

ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

March 2009

Women's Daytime Section Sheila Betkus Two-Day Bonspiel



The WDS hosted their 57th Annual Two-Day Bonspiel on March 2nd and 3rd. 96 curlers were welcomed by Old MacDonald (Marj Dool), Chicken Little (Jean Cameron) and Miss Piggy (Pam Harrison), setting the stage for a real "Farm Fest" at the LCC. Participants were treated to an abundance of great food and moonshine in an old farm setting, complete with chickens hanging in the kitchen and an outhouse placed in the front foyer. Everyone enjoyed the costume parade and hilarious entertainment provided. Prizes went to Ginny O'Neill's Team from Chatham for best entertainment. Best costume prizes went to Joan Dickie's Team from London. Carolyn Sheppard from Ilderton and Miolyka Steele from London won prizes for best individual costumes. Brenda Cameron, Jill Schell, Karen Reese and Joyce Walter ("In A Heartbeat Quartet") entertained with songs, stories and jokes, as well as a special serenade to our Bar Manager, Les.

Curlers competing in the final draw were piped onto the ice by Ken Webster, London Fire Fighters' Pipe Band. Winner of the First Event, sponsored by Scotiabank, was Mary Robertson's Team from Chatham. Runner-up was Kathy Wilson's Team from Brant. Consolation winner was Dallyce Southern's Team from Ilderton. We were very pleased to have Lydia Hayes, Scotiabank Sponsor attend our event on Monday evening. Winner of the Second Event, sponsored by Jackson-Triggs Wine, was Diane Kenney's Team from Elmvale. Runner-up was Jill Day's Team from London. Consolation winner was Lesley Moyer's Team from Ingersoll. We were very pleased to have Jim Agnew, Jackson-Triggs Wine Sponsor, present the prizes. Winner of the Third Event, sponsored by Crown Rust Control Centre on Glasgow Street, was Sylvia Leuszler's Team from London. Consolation winner was Sharon Philpott's Team from Sarnia. Winner of the Fourth Event, sponsored by Can-Am RV Centre, was Lois Lindsay's Team from Ingersoll. Consolation winner was Barb Kester's Team from Kincardine. Winner of the Fifth Event, sponsored by London Honda, was Carolyn Sheppard's Team from Ilderton. Consolation winner was Jeanette Pesall's Team from Aylmer. Winner of the Sixth Event, sponsored by Sobey's, was Cathy Keys's Team from Glanford. Consolation winner was Connie Weir's Team from London.

The bonspiel was a tremendous success and we extend our sincerest appreciation to our very generous sponsors. A special thank you to our fabulous helpers Jane Cassino, Nancy Dampier and Mary Reeder and to Don Dool, Ted Liley, Jack McLaren and Terry Moir for their assistance. Thanks to Pat Bell, Karen Lowry and Sheila Novlan for converting the Club into a farmhouse with decorations. Thanks to Marg Sirna for serving as Secretary and to Fay Weiler as Drawmaster for this event. Many, many thanks to all LCC staff for helping us to ensure a successful bonspiel.

Tim Hortons Brier
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OOPS!! Sorry but I missed a couple of names to Thank on February's RT front page.

Many thanks to Bob Davis and Eric Duggan for all their valuable help & the many hours they put in at LCC!!!



*A BIG THANK-YOU
TO ALL OUR
VOLUNTEERS!!!*

From the President---

As many of you know, January and the first half of February have been busy and tumultuous times at the London Curling Club. I believe we have worked our way through the issue of the locker room renovations (Please refer to page 5) as well as many other things.

The 40 plus trophies that have been gathering dust for several years in the lower level were all claimed by members and will be put to good use.

Many of the boxes of club records that have also been stored have been sorted through and some 16 boxes of papers have been shredded and recycled.

The Advertising Committee, under HARRY STEELE has embarked on a new program to sell in-ice advertising for next year and to mount event sponsor signs within our new sign hanging arrangement.

KAREN LOWRY and MARG SIRNA prepared an excellent brief article for Hockey News Amateur Sport Publication based in Edmonton. This article should appear sometime in August.

PETER ASKEY managed to get the London Curling Club listed as one of the 10 featured locations for Doors Open London for their program this coming fall. I am sure Peter will be looking for some help with this 2 day event.

DON AGNEW and his committee have been working very hard on the registration form for next season. It is looking great.

The Board agreed to purchase another printer for the office so that the conflicts that occur when both Barb and the manager require a printer.

BOB HYATT is continuing to work on the defibrillator for the club and on one last fundraising lottery for this year.

KEN MCKINLEY is running his 4th curling clinic on March 14th. So far these clinics have been very successful. We are seeing an improvement in skill level amongst our members and more teams are signing up for OCA events.

Lastly, we are still LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to come onto the Board and to fill vacancies on committees and to take on co-convenor or convenor positions. Your Club does not run by itself and is dependent on volunteers to step forward to do their share. Talk to Marg Sirna, Don Agnew or myself if you are willing and able to make a volunteer contribution to the Club.

Volunteers Wanted

We are looking at setting up a group of volunteers to monitor Saturday evening rental groups next season. The hours would be 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

These persons would check the footwear of participants (our 'Carry in Clean Shoes' requirement); discuss safety tips with the participants before they get on the ice (a list would be prepared and available); and monitor on-ice activity to ensure the safety of the participants and the integrity of our ice.

If you feel you could spend an evening or two as a volunteer for this activity, please contact me before the end of this season.

Thank you in advance! Doug Petch, Club Manager

2009/2010 Curling Registration

In an effort to lower the cost and improve the process, we will be sending next years Registration Form by e-mail to all those who have supplied an address. Hard copies will be mailed to those that don't use e-mail. The mailing will be sent in August and a link to the form will appear in the message. Click on the link and a PDF file will appear with a form that can easily be filled out and returned to the club. Payment by cheque will need to be sent separately. Early returns will facilitate putting leagues together and insuring a position in the leagues chosen. The completed form can be saved to your computer and/or printed.

I would like to thank the members of my Sub Committee, Barb Colbourn, Doug Petch, Fay Weiler and especially Eric Duggan for their efforts in putting this in place.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ADVISE THE OFFICE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES FROM WHAT NOW APPEARS IN THE DIRECTORY

Don Agnew, Member Services

Miller League Report

The Play-off Round began on Monday Feb. 23rd. At the completion of this 5 game round-robin, a winner will be declared in each of the 4 flights. Prizes will be awarded.

The winner of the A flight will be the League & Men's Club Champion.

Hurry Hard!! Ken McKinley League Convener



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November 21
January 2
January 30
February 27

Club Directory



After many years of looking after the collection and assembling of data and the printing of our wonderful club directory, WINK DEBRULE is stepping down from this role. We thank WINK for her dedication to this project, and wish her a happy 'retirement'.

We now must find a dedicated member to take on the duties leading to the publishing of the directory for next season.

Obviously some computer skills are necessary, as well as attention to detail, and working to a deadline.

Information and input to the directory would be received from the office, advertising committee, and the Board of Directors, among others.

WINK would be available to assist the new 'publisher' if such help is required.

This is an important job for our club and we need someone in place before the current season ends.

Take a look at your directory, and if you feel you have the skill sets to do this job, please contact the office, or WINK for more details.

Thank you!!
Doug Petch,
Club Manager

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

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Please secure tickets from the Fund Raising Committee Members or from the bar staff.

Draw to take place March 19, 2009.



Caring for You. Innovating for the World.™

The London Health Sciences Centre Transplant Awareness Committee is hosting a **Curling Bonspiel** on Saturday **April 4, 2009**.

This event raises awareness for the success of transplantation and the need for organ donation.

Novice and experienced curlers welcome!

Cost is \$40.00 and includes lunch, door prizes. There are 2 draws with 3 - 6 end games starting at 08:30 or 10:00.

For information please call Jennifer Cross at 685-8500 ext 35932. We hope to see there!

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LHSC Mixed Social League

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another fun and exciting season of curling. We have finished our regular draw and will be starting a round of "playoffs" on Sunday, March 1.

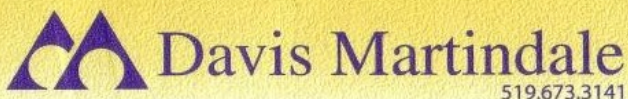
This is our first year as a member-league of the London Curling Club. Our league was established over 15 years ago for employees of the London Health Sciences Centre; hence, the LHSC in our league name. While we still have many curlers who work for LHSC, we have grown over the years to include any one interested in fun, recreational curling.

This year our league included 9 teams and we are looking for more curlers to join us next season on Sunday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 for some friendly and social curling. Our emphasis is on having fun and meeting new people.

Unlike other leagues, we do not allow team entries. In fact, we have a long-standing tradition that you can not curl two years in a row with any of the same team members. This ensures that, if you stay around long enough, you will eventually have curled with every one on the ice.

Our first night of curling next season will kick off with a "Fun Night" on Sunday, October 4, 2009. For the first time, our registration will be done on-line at the LCC website (www.londoncurling.ca). If you are interested in joining us and would like further information, please feel free to contact me.

Have a great summer!
Nancy King, Convenor, LHSC Mixed Social League
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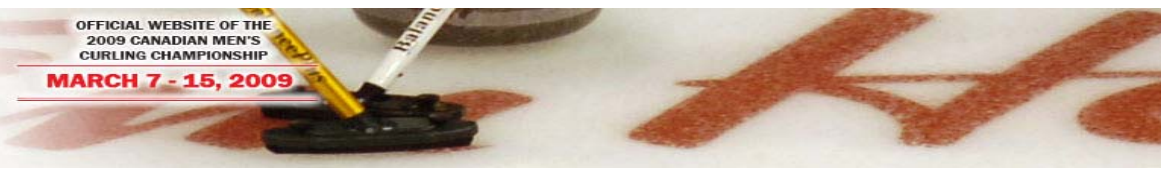
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Draw 1 - 1:00pm

- Sheet A Saskatchewan vs. Quebec
- Sheet B Nova Scotia vs. Manitoba
- Sheet C Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. Prince Edward Island
- Sheet D Alberta vs. New Brunswick

Draw 2 - 6:00pm

- Sheet A Prince Edward Island vs. Nova Scotia
- Sheet B Ontario vs. Newfoundland/Labrador
- Sheet C British Columbia vs. Northern Ontario
- Sheet D Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. Manitoba

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009

Draw 3 - 8:30am

- Sheet B New Brunswick vs. Saskatchewan
- Sheet C Alberta vs. Quebec

Draw 4 - 1:00pm

- Sheet A Newfoundland/Labrador vs. British Columbia
- Sheet B Manitoba vs. Prince Edward Island
- Sheet C Nova Scotia vs. Yukon/Northwest Territories
- Sheet D Ontario vs. Northern Ontario

Draw 5 - 6:00pm

- Sheet A Quebec vs. New Brunswick
- Sheet B British Columbia vs. Ontario
- Sheet C Northern Ontario vs. Newfoundland/Labrador
- Sheet D Saskatchewan vs. Alberta

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

Draw 6 - 8:30am

- Sheet A Alberta vs. Yukon/Northwest Territories
- Sheet B New Brunswick vs. Nova Scotia
- Sheet C Saskatchewan vs. Prince Edward Island
- Sheet D Quebec vs. Manitoba

Draw 7 - 1:00pm

- Sheet A Nova Scotia vs. Northern Ontario
- Sheet B Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. Newfoundland/Labrador
- Sheet C Manitoba vs. British Columbia
- Sheet D Prince Edward Island vs. Ontario

Draw 8 - 6:00pm

- Sheet A Ontario vs. Saskatchewan
- Sheet B British Columbia vs. Quebec
- Sheet C Newfoundland/Labrador vs. Alberta
- Sheet D Northern Ontario vs. New Brunswick

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

Draw 9 - 8:30am

- Sheet A Newfoundland/Labrador vs. Quebec
- Sheet B Northern Ontario vs. Saskatchewan
- Sheet C Ontario vs. New Brunswick
- Sheet D British Columbia vs. Alberta

Draw 10 - 1:00pm

- Sheet A New Brunswick vs. Manitoba
- Sheet B Alberta vs. Prince Edward Island
- Sheet C Quebec vs. Nova Scotia
- Sheet D Saskatchewan vs. Yukon/Northwest Territories

Draw 11 - 6:00pm

- Sheet A Prince Edward Island vs. British Columbia
- Sheet B Manitoba vs. Ontario
- Sheet C Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. Northern Ontario
- Sheet D Nova Scotia vs. Newfoundland/Labrador

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009

Draw 12 - 8:30am

- Sheet A Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. Ontario
- Sheet B Nova Scotia vs. British Columbia
- Sheet C Prince Edward Island vs. Newfoundland/Labrador
- Sheet D Manitoba vs. Northern Ontario

Draw 13 - 1:00pm

- Sheet A Northern Ontario vs. Alberta
- Sheet B Newfoundland/Labrador vs. New Brunswick
- Sheet C British Columbia vs. Saskatchewan
- Sheet D Ontario vs. Quebec

Draw 14 - 7:30pm

- Sheet A Saskatchewan vs. Nova Scotia
- Sheet B Quebec vs. Yukon/Northwest Territories
- Sheet C Alberta vs. Manitoba
- Sheet D New Brunswick vs. Prince Edward Island

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

Draw 15 - 8:30am

- Sheet A Manitoba vs. Newfoundland
- Sheet B Prince Edward Island vs. Northern Ontario
- Sheet C Nova Scotia vs. Ontario
- Sheet D Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. British Columbia

Draw 16 - 1:00pm

- Sheet A Quebec vs. Prince Edward Island
- Sheet B Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba
- Sheet C New Brunswick vs. Yukon/Northwest Territories
- Sheet D Alberta vs. Nova Scotia

Draw 17 - 6:00pm


- Sheet A British Columbia vs. New Brunswick
- Sheet B Ontario vs. Alberta
- Sheet C Northern Ontario vs. Quebec
- Sheet D Newfoundland/Labrador vs. Saskatchewan

For playoffs/Tie Breakers Please check your local media.

Semi-Final- Saturday, March 14 at 6:00pm

Final- Sunday, March 15 at 6:00pm

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LOCKER ROOM RENOVATIONS

At the last Board meeting (Feb. 17, 2009) it was decided to proceed with the locker room renovations this summer of 2009. For several reasons, some modifications have had to be made to the plans as presented at the 2008 AGM.

These reasons include the following:

1. A significant number of members, the Women's Daytime Section in particular, plus others, expressed concerns about the loss of the group's current dynamism, camaraderie, and ease of access if these plans went forward as presented.

2. We received an Ontario Foundation Trillium Grant of \$50000 rather than the requested \$75000. The reduced amount of the grant means that costs have to be contained as much as possible. In consultation with our contractor, amongst others, the best way to accomplish this is to avoid construction in the lower level storage room and the icemakers' room. These changes avoid expensive demolition, waste removal charges, electrical and plumbing work. This same area raised concerns regarding ceiling height and fire exits.

After much discussion, consultation and thought the Board has decided to:

1. Have a split women's locker room with one part being in the lower level at the foot of the south stairwell on the same level as the men's locker room in the area labeled women's lounge on the original plan. Besides providing larger lockers this increases the overall size of the women's locker room over the original plan.

2. Refurbish the upper level women's locker room to make it more suitable to the women's needs.

3. Proceed with the refurbishment of the men's locker room as planned.

We believe this renovation can all be accomplished within the original budget and that it is in the best interest of the Club.

On behalf of the Board, Bruce Cooper, President

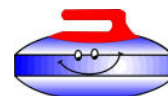
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MARCH OCA REPORT



Juniors/Bantams –

Team Cuddie and Team Holstein entered the Bantam Zones on Feb. 28th in Petrolia. Eric Kerwin, David Easter and Curtis Easter also entered the event curling on separate teams. Unfortunately, we did not have their outcomes as of the deadline for this article but I'm sure everyone had a good time and faired well.

Women –

Sue Lawrence's team competed at the Intermediate Women's Zone in Glencoe the week of Feb. 7th. Although the girls did not advance, it was a great learning experience as this was their first competition.

Men –

London Curling Club members Ean MacDonald and Dave Heinrichs teamed up with Bill Cantelon and Syl Nadalin for the Intermediate Men's Zone in Glencoe Feb. 6-8. The guys faired well but did not advance.

Message to all curlers ...

- Congratulations go out to all the London Curling Club members who participated in the OCA sponsored events this year.
- For those members thinking of entering events next year ... don't be shy ... contact one of your OCA Reps as they will answer any questions you may have. 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

-----SO FAR-\$4750!!-----

\$4750, that's how much money the club raised so far this year to support the ongoing plans to refurbish the upstairs lounge. We did it with energetic volunteers, generous members and inventive ideas .

Probably the quickest and most successful was our "Friday Knight Out" where we raised \$2000 in two short weeks. As well, we sponsored two card parties and filled the upstairs lounge with 80 card sharks! Then there was Holiday Plant Sale, Business Womens Thursday night raffles, Cindy Thom's donation from her jewellery sale and finally the pizza night in February.

For their leadership and commitment to the Club, we are indebted to the following members: Connie Weir, Marlene Benny, Marianne La Rose, Linda Peeling, Penny Brown, Bethany Heinrichs, Cindy Thom, Karen Lowry and Joyce Hetherington.

Tim Hortons

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WOMENS DAYTIME SECTION NEWS

BYOP (Carolyn Petley, Convenor/Fay Weiler, Co-Convenor)

The bring your own prize (BYOP) event was a four day event which was promoted as a fun event, and fun we all had. The first week was played with a new set of curling rules, which had strategy and positions changing for each end. The next two weeks some came out with Silly Hats or Silly Socks Pat Bell and Sherry Chambers took the silly prizes for their hats & socks.

Winners for the four-day event were: Joan Bidinosti, Marlene Suzuki, Cathy Townsend & Dale McIntyre. Special thanks to Fay Weiler & Joyce Hetherington for all your help and support, especially on our last day. Many thanks to Carolyn and Fay for convening this fun event.

CURL FOR A CAUSE (Fay Weiler, Convenor/Sharon Sivak, Co-convenor)

The 'Cause' that was chosen this year was the Unity Project. Silvia Langer spoke passionately of the project, which offers emergency shelter and transitional housing to those who struggle to escape or avoid homelessness. She answered our questions and expressed her personal gratitude for our donation. Special guests were Kay Carr and her daughter Barbie.

The day consisted of two six-end curling games, snacks and lunch. Members were very generous and as a result there were 65 raffle items as well as items for a silent auction. Kay Carr presented the Curl for A Cause plaque to the three-person team of Sylvia Leuszler, Jean Cameron and Beth Dagenais.

To Kay Carr, who sponsored the event, a big Thank You! Also thanks to those who worked in the kitchen and to all who donated items for the raffle or auction table or gave monetary donations and those who supported the event by curling. Together we raised \$910.00 for the Unity Project. Special thanks to Fay and Sharon for convening this successful event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FRIDAY COMPETITIVE LEAGUE (Jean Cameron, convenor/Karen Shearer, Co-convenor)

On Friday, March 27th the final game of the season will be played. A potluck luncheon will follow and prizes will be awarded.

CLOSING MEETING AND LUNCHEON – Wednesday, April 1. (Pam Harrison, Convenor)

Bar will open at 12:00 noon. The lunch, catered by Linda Arthur, will be served at 12:30 pm. The meeting will begin at 1:30 pm. Tickets at \$15.00 will be available from Executive Committee members. Please plan to attend as we review the events of the past year and plan for another great year of curling.

Thursday Business Women's

It's hard to believe that with the snow still falling our season is quickly coming to an end!

Our playoffs begin on March 12 running through March 26, with the closing banquet set for April 2. Tickets for the "Ladies Luau" banquet will go on sale starting March 12 for \$20 from Beth, Colleen, Liz and Linda. Once again we've brought back Chef Les from Chef Les Cooks to cater the dinner and we look forward to a scrumptious meal and time to celebrate another fabulous season. Ladies, mark your calendar and get ready to limbo!

On Feb. 12 we held a pizza party catered by Panago Pizza. The ladies were treated to pizza, salad and cupcakes with \$115 raised for the club.

In addition, on Feb. 21 the Business Women's Bonspiel was a huge success raising over \$600. Thanks to Jayne, Cindy, Trish and all of their helpers for a wonderful day of fabulous food and competitive curling.

Finally, after stepping in at the last minute to convene the league last fall, I would personally like to thank my team of Colleen, Liz and Linda for all of their help. Although unexpected they jumped right in without hesitation and have done a stellar job.

Good luck in the playoffs and hope to see everyone at the Luau!
The Beth Heinrichs Team

Winexpert League News

The Winexpert league is in the final few games to decide which team gets its name on the wall plaque. The top six teams are all in contention for the honour; in fact, only two points separate first and third places.

On March 30th, our last curling date, the winners will be announced. Also on this date we will have a luncheon. Curlers are invited to join us at the bar at 11:00 AM and then to retire to the upper lounge for luncheon at 11:30 followed by the last game at 1:00. I am hoping to get Chris Blackmore, the owner of Winexpert to come to present the plaque, possibly at the luncheon if the winners are decided by that time, or at 3:15 if not.

If you would like to join this league next year, get a team together and submit your name to me. We can accommodate several more teams. *There is also a fine opportunity in the Winexpert League to be a Co-convenor. Please speak to me to take advantage of this offer.*

Bruce Cooper, Convenor, Winexpert League



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Fourth Annual Business Women's Bonspiel



Twelve teams hit the ice early Saturday morning to compete in the 4th Annual Business Women's bonspiel. The theme of the Day: "Have fun and eat Lots".

We would like to recognize the corporate sponsors of the event.

Heather Duggan – Gaylea products
 Rose Geraghty -Tim Hortons Muffins
 Jim Andrew – Kellogg products
 Denise Capitano- McCormick-gift parcel
 Rose Kuchynski -Johnson&Co- giftbag
 Individual gifts given by Pam Harrison and
 Becky Broughton- Mary Kay

The winners of the event were the Leuszler team: Sylvia Leuszler, Joyce Hetherington, Dianne McKenna and Linda Peeling.

Second Place team Steele: Miolyka Steele, Judy Clark. Cheryl Phillips, Cindy Thomas.

Third Place team Foster: Wendy Foster, Eileen Rochefort, Pam Harrison, and Tina Sturgeon.

Fourth Place team Twynham: Jayne Twynham, Dorothy Bice, Mary Cole, Marylu Fulkerson.

Top four teams had the choice of the draw table and then door prizes were drawn for the remaining curlers.

All curlers enjoyed the soup and decadent desserts prepared by Cindy Thom and a mix of salads prepared by Mary Reeder and Jayne Broughton.

All curlers went home with a FULL gift bag of Gaylea products. Thank you to our volunteers: Becky Broughton, Mary Reeder, Linda Carl, Barb Elliott and Joanne Diehl. We cannot run these events without sponsors and volunteers.

Thank you from the Convenors!!!

-Cindy Thom, Trish Andrew and Jayne Broughton.

WHAT GEORGE DID WITH THE 'DIAMOND!!!'



You may have wondered what George "Lucky" Hebert did with the diamond that was donated by Nash Jewellers to the Ladies Daytime Section of the Club and then raffled off by them as a Fund-raiser last April, and won by George.

Well George spent the most part of the rest of the year in search of a good woman who would accept the diamond as a promise of engagement for matrimony. His first choice was Pam but he never did ask her because he knew she would never leave Ed until he was dead!

He thought Beth would jump at the chance but she turned him down flat. She never gave it a first let alone a second thought. Marjorie and Joyce were tempted but they both wisely chose to remain with their husbands. Ann Marie who looks more like Ann Margaret was willing to accept and almost did but then Dennis up and bought some decent teeth so she decided to keep him.

By the time the first snows began to fall George stoically accepted the inevitable, a solitude existence of no nagging and carrying out the garbage only when he felt like carrying out the garbage.

And so on the morning of December 25th last year he quietly slipped the diamond into the Christmas stocking of his daughter Michelle. The above photo is of Michelle just realizing that there is real genuine Canadian Polar Bear diamond in her stocking while George proudly looks on. At Michelle's request George is having the diamond mounted on a pendant. It will match the earrings he gave her in 1999. What a wonderfully gracious, loving, gentle, thoughtful, understanding, romantic. Intelligent and humble man is George.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

March 2-3	Sheila Betkus Two Day bonspiel
March 7	Curl Mania Bonspiel
March 14	Instructional Clinic #4
March 21	Mixed Playoffs
March 24	DT Men's Closing Lunch
March 28	Elementary LCC Bonspiel

APRIL

April 1	DWS Closing Lunch
April 4	Organ Donors Bonspiel
April 6	Volunteer Managers Closing Lunch

Daytime Men's League

After winning the qualifier at Ilderton in the London Senior Games the local rink of Jack and Shanti Nichol, Bob and Sharon Sivak, advanced to the Ontario Senior Games " Winterfest " at Brockville on Feb. 12th and 13th. They finished a strong sixth out of 16 teams with a 3 and 2 record, the same as the silver and bronze winners.

After a slow start to the season (for them), the team of Roger LeBlanc, Dan McInnes, Garry Thompson and Bob Davis rose to success in February. Following an overall win at the T60 in Ridgetown on 2/04/09 they went on to another overall win at Blenheim on 2/11/09, followed by first in draw at the T55 in Tillsonburg on 2/20/09 and T60 in Aylmer on 2/18/09. They settled for a second at the T55 at Highland on 2/25/09. Roger also teamed with Don and Marj Dudley and John Rudell to win the T55 Stick Mixed on 2/03/09 in Aylmer.

Also bringing honours to the LCC were the team of Jim Fitzpatrick, Ken Walmsley, Al MacLeod and Randy Southen with a second at the T55 in Ingersoll. Chuck Townsend, with his team of Al MacLeod, Laurie McKenna and Bob Wakefield took top honours at the T60 in Forest. Chuck and Al then teamed with Barry Montgomery and Laurie McKenna to take overall at the T60 in Aylmer on 2/18/09.

Ray McCorquodale, incoming 2009-10 representative of the Day Time Men is seeking convenors for the T65 and the Highland Friendly. Back up is in place but requires " your " leadership.

Closing luncheon scheduled for March 24th. Sign-up will be posted on the bulletin board.

Have a great summer.!!

-Bob Hyatt

Season's End at Curling Club

*"Who's the stranger, mother dear?
 Look. He knows us--ain't he queer?"
 "Hugh, my own, don't talk so wild,
 He's your father, dearest child."
 "He's my father? Not at all,
 Father died away last fall."
 "Father didn't die, you dub,
 Father joined the Curling Club.
 But they've closed the club, so he
 Has no place to go, you see--
 No place left for him to roam--
 That is why he's coming home.
 Kiss him--he won't bite you child
 All them curling guys look wild."*

PRO SHOPPE REPORT



YOUR CURLING CLUB THANKS YOU!

As this curling season rapidly approaches its final weeks, many thanks go out to our members who have consistently supported the Pro Shoppe. We have exceeded any sales numbers attained over the past several years and it is only through the support of our members and other area curlers that this has been possible.

To give you some idea of the numbers - to-date we have sold 150 grippers, 94 brooms, 30 pair of pants, 85 pair of shoes, 60 pair of gloves, and 65 clothing items. Considerable – to say the least!

This, of course, could not have been possible without the generous support of our volunteer Sales Associates, the Interim Managers, and Barb Colbourn, our Office Manager.

Many, many thanks for your support and loyalty. It is, as always, very much appreciated.

Bob Davis,
 Pro Shoppe mgr.



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