

# ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

February 2010

## LOOKING FOR GOLD -- 2010

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February 16-27



### SCHEDULE

#### **MEN**

- February 16** vs. Norway 9:00-12:00  
vs. Germany 19:00-22:00
- February 18** vs. Sweden 9:00-12:00  
vs. France 19:00-22:00
- February 19** vs. Denmark 14:00-17:00
- February 20** vs. Great Britain 19:00-22:00
- February 21** vs. Switzerland 14:00-17:00
- February 22** vs. USA 9:00-12:00
- February 23** vs. China 14:00-17:00

#### **WOMEN**

- February 16** vs. Switzerland 14:00-17:00
- February 17** vs. Japan 9:00-12:00
- February 18** vs. Germany 14:00-17:00
- February 19** vs. Denmark 19:00-22:00
- February 21** vs. USA 9:00-12:00
- February 22** vs. Sweden 14:00-17:00
- February 23** vs. Great Britain 9:00-12:00  
vs. Russia 19:00-22:00

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## Growing our Membership----

A number of new ideas were successfully introduced as part of the “Bring a Friend to Curling” month in January. The January 15th clinic and Funspiel was attended by 55 people including over 30 guests. The opportunity to join in with the Tuesday Learn to Curl program saw 20 more people sign in. The Daytime Senior drop in had a half-dozen guests during the month.

We have been averaging about 75 new members to the club each of the past two years with “referrals by members” as the primary source of recruitment. What makes our club attractive to new members?

**Competitively Priced Fees.** We offer a variety of registration options from once-a-week to full membership. You just cannot beat the value our membership rates provide.

**Modern Facilities.** The club has invested over \$800,000 in the past ten years to ensure that we have the equipment to make and maintain good quality ice and that we have an attractive facility.

**Instruction.** Thanks to many volunteers, we provide four free instructional clinics throughout the year and a year-long, learn to curl program at a new member special rate.

**Ice Quality.** There is no doubt that the quality and consistency of our ice is second to none.

**Variety of Programs.** A variety of league options are available from those with a social emphasis to those with a more competitive focus. Some programs are offered on “drop in basis”, to rotational teams and to fixed teams throughout the year.

**Social Events.** Daytime women offer social gatherings and card party days.

**Pro Shop.** Our pro shop is recognized throughout the region as the place to obtain one’s curling needs at very competitive pricing.

**Welcoming approach and friendly on-ice Spirit.** Our new members consistently remark on the positive spirit of our membership.

We will continue to need new membership in the club and we encourage all members to introduce family and friends to the sport.

Next year, we are contemplating a week at the beginning of the season so members can bring guests along and hopefully get them to join the LCC.

PS: For the price of 4 Tim Horton coffee’s a week, you can upgrade from one league to two or more and watch your game improve!

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## *Parking Lot Security----*

Your Board of Directors are concerned about the frequency of car break in. They were particularly bad this year.

After investigation several options, we have decided to go with two, colour with night vision cameras that will project an image of the entire parking lot on the south end TV monitor and also provide continuous recording for 5 days before resetting.

Signage will be prominently displayed. We expect installation by mid February. We know this is not a fool proof solution but should be an effective deterrent at a reasonable cost. (Less than \$1,000). All member are still encouraged not to leave items of value within view.

## Winexpert League News



We have now finished 2 rounds of the schedule and the competition for the plaque is heating up. This last round will determine the winners who will be the top team in flight A. Our last game on March 29th is likely to be the clincher.

On the 29th we will have snacks, drinks and conversation at 11:30, lunch at 12:00 and our last game at 1:00. We hope that all curlers and spares for the league will join us for this celebration of another successful year of friendship and curling.

I would like to thank the members for allowing me the opportunity of convening this league over the past 4 years and learning so much.

Thanks to Peter Nardella who will convene this league next year.

Also much thanks to our faithful sponsors, **WINEXPERT** and Chris Blackmore for their continued support..

Bruce Cooper

## President's League

After the completion of the first draw the top four teams in the B flight moved up to A flight. Congratulations to the Easter, Summers, Foster and Nichol rinks. As well, the four lowest ranked teams in A flight after the first draw were moved down into B flight - to protect their honour, they shall remain nameless !!

There are 13 weeks of curling in the second draw and we don't lose a night to club maintenance. However, because there are 13 teams in each flight one team per flight has a bye every week.

The final night of curling is Wednesday, March 31st and all the teams in both flights will be reseeded for a one game playoff for really big cash prizes. The winner of the 1-2 game in the A flight will be the President's League Champions for the 2009-2010 season. The "lucky" thirteenth team in each flight will not have a playoff game - but will receive a refund of their league fee of \$40.

If anyone has a keen interested in helping to convene the league next year please let me know. In addition, any suggestions for improvements to how the league is run are welcome.

Thanks to everyone for making the President's League a success again this year.

Cheers, Roger Moyer  
Convenor

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## DAYTIME MEN'S LEAGUE



Garry Thompson was convenor for the Tier 55 held at our club January 29, 2010. There were two draws with a Norwich team taking the first and a LCC team taking first in the second draw. As per the picture above, the team was as follows, skip, Chuck Townsend, Dave Grey, Laurie McKenna and Bob Wakefield.

And then St. Marys held a Tier 55 on January 29<sup>th</sup> and again a London Team came out on top. However our team consisted of Jim Lone and Jack Nichol. The other two players actually were from St Marys. No matter, as it depends on the guidance of the skip and vice and that would be Jim and Jack. Congratulations to the two London teams of Chuck and Jim.

The second half of the Highland Friendly was held February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 and LCC went in with a six point lead over Highland from our first encounter last November. But a win was not to be and Highland won with a total score of three over. Again we must give up the trophy for another year. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed their time at the munchie table.

There was a small profit from the Highland friendly and if you look to the west end of the ice area, you will see two new flags, Canada and Province of Ontario. Compliments of the Daytime Men

Its that time of year again when we start discussing the final luncheon that will take place March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. It may seem a long way off but it will be here before you know it. The executive for the Daytime men have decided to cater the meal again this time as we did for the Xmas lunch. This of course will mean bigger cash prizes and we are anticipating a good prize table. This can only be a success if as many of the Daytime men attend. The more participants will mean more draws.

It is great to report that our good friend Bud Boyd shows up at the club quite regularly now and he looks terrific.

Ray McCorquodale, Daytime Men Rep.

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## WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION NEWS

### Gallivanting Grannies: Grandmothers' & Over 50 Bonspiel (Connie Weir, Convenor & Pam Harrison, Co-convenor)

On January 13th, 96 curlers from ten area curling clubs competed in the 46th annual Grandmothers' Bonspiel. The travel theme was very popular. Participants submitted names of their favourite vacation destinations. Convenor, Connie Weir, marked the places on a large map of the world that was prominently displayed in the upstairs lounge during the day. A "Gallivanting Grannies" crossword puzzle was also created to amuse the participants during their between-games break.

The bright colours chosen for the table decorations – royal blue, lime green and sunflower yellow, to represent the colours of the sea, earth and sun – were designed to create a warm & welcoming atmosphere in the upstairs lounge. Fortunately, it was a bright day outside as well, and the sunshine and clear roads meant there were no team cancellations due to inclement weather.



l-r Mary McGuigan, Mary Lois Cooper, Mary Lynne Patterson, Marlene Benny

Club teams fared well in this year's spiel. The trophy winner was our own Marlene Benny, with her team of Mary Lynne Patterson, Mary Lois Cooper and Mary McGuigan. The winner of the 2nd Draw was the LCC rink of Sheila Novlan, Deanne Fitzpatrick, Nellie Haig and Marilynne Van Buskirk.

Many thanks to spiel co-convenor, Pam Harrison, and to drawmaster, Fay Weiler. Thanks also to the many WDS volunteers who helped out during the day: Pat Bell, Sandy Ronson, Marianne LaRose, Jane Copp, Isabel Lynch, Doreen Jones, Marnie Sherritt, Eleanor Fair, Ruth Prentice, Carole Darowski, Carolyn Petley, Barb Dalrymple, Lynda Reesor & Joyce Hetherington.

And finally, a special thanks to spiel sponsor and club member, Heather Greenfield, CFP, of Dundee **Private Investors Inc.**



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## WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION NEWS(cont'd)

### **Secret Sponsor: 6 Week Event:** (Barb Vitkauskas, Convenor & Dale McIntrye, Co-convenor)

Thirty-two curlers enjoyed this event. At the eleventh hour we discovered that our sponsors, without notice, had gone out of business. An anonymous club member donated the money required to run this event. We are most grateful to be blessed with such a generous member. Thank you!!!

The winners were:

1st: Jill Day/Betty Burrows, Carolyn Petley, Donna Millar, Isobel Lynch

2nd: Doreen Stacey, Jean Cameron, Lynda Reesor, Dale McIntyre

3rd: Ruth Prentice, Joyce Hetherington, Cathy Townsend, Holly Cox

Thanks to Dale for being a great co-convenor and to Fay Weiler & Lil Richardson for their help in the kitchen. Thanks to all for participating.

### **Bernie's:** (Pat Bell, Convenor & Jan Murray, Co-convenor)

BERNIES BAR & GRILL once again sponsored six weeks of Tuesday afternoon WDS curling. The tradition of lunch following the final game was BERNIES saucy chicken wings. It is recommended to all to honor the sponsors of events, and BERNIES can be highly recommended.

The winners, Sue Beckett skip, with Brenda Thompson and Mary McGuigan played as a three person team with spares when available. Sheila Novlan's team came second with Karen Lowry, Holly Cox and Marilyn Brown. Third was Carolyn Petley skipping Deanne Fitzpatrick, Linda Peeling and Sidney Ann Davidson.

Pam Harrison performed the kitchen duties as the convenors, Pat Bell and Jan Murray curled.

Many thanks to the curlers participating, Pam and to BERNIES BAR & GRILL.

### **January Card Party:** (Penny Brown, Convenor & Lynda Reesor, Co-convenor)

On Wednesday, January 27, sixteen tables, 64 women enjoyed lunch and an afternoon of cards at the LCC in support of the Women's Daytime Section fundraising activities.

A total of \$475.00 was raised and many of the participants voiced their enjoyment of the lunch and afternoon.

The convenors wish to extend thanks to Pam Harrison for her assistance in printing the tickets as well as providing computer advice.

Tremendous gratitude goes to all who helped in various ways....donations of lunch, door prizes, & card tables. The team of food platers, servers, kitchen & clean-up help were incredible.

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

February 9th	Nash (Holly Cox & Penny Brown)
February 11th	BYOP (Fay Weiler & Joan Bidinosti)
February 17th	Curl for a Cause (Sharon Sivak, Fay Weiler)
February 18th	Subway (Marilynne Van Buskirk * Beth Parker Dagenais)
March 1st & 2nd	Sheila Betkus 2Day (Dot MacRae's Team)



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**UPCOMING EVENTS--**

*February-*

February 6	UWO Bonspiel
February 13	Rolling Stones Bonspiel
February 17	WDS Curl for a Cause
February 20	Shriners Bonspiel
February 23	Club Closed for Maint.
February 24	Club Closed for Maint. until 5PM
February 27-28	TCCL Bonspiel

*March-*

March 6	Curl Mania Bonspiel
March 13	LCC Clinic 2010
March 17	Malahide Spiel 2010
March 20	Elementary LCC Bonspiel
March 27	Mixed Playoffs



**PRO SHOPPE**

FOR THE BALANCE OF THE SEASON, WE WILL BE RELYING ON CURRENT INVENTORY TO SUPPLY THE NEEDS OF OUR CURLERS, AND WILL ONLY ORDER-IN "SOLD" ITEMS TO ALLOW OUR INVENTORY TO RECEDE TO NORMAL LEVELS.

SO, IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU ARE CONSIDERING PURCHASING, NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO BUY.

Bob Davis, Volunteer Manager



- ☞ To clean your shoes when you come in to the club.
- ☞ To clean your broom over the waste can - not on the ice
- ☞ To keep your hands & knees off the ice.
- ☞ To keep the game on time -- remember the 10 minute rule
- ☞ To lock your valuables in the trunk - better still leave them at home!!!

**The Spirit of Curling Award**

Club members are encouraged to bring forward nominations for the Spirit of Curling Award.

Annually, a "Spirit of Curling Award" is presented to one man and one woman for good sportsmanship and skill.

The Woman's award will be given in memory of Anne Shaw.

The Man's award has been donated by Ken Koprowski.

All active members of London Curling Club, with the exception of the Board of Directors, shall be eligible for this award.

The nominations must be received by March 26, 2010. A person may be recognized with this award once only.

Recipients will be determined by consideration of the following philosophy:

**"While the main object of a game of curling is to determine the relative skill of the players, the spirit of the game demands good sportsmanship, honorable conduct, and one who contributes to member's enjoyment of the sport."**

Nomination forms are available in the main lounge and once completed can be placed in the Spirit of Curling award envelope at the bar.





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