

# ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

November 2007

## Volunteers!!!!!!



Volunteers are an important component of the workings of the London Curling Club. Many of the services we enjoy are performed by volunteers. We appreciate and thank all of them. From time to time we will acknowledge volunteers who perform a specific service, so that you the reader will have the opportunity to thank them.



For example, the Roster was compiled and edited by Wink DuBrule. It was in our hands early in the season and we thank her for the hard work and effort she put into making that happen.

The Pro Shoppe is up and running under the capable direction of Bob Davis and his crew of volunteer members who are listed by the Pro Shoppe window. They provide a service to members and some revenue to the club, as well. I am sure Bob would always welcome an extra volunteer.



You are now reading the second edition of Rock Talk this season as Editor, Karen Lowry continues the tradition of an excellent news vehicle for club news and views.



If you have not already done so, please check out our new revised Web Site. Our Webmaster, Eric Duggan is working quietly behind the scenes to give us an up to date and classy site.



There are many fix-it jobs to do around the building, just like at home, and our own volunteer who does many of those himself or finds someone to do them is Garry Thompson. You may find him changing a light bulb or fixing a toilet, but he does get the job done.

To these and all of the other members who help to make LCC a great place,

**“THANK YOU!”**

DID YOU KNOW?



Curling was a demonstration sport at the III Olympic Winter Games!

**London Curling Club is  
hosting the  
Senior Men &  
Women's Zone  
Competition  
November 23-25, 2007  
Come see some quality curling  
during the competition.**

## MEMBERSHIP

Like many clubs in Ontario, we continue to face declining membership as our current member's age. Unlike other ports there is not a lot of opportunity to try curling without committing to an annual membership. It's easy to try 18 holes of golf to see if you like it.

The best source of new members is from our existing membership. Many of you over the years have convinced others to give curling a try. Where else can people be Active in a sport for such a reasonable dollar investment.

The daytime ladies do a great job with their "Friendship Day". Maybe the senior men should run a "Bring a Buddy Day". Please give some thought as to who you might introduce to curling, a friend, a neighbor or a relative. Over the next few weeks, we will be giving you the opportunity to introduce curling to someone new.

Don Agnew  
Membership Services

## Curl for the Cure



Just a reminder that the 11th Annual "Curl for the Cure" Women's Charity Bonspiel will be held at the London Curling Club on Saturday, November 17th. Since this event began in 1997, a total of \$250,605.46 has been raised! We hope to raise another \$30,000 this year! The deadline for registration is November 2nd. The 9 am draw is full and there are 5 spots open in the 11 am draw.

Registration packages are 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 still 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 Co-ordinator

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



Once again the women's section at LCC is offering beautiful Poinsettias and winter plant arrangements for the holiday season. The plants arrive on our doorstep directly from the VanDam greenhouses.

Invoices and picture illustrations are in the lower lounge and women's locker room upstairs.

The last day to place orders is Tuesday, November 27. Delivery to club Friday, December 7.

Place invoices in the order box in the office or give to Marlene Benny or Marianne LaRose.


Thanks  
Marlene



## AROUND THE HOUSE

The London Curling Club website has been moved to a new location at <http://www.londoncurling.ca/> with a new look. We have expanded capability and can now offer an archive of Rock Talk issues going back to November of 2003 and expanded ability to display photos of activities at the club. Have a visit to see for yourself.. Submissions for updates to the website can be made to [webmaster@londoncurling.ca](mailto:webmaster@londoncurling.ca)

The wall signs are up listing the Advertisers and Sponsors that support our curling club. Please remember to use them and let them know that you saw their advertisement in the Roster or Rock Talk or on the wall at the club.

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## NOVEMBER OCA REPORT



It's great to be back curling again. The LCC OCA Reps traveled to the Sarnia Curling Club for the fall meeting. OCA Competition Posters and Club Entry Sheets have been posted in the Men's and Women's locker rooms but all entries are to be made on line.

### Online Competition Entry Application 2007-2008

[www.ontcurl.com](http://www.ontcurl.com)

This is a two-part process:

#### **Online Process – Part 1**

- Complete the online entry application. Be prepared to supply:
  - A valid email address
  - Submit credit card information and
  - Name all four players and coach if required
- You will be issued a confirmation number after you complete and submit the form

#### **On line process – Part 2**

- You will be emailed a confirmation form requiring the signature of your OCA Club Representative. If you do not receive this email, call the OCA office at 905-831-1757 or 1-877-668-2875
- Do one of the following:
  - Print the form, have it signed, fax the form to the OCA Office at 905-831-1083 **OR**
  - Forward the email to your OCA Club Representative asking them to forward it (with any comments) to the OCA Office at [entries@ontcurl.com](mailto:entries@ontcurl.com)

*Online entries must be submitted by the deadline date. If you fail to complete both steps of this process your team will not be included in the draw and your entry fee defaulted. If you need to withdraw your entry prior to the entry deadline, please email the OCA office quoting the confirmation number and the reason for withdrawing. All competition and eligibility rules will apply, as per the competition sign up sheets and the current OCA rules supplement.*

- Proceed to Application Form...enter all required information marked with (\*)

**If you have any problems, contact your OCA Rep.**

#### Junior Rep – Teresa Easter

- ❖Junior Zones (men's & women's) is being held in Ilderton on November 17. Any teams interested in playing need to sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board by October 30th.

#### Men – David Peeling

- ❖Competition information is posted on your locker room bulletin board

#### Women – Linda Peeling

- ❖Competition information is posted on the bulletin board

OCA has launched a brand new website. Check it out...[www.ontcurl.com](http://www.ontcurl.com)

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

*Tim Hortons*

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# SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO WOMEN'S CHARITY CASHSPIEL



The 11th Annual Southwestern Ontario Women's Charity Cashspiel was won by a young and talented team from Ottawa, skipped by Rachel Homan. She, along with her team members, Emma Miskew, Alison Kreviazuk, Nikki Johnston and 5th Erin Morrissey met Debbie McCormick(USA), Julie Reddick(2X) Jen Hanna, Jennifer Jones(2X), Eve Belisle(Quebec) and were undefeated in their quest for the Championship.

The event was kicked off with a Celebrity Funspiel held at the Ilderton Curling Club. Joyce Hetherington, Sylvia Leuszler, Teresa Easter, Curtis Easter, David Easter and Luke Grasby from our club participated in this event. About \$8,000 was raised to help support the London Regional Cancer Program. Congratulations to CURTIS EASTER who was responsible for raising \$1,000 in pledges.

Because of a breakdown in equipment at the St. Thomas Curling Club, London Curling Club was kind enough to provide ice on Sunday and Monday mornings. Thanks to Gary Thompson and the Sr. Men's Daytime League, Marg Sirna, Ken Walmsley and Kevin Breivik for helping to make this happen.

Congratulations to MARY LOIS COOPER who won the beautiful crafted quilt made by Margery Towers of Mississauga and many thanks to the members who purchased tickets for this fundraiser.


A pair of \$250 Goldline Curling Shoes, \$125.00 gift certificate to Crave/Next Door, and a Tim Horton's Coffee Brewer were donated to our club for our fundraiser. \$436.00 was raised and on Friday, October 26 the winning tickets were drawn. Congratulations to CINDY THOM, who won not only the Curling Shoes, but also the Crave/Next Door gift certificate and DEB PULLEN was the winner of the Coffee Brewer.

For four days our Curling Club was visited by participating curlers, friends, family and curling fans. It was busy, but all ran smoothly, thanks to the following people who gave me their support and many volunteer hours----- Penny Brown, Kevin Breivik & staff, Angela Casey-Richardson, Barb Colbourn, Holly Cox, Ginet DeMarchi, Mary Ellen Duggan, Pam Harrison, Bob Hyatt, Marg Sirna, Les Sonier, Ken Walmsley, Fay Weiler.

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Marlene Suzuki LCC rep. SOWCC

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## SWEENEY LEAGUE 2006-07 HIGH POINT WINNERS



L-R Dave Mann (Skip), Al Starratt (Vice), Ron Lewis (Convenor), Randy McNaught ( Second), Mike Ernewein (Lead)

## PRESIDENT'S LEAGUE

I'd like to welcome back all the returning President's League curlers and give a special welcome to the new members of our league. With some last minute scrambling, we now have 24 teams for 2 full draws. There are quite a few members listed on the spare list, so be sure to give them a call if you aren't going to be able to make your game. All the draw information is posted on the President's League bulletin board located just around the corner from the "curling store" glass cabinet.

I'd like to congratulate the 2006-2007 winning team of Ean MacDonald, Dave Heinrichs, Bob Bourdeau and Bonnie Arnold. Their names are on the President's League plaque hung up in the lounge immediately to your left just inside the main doors.

As in past years, the top 4 teams from Flight 2 will move up to Flight 1 in the new year and the bottom 4 teams in Flight 1 will move down to Flight 2. At this point, I'm planning a one-night play-off game at the end of the year - for big cash prizes !

If you have any suggestions on how to improve our league, please let me know. One suggestion I did receive was to play only a 6-end game at 9 p.m. if both skips agree prior to the start of play...sounds fine to me.

Good Curling!

Roger Moyer  
President's League Convenor

## Monday Daytime Men's Open League

This league started last season with 10 teams as part of the Miller League. We have graduated to become a full fledged league of our own with 14 teams. Games start most every Monday at 1 PM. With 14 teams it is necessary for one game each week to be played at 10 AM. This is the same time as the Senior Men's Open Draw so the teams do not feel too lonely in the arena.

The plan is for one complete round robin (13 games), followed by a division into two flights. A final 7 game competition within each flight and possibly a final game to determine the overall winner. The exact format is still to be decided. If you have any suggestions feel free (no obligation to convene in the future) to make them to Bruce Cooper.

After two weeks everyone seems to be enjoying the competition. If you want to try this event sign up on the spare list and think about getting a team together for next season.

Bruce Cooper  
Convenor

## PRACTICE SESSION



Junior curlers from Bern Switzerland spent time practicing at LCC prior to a Junior Cashspiel at Highland.

## NOVICE/INTERMEDIATE CLINIC SUCCESSFUL

Because the Novice clinic booked for September 31st had to be cancelled, the October 20th Clinic was expanded to include Novice and Intermediate levels of curlers. It offered a great opportunity for newer curlers to learn correct curling techniques, and for more experienced curlers to refresh their skills.

MANY THANKS go to head clinic conductor Bob LaRose, and to the instructors Rick Battson, Sue Beckett, Norm Ducharme, David Easter and Teresa Easter for all their work in making this a successful event!

Fay Weiler



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**WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION NEWS**



L-R Mary Lou Dickinson, Marilyn Hart, Bonny Shawyer, Ruth Dutrizca

**OUR APOLOGY!!!** Inadvertently the winners of the Friday Competitive League, 2006-07, were omitted in last month's Rock Talk and the winners of the previous year were given the credit. For this error we offer a very sincere apology.

Please congratulate the following:

"A" FLIGHT: Mary Lou Dickinson, Marilyn Hart, Bonny Shawyer, Ruth Dutrizac.

"B" FLIGHT: Lil Richardson, Shirley Vaile, Joan Cuthbert, Marg Sirna

ROUND-ROBIN : First: Team Marlene Benny, Second: Team Jean Walmsley, Third Team Joanne Laws.

**OPENING MEETING** - October 3, 2007, started with the renewal of old friendships and the welcoming of new members.

NEW to the LCC: Ruby Dickson  
Faye McDonald  
Elaine Stevens

Joining us from Evening Curling: Sue Arnold  
Sydney Ann Davidson  
Rose Geraghty  
Dale McIntyre

To date we have 89 active members, an increase of 3 from this time last year. We welcome the participation of our 8 Social Members and hope to introduce new curlers to our Club on Friendship Day. Keep in mind a friend whom you want to include in this special event.

Our new Chair, Pam Harrison, presided over the meeting and Past Chair, Sheila Novlan, convened the event. Yes, the upstairs Lounge was decorated in autumn colours and refreshments were provided from a silver tea service.. Club President Marg Sirna and Club Manager Ken Walmsley extended greetings. We recognized, with a corsage, the winner of the "Spirit of Curling Award" for 2006-2007, Pat Bell.

Extensive reports by each member of the Executive reflected the ongoing commitment and enthusiasm for the many, many activities of our Women's Daytime Section. For more details, please see the bulletin board for Secretary Weir's minutes.

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**WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION NEWS** Cont'd

**FALL CARD PARTY** - Once again, the upstairs lounge was filled to capacity as 80 women gathered at 20 card tables for this annual fall event. Convenor, Linda Round, with the help of co-convenor, Connie Weir, and resident decorator Sheila Novlan, transformed the upstairs lounge into autumn. .

Kitchen helpers for the event were Fay Weiler, Marnie Sherritt, Joan Dickie, Marg Fliss, Sheila Novlan & Pat Bell who organized sandwiches, squares, tea and coffee. The servers were kept busy refilling jugs of ice water, a popular item on a warm afternoon. A big thank you also to all those generous WDS'ers who donated the 25 door prizes, as well as to those who made food donations and/or loaned card tables. The event wouldn't be possible without you. Profit from the sold out event was \$597.51

**OPENING JITNEY** - (Doreen Stacey, Fay Weiler) We attracted 15 curlers to our first event, held October 4, the Thursday before Thanksgiving. Although we were competing with glorious, record-setting weather, 19 curlers came out the following Tuesday for another 6 end, fun game. It was a great warm up for the real thing.

**DIANE WHITTAKERS & ASSOCIATES** (Marj Dudley, Pam Harrison). This event has 56 Tuesday curlers vying for the trophy.

**"WOW"** - (Pat Bell). Women On Wednesday are playing Scotch Doubles. Yes, it's a game format of two person teams, providing great practice without sweepers, and good experience for new curlers. Join in a day or more on Wednesdays from 10 to noon.

**YOUNG & COMPANY** (Marg Sirna, Doris Montgomery). The Thursday morning event has 32 curlers enjoying themselves.

**COMPETITIVE LEAGUE.** (Penny Brown, Jean Cameron). Last, but not least, we have 14 teams entered in Friday's event.

Women's Daytime Section events are underway, well attended, lots of enthusiasm, and lots of promise for the season.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WOMEN'S SECTION**

- November 17: CURL FOR THE CURE (Linda Round)
- November 29: FRIENDSHIP DAY (Jean Walmsley, Joan Cuthbert)
- December 06: BONANZA (Marlene Suzuki, Joanne Laws) 6 Thursdays
- December 11: BERNIES (Bonny Shawyer, Karen Lowry) 6 Tuesdays
- December 12: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY)\*\* (Penny Brown, Linda Peeling)
- January 28: CARD PARTY (Connie Weir, Linda Peeling)\*\*
- February 20: CURL FOR A CAUSE (Marj Dudley, Fay Weiler)\*\*\*



**BONSPIELS**

- November 19: THE 5 JEANETTES EARLY BIRD (Marianne LaRose, Marilyn Vanbuskirk)
- January 16: THE GRANDMOTHERS (Sherry Chambers, Eleanor Fair)
- March 3/4: SHEILA BETKUS 2 DAY (Pat Bell)

\*\*Our Social Members are cordially invited to participate in these events

\*\*\*The "Cause" for which we are curling is currently under consideration and will be announced this month. Again we count on your generous donations to the raffle table. Anytime after December 1st you can give donations directly to convenor Marj Dudley.

Please check the bulletin board and sign-up sheets for the above events.

To anyone whose event I inadvertently missed, it was not intentional, simply an oversight by a novice reporter.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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

**DECEMBER**

- 1 Bantam/Junior LCC Bonspiel
- 8 UWO Kinesiology Clinic
- 12 Women's Christmas Party
- 22-25 Club Closed
- 26 Open Curling - Reservation required
- 27 Club closed for Maintenance
- 28 Club Closed for Maintenance
- 29-31 Club Closed



A number of our members are sensitive and allergic to perfumes and scents from soaps and cosmetics, such as perfumes, colognes, deodorants. It would be appreciated if we could all refrain from using any scented cosmetics when attending the London Curling Club.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Marg Sirna, Club President

**PIPEDA-** If you have not signed yours, please do so!

Please be reminded of LCC Standard Procedure #1450, which states "There is to be no soliciting in the London Curling Club". It is for this reason that the Board asks that all fundraising ideas be presented and okayed by the Board. Any sales other than LCC fundraisers are strongly discouraged.

No need to wait for ice if sheet 1 & 6 are open. They have great curl and are usually ready to go!

**PRO SHOPPE SUGGESTIONS**



**Why not consider wearing some of our London Curling Club clothing?**

Due to space limitations our clothing line is a well-kept secret. But, surprisingly, we have a complete assortment of men's and ladies turtlenecks, golf shirts, jackets, ladies fleece jackets, and ladies fleece vests. All embroidered with our Club logo.

And to round out the line we stock curling pants and curling gloves in different styles and sizes to complement the rest of your ensemble.

Ask your sales representative to show you our complete line of clothing.


We also stock a broom for the Little Rock and Junior curlers as well as a delivery stick and brush for some of our senior members. Brooms start at \$35 each.

As well, throughout our Club we have many teams curling in the various leagues and Bonspiels. Why not consider uniform clothing for your team? Great for wearing at the Club or when representing The London Curling Club at bonspiels.

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