

ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

January 2008



98TH ANNUAL CITY OF LONDON BONSPIEL



The 98th City of London Bonspiel took place January 4, 5 and 6 and it was a tremendous success! Several high profile names were entered including Kirk Ziola, John Epping, Bob Ingram and brothers Al and Eric Harnden from Sault Ste. Marie. To say that there was some amazing curling talent on the ice is an understatement. Al Harnden has been to the Brier 4 times, Eric has 3 Purple Hearts of his own and both Ziola and Ingram have played for the national title as well. A total of 16 teams were entered to compete for \$5200 in prize money.

The main event semi finals saw the Harnden brothers facing off. Both teams had gone undefeated so far, but Eric took a huge lead early in the game by scoring 5 in the second end. It wasn't long before Al and his team hit the highway for the long drive home. In the other semi final, Kirk Ziola from Ilderton faced Ken Baute and his team from St. Thomas. Ziola's team includes Darcy Tomchick, Scott McDonald and Ryan Myler. They have had a great year, sitting in second place on the Ontario Curling Tour money list with nearly \$20,000 in winnings. The Baute rink consists of Kevin Breivik, Peter Hayman and Ted Smith, all former Ontario Intermediate champions. Ziola scored a big end early in the game and cruised to an 8-3 victory.

The final between Kirk Ziola and Eric Harnden was an excellent game that really showed just how good these players are. In the fourth end Harnden had the hammer and Ziola was lying 3 with shot rock just behind the button. With his first rock Harnden played the freeze and came up about 2 inches short of the shot rock. Ziola picked it clean. Eric Harnden, cool as can be, played the freeze again, basically drawing the button for his single.

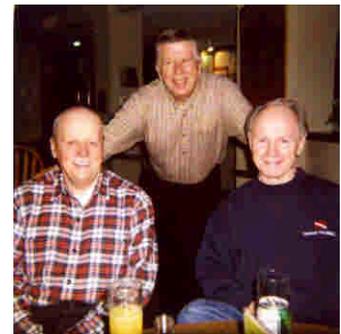
The score was tied 1-1 but that was about to change. Ziola had the hammer and 2 biters in the rings. There was a guard out front. With his last rock Harnden elected to draw behind the guard and made a great shot to the top of the 4 foot. Ziola could see about 1 inch of that rock. With just enough weight to tap it out of the rings, Ziola got by the guard and made the perfect come around hit to score 3 points. With a sharp shooting front end, it was all but over. Ziola went on for a 5-3 victory. Trivia: Ziola and Harnden also met in the 1983 Brier with Ziola winning their match 4-2.

In the second event final, the Daryl Shane rink from Kitchener downed Dave Mann and his LCC rink of Kirk Massey, Chris Sherman and Bruce Thom. The third event saw John Epping from Toronto defeat Bob Ingram from Ridgetown. The organizing committee of Greg Lewis, Norm Ducharme, Paul Purves, Bruce Thom and Dave Fraser did a great job and feel certain that this event will continue to prosper under this format. They would like to thank all of the volunteers that offered their time and energy to come out and help in the kitchen. Your efforts allowed us to serve up some wonderful food (even that special soup!) while reducing our costs. Thanks to all!

A PERFECT '8' ENDER

Skip Chuck Townsend along with Don Agnew and Ron Schiedel scored an 8 ender during the 7th end on January 3, 2008

CONGRATULATIONS!!





London Curling Club 5th Annual Valentine Dinner



Sat. Feb. 9, 2008 - 6 p.m.

Gina Ferrugia and Bryan Gloyd will be performing at this year's Valentine Dinner. Gina will have no trouble finding the club, since she spent grades 5-8 at St. Mary's right next door. She also remembers curling at the club once about 10 years ago. Her team lost, and she got a free beer!

Gina is a well-known London jazz vocalist who performs regularly at Maggie's and the Aeolian Hall. She is also the vocalist with the Bill Sherry Big Band from St. Thomas. She is reacquainting herself with her first instrument, the violin, as a fiddle player for country and bluegrass bands while still maintaining her commitment to jazz. John Noubarian calls her song list "the best jazz singer's songbook in town".

Gina is currently collaborating with pianist Bryan Gloyd on new repertoire to be performed in Toronto this spring. Bryan grew up in the Simcoe area, and started piano at age 6, later adding organ - his preferred instrument since he first heard it as a child on the early TV soaps. He was soon playing at local churches and community events, well known in the area for his great music, and for the fact he was missing the ends of two fingers on his left hand (from a farming accident at age 5). Jazz piano intrigues Bryan for its creativity and diversity and developing that talent has become his life adventure.



Think about making up a table of 8 and coming out for a fun evening.

Tickets are \$37 including GST, and are available from Marg Sirna, Marj Dudley, Bruce and Mary Lois Cooper

Don't miss a great dinner, a great show, and a wonderful time with your friends at LCC this Feb. 9. !!!

ROSTER

Additions and corrections for January to the roster are now available in both the upper and lower Lounges.

KNIGHTS GAME RAFFLE WINNER RON FLISS!!

Ron is going to the Knights' game on Jan. 10th at the JLC. He has 4 tickets and \$200 for use in The Restaurant Compliments of



TANKARD BUS TRIP

If you are interested in going to Kitchener on Sunday, Feb. 10th to see the Ontario final game of the Tankard

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LAST DAY TO SIGN JAN. 15TH

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SPECIAL THANK-YOU!!!

CHRISTMAS PLANT SALE

Profit from the winter plant sale this year is \$1050.00.

We thank LCC curlers for their support again this year for this fundraiser.

The weather cooperated for a smooth plant delivery and distribution. We are also grateful that VanDam's Greenhouses provides us with the beautiful vibrant plants.

Thanks to Bruce Cooper and John Benny for assisting with the distribution on plant delivery day.

Marlene Benny & Marianne LaRose

KNIGHTS GAME RAFFLE

Thanks to all the LCC members who supported the fundraising effort for 4 tickets at restaurant level , plus \$200 for food and beverages, at the JLC on Jan. 10th. Ron Fliss was the lucky winner and hopefully will bring the Knights home a winner.

Special thanks to Karen Lowry for her ticket production and Bruce Cooper, not only for leading the campaign, but also for selling just under half of the \$1005 tickets sold. Many others deserve a doff of the hat for their efforts in " volunteering " to sell tickets.

Our thanks to Ken MacMaster of MacMaster Chev, Cadillac, Hummer and London Motor Products for his donation of the tickets and financial support.

Your Fundraising Committee

CHRISTMAS GREENS FUNDRAISER

On behalf of the London Curling Club I would like to acknowledge and thank Bill and Paulette Loyens for allowing us access to their property to collect pine, fir and spruce branches for the fundraising event held at the club on Friday, November 30th and Saturday December 1st.

Thanks to Mary Reeder for all her hard work, support and assistance. We are pleased to present to the club \$1000. which is to help with improving the upstairs Lounge and Ladies Locker room area.

Thanks-you for your support.

Cindy Thom

AROUND THE HOUSE



Many thanks to Garry Thompson, Don Agnew and Don Lowry for their help with maintenance during the holidays.

Volunteers may contact Garry Thompson if they have time and talents available.

WALMSLEY

Ken and Jean Walmsley are ever so grateful for the outpouring of support you have all provided since my accident on Nov. 6th. We have no idea how we would have managed without your ever so gracious offerings - meals, driving Miss Isobel (my mom), sweets and goodies of the season, visits, phone calls, prayers, cards, blessings, gifts, plants encouragement, positive messages, LCC staff and Interim Managers.

Plans are underway for discharge by late January with ongoing rehab. at a physio gym. I look forward to being home again and to have visitors here. I do plan to visit the club during the WDS 2 Day in early March and we have a hold on two tickets for the Valentine's dinner ! We should be able to find a few strong men who can help me up the stairs as I will be doing much more by then ??

All the best in the New Year and keep on smiling !

In Loving Gratitude, Ken & Jean.



EDITOR'S NOTE

As editor of ROCK TALK, I get telephone calls to provide various information that might be of interest to us all. Or not!

It was reported to the LCC office that Dave Shaw had lost ONE curling shoe. - the left one to be exact, size 9!

So-o-o-o if anyone has found the mate to the one in this photo, please return to the owner, condition not in question!!

No reward offered!!



JUNIOR CURLING



We held our annual Junior-Bantam Bonspiel on December 1. A total of 20 teams participated including 6 from our club and there were teams from as far away as Sarnia and Georgetown.

Thanks to Trent and Teresa Easter for taking care of the food and prizes – a great job! Also thanks to Matt Zettler and Kevin Battson, our Draw Masters and to Jenny Shaw, Sherri Clifford and Dave McKinnon who helped with lunch. It's great to have such wonderful volunteers. We would all like to thank the London Curling Club and its staff for all their help. How can we fail with such tremendous support.

The Krupicz team from the K.W. Granite Club won the bantam side and the Krell team from St. Thomas Curling Club won the junior side.

What was most impressive was the excellent sportsmanship shown by all the curlers.

Thanks as well to the curlers from the London Curling Club. Twenty-four of our young people came out to represent our club and they did it with class - well done.

Our Christmas party was postponed because of the snow storm on December 16. We will hold the party in January.

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

ADVANCED CURLING CLINIC

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED

Jan. 12, 2008 - 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The winners for the second draw in the Friday Mixed are as follows

Sign up sheet posted on the Daytime Men's bulletin board just to the right inside the main entrance to the club.

- :Flight #1 Don Dudley
- Flight #2 Chuck Townsend
- Flight #3 Marshall Myers
- Flight #4 Jack Nichol
- Flight #5 Phil Williams
- Flight #6 Derek Shadlock

Please sign up by Tuesday, Jan.8th, 2008.

This event is FREE for club members.

Doug Petch
Skills and Development Committee

We are still looking for one more mixed team to start in January if anyone is interested. Please Call Nancy Myers 519-455-7447 or e-mail at myers57@sympatico.ca

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OCA REPORT

Juniors/Bantams

Bantam Zones is taking place in Kingsville on January 12 and regionals on January 19 in Welland. We wish the Team Easter best of luck and hope to see them make it to Provincials in February.

Any Junior/Bantam teams interested in going to the Mixed Zones taking place in Chatham must be signed up on time. Please check the bulletin board for details.

Women

Unfortunately the women have not entered any competitions to date.

Men

Congratulations to our team of Ean MacDonald, David Heinrichs, Ted Ellwood and Bob Bourdeau for winning the 'B Side' TSC Stores Tankard Zones and advance to Regionals at Woodstock Curling Club on January 5-6, 2008.

Dave Beckett, Tom Zavitz, Paul Reily and Dave Fraser have entered the Holiday Inn Challenge at Beach Grove Golf & Curling Club on January 4-6, 2008. Good Luck guys!

Message to all curlers...

- Make sure you use the boot cleaners every time you enter the curling club.
- Competition entry forms are posted for upcoming events...pay attention to the Club Closing Dates
- Check the OCA website for more information www.ontcurl.com



Linda & David Peeling
Teresa Easter & Sylvia Leuszler

TEASDALE LEAGUE 2007 – 2008

The Teasdale League will end its first round-robin games on Jan. 24. Following that the league will split into two divisions to complete the season. Total points at the end will determine the league champion.

There have been many excellent games so far this year with good, spirited competition and it should continue into the new year.

On Dec. 20, the League held its annual Skins Competition with 10 teams participating. A challenge was issued to the curlers to get in the Christmas Spirit by wearing something suitable for the season. Thank you to the curlers who participated—Bruce Cooper, Ray McCorquodale, Garry Thompson, and Bob Milliken. A draw for a bottle of wine was held and Bob Milliken walked off with the prize. Bob even entertained everyone with his "Animated" hat.

Happy New Year to ALL

Ron McLennan---Convenor



Bob Milliken

DAYTIME MEN'S BRING-A-BUDDY

On Monday, February 4th the daytime men's open league (1:00 PM draw) and the daytime men open draw (10:00 AM draw) are combining for a BRING-A-BUDDY day. We are trying to encourage new people to take up our fantastic game.

The day will look something like this-----

- 9:30 arrival and preparation of non-curlers for going onto the ice
- 9:45 on ice introduction to curling
- 10:30 try a 4 or 6 end game with hosts and the new curlers
- 11:45 drinks and lunch. Lunch costs (to be determined) will be bourn by LCC members who bring a guest.
- 1:00 for those who wish a chance to try new found skills (4 or 6 ends)

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WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION NEWS

CHRISTMAS PARTY (Penny Brown, Linda Peeling)

It all happened on Wednesday, December Twelfth---it was a time of abundance. We played hard, laughed heartily and gave generously. Curlers enjoyed coffee and fruit breads before taking to the ice. We rewarded the last person to score a double take-out, draw to the button or hog the rock. After the game, more members joined us in the lounge, so beautifully decorated for Christmas by Sheila Novlan and Co. Les Sonier at the bar provided the libations.



While we curled, Santa's elves were busy in the kitchen, preparing quiche and salad, nibbling on the nanimo bars and making rather merry! Thank you to Mary Reeder, Carol Moir, Lynda Reesor, Doreen Stacey, Barb Gordon, Joyce Hetherington and Pam Harrison.

Convenor Penny Brown arranged for a wonderful array of prizes for the lucky draws. We are grateful to Bob Davis, our Pro Shop Guy, Bruce Cooper, our Wood Guy and Pat Bell, our Artsy Gal. Highway Six, a musical group of 6, entertained us with songs whose words we all knew. Our memories were amazing, age has its advantages. We sang with gusto and earned an encore from these talented musicians.

Finally, we amassed boxes of donations for the less fortunate women of MY SISTER'S PLACE. Within an hour of our party ending, we had delivered these boxes to their place at KIng and William Streets. We were heartened by the gratitude with which our items were received. On Febuary 20 we again have on opportunity to donate to this very worthy cause.

No small details were overlooked by convenor Penny Brown and co-convenor Linda Peeling. Thank you both very much for a wonderful party. We ended our fall season with joy and gratitude.

DIANE WHITTAKER and ASSOCIATES (Marj Dudley, Pam Harrison)

This Tuesday event seems as popular as our Friday Competitive League. Fourteen teams made it necessary to start one game early at 11:15 am. They had the distinct advantage of the empty locker room. Next year, let's aim for sixteen teams. The event ended on November 27 with prizes and refreshments--punch and tasty treats. We are grateful to Diane Whittaker for her promise of one more year of sponsorship and we miss her. Diane and daughter Madison now reside in Markham, leaving friend and associate Sandy Ronson to make the presentation.

Congratulations to the top three teams. FIRST: Mary McGuigan, Fay Weiler, Penny Brown and SKIP Lil Richardson. SECOND: Marnie Sherritt, Donna Millar, Ruth Prentice, and SKIP Marlene Benny. THIRD: Sherry Chambers, Gail Agnew, Pat Bell and SKIP Marj Dudley.

The busy last day was made easier with the talents of Jan Murray, Sheila McSwiggan, Doreen Jones, Sandy Ronson and Gail Agnew.

Thank you especially to Marj and Pam for making this event an unqualified success.



WOMEN ON WEDNESDAYS (WOW) (Pat Bell)

We used 2 sheets of ice and our curlers enjoyed the game of Scotch Doubles, a contest of two against two without the benefit of brooms. It was great practice in shot-making.

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WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION Cont'd

FRIENDSHIP DAY (Joan Cuthbert)

This is our annual opportunity to introduce our friends to the game we love and to our curling club. Women's Daytime Section offers much to people looking for a winter sport and new friendships. We are very grateful to Joan for stepping into the convenor's role in the unfortunate absence of Jean Walmsley. With help from Jean Cameron, Marilyn Wearing, and Pat Bell the curlers were treated to a hearty soup and salad lunch. We filled 4 ices, offered instruction to our twelve guests and played a six end game.

Assisting with the administration were Fay Weiler and Joan Bidinosti, name tags by Mo Cloghesy, puzzle by Mary Lois Cooper, instruction by Pat Bell, Joyce Hetherington and Pam Harrison. You did a wonderful job, Joan. Thank you very much.

FUND RAISERS:

"A" THEATRE NIGHT, Thursday January 24 at the Palace Theatre on Dundas Street. This comedy looks at the bad case of nerves which actors experience behind the scenes and is aptly named "Jitters". Pam Harrison and Sheila Novlan have the \$12 tickets, of which \$5 is directly donated to our club. Let's join some friends and make this a fun evening.

"B" CARD PARTY: (Connie Weir, Linda Peeling) Monday January 28, 12:30 pm, upstairs lounge. The table game of your choice will follow the sandwich lunch. Our October card party raised almost \$600. Can we top that? Both Linda and Connie have the tickets, \$32 per table of four. Funds will go for improvements in the upstairs lounge and locker room. Again, we count on the generous donations by members of sandwiches, relishes and desserts. Sign-up sheets are posted.

NASH DIAMOND: To celebrate their 55th anniversary as a sponsor, Nash Jewellers has donated a Canadian Polar 1/4 Carat Diamond, valued at \$1000. Ticket sales being the same day as the "Nash" begins, Tuesday February 12. We'll draw the winning ticket on the last day of competition, April 01.

CURL FOR THE CAUSE ***NEW EVENT******* (Marj Dudley, Fay Weiler)

Now is the time to set aside those unloved treasures for donation to our raffle tables and silent auction. Or you may consider a cash donation for which a charitable tax receipt will be issued. Although next year's "cause" is yet to be determined, we know that this February 20 we are supporting MY SISTER'S PLACE. We are cordially invited to visit this shelter at our convenience. In the meantime, convenor Marj will gladly receive our gifts. Let's show our appreciation for Kay Carr's generous support by an enthusiastic response to this event.

COMING SOON

January 16: **GRANDMOTHERS BONSPIEL** (Sherry Chambers, Eleanor Fair): Sixteen out of club teams are coming to share in the "Grandmothers' Tea" with eight teams from our own club.

January 23, February 6: **LEADS and SECONDS** (Barb Dalrymple, Sherry Chambers)

January 28: **CARD PARTY** (Connie Weir, Linda Peeling)

January 30: **SKINS GAME:** One game and lunch (Sandy Ronson, Pat Bell)

January 31, February 07: **BYOP** (Pam Harrison, Carolyn Petley)

February 12: The **NASH** begins (6 games) (Betty Burrows, Jill Day)

February 13: **SWEETHEART BONSPIEL:** (Jean Cameron)

February 20: **CURL FOR THE CAUSE** (Marj Dudley, Fay Weiler)

February 20: **SISTER CITY SPIEL**, Aylmer Curling Club, 2 games

February 21: **SUBWAY** begins (6 games) (Sharon Sivak, Marg Fliss)

DETAILS POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD



Friendship Day guests

THIS JUST IN: Our friend Gail Agnew has had a fall and unfortunately broken a hip. We will support both Gail and Don in whatever way we can. Get well, Gail. Our good wishes for a speedy recovery are with you.

Joyce Hetherington
"Reporter in Residence" for WDS..

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THURSDAY NIGHT BUSINESS LADIES

The Thursday Night Business Ladies had their Christmas Party Thursday, December 21st. There were over 40 in attendance. It was Potluck with a prize raffle that raised \$170 for the Club's Capital Fund. The women were asked to bring a Toy donation for the Women's shelter called "My Sister's Place".

The second half of the round robin is underway with the playoffs starting on Feb 21st

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

1	Club closed
4-6	City of London Cashspiel
12	Advanced Clinic
16	Grandmother's Bonspiel
19	3M Bonspiel
26	Spring Thaw Mixed Bonspiel
28	Women's Card Party

FEBRUARY

2	Rolling Stones Bonspiel
5	Highland Friendly 2008
9	Shriners Bonspiel
	LCC Valentines Dinner
13	Sweetheart Spiel
16	Business Women's Bonspiel
20	Curl for the Cause
23	TVCL Bonspiel
26	Club Closed for Ice Maintenance
27	Club Closed until 5PM

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