

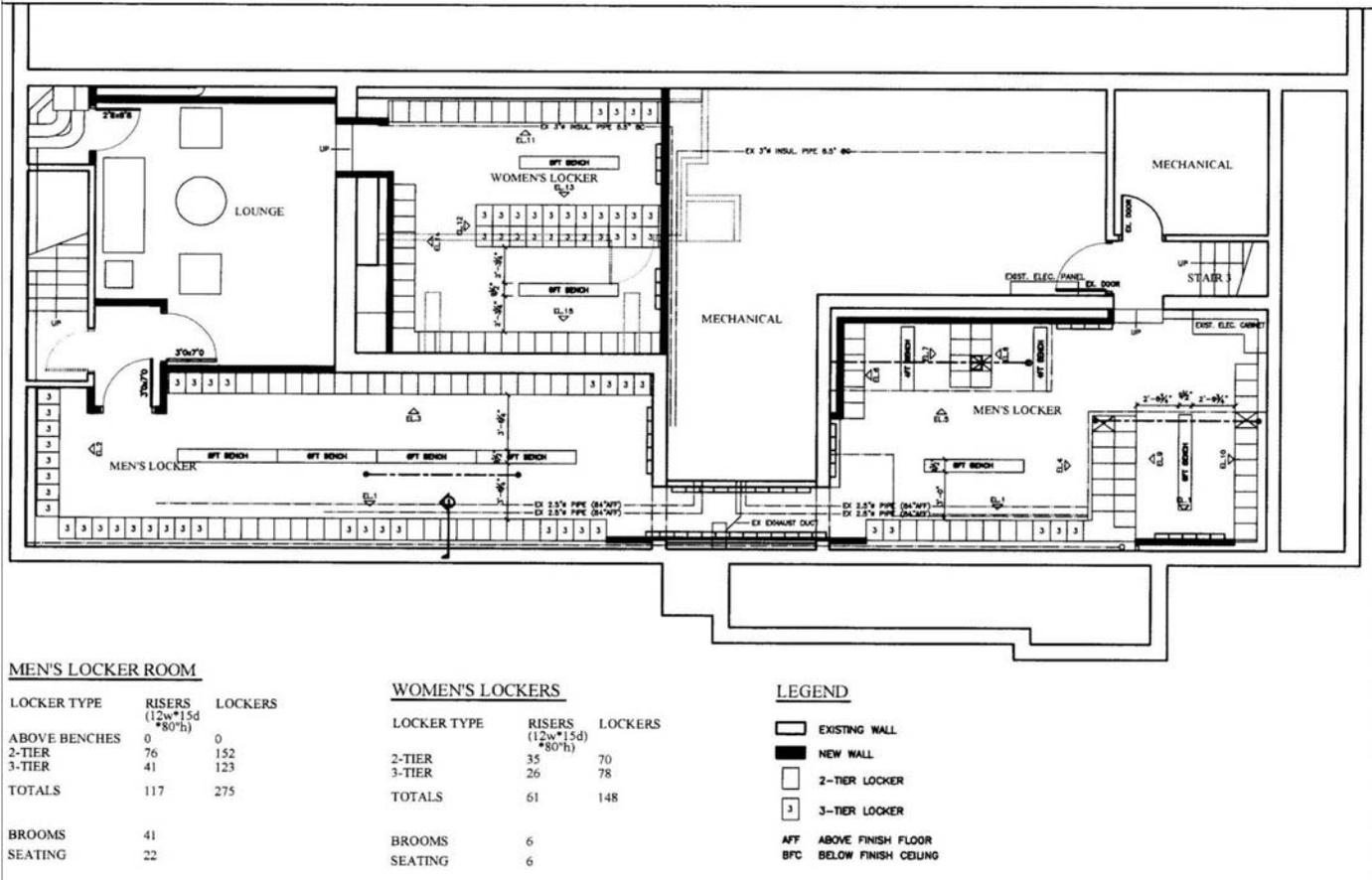
ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

December 2008

TRILLIUM AWARD GRANTED to LCC!!

PROPOSED PLANS FOR LCC'S MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOMS
Prepared by Barry Wade Design, Construction, Management



Great news! We have been informed that we are to receive a \$50,000 grant to help with the renovations to the locker rooms. This should cover between 1/4 and 1/3 of the total cost. A contract has already been signed with the Trillium Foundation to proceed with this project as soon as curling season is completed. It does mean that we will need a campaign to raise funds to cover the remainder of the costs. Any ideas, please pass them to a Board member. I think we can all agree that locker room renovations are long overdue and that the women have suffered far too long with very small lockers and a cramped change room. Ray McCorquodale and Bruce Cooper have a reception with the Trillium representatives at which time it is anticipated that LCC will receive a lot more information about the time lines. Our executive is also in the process of sorting out the time lines for cleaning out the basement at the club and for the construction to start.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

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FROM THE BOARD

VOLUNTEERS

The Directors would like to thank our many volunteers who have contributed to the upkeep of the club over the past few months.

Ron McLennan did some repairs to holes in the north stairwell; Gary Thompson has made and installed some protectors to prevent the measuring sticks from puncturing our new vinyl walls; Ken Walmsley has been busy with weather stripping on the south exit door, installing floor molding at the bar entrance, caulking the tile baseboards in the men's and women's washrooms, and rehanging several pictures in the upper lounge; Don Agnew and Don Lowry have both been busy painting the outside northeast corner of the club and the interior stairwell to the upper lounge. Finally, Doug Petch has helped hang signs in the interior and in the parking lot and in painting a big yellow no parking cross at the emergency door entrance.

Thanks to all these people and to all others who have helped. You are very much needed and appreciated.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.

RECYCLING AT THE L.C.C.

We are doing our best but are in need of some help. Thanks to Barb Colbourn and the Blue Box in the office, most of our waste paper is recycled. Beverage cans go to the Shriners. Les is looking into the future of the plastic cups used at the bar. That leaves the cardboard and the drink containers.

If every convenor of an event that brings in packaged drinks would take the empty containers home, that would help a great deal. Finally we need a volunteer to take home the bundled cardboard from the club. Please talk to Bruce Cooper if you would be prepared to do this until we can make other arrangements.

'JOIN THE WALL ADS'

Space is available for new wall sign advertisers. A great opportunity to promote your business to our many curling visitors and members. High visibility at low cost on our newly renovated playing area.

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Boxing Day Curling



Again this year, members are invited to bring their families and friends for a curling experience on Boxing day. Times are in two hour segments, at 10:00 a.m., 12 noon, and 2:00 p.m.

A sign up sheet is set up on the main bulletin board by the bar. First come, first served.

If you cannot get into the club, call the office to see what times are available.

Doug Petch
Club Manager

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"FRIDAY KNIGHT OUT"!!!!



FRIDAY DECEMBER 12, 2008

It all started with **Rob Kelland**, Director of Financial Services, The Kelland Group, Scotia McLeod, donating tickets to the Knights' game. Then two restaurants gave us gift certificates, **Chancey Smith's** and **Cello Supper Club**. We had our prizes for a raffle at the Club, all proceeds designated for refurbishing our Upstairs Lounge. Next, Karen Lowry created the posters and the tickets. Then club members sold and you bought--handsomely! Sellers were Don Lowry, Bruce Cooper, Sandy Ronson, Gary Shawyer, Paul Ferrie, Mike Bancroft, Pam Harrison, Doug Petch, Connie Weir and Joyce Hetherington.

In only two weeks members generously purchased tickets

Together we raised \$2030.00.....100% profit!!!!!!!

WAY TO GO LONDON CURLING CLUB!!

The lucky winners: **FIRST PRIZE: Marilyn Wearing**
SECOND PRIZE: Barb Gordon

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

Joyce Hetherington
Fund Raising Chair
Women's Daytime Section.

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50/50 Draw

"Ask Chuck if participating in our weekly 50/50 Draw pays!!"



Each Monday morning a number is drawn from a drum. Each LCC Club Member has a number beside his name in a 3 ring binder beside the "Loonie Jar" near the bar. If that Member has an asterisk beside their name that means they are paid up for the year or if they sign the book indicating they dropped a Loonie in the jar they win the draw and collect the money. When there is no signature or asterisk, there is no winner and the money is carried over to the next week.

So drop your \$1.00 in the jar, your odds of winning are better than the "Lottery".

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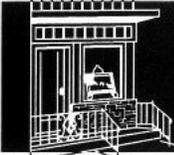
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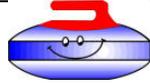
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OCA Report



Juniors/Bantams- The team of Matthew Dickson, Jordan Moreau, Aaron Squires, David Easter and Eric LeDreff-Kerwin represented the London Curling Club at the Junior Zones in Windsor during the November 22nd weekend. They opened up the bonspiel with a win against Team Barrick (one of the top ranked teams in Ontario) Saturday morning. After such an emotional win, they came up a little flat against Yurkevich of Sarnia in the afternoon game. Battling back, they defeated the only other Bantam team competing at the Junior level, 11 – 1 after six ends. They now had to square off against Team Barrick again on Sunday morning. Unfortunately, there was no way the opposition were going to let our guys beat them again. They faired well but lost in the semi's of the B Final. Although the boys are only Bantam age, they played awesome against the older competition. What a great way to prep for the Bantam Zones coming up in the near future. Congratulations to Matthew, Aaron, David, Jordan and Eric who all had a great weekend of curling. Way to go boys!!!

Women – Presentations have been made to WDS and the evening women. All women are being encouraged to check the bulletin board and to register for competitions on-line. Deadlines for the Senior Women's Zone competition and the Tournament of Hearts have passed. We had no entries. Susan Lawrence has registered a team to enter the Intermediate Women's Zones in February. Her team consists of Denise Grafton at third, Deanna Dougan, second and Rhonda Persichilli at Lead.

Men –The Zone Playdowns for the TSC Stores Tankard begins on December 5th at the Forest Curling Club. Once again, the London Curling Club will be represented by the Ean MacDonald rink. His team consists of Dave Heinrichs at vice, Kirk Massey at second and Bob Bourdeau at lead. Ean's team performed extremely well in this event last year so let us all wish them the best of luck again this year.

There has been an overwhelming response to the Zone Playdowns for the Fairfield Marriott Challenge beginning on January 9th at the Sydenham Community Curling Club. Three London Curling Club teams will compete in this year's event.

Dave Beckett's team consists of Tom Zavitz at third, Paul Reily at second and Chris Thompson at lead.

Dave Mann's team consists of Don Rawlings at vice, Chris Sherman at second and Bruce Thom at lead.

Ted Ellwood's team consists of Peter Nardella at third, Bruce Turner at second and William Wright at lead.

Good luck to all of these teams as well.

Message to all curlers ...

- Competition entry forms are posted for upcoming events...
- Please pay attention to the Club Closing Dates
- Please email your confirmation to your OCA Rep so he or she
- can sign it on your behalf...once you've registered online
- Check the OCA website for more information www.ontcurl.com

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

'A PERFECT 8 ENDER AGAIN!!!'



On Oct. 30th during a Sweeney League game an 8 Ender was recorded by Don Agnew's team with Chuck Townsend as spare Vice, Dave Peeling, Second and Mike Ernewein, Lead.

This is the second 8 Ender this year for Don Agnew and Chuck Townsend. The last one was on January 3, 2008 when Chuck was the skip!!!

Congratulations!!!

CURLING CLINIC -NOV. 22

Approximately 50 people turned out Nov. 22 to take advantage of excellent coaching by Ken McKinley and his entire coaching crew. I am sure we all learned some new skills that will raise the level of our curling thanks to the tips we received.

The Board would like to thank all of the coaches involved as well as the participants for their efforts to elevate the game at our club.

If you did not take advantage of this opportunity I highly recommend that you do so at future clinics. The next clinic is scheduled for Jan. 10th at 9:30

On behalf of the LCC Board, Bruce Cooper, President

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Curl for the Cure



The Annual "Curl for the Cure" Women's Charity Bonspiel was held for the 12th and final time at the London Curling Club on Saturday, November 15th. Twenty-four teams from the Dundas, Guelph, Highland, Ilderton, London and Waterloo Granite Clubs were piped onto the ice by Ken Webster, London Fire Fighters' Pipe Band. It was another tremendously successful event, raising a total of \$33,515. This increases our fundraising total to \$325,120.72 since Curl for the Cure was introduced to the London Curling Club in 1997.

Congratulations to Laura Rozon and Cindy Thom, both from LCC and to Donna Krotz from Highland, who raised pledges in the amount of \$2,020, \$1,040 and \$1,000 respectively. \$32,363 was raised for Rethink Breast Cancer to help support research at the London Regional Cancer Centre and to support public awareness and educational programs through Team Shan. \$1,152 was raised for Wellspring, in memory of Kit Benson.

Congratulations to LCC's team of Darlene Pfaff (Skip), Katie Lambert (Vice), Jen Chapman (Second) and Kelly Smith (Lead), who won the first draw and the "Kit Benson Memorial Trophy" and to LCC's team of Eileen Rochefort (Skip), Wendy Foster (Vice), Lois Jackson (Second) and Rhonda Persichilli (Lead), who won the second draw.

Thanks to all participants, to all those who sponsored the participants and to all those who donated items for the Silent Auction, Prize Table, Raffle, Food Table and Gift Bags. A special thanks to the London Curling Club for donating the ice and club facilities and for the assistance provided by their staff to enable us to host this event. Thanks to Committee Members (Pat Bell, Maureen Cloghesy, Miolyka Steele, Pat Steele and Cindy Thomas) and to Volunteers (Andrea Child, Judy Clark, Jill Day, Jean Glendenning, Richard Greenfield, Ed Harrison, Joyce Hetherington, Ashley Ho, Doreen Jones, Bev McDonald, Sharon McLaren, Carol Moir, Cheryl Phillips, Sandy Ronson, Marnie Sherritt, Mary Shorten, Earl Steele, Sarah Steele, Jerry Thomas, Kendra Thomas and Jean Walmsley) who helped to make this a truly successful event.

A very special thank you to our guest speakers Maura Young, Director of Finance and Administration, Rethink Breast Cancer, Jenn MacLean, Research Student in the Translational Breast Cancer Research Unit at the London Regional Cancer Centre, Lorna and Rob Larsen, Team Shan and Kristen Goodman, Executive Director, Wellspring for providing us with very interesting and information presentations and expressing their sincere appreciation for our fund raising efforts on their behalf.

Our committee is saddened by the Board's decision to discontinue hosting this event. Curl for the Cure has become well known in our community and has been recognized as a premier event at our Club. Members from the Highland Country Club expressed an interest in hosting this event in the future and investigated this possibility. Their decision was finalized and announced at our event. As a result, the 13th Annual Curl for the Cure Women's Charity Bonspiel will be held at the Highland Country Club on Saturday, November 21, 2009. They will be the host club and draw committee members from Highland, Ilderton, London and St. Thomas. There is a very strong belief amongst Curl for the Cure participants that this event should remain in London to continue to support the London Regional Cancer Centre, Team Shan and Wellspring. This is not an issue of club membership, but one of women in the London area battling breast cancer. Our Committee will provide the Highland Committee with our support to ensure their success and the continued success of Curl for the Cure. Thanks for joining us in the fight to end breast cancer.

Pam Harrison (Chairperson, Curl for the Cure Women's Charity Bonspiel,
London Curling Club)



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SENIOR MEN



A new season has begun for the "daytime men" and so far 67 curlers have participated.

The bonspiel circuit is now in full swing and as usual are fellows are holding their own. The team of Bob Freel, Bruce Cooper, Don Agnew and Hank Buechler walked away with top honours at the Tier 65 in Sarnia on Nov. 14th and the Tier 55 in St. Thomas on Nov. 21st.

Although only 18 teams participated in the Tier 65 hosted by our own club, Bud Boyd's team managed to grab a second in the first draw, followed by the team of Jim Fitzpatrick, a close third.

Taking top honours in the second draw was the team of Don Lowry, Fred Wiesegger, Doug Petch and Ray McCorquodale.

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: "transcendental medication"

First leg of the Highland Friendly was held at Highland on Nov. 18th but Highland forgot the friendly part giving us a thumping. They will take a 23 point lead in to the second leg to be held on Feb 3rd at the LCC.

Our next bonspiel, the Sifton, will feature 32 teams and be held at the LCC on Dec. 2nd and 3rd.

Don't forget to book Dec. 16th in your calendar for the Christmas luncheon.

Remember—most of the writing is on the wall, we just assume it's addressed to somebody else.

Bob Hyatt

Miss Manner-r-r-r's says----

Staan a the side between the two Hog lines when your opponent is Deliverin, (her ROCK Silly!)

Dinna be crossin the ice when a Curler is deliverin a r-r-rock!!

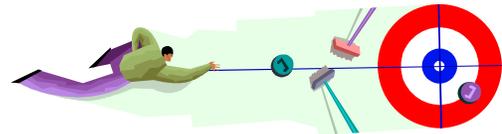


CITY OF LONDON CASHSPIEL

The 99th annual City of London Bonspiel will be held in our club January 2, 3 and 4th. This is an official Ontario Curling Tour event with each game being played for cash.

This year, in an effort to entice more local men's teams to enter, the Cashspiel is only open to teams that have won \$2000 or less on the Ontario Curling Tour (as of Nov. 17). This will give all teams a good shot at winning some serious cash. If your team wanted to play in this event but thought the field might be too strong, well think again. We still need more teams, so please contact Greg Lewis at 519-471-3155 if you are interested.

Everyone is welcome to come out and watch the action so mark these dates on your calendar.



TIER 65 BONSPIEL WINNERS



Bob Freel's team of Bruce Cooper Vice, Don Agnew Second and Hank Buechier Lead, scored 38.5 out of a possible 42 points to win the Trophy at the Sarnia Golf & Curling Club

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WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION NEWS

THE JEANNETTES' EARLY BIRD BONSPIEL (Marilyn Van Buskirk, Convenor/ Sherry Chambers, Co-Convenor)

Twelve teams (six in-club and six out-of club) participated in our first Bonspiel of the season. The single draw event was catered by Scotian Isle Baked Goods.

Congratulations to the winners Kathy Wilson and her team of Marg. England, Nancy Gowing and Debbie Brown from the Brant Curling Club.

Special thanks to Joyce Hetherington, one of the five "Jeannettes", for sponsoring this fun event. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their help during the day. Fay Weiler did a great job as Draw Master implementing a new 4th prize, 'the highest of the lost 1st game 2nd game winner' which was won by Marge Dool's team.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WOMEN'S SECTION

- November 25
- November 27
- December 10
- January 14
- January 22
- January 26
- January 27
- February 18

- Bernie's (Karen Lowry, Pat Bell)
- Bonanza (Penny Brown, Barb Vitkauskas)
- Christmas Party (Linda Peeling, Marianne LaRose)
- Grandmothers' Spiel (Eleanor Fair, Sheila McSwiggan)
- BYOP (Carolyn Petley, Fay Weiler)
- January Card Party (Linda Peeling, Penny Brown)
- Nash (Jill Day, Holly Cox)
- Curl for a Cause (Fay Weiler, Sharon Sivak)



YOUNG and COMPANY (Doris Montgomery, Convenor/ Donna Millar, Co-Convenor)

This six week event ended with prizes and a lunch which was provided by the participants. Young and Company have sponsored this event since 1969 and will continue to sponsor for the 2009 year. Bill Young, president of Young and Company, presented the trophy to the winning team of Sylvia Leuszler, Karen Shearer, Cathy Townsend and Jennifer Cuddy. The team of Doreen Stacey, Marlene Suzuki, Penny Brown and Sandy Ronson won Second Place. Third Place Winners were Sharon Sivak, Mardi McLaughlan and Doris Montgomery.

D. WHITTAKER & ASSOCIATES (Pam Harrison, Convenor/ Dot MacRae, Co-Convenor)

This six week event commenced on October 14th and ended on November 18th, with 48 curlers participating. On behalf of Sponsor Diane Whittaker, Sandy Ronson presented the Trophy and Sirloin Tip Roasts to First Place Winners Marilynne Van Buskirk (Lead), Linda Peeling (Second), Joyce Hetherington (Vice) and Dot MacRae (Skip). Second Place Winners Lynda Reesor (Lead), Beth Dagenais (Second), Marg Sirna (Vice) and Ruth Prentice (Skip) received Pork Loin Roasts. Hams were presented to Third Place Winners Sydney Ann Davidson (Lead), Deanne Fitzpatrick (Second), Marj Dudley (Vice) and Marlene Benny (Skip). Fourth Place Winners Donna Millar (Lead), Sue Lundy (Second), Marlene Suzuki (Vice) and Marilyn Wearing (Skip) received Sirloin Grilling Steaks.

Everyone enjoyed the fabulous hors d'oeuvres prepared by Dot MacRae. Thanks to Diane Whittaker for sponsoring this event for several years. A new sponsor will be sought for this event next year, as Diane has relocated to Markham. Special thanks to Jean Glendenning for her assistance with preparations for the closing event. Thanks to Joan Cuthbert for arranging for the prizes and to Marilyn Wearing and Marlene Suzuki for cleaning up. Thanks to Marilyn Van Buskirk/ Sherry Chambers, Doris Montgomery/ Donna Millar and Pam Harrison/Dot MacRae for convening these very successful events.

FYI: Miss Manner-r-r-s and her curling etiquette/safety tips are courtesy of Brenda Benson (artist) and Marj Dudley.

The Nemeth Group

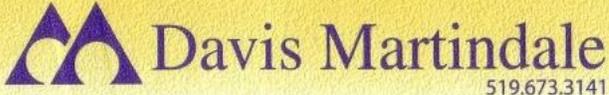


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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2-3	Sifton Classic Bonspiel
December 10	WDS Christmas Party
December 13	Bantam/Junior Bonspiel
December 16	DT Men Christmas Lunch
December 20-25	Closed
December 26	Boxing Day Curling
December 27- January 1	Closed
January 2-3	City of London Cashspiel
January 9	Men's Tier 55
January 10	The Next Step Clinic
January 14	Grandmothers Bonspiel
January 17	3M Bonspiel
January 24	Spring Thaw Mixed Bonspiel

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME AT THE PRO SHOPPE!!!

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Merry Christmas
Marlene and Marianne

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