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The 27th Annual TD Canada Trust – Harry Sifton Bonsel was held November 30th & December 1st. In all, twenty four teams participated, eight from London Curling Club, the remainder from all over South Western Ontario. After a hectic first day of four draws, everybody gathered at the Mocha Shrine Temple for a delicious three course dinner, highlighted by a succulent plate of roast beef, the table wine seemed equally popular!

We were honoured to have Connie Weir, our club president, in attendance. After some kind words to gathered assembly, she presented the Harry Sifton Trophy to the Champions from 2009, Bob Freil, Ron McLennan and Bob Wakefield. The fourth member of this team was Bruce Cooper, who sadly, could not attend because of a death in his family.

The Chairman of the 2011 Tim Horton Brier, organizing committee, Peter Inch, brought the Brier Tankard Trophy to be ogled by all of us “would be” Canadian Champions, and after dinner, he gave a short presentation to promote the Brier, which will take place in March this year at the John Labatt centre. A pair of opening week-end passes to the event was donated by Peter.

This bonsel could not put on such an ambitious program, were it not for our sponsors, TD Canada Trust, Sifton properties, Executive Travel and New Era Grafix. They deserve our patronage. The only representative of these sponsors in attendance was Jack Judd of executive Travel, who presented the 2009 Champions with their individual trophies.

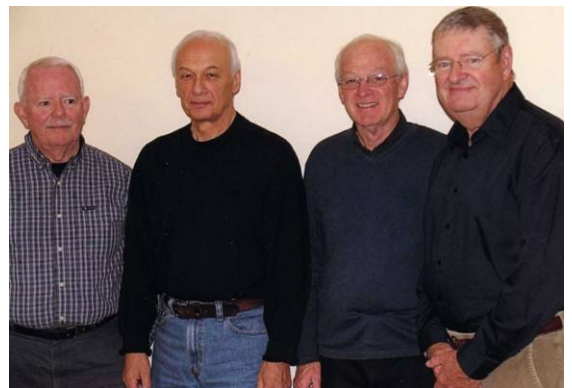
The committee of Don McKay, Fred Wiesegger, Peter Jackson, Larry Round and Colin Shipley deserve well earned thanks for keeping everything on the rails towards a successful outcome.

This year’s Bonsel was won by our own Jim Fitzpatrick, Harry Steele, Ken Walmsley and Randy Southen. Congratulations and thanks from the committee for drinks at the close of the second day.

Ed Galloway, Chairman, TD Canada Trust- Harry Sifton Committee



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT----

Hope you all enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season!



Leagues are now up and running again and we are heading into the busiest part of the season in terms of bonspiels, both our own and ones organized by rental groups. Starting on January 15th, we are hosting a bonspiel every Saturday until the end of March, except for the final weekend of the Brier (March 12), when the club is closed. So Saturdays around here are going to be busy!

Thanks once again to Gwen Crossman and Bruce Cooper for doing the convenor and committee profiles for this issue. I hope you have appreciated their articles, as well as the efforts of those member volunteers being profiled.

As indicated in my November message, the Board has opted to put two paid ads in SportsXpress magazine. The first ad appeared in the Nov. /Dec. issue and the second one will be in the Jan. /Feb. issue which should be coming out soon. Have a look to see what you think. If there is an article you wish to read, please feel free to borrow one of the copies on the table in main lounge.

Connie Weir, President

END OF A PROUD TRADITION?

Every year, on the weekend following New Year's, LCC would be filled with male curlers participating in the club's oldest bonspiel: the once prestigious **CITY OF LONDON**. But the club was silent on January 7 & 8 this year.

The event, unfortunately, had to be cancelled because no convenor could be found. Greg Lewis, who generously agreed to stay on as convenor for the City of London's 100th Anniversary last year, was understandably ready to "pass the baton", after eight years of organizing the event. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Greg again for his past efforts in keeping the spiel going.

It is sad, however, to think that this once proud club tradition may be gone forever, and we are still hoping that someone may decide to come forward so that the bonspiel can be resurrected for January 2012. If any of our male members are willing to convene or co-convene this event, please give your name to the office or a Board member.


NEW TO THE CLUB OR NEW TO CURLING?

What is all the fuss about "clean ice"? The goal of every curling club is to have ice that is 100% clear of debris because loose impediments such as bits of sand, stone, rubber, fabric, or hair can affect the way a rock slides along the ice. Even at the professional level, you will periodically hear the complaint, "the rock picked something" to explain why are rock suddenly changed direction. With 700 club members playing weekly, plus additional people who come for bonspiels and ice rentals, keeping the ice 100% clear of debris becomes a significant challenge.

The list of "clean ice basics" below provides a good starting point for all club users:

- Make it a priority to do your part to help keep the ice surface clean.*
- Use the boot cleaner every time you enter the club.*
- If you do not have curling shoes, have a pair of running shoes that you keep at the club strictly for curling.*
- Inspect the condition and cleanliness of your curling footwear especially grippers. Remove loose rubber or a replace worn gripper.*
- Inspect and clean your broom after a game or prior to the start of a game. If you have a removable broom head, the purchase of an extra broom head to makes cleaning easier between games.*
- Brush or clean your broom over the garbage containers every few ends. Do not hand-brush a broom while you are on the ice surface or the end board carpet.*
- Push debris away from the hack and if possible, place any such debris in the garbage containers.*
- Step on the "sticky mats" with both shoes just as you go through the doors on to the ice. It is amazing how much debris the mats pick up.*

OUR ICE SURFACE LOOKS NARROWER. Am I imagining this? Actually, the sheets of ice at the London Curling Club are a bit narrower than at most clubs. This is because the club purchased the old Jubilee Skating Rink in 1915 and did not increase the width of the base surface. Because each sheet is a little narrower than regulation, there is an "in house" rule that a rock that is 50% or more over a side line, after it comes to rest, is taken out of play. As well, the narrower sheets require all curlers to be cognizant of fellow curlers on the adjacent sheets who may be sweeping a rock or standing near the hog line on their sheet.

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GAME STRATEGY-----



A number of members new to the club have requested information about “game strategy”. With this in mind, we have asked several skips to share some of their thoughts on their approach to the game. Over the next three issues of Rock Talk we will print their responses to questions we have posed. In the March, we will let you know who the contributors have been.

For January, we have focused on the role of the **LEAD** in setting up an end.

AT THE START OF THE GAME, WITHOUT LAST ROCK:

- I will ask my lead to position a rock in front of the house on the centre line. I am never disappointed if this rock sails through the house as I feel it is always easier to get draw weight after throwing a rock too hard compared with having to add weight for a rock thrown too light.
- I always ask the lead for a rock to be placed on centre line in free guard zone so that I can then ask for a rock in 4 ft area behind the guard unless my opponent gets there first. If the opposition gets there first, I will be asking for freezes to their rock or tap backs so that our rock stays in play as much as possible.

AT THE START OF THE GAME, WITH LAST ROCK:

- If my lead has good draw weight, I'll call for the rock in the 4ft area because I want to get there before the opposition does. Otherwise I'll ask for a corner guard in free guard zone or a rock in the house in the 12 foot rings.
- If the opposition' lead throws a centre guard, I will be looking for a come around in front of the tee line. I would prefer a miss to be on the heavy side rather than adding more clutter and perhaps overlapping rocks in front of the house which only serves to work in the opposition's favour.

AS THE GAME PROGRESSES, DOES YOUR APPROACH FOR THE LEAD'S ROCKS CHANGE?

- I will continue to ask the lead to position rocks in front of the house on the centre line. When we attempt a come-around shot, I always try to indicate a missed shot should be light and not behind the tee line. Rocks positioned tight to the rings, in front of the house, always pose a threat to the opposition with last rock as these rocks can be used to our advantage for a come around, tap into the rings or a runback takeout on an opposition rock in the rings.
- I will normally ask my lead to remove any opposition rocks placed on the rings unless the score dictates a more aggressive strategy of guards or freezes.
- If the opposition's lead has had trouble with his/her shots, I'll ask my lead to put his/her rock in the house and then guard it if there are misses. If the opposition still misses you can put another guard out in front and this would make it hard for the opposition to score.
- If we are ahead by three or more, I will request the lead rock to be positioned in the rings, preferably in front of the tee line. The rock should be on the rings or through the house. A long guard at this stage of a game opens the door for the opposition to score two or more points.

OCA



The Men's Fairfield Merriott and Women's Best Western Challenge Competition Zone 16 Playdowns will be held at the Glencoe and District Curling Club January 8 & 9, 2011.

Representing the London Curling Club is Team Lawrence (Skip - Sue Lawrence, Third - Linda McFayden, Second - Deanna Dougan and Lead - Rhonda Persichilli with Coach - Warren Brooke),

Team Beckett (Skip - David Beckett, Third - Tom Zavitz, Second - Paul Reily and Lead - Greg Lewis) and Team Mann (Skip - Dave Mann, Third - Kirk Massey Second - Chris Sherman and Lead - Bruce Thom).

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THREE LCC TEAMS!

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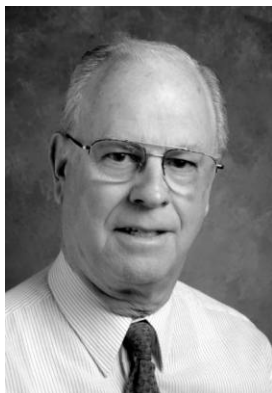
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MEET OUR CONVENORS!!!



Gord Sellery - Teasdale League

Gord is currently in his first year as convenor of the Thursday afternoon Teasdale League. He shared that Teasdale is comprised of male curlers over 50, most of whom are retired.

The social events within the Teasdale League include a pre-Christmas non-competitive skins game and an end of season wine raffle, which coincides with the presentation of the plaque to the winning team.

The key convening roles involve scheduling via use of a computer program to ensure each of the 14 teams play each other once prior to the championship round. When the season has 6 weeks remaining, teams are divided into two flights based upon a point system managed by the league convenor.

Gord enjoys problem solving as convenor of Teasdale, as well as dealing with concerns, and does a great job keeping all of the fun loving curlers in the league happy!

Thank you, Gord, for convening the Teasdale League and have a great curling season!

John Crosby - UWO Convenor

John Crosby has held the position of convenor for the UWO league for 2 years to date. This league originated over 20 years ago at the old Thompson arena at UWO, then moved to the LCC 3 years ago after Thompson closed their curling ice.

UWO is a mixed league with all levels of expertise amongst curlers. John shared the primary focus is fun, with a healthy dose of competition between teams. The league is comprised of 12 teams that remain the same from year to year; in fact many of these teams have been intact for years. Each year there is a turnover of a half dozen or so members, which are replaced by new members to the UWO league.

This league is very social and hosts a pizza night every second Tuesday. They also host a fun night on the last draw before Christmas. Early February is the time UWO hosts their annual bonspiel and they finish their season with a fun night and banquet.

John explained his role as convenor involves acting as a liaison between the club and UWO executive and membership. At the beginning of the season, new members must be found for teams that have vacancies. The three executive members work with John to fill these vacancies, as well as coordinate scheduling, pizza, fun nights and the banquet.

Thank you John for convening the UWO Tuesday evening league!

Marc Claveau - Sweeney League

Marc is a first year convenor with Sweeney. This Thursday evening men's league includes curlers ranging from beginner to those with more experience. There are four draws throughout the year and the teams change each draw. Sweeney has a point system wherein the points are by position so the competition ensues between individual curlers rather than between teams. Marc shared it's a great way for new curlers to meet a mix of curlers with different experience levels.

Social events hosted within the Sweeney League include a Christmas evening social with dinner on December 16th, as well as an end of season dinner.

Marc explained his role as convenor involves scheduling to set each draw and individual statistics for all Sweeney curlers.

He finds Sweeney to be a fun league that allows members to meet other curlers in a less competitive environment. Marc has participated in the league since 2003 and enjoys the curling environment and the camaraderie.

Thank you for convening the Sweeney League, Marc!

Tim Hortons

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ROLLING STONES!!!



A very happy new year to all from the Rolling Stones! The league enjoyed a pre-Christmas game on December 23rd followed by a lovely catered dinner, arranged by our very own Jim Anderson. Congratulations were given to the Charman Rink of Mark Thurston, Ed Baker, Rob Holland and Kemp Charman for edging our the Burns' Rink to clinch the regular season and claim the Devries trophy. We also enjoyed another cheerful visit from Rolling Stones member-at-large, Neil Farrell. Always a treat!

The annual Rolling Stones Funspiel is scheduled for Feb 12 at the club. The following week is the annual Rolling Stones Tri-City Spiel, this year hosted by the Toronto chapter. The usual pre-game reception and evening cultural events are planned for the Friday. It's a good thing, we don't take our curling too seriously and its also a good thing that we aren't back on the ice until the following Wednesday!

All the best and good curling to everyone as we turn the corner on this season.

Ken Symns , Rolling Stones Communications

WINEPERT---

Three teams with skips from the Winepert League win top three spots in the Sifton .Jim Fitzpatrick first draw and overall Champion ,Peter Nardella 2nd draw winner , Barry Mountgomery runner up 2nd draw ,way to go guys .

Dec 13 ends 1st series A flight winner with a 6---1 record team Willie Weiler . B flight winner 4 --- 3 record Team Nardella .in the B flight there was a three way tie at 4 ---3 Nardella gets 1st with a better heads up record .

Wine Roll offs a big hit , play seven ends , points 5 win 2 ends 1 score. roll off then each team member plays a draw to the rings scoring points .in play 1, 12' 2 , 8' 3 , 4' 4, 2' 5, cover the pin 7. To date 70 bottles of high quality wine have been won . We also gave the staff Kevin, Barb ,Doug and Les each a bottle with thanks for their support all year.

We are looking forward to 2011 2nd series to determine Winexpert Champs who get the Plaque . 1 more roll off, Feb 14 , and a season final skins game March 28 .

Peter Nardella : Convenor

LITTLE ROCKS --



Little Rocks is off to a great start this season. We have a total of 18 boys and girls aged 8 to 12 who are learning how to curl. They are showing us both good enthusiasm and skill development. We curled at our first bonspiel at the St. Thomas Curling Club on Saturday, December 4, and entered two teams

It is not too late for children to join Little Rocks; contact the club or me if you have questions. I want to thank Julie Scopel for agreeing to be our administrator, and to Bantam/Juniors Hayley, Alex, Bobby Jo, Will, and Andrea, as well as grownup Gary, for volunteering to coach the kids!

Also, I am putting out the call for someone to take over my duties next season. I no longer have children in Little Rocks, and would like to focus my efforts on the Bantam/Juniors. Please let me know ASAP if you can help.

Steve Hobbs Convenor, 226-663-1404

THE PRESIDENT'S LEAGUE...

After the first round-robin play all the teams in the President's League have been reseeded. The bottom four teams in Flight 1 have moved down to Flight 2 and the top four teams in Flight 2 have moved up to Flight 1. Congratulations to the Bob Bourdeau rink who are in first place in Flight 1 having lost only one game in the first round-robin. Congratulations also to the Stan Smith rink who lost only two games and finished in the top spot in Flight 2 and have moved up to Flight 1.

We have 12 nights of curling in the second schedule. Reminder that the club is closed during the week of March 7th for the Brier and that there will be no President's League curling on Wednesday, March 9th. The normal rotation of 7 p.m. (Flight 1) and 5 p.m. (Flight 2) resumes on March 16th.

A number of curlers have added their names to the spare list and they are posted on the President's League bulletin board - please check them out if you need a spare for Wednesday nights.

A one night "playoff game" will be played on Wednesday, March 30th. Flight 1 will curl at 5 p.m. and Flight 2 will curl at 7 p.m. Please note that Flight 2 will play at 7 p.m. on back-to-back weeks on March 23rd and March 30th.

If you have any suggestions for improvements to the league, please let me know.

Roger Moyer Convenor



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DAYTIME MEN—



A busy month for the old fellows. The Christmas party was held on December 14, with 12 “alumni” as well as a full house of curlers, catered by the fabulous five of the Section’s Executive – Ray McCorquodale, Derek Smith, John Rudell, Gord Browne and Al Starratt. The curling draw was made by Don McKay and Peter Jackson. Peter Askey helped with “the other” draw, from which Colin Shipley was the big winner. Larry Round kindly delivered extra food to the nearby food bank, of which he is a Director.

The Club will be host to two Senior Men’s bonspiels within the next month. On January 14, Garry Thompson again will convene the annual Tier 55. And then on February 1, we will welcome the Highland seniors for the return leg of the “Friendly” bonspiel/bout in which they currently have a 10 points advantage.

These come on top of the successful Sifton Classic, ably convened in December by Ed Galloway with his organizing team of 5 others.

The Senior Men have produced their season’s second 8-ender at the Club. This time it was the turn of the threesome of Dan McInnes as Skip with Frank Van Diepenbeek and Ray McCorquodale. (The last Rock Talk featured an 8-ender by Jim Lone’s rink with Ken Lindsay, Stu Smith and Bob Leigh. Stu has some going to do to catch up with his golf feats– he has had 4 holes-in-one, he notes).

The Senior Men have been active on the bonspiel circuit. In Ingersoll, LCC teams won both flights. One was skipped by Chuck Townsend (with Bob Wakefield, Laurie McKenna, and Dave Grey), and the other by Roger Leblanc (Dan McInnes, Garry Thompson and Peter Jackson). The same Leblanc team also won in Tillsonburg.

The Convener and his colleagues wish a happy new year to all the Club’s members and its staff.

THURSDAY NITE BUSINESS LADIES--

I would like to thank my co-convenors Judy Clark, Cheryl Philips and Cindy Thomas for all their help these past months and also for helping make our Christmas party a huge success. We had a wonderful turnout and lots of fun.

Our regift gift exchange had some interesting gifts. Marylu Fulkerson came away with the best gift of all and Sue Lawrence was the winner of the Turkey Shoot. We donated over 250 pounds of food to the Food Bank.

Good curling in the second half of the season and Good Luck to our teams participating various playdowns.

Miolyka Steele

BRING A FRIEND TO CURLING MONTH

A major source of new members to the London Curling Club is the contact to friends and family by current members. Over the past three seasons we have had approximately 90 new members each year. With this in mind, the club has established several opportunities for club members to bring guests along during the month of January..

Leagues are encouraged to promote the "bring a friend" concept wherever this might be feasible for their respective leagues. There will be no cost to the guest. Some leagues are in a better position than others to make this possible.

The third skills clinic of the season will be held on Saturday, January 15th (evening) and club members are encouraged to bring friends out for the instruction, pizza and mini-games. There will be no cost to members or guests for this event. The sign-up sheet is posted on the easel in the Main Lounge.

During January, up to three sheets of ice will be available in one hour blocks from 3-5 p.m.(adjacent to the UWO Student League) so that members can bring out family and friends for a curling experience. Members will have to book through the office the times that they wish. There will be no cost for this event.

Club members are encouraged to organize their own min-bonspiels with family and friends on Saturday evenings in January. Available dates are January 8, 22 and 29.

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WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION NEWS

The WDS membership continues to grow. We are happy to welcome Bev McDonald, Marj Frankel, Sandra Letton and Liz Oehm to our club. We now have 88 women curling daytime.

Young & Company: (Sydney Davidson, Convenor & Fay Weiler, Co-convenor)

On November 25th following a 7 week event, 32 curlers and 3 guests gathered to enjoy a lunch. Due to a previous commitment, Mr. Bill Young was unable to be present to award the trophy and prizes to the winning teams. First place was awarded to Sharon Sivak's team. Second prize to Ruth Prentice and her team. Third prize winners were Joan Bidinost and her team. Many thanks to Young and Company who have been a generous sponsor for 11 years. It was a very successful seven weeks of fun and friendship.

Studio H: (Linda Reesor, Convenor & Lynda Karl, Co-convenor)

The Studio H event took place on Tuesday afternoons in October and November. 56 curlers took part and we had 1 game at 10:30 and 6 games at 1:15 p.m. The event started with a "jitney/final-sign-up" day on Oct.12. Regular team games were played for the next six weeks. On November 23, our final day, the ladies enjoyed snacks after their games.

Studio H, our Sponsor, very generously donated 12 gift certificate prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Unfortunately no one from Studio H was able to be present for the prize presentations, but we have thanked them for their generous support.

Winners: 1st – Janet Stenson, Deanne Fitzpatrick, Marilynne VanBuskirk, Joanne Diehl

2nd – Sandy Ronson, Shirley Vaile, Joan Bancroft, Pam Pettit

3rd – Betty Burrows, Ruth Prentice, Donna Miller Barb Vitkauskas

Thanks to all the curlers who participated in this event and to those who assisted on the final day with serving the food and cleaning up.

Friendship Day: (Marilynne Van Buskirk, Convenor & Linda Peeling, Co-convenor)

The annual WDS Friendship Day was held Wed. Nov. 24th. There were 17 guests, 3 of which have joined the WDS.

Linda Round gave a warm welcome to the club and then the program was turned over to Joyce Hetherington and along with Jack Nicol; our guests, and some of our members, were treated to some expert instruction on and off the ice. A six end game was played. The bar was opened, a snack was served and Joyce lead the group in a great mixer that had us all laughing. At noon, lunch was served.

The Pro Shop very generously supplied 2 door prizes. Thanks go to Joyce Hetherington, Jack Nicol and our great behind the scene crew of Mary McGuigan, Sheila McSwiggan and Fay Weiler who made this a very successful day.

Christmas Party: (Sandy Ronson, Convenor & Cathy Townsend, & Linda Round Co-convenors)

Ticket sales went well for the Women's Christmas Party for a total of 55 members and guests planning to attend. Plans were finalized when the weather hit us and early Tuesday morning I decided to cancel and was able to contact our caterer Marshall's Pasta Mill to cancel our lunch order. They were very kind and did not charge us any cancellation penalty. They are also a sponsor for one of the WDS events which is going on at this time.

The members were happy to donate the \$10.00 cost of their ticket to My Sister's Place, for a total of \$550.00 to be used to further the work at My Sister's Place. In addition, goods and cash had been collected by the members and were dropped off to help the women at Christmas time.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WOMEN'S SECTION

January 26 th	CARD PARTY (Deanne Fitzpatrick and Marilynne VanBuskirk)
February 3 rd	SKINS GAME (Pat Bell & Marj Dudley)
February 1 st	Nash (Penny Brown & Barb Gordon)
February 16 th	Curl for a Cause (Jean Cameron)
February 18 th	Subway
Jan. 12 th	Grandmother's Bonspiel (Pam Harrison & Bonny Shawyer)
Feb. 28 and March 1	Sheila Betkus 2Day (Joan Dickie's Team)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY-

- 12 WDS Grandmothers Bonspiel
- 14 Men's Tier 55
- 15 3M Bonspiel
- 22 LCC Spring Thaw Bonspiel
- 26 WDS Card Party
- 29 Business Women Bonspiel

FEBRUARY-

- 5 UWO Staff Bonspiel
- 5 Days Counselling Bonspiel
- 12 Rolling Stones Bonspiel
- 16 WDS Curl for a Cause
- 19 Shriners Bonspiel
- 21 Family Day
- 22 Club Closed
- 23 Club Closed to 5PM
- 26 TVCL Bonspiel
- 28-March 1 WDS Two Day Bonspiel



THAW MIXED BONSPIEL

The Spring Thaw Mixed Bonspiel has been scheduled for Saturday, January 22. Please mark your calendars, and organize your team for this annual event.

As always, your entry fee of \$120 per team covers morning coffee and donuts, two games, hot lunch, and fabulous prizes.

This year, we would love to return the "good old days" of two draws. For that to happen, we need more participation from our and other curling clubs. Spread the word!

Registration forms are now posted in the club lounge. Sign up early to ensure your teams place. Thanks. Steve Hobbs Convenor, 226-663-1404



ANOTHER 8-ENDER IN DECEMBER!!!!

SKILLS CLINIC AND BRING A FRIEND

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15
7:00 – 10:00 P.M.

- JOIN US FOR THE CLUB'S THIRD CLINIC OF THE YEAR
- BRING A FRIEND OR TWO ALONG TO INTRODUCE THEM TO THE CLUB OR TO CURLING
- A ONE-HOUR SKILLS CLINIC AT INTRODUCTORY, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED SKILLS LEVELS (7-8 P.M.)
- PIZZA BREAK (8-8:45 P.M.)
- MINI GAME WITH YOUR GUESTS AND FELLOW PARTICIPANTS (8:45 -10 P.M.)

•The sign-up sheet for this event is posted on the easel in the Main Lounge. Limited to 48 participants.



Congratulations to Ray McCorquodale, Dan McInnes (Skip) and Frank Van Diepenbeek

**Women's Section
Winter Card Party**



Wed, Jan 26th, 2011
Lunch at 12:30 PM
Cards at 1 PM

Tickets: \$32 for a Table of Four



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Bring **ANYBODY** (doesn't even have to be your sweetheart !!) and receive \$10.00 off the lowest entrée

(During March, any time except Fridays and Saturdays after 5 o'clock)