

ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

November 2010



After losing their first two games and dropping to the last-chance C flight, winning one game before they went home was Shelley Nichols' goal after the first day of play at the SOWCC. Hard work and determination paid off for the rink of Shelley Nichols, Stephanie LeDrew, Rhonda Rogers and Colette Lemon from St. John's, NL. They won every subsequent game, including the final against Rachel Homan, Emma Miskew, Alison Kreviazuk and Lisa Weagle from Ottawa. Homan's team had been undefeated until the final game.

OUR LONDON CURLING CLUB DID SHINE!!

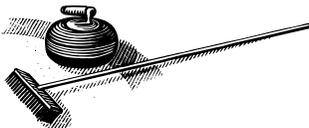
The Southwestern Ontario Women's Charity Cashspiel was a resounding success over the weekend of October 15 – 18, 2010. Curling games were hosted by LCC on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as the semi-final and final games on Monday.

Rhonda Persichilli, Wendy Foster, Deb Pullen and Marnie Dickout, the LCC members of the SOWCC Volunteer Committee, were present at the club all four days of the curling. It was exciting and exhausting for us, as LCC was the premier venue for the four-day event. Club members who attended the curling were impressed with the high level of curling competition.

All participating teams were enthusiastic and appreciative of our Club's ice (thanks to Kevin Breivik, Mark Phillips and Ice Crew), and enjoyed the hospitality of our warm, inviting atmosphere. Many thanks also go to Marj Dudley and her crew of Day Ladies and friends who worked tirelessly to provide great lunches of sandwiches, pizza and sausage on a bun, as well as snacks.

Les Sonier manned the bar over the weekend, and Barb Colbourn, Janice Henry and Doug Petch also assisted in making the spiel a great success. Thanks to those volunteers who assisted with "measuring", officiating, and selling raffle and 50/50 draw tickets. We could not have done this without your help. Special thanks to Connie Weir, for welcoming the curlers to LCC on Friday, October 15th, and to all club members who came out to watch some great curling during the four day event.

THANKS AGAIN, TO ALL THOSE WHO ASSISTED IN MAKING THE CASHSPIEL A SUCCESS!!



Marnie Dickout, Wendy Foster, Rhonda Persichilli and Deb Pullen
London Curling Club representatives, SOWCC

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Message from the President---

Hopefully, as we enter our second month of this year's curling season, most of you are happily back into "the sweep of things".

We certainly seem to be off to a promising start. More than 100 people attended the two skills clinics on October 2nd. Although some leagues have lost members, several others, including the popular Learn to Curl League, are full with waiting lists. The new UWO Student League has been struggling to get sufficient numbers, but efforts are now being made to fill up some of the vacant spots with people on waiting lists for other leagues, as well as with learn-to-curlers who would like to have the chance for some additional ice time before joining one of our regular leagues.

The pro shop has been doing a brisk business, as many took advantage of the gripper exchange program offered during the first two weeks of the season. Many new curlers have also found the "special package" deal allowed them to purchase all the equipment they needed at a very reasonable price.

As excitement in the upcoming Brier really starts to build, hopefully strengthening the interest in curling fostered by last year's Olympics, we are hoping to attract even more new members over the course of the year. To that end, the Board has decided to purchase a half-page ad in the next two issues of *SportXpress Magazine* (London edition), to promote the club and the sport of curling. The first ad will appear in the November/December issue and the second one in the January/February issue.

In the meantime... **CURL ON!**

--Connie Weir, President



ROLLING STONES GENEROSITY

The Rolling Stones League, which shares the Wednesday evening draw times with the President's League, recently presented LCC with a cheque to cover the cost of our new digital arena clock. The league had some money left over at the end of last year and wanted to put it towards something concrete that would benefit the club and all its members. The new clock was exactly the kind of funding project they were looking for.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend a huge public thank you to the members of the Rolling Stones. It's clear that these curlers, formerly a rental league, have developed a real sense of partnership and embraced efforts to contribute, as members, to the growth and enhancement of this club.

THANKS, ROLLING STONES!

Final note: Now that the cost of the clock has been so generously covered, the money raised by October's raffle for Brier tickets can be used to defray other expenses: the new concrete steps (and soon to be added railing) leading from the front doors down to the sidewalk, new laminate covering for the table tops in the upstairs lounge, etc. You can be certain that it will be put to good use.

HI, LATE BREAKING NEWS!!

"Monday at 1:20 P.M. prior to the Winexpert the following members won 7 tickets each to the Brier:

Barry Kay, a new member who plays in the Miller and Sweeney Leagues, won 2 tickets for the Final game and 5 through the week

Bev Swarz, a Fri. Night Mixed member, won 2 tickets for the Semi-Finals and 5 through the week

Bob Wakefield, who plays in the Teasdale and daytime Seniors, won 2 tickets for the Paged Playoff and 5 through the week

The ticket sales raised \$1400 for the club.
THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!!!

Don Agnew



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MEET YOUR LCC ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Your volunteer advertising committee consists of the following people: Marnie Dickout, Stan Hodge, Alan McLachlan, (Board member) Pat Millar, Dennis Sillett, Ted Walker, and chairperson, Harry Steele..

This group meets 4 or 5 times, mostly in the spring and summer to discuss the types of ads to sell (in ice, wall ads, Rock Talk ads, and Directory ads), the cost of these different ads, potential advertisers to approach and the mechanics of drawing up contracts and getting them signed.

It has been the custom to have a late summer or early fall pot luck social for the committee and significant others.

Through their hard work they have managed to raise approximately \$ 9000 for the club this year, which is a significant contribution to our revenues.

If you are impressed by the look of our arena ,the Membership Directory and Rock Talk, in terms of the advertising, why not consider adding your own contribution as a volunteer member of the Advertising Committee. Just contact any member of the Committee.

Don't forget to thank members of this committee for their work and also to thank our advertisers for helping make our club a success.

THE ROLLING STONES



The Rolling Stones are pleased and proud to have sponsored the purchase of the new on-ice clock. Heaven knows we need more help than most in getting off the ice! Let's hope it helps all of us help each other by sticking to our draw times.

We would like to thank Les for once again opening the bar and hosting our first meeting of the year on September 29. Most Rolling Stones are more friendly and productive through Les' service and his support was very much appreciated again this year!

The summer cobwebs are starting to clear after the first few games, but obviously more quickly for some than for others. Most of the usual suspects have floated to the top of the leader board early on, but new Skips Michael Zeeb and John Turcot are working hard to punch out a position for themselves in the pack of seasoned veterans.

Leadership has its perks and price boys - good luck to you and your first Rolling Stones rinks!

Please visit our website at www.rollingstoneslondon.com

GOOD CURLING TO ALL !!

Ken Symns
Rolling Stones Communications



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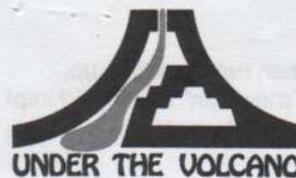
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SKILLS CLINICS—

Sign-up sheets for the second skills clinics of the season are now posted on the easel in the Main Lounge. The clinics will be held on Saturday, November 13th.

Beginners will be on the ice at 9:00 for a ninety minute session. For the Intermediates and Advanced, we are planning a two hour session beginning at 10:30. For this latter group, we are planning on having specific sub-skills set up on five of the sheets. One of the aspects that we plan to build in this time will be practising specific shots with rocks set up in the house. There will also be a Stick Clinic beginning at 10:30.

The club had 60 people participate in the October 2 Beginners Clinic; 40 for the Intermediate and Advanced Clinics; and 11 for the UWO Student League clinic.

Appreciation is extended to Jack Nichol for coordinating the October clinics and the 15 volunteer instructors.

Peter Askey

PRESIDENT'S LEAGUE

We have two full flights with 12 teams in each. We do not lose a night of curling for club maintenance prior to the Christmas break. **Reminder that there will be no organized league curling on December 22nd.**

The first schedule round-robin play will finish on December 15th and all teams will have played each other. I will adjust both the A and B flights over the Christmas break with the top four teams in B flight moving up to flight A and the bottom four teams in flight A moving down to flight B. I will contact all the skips before the start of the second schedule on January 5th.

Please feel free to make any changes to the sheets posted on the bulletin board if I have mistyped your name etc and I will update it as the season goes along.

If you have any questions or suggestions for changes and improvements to how the President's League is organized, please feel free to contact me at inthepond@sympatico.ca.

Thanks for your continued support!!

Roger Moyer, Convenor.



OCA---

The LCC Ontario Curling Association (OCA) Committee for 2010/2011 is Teresa Easter (Bantam & Junior Curling), Sandy Bradford-Zavitz (Women's Curling) and Paul Pergau (Men's Curling). We hope you are interested in participating in one or more OCA Events this year.

Please refer to one of the OCA Event Calendars located on one or more of our club bulletin boards and/or at www.ontcurl.ca. The OCA web site has a wealth of information about upcoming events, OCA curling rules and curling resources just to name a few. Also if you're planning on entering an OCA event keep an eye on the entry deadline date and rules for entering your team all also found in the OCA web site. Contact your LCC OCA Rep (Teresa, Sandy or Paul) for help as soon as you decide to enter your team. The first OCA event of the curling year is the Dominion Club Championship. Team Eileen Rochefort, Wendy Foster, Rhonda Persichilli and Dayna Dann is entered in the Women's event while team Dave Beckett, Tom Zavitz, Paul Reily and Chris Thompson is entered in the Men's. The Zone playdown is being held Oct 22-24 in Ingersoll with the Provincial playdown being held in Annandale Oct 30-31. Good luck to both teams! OCA events coming up that have Zone closing dates in November are: Junior Women's and Men's, Schoolboy, Schoolgirl, Senior Women's and Men's and Men's Tankard. Get a LCC team together and get registered !

THE TEASDALE LEAGUE----

The Teasdale League has started the season with 14 teams competing for the Plaque to be presented at the end of the season.

The annual "skins" games will be played on Dec. 16th instead of the regular draw.

Starting with the Feb. 17th draw, the league will be divided on the basis of points won into a championship flight and recreational flight. This will allow the 7 top teams to compete on an equal basis for the Plaque.

Gord Sellery. convenor



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Women's Daytime Section News—

OPENING MEETING - A time of socializing and sharing summer happenings preceded the opening meeting of the WDS on October 6th. The new chair Linda Round presided over the meeting and past chair Jean Cameron convened the event.

New members were welcomed and introduced along with their Big Sisters.

New to LCC WDS: Linda Bailey, Michelle Guenette, Pam Pettit, Cindy Tremblay, Katie Ungar, Theresa Walsh

Returning members or members from the Business Women: Guiti Massoumi, Sheila McSwiggan, Judy Rolston, Kathie Leigh, Sylvia Leuszler To date we have 83 Active Members and 4 Social Members.

President, Connie Weir, and Club Manager, Doug Petch, were introduced and spoke briefly about Doors Open London, LCC Open House, Clinics, membership, pro shop, clean ice and safety.

Joyce Hetherington was presented with a corsage as the female recipient of last year's Spirit of Curling Award. Tea, coffee, a celebratory cake and fruit were served by Joyce Hetherington and Jean Cameron.

OPENING JITNEY: October 7th (Fay Weiler & Janet Stenson) Women's Daytime curling began on Thursday October 7th. Twenty five curlers got off to an easy start with a 6-end Open Jitney. Afterward they enjoyed catching up with everyone's news over coffee and cake.

STUDIO H: (Lynda Reesor & Linda Karl) Tuesday afternoon curling has fifty-six curlers in contention for the trophy. An additional ice Tuesday morning was needed to accommodate the interested curlers.

YOUNG & CO. (Sydney Davidson & Fay Weiler) Thirty-two curlers signed up for this popular Thursday morning event.

COMPETITIVE LEAGUE: (Joan Dickie & Pat Bell) There are 12 teams participating in Friday's event.

FALL CARD PARTY: (Lynda Reesor & Pam Harrison) The WDS Fall Card Party took place on Wednesday, October 20th, 2010. Seventy-two women (18 tables) enjoyed lunch and an afternoon of cards in the upstairs lounge. This event raised \$565.80 for the WDS. This event underlines the generosity of the women of our club in providing lunch, prizes, and cheerful assistance in selling the tickets, in set-up and clean-up for the day, and in serving the lunch. The convenors sincerely appreciate your willingness to assist us in hosting this annual fundraising event. Thank you to all.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION

November 24 th	FRIENDSHIP DAY (Marilynne VanBuskirk & Linda Peeling)
December 2 nd	MARSHALL'S PASTA MILL (Dale McIntyre & Joan Bidinosti)
December 7 th	BERNIE'S (Jan Murray & Brenda Thompson)
December 8 th	CHRISTMAS PARTY (Sandy Ronson, Cathy Townsend & Linda Round)
January 26 th	CARD PARTY (Deanne Fitzpatrick & Marilynne VanBuskirk)
BONSPIELS	
November 10 th	JEANETTES'S EARLY BIRD SPIEL (Barb Vitkaukas & Mardi McLachlan)
January 12 th	GRANDMOTHERS'S SPIEL (Pam Harrison & Bonnie Shawyer)
Feb. 28 th & March 1 st	SHEILA BETKUK 2 DAY SPIEL (Joan Dickie's Team)





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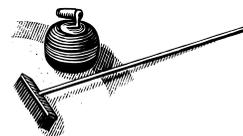
NOVEMBER—

6	Kellogg Bonspiel
10	WDS Jeanettes Early Bird Bonspiel
13	Refresher Clinic
17	Club Closed for Maintenance
20	Profession Engineers Bonspiel
24	WDS Friendship Day
27	UWOK Clinic
30	Sifton Classic

DECEMBER—

1	Sifton Classic
11	Bantam/Junior Bonspiel
14	Daytime Men Christmas Party
24-25	Club Closed
26	Boxing Day – Open Curling Reservations Required
27-January 1	Club Closed

PRO SHOPPE REPORT---



Sales for the Pro Shoppe are off to a great start.

The \$135 package including a pair of shoes, a broom, a pair of gloves and a gripper is extremely popular. We are planning on leaving this "special" on until at least Christmas.

Other popular items so far are curling pants, and various other clothing items as well as the Podium Gold and Podium Silver curling shoes.

All items will be on display in early December allowing embroidered clothing items to be ordered in time for Christmas.

So stop by and check out your Pro Shoppe.



DAYTIME MEN'S

The Daytime Men's group welcomes four new members to our curling league: Phil Bondy, John Crosby, Bob Leigh, and David Ross.

The Executive has added one new member, Gord Browne as 2nd VP, to round out its membership of Derek Smith (President), John Rudell (1st. VP), Al Starratt (Treasurer) and Ray McCorquodale (Past President) . They were all approved at the annual wind-up meeting last Spring.

At that meeting, Bob Hyatt once again (and again!) earned the "Gerry Davies" trophy for having curled the most league games during the 2009-2010 season.

As noted in the last Rock Talk, Dan McInnes deservedly has been given a "Spirit of Curling" award. Certainly he has earned it for his efforts on behalf of our group and his unflagging encouragement and joviality over so many years – never mind all he has done for the entire Club.

The annual "Highland Friendly" series of two matches will begin at the Highland on November 16, with the return meeting at our Club on February 1.

Plans are well underway for the two-day Sifton Classic Bonspiel on Nov. 30-Dec. 1 which again is being convened by Ed Galloway.



WINEXPERT CURLING LEAGUE .

We got started on October 4 with a warm-up game and roll off (7 ends and roll off) The team of Peter Nardella ,Bill Wright, Jim Russell Alan McLachlan got high points .

We will be playing starting on October 25, two round robins of 7 games and 3 playoff games . .There will be 3 roll off games included in round robin play. We will also have a 1 on 1 & 2 on 2 competitions, wine prizes for all events

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