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L.C.C. TO HOST O.C.A. MIXED PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The London Curling Club is excited to host the Ontario Junior and Bantam Mixed Provincial Championships at the end of this curling season. The action all kicks off on Wednesday, March 31 and runs through Saturday, April 3.

Several committees have been working hard over the past five months to plan the transformation of the club into a championship venue to accommodate these 64 teens and young adults, their coaches and families, and a capacity crowd of spectators. Jayne Broughton and Jean Glendenning are busy planning the formal banquet dinners for the participants, as well as refreshments for the viewing audience. Key speaker for the banquet is Jim Waite, CCA National Team Leader and Level 4 coach. Dave and Bethany Heinrichs are arranging viewing stands and computer facilities and are making plans

to temporarily convert the women's locker room into a "curlers' lounge" and the downstairs locker space into separate locker rooms for the young men and women. Christine LeDreff is recruiting game timekeepers ... a sign-up sheet is posted on the club events board. Wink DuBrule has been promoting the event to our members and to local businesses in an effort to raise funds through the sale of advertising and welcoming messages in the Event Program publication. And Andrea Child has been busy overseeing it all ... AND making sure that the word is "out" to our local radio stations and newspapers that we will be hosting this great event!

Let's all show these young Ontario athletes how proud we are that they have achieved provincial championship playoff status. Here are just some of the ways that members of the London Curling Club can contribute to the success of this event:

- Mark your calendar and **COME ON OUT TO WATCH THE GAMES** ... you'll see some amazing young curlers in action!
- Interest your employer, your company or the places where you do business in running an **ADVERTISEMENT** or a **SPONSOR MESSAGE** in the souvenir "Event Program".
- **VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME** ... all of the committees mentioned above could use your help!



SAY "SWEEP"!!! Our "Little Rockers", shown here with coach Brent DuPlessis and assistants Dave Dreher and Mike Williams, will be getting into the action at the OCA Mixed Provincial Championships. Many of them will be banner carriers at the Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday, March 31. For more Junior, Bantam and Little Rock news, see page 6 of this issue.



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A Special "Thank you" ...

... to Marg Sirna and Wink DuBrule for assembling many of our LCC treasures and photographs for the display at the Grand Theatre during this month's run of the production "The Black Bonspiel of Wullie MacCrimmon"; to Joan Cuthbert, Deanne Fitzpatrick, Dave Shaw and Dick Lapp for so generously donating their own curling memorabilia for the display; and to Doug Weir for coordinating the draw for tickets to the production, which were donated to the club by the Communications Department at "The Grand". The lucky winner was Dawn Lewis and the Club raised \$235.36 ... thank you Doug and everyone who participated in this fundraiser! Hope everyone has a chance to take in this delightful play (AND the **LCC display in the upstairs Poster Lounge**) before the play closes on February 21. For ticket information, call the theatre at 672-8800.

Richard Greenfield, Ron McLennan and Marg Sirna are our most recent volunteer Interim Managers and we appreciate their efforts in running the office so capably during the month of January. Coordinator Ken Walmsley has one more week to be covered before the end of the curling season ... "WAY TO GO KEN!!!" Please call him at 660-4299, or call the office at 432-3882, if you can volunteer during the week of March 1st.

Joanne Laws
Club President

FAMILY BONSPIEL

**Great Curling Fun
for Everyone**

Saturday March 6, 2004

Two 6-end games

12 teams

\$20 per team

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For further information,

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ON DISPLAY AT THE GRAND THEATRE: Curling treasures from the LCC (see Joanne Laws' adjoining article for details).

NEWS FROM YOUR OCA REPS

From **Linda Karl** ...

A clarification of the interpretation of the 4 rock rule, received from the OCA, has been posted on the OCA bulletin board in the ladies' locker room.

Congratulations to the Canadian Wheelchair Curling Team from London. They won a Bronze Medal in the recent World competition held in Sursee, Switzerland. Skip Chris Daw and teammates Bruce McAninch, Jim Primavera and Karen Blatchford practice and curl out of the Ilderton Curling Club. In case Bruce's name sounds very familiar to LCC, he was the coach of the McCormick rink who represented us in the Hearts Playdowns. His daughter Tara played third for Jackie. Daughter Amy was also in Switzerland as coach for the medal team. Curling certainly runs in the family!!!

The Intermediate Zone Playdowns are being staged in Ilderton February 13-15. Best wishes to our LCC Rink of Eileen Rochefort, Wendy Foster, Lois Jackson and Rhonda Pershilli.

From **Dave Heinrichs** ...

The Holiday Inn Challenge was recently completed. Randy Holder's team from Ilderton won the provincial championship for the event. The team of Dave Beckett, Tom Zavitz, Mike Williams, and Dave Fraser battled well for LCC at the zones, finishing with a 1-2 record. Of note, the guys lost 6-5 to the eventual provincial champions - team Holder from Ilderton. What could have been! Well done guys!

The final OCA zone playdown event of the year will be the Silver Tankard (Men) and Tankard (Women), to be held at the Forest Curling & Social Club March 20 - 21, 2004. OCA deadline for this two-team event is March 7, 2004 so if interested, sign up sheets are available in the club.

“CITY LANDS TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS”

That's the headline that claimed the front page of the February 3rd London Free Press! What started over two years ago as an initiative of the four curling clubs in the region (Highland, St. Thomas, Ilderton and LCC) to bring a world-class curling event to the John Labatt Centre (JLC) is now expressed as an intention of the Canadian Curling Association (CCA) and a screaming headline topic for the Free Press. The only condition is that the CCA can contract successfully with the various authorities, such as officials at the JLC, to make a satisfactory deal.



Well, what is involved? What is the plan? How do we implement it? What is the role of the LCC? What do we stand to gain or lose?

In 2001, we formed a committee of the four clubs and, in our letter to the CCA requesting that we host a major curling event, we indicated interest in the 2005 Olympic Trials, a Brier and a Tournament of Hearts, with 2005 and beyond the dates for the latter two. Waiting patiently (and sometimes not so patiently!), the committee addressed questions such as where we could have the entertainment centre (since the JLC does not have a suitable space). We met with city officials to make sure we were all 'onside' for our bid, we studied the contract between the CCA and the Alberta Curling Federation for the 2004 Hears in Red Deer, and we set out a plan for appointing a local committee to run the event. The originating committee included three members of the LCC: Dot MacRae, Jack Phillips and Dave Shaw.

We have several **goals** for this **2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts**. First and foremost for all four clubs, it is a **fundraising activity**. This is a special challenge because for the past five years the Hearts has lost money. A new agreement with the CCA assures Red Deer that the local clubs will not share in any losses and that they will receive a base fee. However, to be truly successful as a local fundraiser, the event must be a financial success, i.e. ticket and advertising revenue must be substantial. Reports from Red Deer indicate that their committee has accomplished a great deal of success in selling tickets and attracting advertising, and there is every reason to be optimistic that Red Deer will make money. We intend to follow that model. Second, we want to **promote curling** in our region and make this an attractive curling centre for major curling events over the next number of years. The JLC gives us a venue. Now it is up to us to make it work for curling. The committee will work to bring other major curling events and our success will depend on our success with the 2006 Hearts.

The committee has selected **Peter Inch** as the **Chair** of the local committee. Peter headed up the Seniors Championships in St. Thomas in 2002 and was a key player in managing the TSN Women's Skins Games in December. In Red Deer the contract calls for **six vice-chairs** to work with the Chair of the local committee. These six vice-chairs head up the following major functions: Facilities, Business, Special Events and Volunteers, Hosting, Heart Stop Lounge, and Finance.

Assuming a similar organizational structure for the 2006 Hearts to complement a considerable full-time staff of the CCA this means that we have a major task to recruit volunteers to take on these vice-chair functions, and then many more volunteers to undertake the various tasks involved in running the operating committees. **The number of volunteers required is estimated at about 600.**

So we have a lot of organization to take care of, a great deal of planning to make sure we are on track, and much coordinating to ensure that the CCA and the local committee have their acts together with an implementation and operation plan that is efficient and effective. Peter Inch intends to meet with the members of the LCC who are interested in participating in any phase of the 2006 Hearts. A date for the meeting at the LCC has not yet been announced, but look for further information and announcements.

WE NEED YOU !!!

Dave Shaw



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THEM IN THE BLUE
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IN THE LOUNGES

FUN SHOTS

The decision to pull the plug on **FUN SHOTS**, intended as a club fundraiser, was based on the clear evidence that members did not feel like going out and throwing 6 more stones after completing an 8-end game. With another format and a different time period, **FUN SHOTS** may work better. For those members who tried **FUN SHOTS**, many thanks for your participation. Your \$5 entry fee will be refunded. Top scores were achieved by Bill Adams, Jason Whitty, Bill Rockwood, Dave Heinrichs, Colin Shipley, Ted Elwood, Doreen Stacey and Erin Cooke.



ICE PICKS

Please remember ...
hands and knees should be
OFF THE ICE as soon as
your rock leaves your hand!

THE SUCCESSFUL SEVENTIES: BOOMTIMES CONTINUE

Connie Weir

"BRIER FEVER"... not spread by "drinking water or vermin" but "by grown men beating the ice with brooms and it is highly addictive."

(LFP, Feb. 24, 1974)

The Brier in London, Ontario? There may be some younger LCC members who are not even aware of this fact, but yes, the Brier was indeed held in London -- in March 1974 -- and it was a very big deal. Coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the OCA, it was the Brier's first trip to London, and its first time in western Ontario since being held in Kitchener in 1962. The site selected was the 4,800 seat London Gardens and the icemaker was the Ivanhoe's Marcel de Witte, considered to be one of the best in the country. As for cost, Dick Dolphin, chair of the finance committee, said that only \$5,000 was budgeted to plan the event, which was done with the help of almost 300 volunteers, serving on 15 different committees. One of these volunteer organizers was Marj Robinson, a past president of LCC's Women's Section, who chaired the Ladies' Committee for the Brier. Dressed in ankle length skirts (in the regulation Ontario tartan of "rich brown and forest green with red and gold overcheck") and a red wool vest and jacket, the members of Marj's committee must have been a visibly striking presence as they served as guides and chauffeurs during the weeklong event.

In spite of the "Brier fever" which gripped the members of all four host clubs, as well as curling fans throughout the region, there were still a few Londoners who managed to stay blissfully ignorant of the event. An article by LFP reporter, Del Bell, (Mar. 4/74) relates an incident involving a fan who got into a cab and asked to be taken to the Brier...

"The Brier?" echoes the cabbie. "The Brier?"

"Yeah, you know, curling," says the passenger.

"Sure," says the cabbie, trying to be helpful. "Carling. Black Label."

London's Brier attracted 50,000 fans (who, I might add, paid only \$2 for a daily ticket and \$12 for a week-long pass), including 4,000 at the opening ceremonies, where premier Bill Davis threw the traditional first rock, decked out in red blazer, Ontario tartan slacks and tam. LCC's Ken Buchan had the honour of helping to sweep Davis's rock to touch the button.

As with most successful ventures, however, the 1974 Brier was not without its foul-ups, including team sweaters and brooms temporarily "misplaced" by Air Canada (yes, even in 1974 they had problems), a busload of New Brunswick fans who endured a 3-hour trip from the Toronto airport ("with detours through a farmer's field and downtown Ingersoll") after fog shut down the London airport, a Toronto-hired bus driver who took an hour to drive to the Ivanhoe from a Wellington road hotel, a "stolen" Brier Buggy, and warm temperatures that resulted in a fog over the ice at the Gardens. One can only hope that the organizing committee managed to maintain a sense of humour through all of this...

While the Brier was without question the highlight of London's curling scene in the 1970's, there were many other newsworthy events. Ken Buchan added to his list of provincial titles by winning the Silver Tankard in 1972. Ken Thompson was also a Tankard winner that year. In 1975, 4 more sheets of ice were added to the London total, with the opening of the Thompson arena at UWO. In February of that same year, Bea Cole's Ivanhoe rink (of Brenda Essery, Jane Chalmers and Deanne Buchan) represented Ontario at the "Lassie" national championships in Moncton, NB.

In 1977, former schoolboy and junior tankard champ, Dave Velanoff, successfully organized a men's competitive league -- the Labatt Masters Curling League -- composed of 8 top teams from the London area. LCC's Barry Kelly chaired the selection committee that decided which eight teams would get to participate in the 14-game, double round robin competition, held Wednesday nights at the Ivanhoe. (Note: Current LCC icemaker, Kevin Brevik, was a member of Velanoff's competitive team.) In 1978, a London rink, skipped by Gerry Hodgson, won the Ontario Consols, and gained the right to represent Ontario at the Brier. The following year, Sheila Seltzer's team captured the Ontario Ladies' title.

As the seventies drew to a successful close, the future of curling in London continued to look bright...

(Invitation: Any members who have curling memories they are willing to share, may contact Connie at 438-0906 or cjweir@sympatico.ca.)

The Spirit of Curling Award

It's not too late to nominate YOUR candidate for this year's **Spirit of Curling Award**. Nomination forms are available in the lounge, and all active members (except members of the Board of Directors) are eligible nominees. The deadline for nominations is March 27th. The Awards will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

It's time to do a little

Spring "House" Cleaning at the

PRO SHOP!

Everything must go!!

Check out the display case for sale prices or speak to one of our Pro Shop assistants.



94th "CITY OF LONDON BONSPIEL" A SUCCESS!

Dave Heinrichs

Last month, the 94th Annual City of London Bonspiel was held successfully at LCC. Congratulations to team Baute from St. Thomas curling club (Ken Baute, Skip; Steve Doyle, Vice; Jim O'Marra, Second; Dale Fanset, Lead; and Kevin Brievik, Spare) for winning this year's event. This year, LCC was well represented in the event finals. Jim Fitzpatrick's rink defeated Dave Beckett's foursome to win the 4th event; Mike Williams rink beat Dave Mann's team to win the 5th event; and Dan Currie's team was a finalist in the 6th event. Congratulations to all for representing the club so well.

Event organizers (Greg Lewis, Doug Crosbie and Dave Heinrichs) would like to thank all the curlers for their participation and especially thank the sponsors -- **London Life, McMaster Chev Olds, and Shorten's** -- for their continued sponsorship of this historic event. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped out with the President's reception -- Bethany Heinrichs, Colleen Sullivan, Dawn Lewis, and Jean Walmsley.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

FRIDAY MIXED

Don Agnew

Following are the rinks that finished first and second in their respective flights:

Flight 1 -- Heinrichs & Lowry

Flight 2 -- Hofstetter & Fitzpatrick

Flight 3 -- Moyer & Agnew

Flight 4 -- Sivak & Rozon

Flight 5 -- Weir & Hebert

Flight 6 -- Montgomery & Parsons

We would like to thank those who participated in the recent survey regarding next year's Friday Night Mixed options. We hope to have a plan in place before the end of this season that will accommodate all who want to play next year.

TEASDALE LEAGUE

Ron McLennan

The Thursday afternoon Teasdale League completed round robin play on January 22nd with the top seven point scorers as follows: McLennan 34 points, MacDonald and Easter tied at 32, Fitzpatrick 29, Allum 27, McInnes 26 and Townsend 25. To complete the season, we will be splitting into two divisions with 7 teams in Division A and 6 in Division B.

THURSDAY NIGHT BUSINESS WOMEN

Dot MacRae

The best overall score of the second draw was Pat Steele's team with 35 points. The two teams to go to Flight A from B are Pat Steele and Judy Rolston. We all look forward to our closing banquet on April 8th.

MILLER LEAGUE

Tom Fejes

Moving up in the Monday night Miller League this draw are: Doug Crosbie and Dave Mann to A flight
Dave Beckett and Wayne Nickerson to B flight
Bill Rockwood and Garth Kidd to C flight
Peter McKinley and Ken Harper to D flight

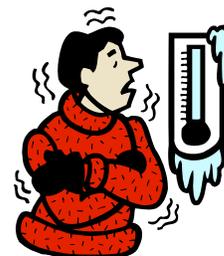
BAR SHOTS

Hey Guys and Gals ... When you're out on the ice and you've finished your game, don't forget where the plastics cups go! **IN THE GARBAGE PLEASE!!** Don't leave them out on the ledges for the next curling draw to deal with!!!

Thanks from your Bar Staff

SPRING THAW

The Spring Thaw was held on a very cold January 24th, with 24 Teams making up two full draws. Congratulations to the Lauckner Team who won the First Draw. Team members were Bob & Barb Lauckner and Brian & Marlene Travis. The Second Draw winners were the Beckett Team -- with Dave & Sue Beckett and Don & Jayne Broughton. Special mention also goes to Joe Noon and his team (Fred & Denise Slater and Bonnie Bergeron) who placed third in the second draw.



All prizes for the bonspiel were donated. Special thanks go out to Nancy & Marshall Myers, Randy & Susan St. Croix (Wine Rack at Northland Mall and a second location at Huron & Adelaide), and Bartender John Spetman. The bonspiel earned \$424, and an additional \$335 was raised for the LCC Capital Campaign through an elimination draw.

Thank you to all our staff who worked that day ... Lil, Barb, John, Alana, Dan and Rob. Also a special "thanks" to club member Dick Merrill for helping to run the event, and we are especially grateful to the Galloway and Agnew teams for filling the second draw at the last minute.

Thanks to all the teams for a great Spring Thaw!

Convenors:

Kathy Grosse, Marc Claveau, Heather & Richard Greenfield

ATTENTION SENIOR MEN'S DIVISION CURLERS

Throughout the curling season there are several events that take place at the London Curling Club that we all enjoy and participate in to the benefit of the club. The Highland Friendly and Medcalf are inter-club bonspiels run by the Senior Men's Executive Committee. Tier "55", Tier "60" (Sifton Classic) and Tier "70" have been run by standing committees from year to year.

THEREIN LIES THE PROBLEM ... some of these members have served us so well over a long period of time that we tend to forget they are volunteers. We need members from within the Senior Men's Division to step forward to volunteer their time to allow some of these very dedicated people to pass the torch and retire, or even play in a bonspiel for a change of pace.

I have offered to go on the Sifton Classic Committee to learn the process, but I cannot fill all the positions needed. These bonspiels are of extreme importance to the club from a financial standpoint and must carry on. Please come forward and volunteer to make this happen. Your participation would be very much appreciated by your Executive and by the LCC Executive. Please see Don McKay or any Executive of the Senior's Division for further information

To the present Committee members, I say, "hang in there ... we will get you some help!" Thank you very much for your efforts over the past seasons. A great job is appreciated by everyone who has curled in the bonspiels that you have run with so much dedication.

Don McKay, President, Senior Men's Division

NOTE: The St. Marys Curling Club recently joined the Southwestern Ontario Senior Men's Bonspiels Association. On Friday, January 30, they held their first "Tier 55" spiel. The London team of Bud Boyd, Don McKay, Doug Hamather and Dick Kilbourne won the first draw. They scored a total of 35 _ points.

LITTLE ROCKS

The Little Rocks program would not be possible without the help of parent volunteers both on and off the ice. Thank you to all those who help out. Four individuals who deserve mention are Dave Dreher who organizes our entries into bonspiels and helps on the ice, Mike Williams who helps every week on the ice, Andrea Child who runs the Little Rock bonspiel hosted by our club, and Liz Phoenix who along with others organized our Christmas party.

The Little Rockers were excited to have their picture taken for the front page of Rock Talk!

On February 15th we are planning a Bring-A-Friend Day for our group which may increase our numbers for next year.

Brent Duplessis

LITTLE ROCK BONSPIELS

Our children are really enjoying curling and developing their skills. They are exceptionally well mannered and use their curling etiquette very well, especially when they're out of the club at other spiels. We should be very proud of every one of them!!!

Our first bonspiel of the year was at the Highland, and three teams were involved. Throwing little rocks on a half sheet were skip Steven Pettigrew and his team of Clarrisa Morgan, Dillon Phoenix and Emily Morgan, and the team came second in their event. Skip Mike Dreher and teammates Nathan Cowderoy, Colin DuPlessis and Connor MacLeod placed 6th in their event. They threw regular rocks on a full sheet. Placing 7th in their event were Skip Anthony Zettler, Julia MacKay, Josh Baldwin and Lauren Mahon-Hodgins. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the between-game activities.

Upcoming spiels are in Dundas, Ilderton and St. Thomas. Our own Second Annual North London Optimists Spiel will be held at the LCC on March 20th.

Dave Dreher

JUNIOR NEWS

Junior Members are looking forward to helping Joan Cuthbert at the Valentine Dinner on February 14th!

We have one team entering the Junior Mixed Zones being held in Chatham the weekend of February 27 to 29. David Marchant, Erin Cook, Robert Broughton and Sarah Gray will be representing the club. We had lots of keen members who wanted to go and represent the club, but too many boys and not enough girls to make up teams. We'll try again next year! The Juniors are all looking forward to the Mixed Provincial Championships being held at the LCC from March 31 to April 3 (see cover story).

Weekly attendance has been great, and we are keeping score for all members. The names of the top four scorers will be placed on the Junior Club Trophy!

Jayne Broughton

**TRIVIA
QUESTIONS**

by Linda Round
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1. Who holds the record for the most Brier wins as a skip?
2. The 2003 Junior Women's first-team all-stars were all from the same province. Can you name the province and the players?
3. How much did the early iron curling stones weigh?
4. What years did the LLC members win the Ontario Tankard?
5. Who are the daytime volunteers at the pro shop?

The Psychological Curler: THE RITUAL

Chris Henderson

One of the great joys of curling is the fact that you get to meet so many wonderful and interesting people. Having played with my fair share of fellow curlers, there has always been one thing of particular interest that catches my eye and that is the uniqueness of each player's curling ritual. I'm not talking about the actual delivery of the stone, because we all know the "right" way to do that. I'm talking about the way each player prepares themselves just prior to the getting settled into the hack to take the shot. Similar to a batter getting ready to step into the box in baseball, the mental preparation we go through differs with each personality. Some take a long time to set themselves up, others do so more quickly. We all clean the rock and step into the hack but that's where the commonalities end. Some adjust the set of their clothing, center their glasses, or set their broom in a particular position. I often find that I do better on control shots if I breathe out as I come out of the hack, so for some shots I take in a deep breath just before I take off. I've also observed that a player does the same thing in the same order each time. I can always count on a decent shot if my teammate gets through their ritual uninterrupted. It's amazing how a small distraction in one's curling ritual can completely throw out your focus and make you miss the broom.

With this in mind, if you have something to say to your teammate, do it before they begin their curling ritual. This gives them the time they need to get focused to make their best shot. Skips are particularly susceptible to the curling ritual. Often, they have to tell their teammates about the shot they are about to attempt, in addition to having to travel down the ice to take it. If you decide as the lead or the second that you are going to set the skip's stone in front of the hack prior to his shot, try to do it every time so that your skip is starting their ritual the same way. If, in practice, you don't like the time one of your teammates is taking in their ritual, tell them before the game so they can make the mental adjustment. Interrupting or asking a player to change their ritual in the middle of the game can have negative results.

Consider your curling ritual and make some changes if it's affecting the speed of your game. Your fellow players will appreciate it in the long run.



40th ANNIVERSARY GRANDMOTHER'S BONSPIEL

Memories and mementos and stories were the order of the day to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Grandmother's Bonspiel on January 14, 2004. The team of Jean Walmsley, Sheila Novlan, Deanne Fitzpatrick, and Pat Steele 'hostessed' 96 curlers, including 15 out-of-club teams. Trophy winners were the team of Tillie Nyilas, Ferne Taggart, Chris Thompson and Jeanette Pesall from Aylmer on the 2nd draw. Janet Stenson's team of Joanne Laws, Penny Brown and Joan Cuthbert were a very close second as winners of the first draw.

"Lucy" welcomed the curlers at the entrance dressed in a special wedding gown and cap. Deanne's collection of family heirlooms provided the setting for the event and she took us on a 'tour' through her wonderful treasure trove. Curlers were invited to bring a memento of Grandma to place on the memory table. During coffee and dessert, many women shared stories of their grandmothers ... funny, sad, touching, emotional ... all of them amazing! Thanks to everyone for joining in the memories and the fun! We even had four generations of family hair swatches and a newspaper write-up of the tallest woman marrying the tallest man ... Carolyn Sheppard's great aunt and uncle at 7'6".

Heather Greenfield of Cartier Partners Financial Group provided sponsorship for the first time this year and joined us for lunch ... thank you for your financial support, Heather, and also your story.

The students of Sir George Ross Secondary School and Chris Squires provided the lunch of macaroni and cheese, salad and dainties. Special thanks to Holly, Hannah and Lois who 'womaned' the kitchen and to Lil for her expert support as well. Fay Weiler served as consultant and games person with her usual expertise. Jean Glendenning was the happy winner of the 50/50 raffle.

On this 40th anniversary we were privileged to have Peg Dean of Highland curl with us for the 35th consecutive year. She curled with her daughter Carol! Peg made an amazing "made-for-TV" double raise to win her first game.



Jean Walmsley (right) with Peg Dean from the Highland.

Of course our resident 'Party Lady' Sheila provided the decorations which took us back to days of old. All in all, a wonderful time! Thanks to all who participated and especially to many club members who filled in to curl at the last moment to replace curlers who had had to cancel.

J&S&D&P

DAYTIME WOMEN'S "IN HOUSE" HAPPENINGS

"**BONANZA**" Event Convenor Lois Wright reports: Six games were played Thursdays at 9:15 am from December 4 to January 22 with ten teams taking part. Our very generous sponsor **Courtesy Meats** gave four \$20 gift certificates for the first prize and 8 lbs. of ground meat for the luncheon chili on the final day; first prize \$20 certificates to the team of Pat Bell, Barb Gordon, Lynda Reesor, Mary Ellen Duggan; second prize \$15 certificates to Mary Lou Dickinson, Doreen Jones, Sylvia Leuszler and Marnie Sherritt; and third place \$10 certificates to Joan Cuthbert, Deanne Fitzpatrick, Mardi McLachlan and Sandra Roche. One pound of ground beef was given to one member of each remaining team. Thanks to co-convenor Dianne McKenna and to Donna Miller. Donna, with broken right arm, has become the official chili/soup stirrer this year, as she readily comes down to the club to help.

FYI: Sponsors are an important part of most events in Daytime Curling. Courtesy Meats is located near Trafalgar and Clarke Road at 139 Falcon Street. Our patronage of the various sponsors will ensure the fun of winning a great prize.

WELCOME to new curlers Hannah Gillis and Linda Manchen, and we are glad that Liz Nuttall and Sue Lundy have returned.

January 16, Friday curlers had the opportunity to play a **skins game**. Wow! New strategies. New scoring. It was a great challenge and learning experience. Many thanks to Lil Richardson, and Marlene Benny for their initiative and organization.

January 19, **CARD PARTY # 2**. A FUNDRAISING event, with Lynda Reesor convening, gave the club \$350 and an afternoon of fun for bridge, euchre and domino players. To those who donated sandwiches, squares, and card tables, see the bulletin board for a huge "thank you" from Lynda. This is such a good way to have our "out-of-club" friends participate in the LCC.

The annual **Flip Flop Fun Day event** unfortunately was "weathered out". Look forward to next year. Thanks to Hennie Melles and Pam Harrison for having everything ready.

We have been told that Daytime women were successful in January bonspiels -- Sylvia Leuszler's team winning the Norwich bonspiel, and Joan Dickie and team winning the 4th event at the Highland two-day. Lets keep track of our members who are winners and record it in Rock Talk. Apologies are made now if we were unaware of **YOUR** success elsewhere.

March 1 & 2 is the London Curling Club Women's Two Day Bonspiel. This year's theme:

APRIL IN PARIS.

(Berets needed -- Contact Sheila Novlan!)

JE T'RIME TOUJOURS!



Good Curling everyone!

Pat

Bell

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

11	Sweetheart Spiel
14	Valentine's Dinner
15	Women's Sinners
21	McLaren Spiel
25	Closed for Maintenance all day
26	Closed for Maintenance 10 – 5

MARCH

1-2	Ladies 2-day Bonspiel
6	Family Bonspiel
11,12,13	Ontario Winter Games
17	Curl for Cancer
23	Business Women's Party
24	President's League Closing Party
25	Sweeney Dinner
26,27	Mixed Playoffs
29	Miller Playoffs (continued April)
30	Closed for Maintenance (evening)
31	OCA Mixed Provincials (see April)

APRIL

1,2,3,4	OCA Mixed Provincials
5,6,7,8	Miller Playoffs
6	Women's Closing Meeting
8	Business Women's Party
11	Skate Off

Ladies Cashspiel needs YOU!

Two representatives are needed from the London Curling Club to participate on the S.W.O. Ladies Cashspiel Committee. This event, whose goal is to raise funds for the care and cure of breast cancer, is held annually in October. In 2003, \$18,000 was raised, and the funds were used to support student Lisa Julian who is working on her Masters degree. The amount raised each year by the spiel is matched by a grant from the Canadian Research Foundation.

Why not be part of this great project? Meetings are kept to a minimum! Please contact Sharon Sivak at 660-0139 for further information.



TV RAFFLE

Don't miss your chance to win a **27 inch JVC Flat Screen television**, donated by **Direct Buy of London** and **Rob McGrath, LCC** Member since 2000. Tickets are available at the bar, and the winner's name will be drawn at the end of the curling season.

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TRIVIA ANSWERS from page 6

1. RUSS HOWARD won 85 games representing Ontario and New Brunswick
2. Saskatchewan. Skip Marliese Miller, Vice Teejay Surik, Second Janelle Lemon and Lead Chelsey Bell
3. 65 to 80 lbs.
4. 1948 & 1972
5. Bud Boyd, Pat Bell and Marilyn Wearing (who encourage you to check out the end-of-season Pro Shop specials!)

ONTARIO WINTER GAMES

by Fay Weiler

The Provincial Winter Games, being held at the LCC from March 11 to 13, attract curlers between the ages of 17 and 25 from different regions in the province. There will be 6 men's and 6 women's teams playing in a round robin format of 5 games. Winners will be determined by the number of wins, and any first-place ties will be broken by tie-breaking games. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday March 11

2:30 pm (rating of teams for placement in the round robin)

3:00 pm Game 1

Friday March 12

10:00 am Game 2

3:00 pm Game 3

Saturday March 13

10:00 am Game 4

3:00 pm Game 5

8:00 Tie breakers (if needed)

Please note that there will be a charge for admission.



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