable conduct, sportsmanlike behaviour and the true spirit of curling. The awards are in honour of two former members of our club. The late Anne Shaw and Ken Kaprowski were both long time active members of our club.

Pat Bell is a dedicated, hard-working volunteer on various club fundraising events. She cares deeply about the sport of curling and encourages others to volunteer with her support and enthusiasm. According to her friends, she has taken over some events when no one else would volunteer. She takes active part in all regular and special Women's Daytime Section events. She has worked tirelessly on Women's daytime Section executive in the position of vice-chair, chair and past chair. She has been instrumental in promoting fund-raising events in Women's Daytime Section; such as poinsettia sale, theatre nights and many others.

Rick Battson has many admirers for his patience and his goal. They also believe that the club needs more of him! He is a gentleman with a smile and hello for everyone. He is very generous with his time, helping and encouraging new junior curlers. He is always active in various activities in the club especially in the curling clinic days. He's been instrumental in organizing the high school program.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: 2007-08 ROSTER DEADLINE

London Curling Club's 2007-08 Membership Directory will be going to the printers in early October. In order to ensure that YOUR name is included, please make sure that your membership has been renewed and payment for dues has been arranged by the END of September. Names of latecomers will appear in an "Addendum" which will be published and distributed in January. This Addendum will also include members who join the club in the new year.



President's Message

London Curling Club is being scrubbed and polished, rugs shampooed, and windows shined, as preparations are made for the beginning of the Curling Season.

Kevin and his staff are busy preparing the ice. You can expect a "warmer" atmosphere on the ice this year, especially during cold spells, although we are definitely not encouraging you to wear your shorts.

The walls in the arena have been cleaned, thanks to the Ice Assistants, and with the heaters and extra dehumidifier we expect to have less problem with mould accumulating on the walls.

The walls in the arena area did not get painted this summer. We are disappointed, but the contract we had to do the job did not occur. There was a necessary timeline when the work had to be done for the painting to be successful (after the dampness was out and before ice preparation for this season). That time ran out! Steps are being taken to ensure that the painting will occur next summer. In the meantime, let's have a great year of curling on the wonderful ice that Kevin and his crew provides for us.

John Spetman will not be returning to LCC as an employee. He has been an employee for a long time and we wish the best for him as he moves on.

Les Sonier has taken on the duties of Bar Manager and we welcome him in his new role. He looks forward to the challenge of his new position. Les has plans for the operation of the Bar and you will see and hear more in future editions of Rock Talk.

I am very excited to be starting a term as President of London Curling Club. I look forward to working with a very capable Board of Directors, as we carry on the business of the Club. My personal thanks to Ken Walmsley, our Club Manager, who has been working long hours to get us in "great shape" for the curling season. A special thanks, as well, to Past President Fay Weiler who has worked tirelessly to make the new fee system work. A special "Thank You" as well to Garry Thompson, who is not on the Board this year but is still helping us out with various jobs around the Club. Through the year, Board members will keep you informed in Rock Talk regarding happenings at London Curling Club. We will also try to highlight the many volunteers and staff who make LCC a great place to curl.



Marg Sima
President

Board of Directors – 2007-08

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AROUND THE HOUSE



- ▶ New chairs for the lounge
- ▶ New lights in lounge – replacing the old ones
- ▶ Butt holder for the front door area – no butts on the ground in front of the Club **please!**
- ▶ The Bar has received a thorough cleaning and some face-lifting
- ▶ New heaters in the arena and an additional dehumidifier.



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Left to Right:
Bruce Cooper,
Lil Richardson,
Doug Petch,
Fay Weiler,
Don Agnew,
Marg Sirna,
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Teasdale League



L TO R Ron McLennan Ken Teasdale Pat Teasdale Bob Wakefield David Foster Bruce Cooper

Once again the Teasdale League is ready to begin play in the 2007 - 2008 season with 13 teams. Each team will enjoy a bye sometime between October 11 and the end of first round-robin play in January.

The 2006-2007 League Champions are David Foster, Bob Wakefield, Bruce Cooper and Ron McLennan.

- Ron McLennan

GETTING EVERYTHING READY



New heater installed this summer.



Kevin doing a flood



Ice crew hard at work - painting circles



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THE SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO WOMEN'S CHARITY CASHSPIEL-2007

The Southwestern Ontario Women's Cashspiel will be held October 12-15, 2007 . This is a World Curling Tour Event showcasing world class women's curling while supporting local initiatives in breast cancer research. Games are played at London, Highland, Ilderton and St. Thomas Curling Clubs.

Teams, such as Sherry Middaugh, Jennifer Jones, Shannon Kleibrink and Jen Hanna are just a few of the 28 rinks competing in the event this year.. Our Club will be hosting teams on Friday, Oct. 12 at 9AM and 2PM as well as Saturday, Oct 13 at 9AM, 2PM. and 7PM. Jennifer Jones will be at LCC for the Friday 2PM draw.

The Celebrity Funspiel is being held at the Ilderton Curling Club on Thursday, Oct. 11. If you are interested in participating in this event please contact Fay Weiler or Marlene Suzuki.

To view the complete draw and names of all participating teams, follow the links on our own website www.curling.com/london ..

-Marlene Suzuki

Curl for the Cure



The 11th Annual "Curl for the Cure" Women's Charity Bonspiel will be held at the London Curling Club on Saturday, November 17th. Proceeds from Entry Fees, Pledges, Silent Auction and Corporate Contributions will be donated to the London Regional Cancer Centre through the "Rethink Breast Cancer Charity". Proceeds from the Raffle will be donated to Wellspring, in memory of Kit Benson. Since this event began in 1997, a total of \$250,605.46 has been raised! In 2006, \$33,070 was raised, which greatly surpassed our fund raising goal! We hope to raise another \$30,000 this year! Registration packages/pledge forms will be distributed to the Skips of all teams who participated in this event last year. They will also be available in both the Women's Locker Room and Office. Corporate sponsorship and donations of items for our Silent Auction, Raffle, Prize Table and Participant Gift Bags are required and will be greatly appreciated by the Organizing Team.

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



-Linda Round,
Bonspiel Coordinator (519 433-6557)

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Women's Daytime Section News:

Leads & Seconds/Fun Day – Unfortunately, these events scheduled to take place on March 28 and April 4 were cancelled, as an insufficient number of members signed up to participate.

Nash – Convened by Linda Karl/Co-Convened by Betty Burrows, ten teams participated in this six-week event, which concluded on April 3. We were very pleased to have Debbie Laing from Nash Jewelers in Masonville attend to present the prizes. They have sponsored LCC women's events since 1953 and their generosity and ongoing interest and sponsorship is sincerely appreciated. Two teams finished with four wins and based on percentages, the first place winners were Jean Walmsley, Lois Wright, Penny Brown and Barb Vitkauskas. In second place were Janet Stenson, Sandy Ronson, Barb Dalrymple and Mary McGuigan. Third place winners were Sue Beckett, Karen Lowry, Marj Moores and Sherry Chambers. Congratulations to all. Thanks to Co-Convenor Betty Burrows and to Pat Bell, Jill Day and Mary Reeder for providing assistance on the final day of this event.

Subway – Convened by Donna Millar/Co-Convened by Bev McDonald, this six-week Subway event concluded on March 29th, when 32 curlers enjoyed a lunch of several varieties of subway sandwiches, ice cream, wafers and fruit punch. First place prize winners were Doreen Stacey, Shirley Vaile/Lil Richardson, Barb Dalrymple and Marnie Sherritt. Second-place winners were Pat Bell, Lois Wright, Penny Brown and Cathy Townsend. Third-place winners were Joan Dickie, Carolyn Petley, Donna Millar and Holly Cox. We greatly appreciate the interest and participation of our new sponsor – Subway (Western Road).

Competitive League – Convened by Marjorie Dool/Co-Convened by Maureen Cloghesy, fifteen teams curled on Friday mornings. Winners of the Competitive League and Flight A were Ginet DeMarchi's team of Dot MacRae, Mary Ellen Duggan and Marlene Suzuki. Flight B winners were Lil Richardson's team of Shirley Vaile, Joan Cuthbert and Marg Sirna. Round Robin winners were the teams skipped by Marlene Benny, Janet Stenson and Sharon McLaren.

Closing Meeting was held on April 11 with 58 members in attendance. The membership total was 106, including 95 Regular and 11 Social Members. Jean Walmsley presented Sheila Novlan with the Chair's Pin in honour of her service as Women's Chair. The new executive was introduced: Past Chair - Sheila Novlan; Chair - Pam Harrison; Vice Chair - Joyce Hetherington; Secretary - Connie Weir; Photographer/Historian - Marianne LaRose (Assistant Betty Burrows); Games Coordinator - Pat Bell (Assistant Sandy Ronson and Committee Sharon Sivak, Lynda Reesor, Linda Karl, Mary McGuigan and Trophies – Marilyn Wearing); OCA Representative - Linda Peeling (Assistant Penny Brown); Advisory Committee - Joan Dickie, Deanne Fitzpatrick and Shirley Vaile.

Opening Meeting will be held on October 3 at 1:30 pm, with sign-up for events commencing at 12:30. Please advise Joyce Hetherington of any new members you know are joining, as she will be looking for Big Sisters for them. Please encourage them to attend the Opening Meeting so that they can meet our members. Also, please advise Joyce if you would like to be a Big Sister. At this time, we will also honour Pat Bell, who was awarded the Spirit of Curling Award this year.

Fund Raising Events will include:

- Fall Card Party (Monday, October 22);
- Theatre Night "The Lion in Winter" (Thursday, November 1);
- Christmas Holiday Plant Sale (November/December);
- January Card Party (Monday, January 28);
- Valentine's Dinner (Saturday, February 9)
- Theatre Night "Barefoot in the Park" (Thursday, February 28).



Special Events will include: The Five Jeanettes Early Bird (November 19); Friendship Day (November 29); Grandmothers' (January 16); Curl for a Cause (February 20) and the Sheila Betkus Two-Day (March 3 & 4).

Please check the Bulletin Board and Sign-Up Sheets for all upcoming events!
Wishing everyone a great 2007/2008 curling season full of fun, fellowship and good curling!

-Joyce Hetherington

Tim Hortons

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OCTOBER OCA REPORT



Our LCC OCA Reps for 2007-08 are:

- Men's Rep – David Peeling
- Women's Rep – Linda Peeling
- Assistant Women's Rep – Penny Brown
- Junior Rep – Teresa Easter
- Board Rep – Sylvia Leuszler

All the representatives will be attending the Fall OCA Meeting which is to be held on Monday, October 1st, 2007 at the Sarnia Golf & Curling Club.

Items of interest on the agenda for presentation are: OCA Rules Supplement, CCA Rulebook, Provincial TV for 2007-2008, Curl Ontario Update, New Website Preview, Defib Program, CCA Update, Trillium Foundation Update, and New OCA Ice Tech Reference Manual 2007-2008. We hope to get more information regarding the OCA's expectations of LCC when hosting the Senior Men and Women's Zones in November.

The OCA Posters and Sign-up Sheets will be available to the reps and will be posted in the appropriate areas in the club as soon as possible thereafter.

The Reps will give a short presentation to their sections to encourage teams to enter the OCA Competitive Competitions and explain the 'Online Entry' two-part process we will be using this year. You can review the process on the OCA website: www.ontcurl.com/index (click on "Online Entry")

We encourage you to use the OCA website for searching for bonspiels, competition dates, rules, privacy policy and lots of curling news.

Have a great season!

David & Linda Peeling
Teresa Easter & Sylvia Leuszler
OCA Reps, London Curling Club



Junior Curling

Our season is kicking off on Thanksgiving weekend. The junior league is a program for high school aged curlers. We emphasize skill development and team work.

Understanding the tough time demands on high school kids, this program is designed to allow them to attend when they are able.

We would like to sincerely thank the organizers and participants in the Briarfest fundraiser that was held last year. The proceeds went toward the junior program. We plan on using the funds to increase competitive skills of our curlers by subsidizing those who attend the Curling Trillium Camp held during the summer. We also plan to subsidize part of the registration costs of out of club bonspiels. We hope this is an incentive for teams to develop by participating in a variety of competitive venues.

The Juniors curl on Sundays from 1:30 – 3:30. For more information, you can call me at 519 439-7105 or by email at rbattson@execulink.com

Rick Battson
Junior Convener

New Season--- More Fun and Games

The fundraising committee continues in its efforts to help pay down the LCC loan by hosting the Halloween " Fun-Spiel " on October 27th.


Twelve teams will vie for fabulous prizes, with the first draw at 9:00 A.M. and the second draw at 1:00 P.M. after a hearty lunch.

All this will be yours for \$110.00 per team (including GST). Prizes will also be given for the best costumes.

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- Bob Hyatt





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-BOARD MINUTES-

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS- OCTOBER-

- 3 Women's Opening Meeting
- 6 Closed
- 8 Club Closed- Thanksgiving
- 10 WDS Clinic
- 12-13 South Western Ontario Women's
Cash Spiel
- 20 Intermediate Clinic
- 22 Women's Card Party
- 27 Halloween FUNspiel

NOVEMBER-

- 3 Professional Engineers Bonspiel
- 6 Metcalf Trophy
- 10 Kellogg Bonspiel
- 17 Curl for the Cure Bonspiel
- 19 Early Bird Bonspiel
- 21 Club Closed
- 22 Club Closed until 5PM
- 23-24 OCA Sr Men & Ladies Zone Championship
- 29 Friendship Day

SPECIAL THANK-YOU!

SPIRIT OF CURLING AWARD

It isn't often that one is caught by surprise, leaving the tongue thick as a brick, the mind racing, the sinking feeling of what do I say now. It's never happened to me before, and what a lovely way to be caught at the AGM in June. I am truly thrilled to be forever engraved on the *Women's Spirit of Curling* silver bowl, and to have a beautiful keepsake. The friendships, the curling, the food, the fun at the LCC have become a huge part of my life. Thank you to the decision makers, I hope you never feel that you made a mistake.

-Pat Bell, WDS.



SPARES

- Spare must be LCC members.
- Each league has a list of spares posted and this is the first source of spares for that league.
- Our Junior curlers appreciate the opportunity to experience curling in the adult leagues. They are listed in the club Directory.
- Anyone registered as **Restricted** membership (names marked with 'R' in Directory) are **not** permitted to spare in any league other than the one for which they have registered.
- Anyone registered as **Social** membership (* in Directory) are **not** permitted to curl.
- It is the responsibility of the individual who recruits the spare to ensure that these policies are followed.
- Should a game be played with non-eligible members the offending team will forfeit the game.
- All members are asked to aid the League convenors in monitoring these policies.

Fay Weiler

MAIN LOUNGE

- A reminder to all league convenors that they should tell their curlers on the first night that the main floor lounge IS NOT a change room.
- Please have them use the upstairs (ladies) or downstairs (men) locker rooms to change into their gear. There are lots of hooks, hangers (and maybe even some empty lockers) they can use for a couple of hours.
- This action will keep our entrance lounge looking good for new or future curlers, and visitors.

Doug Petch
Curling Committee Chair.

PRO SHOPPE



Welcome back curlers! And a special welcome to all new members. It's great to have you join us.

Your Pro Shoppe is ready to go. All stock orders have been received and inventoried.

This year we will reintroduce the Eagle curling shoe. This is an entry level shoe marketed for the novice or beginner curler and priced right at \$70. As well, two new styles of ladies curling pants will complete this part of our clothing line. Also, for the ladies, to help identify the fight against cancer, we are stocking a pink coloured broom and a matching gripper.

New to our inventory this season are two new brooms. The Tournament Performance broom and the Tournament Icebreaker broom, both with lightweight Fibreglas handles and priced to compete favourably with others on the market.

For this curling season, we are planning on having regular "sales" hours which will run from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. daily – Monday through Friday. The Pro Shoppe will be closed evenings unless one of our Sales Associates is available. However, we are planning 3 "sales" weeks in which the Pro Shoppe will be open until 9:00 p.m. daily including weekends. The first week begins October 15th.

Please note! Our club is placing emphasis on maintaining clean ice. Please check your gripper! Grippers should be changed at least every couple of years – before they start to break down and cause problems. And, your \$15 investment will be enjoyed by all.

We look forward to serving you and supplying all your curling needs. **And, as always, our prices include all taxes.**

Have a great curling season!

Bob Davis

