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December 2004

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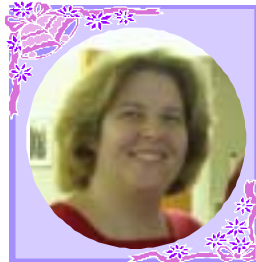


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From all of Us ...



... To all of You

## Warmest Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

The “Behind-the-Scenes” Team at the LCC ...

... your **LCC Club Staff** and **Staff Support Volunteers**

(clockwise from top left) Alec Curtis (as Volunteer Interim Manager), Barb Colbourn (Office Manager), Kevin Breivik (Head Ice Technician), John Spetman (Bar Manager), Darlene Bardawill and Kim Ange (Bartenders), Dan Currie, Dale Fanset and Dan Myers (Ice Assistants), Hope Spetman (Housekeeping) and Andrea Child (Club Pro)..

## Interim Managers

Alec Curtis

Interim Managers will be in place to manage the club for the 15-week period beginning January 3, 2005. A calendar for the months of January, February, March and April has been posted on the easel stand. All volunteers are invited to block off the time that they are willing to do this important work by writing their names on the days of this calendar. It is desirable to have each individual sign up for a minimum of one week at a time.

A meeting will be held on Monday, December 20, 2004 at 10:00 am in the Upper Lounge to review the requirements of the position and the associated procedures manual. Ken Walmsley, author of the procedures, and Alec Curtis will facilitate this meeting. They will also be available as resources to the interim managers during their tours of duty.

## Summary of LCC Fundraising Activities

Mike Bancroft

Congratulations for all the fundraising activities (see below). Your Fundraising Committee encourages all leagues/groups to keep contributing to help "get rid of" our \$100,000 ice plant debt.

League	Activities
Day Women (Tuesday to Friday)	Two Card Parties Poinsettia Project Theatre Nights Valentine's Dinner
Business Women (Tuesday and Thursday)	50/50 Draws Turkey shoot
Senior Men	Western Fair Parking Digital Clock for Rink 50/50 Draws Bonspiels (in Budget)
Miller Men	50/50 Draws
Teasdale Men	½ of League fee
Sweeney Men	Skins Game
Mixed Social (Tuesday)	Christmas Cards
Mixed (Friday)	3 Italian Nights
President's League	Fun Night?
Fundraising Spiels	Fun Spiels (Dec 4, Mar 26)
Other	Super Bowl Draw Casino Night (Mar 3) Hearts and Brier Tickets? Banquet at season end (Apr 9?)

## Information Package

We are pleased to inform our members that an "information Package" for interested/potential curlers is now available at the office. A new LCC brochure and rate card has been printed for the package.

## Crest Usage

In order to ensure continuity, members are asked to use only current updated LCC logos, either in full colour or in black-and-white (see samples below) in any club promotions or correspondence. Copies can be obtained from Guiti Massoumi at [massoumi@uwo.ca](mailto:massoumi@uwo.ca).



Guiti Massoumi, Joanne Laws, Marc Claveau  
Member Services Department

# \$75

Tell all your friends and neighbours! The club is pleased to offer once again (to BRAND NEW MEMBERS ONLY) the opportunity to curl in the second half of the year at the low price of \$75.00 plus GST. Please direct inquiries to the office.

## VANDALISM and THEFT

have been a problem in the parking lot at the LCC. Just a reminder not to leave in your vehicle any articles which can be easily viewed, especially at this time of year when shopping is a high priority.

## Board of Directors

The Board of Directors received and accepted from Arnie Easter his resignation from the position of Vice President of the club. He cited personal and other differences as the reason for his decision.

Club President Alec Curtis has announced that Garry Thompson, who is no stranger to the Board, has agreed to fill this vacancy. Garry, whose first project is to undertake the position of Privacy Officer for the Club, looks forward to the contributions that he will make as Vice President.

## Christmas Card Fundraiser

In their second annual Christmas Card Sale which ended on November 29th, Dick Merrill and his Tuesday evening Social League raised \$425 for the Capital Fund. Congratulations!



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## A Word from the Pro Shoppe

Time is running out to guarantee delivery before Christmas on ex-stock items from our fine line of clothing. Embroidered items requiring pre-Christmas delivery must be ordered by December the 9th at the latest. So why not consider a Grandstand Jacket, a warm-up jacket, or a sweater vest, to name just a few of the many available items.

Still thinking of a new pair of curling shoes? How about a pair of the Allegro, Eagle or Shadow Shoes, or the CS3000 or CS5000 Weight Distribution Shoes – all available through your Pro Shoppe.

We also have a large inventory of brooms, stop watches, delivery aids, gloves and mitts and several jewellery items and novelty gifts.

So this Christmas, why not consider a purchase from YOUR Pro Shoppe!



## IMPORTANT NOTICE: 'SPARES'

It is timely to remind members concerning spares. Each league has a list of spares posted and this is the first resource for spares for that league. Some leagues have byes and the bye teams are an excellent source of spares. The club is enthusiastic for our Junior curlers to experience curling in the adult leagues and Junior Coach Sue Beckett encourages you to call a Junior member (their names are listed in the club roster) should you require a spare for a regular league game.

Although the Board of Directors has made it policy that "Social Members" do not have curling privileges, this policy was not adequately communicated when the current Social Members signed up. Consequently they are permitted to curl once a month on the honour system.

Non-members of the club (ie/ rental league members such as the Thames Valley League, the Hospital League, and the Nor'West League) are **NOT** permitted to curl in Club leagues. It is the responsibility of the individual who recruits the spare to ensure that this policy is followed. League convenors are asked to be vigilant concerning this policy.

Alec Curtis

# Tim Hortons

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## OCA Report

Linda Karl

The Men's and Women's Zone 16 Competitions (Kia and Tournament of Hearts) will be held at the London Curling Club on December 11 and 12. At this time there has not been a draw printed. Members are encouraged to check the OCA Website ([www.ontcurl.com](http://www.ontcurl.com)) under Competitions (Zone 16). If you would like to witness some top-notch curling, join us at the club and cheer on our club entrants.

## “Hello from Scotland”

*Every once in a while an especially interesting message arrives in our Rock Talk mail box! Last Thursday was one of those days ... the title “Hello from Scotland” was intriguing, and the contents proved to be fascinating! Here’s how it went:*

Good morning, My name is Chris and I'm a keen curler located in Banchory in NE Scotland. I play in Aberdeen. As well as curling, I'm keen on family history and discovered that one of my ancestors is Charles Lees RSA. I noticed on your March 04 newsletter that your club owns an engraving based on a painting by Charles Lees "Grand Match of the Caledonian Curling Club on LINLITHGOW Loch" (note my corrected spelling!). By a very strange co-incidence I have been invited to play in the next Grand Match on Lake of Menteith next time it freezes. This is the only image (*of the painting*) that I could find on the Internet. Do you happen to have a higher resolution version that I might have. In return I would be delighted to provide information on Charles Lees. Kind regards, “Chris”

*Rock Talk was quick to reply with a digital image of the engraving which was donated last season to the club by the family of the late Dr. Archie Grace, President of the LCC in 1960-61. Chris didn't let us down ... here's a slightly edited version of the information on Charles Lees that he promised.*

Charles Lees (1800-1880) - Painter of the "Roaring Game"

My initial approach to your newsletter was the result of a search that I did on Google as part of some family history research that I am doing. When I keyed in "Charles Lees" and "Curling", your website appeared and up came a picture of a curling scene by Charles Lees.

To put the story into perspective, I've been engaged in tracing my roots for over twenty years. Over this period research has become much easier with many records being available on-line. I have managed to trace ancestors to the mid 1600s. My mother's maiden name was Lees and I was able to follow the line back to Cupar in Fife. Searches on the Internet revealed that there was an artist called Charles Lees who was born in Cupar in 1800. I initially I was unable to link Charles to my family. I then had a breakthrough when I discovered that Charles had a cousin called Arthur, my GGG-Grandfather.

Charles Lees was the son of a wealthy linen mill owner of Cupar but decided not to join he family the business but train as an artist under the great master Raeburn. After a six month visit to Rome, he returned to Edinburgh where he spent the rest of his career. He was elected to the RSA in 1830. As well as portraits, Lees painted many charming scenes of Scottish life, landscapes and sporting scenes. He is best known for his golfing and skating scenes. The painting "The Golfers" by the Scottish artist Charles Lees is one of the greatest icons of the game of golf. It was painted in the 1840s when the game of golf was still predominantly Scottish and all but two of the twenty-three active British golf clubs were in Scotland. It features many golfers and establishment figures of the time. It is said that parts of the painting are based on photographs - probably the first painting to use photography as a guide. The painting had been owned by the same family since it was painted in 1847 but was acquired by the National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh in 2002 for a reputed UK£3.5 million (US\$6.5 million) making it one of the most expensive paintings by a Scottish artist and one of the most expensive golf paintings. The Golfers, along with 'Skating on Duddingston Loch' are popular today and reproductions still sell well.

The curling print owned by your club is an early copy based on the original "Second Grand Match". Like the golfing painting, the curling group is a series of portraits of real people - keen curlers of the time. Until the late 1800s, full colour reproduction was impossible and then expensive. Professional engravers converted many paintings into etchings which could be printed in mono at a more modest price. Some were hand tinted. In the case of your own print the engraver has mis-spelt the name of the place - Linlithgow! His name suggests that he was not a native of Scotland - either that or he is an undiagnosed dyslexic! However this has not devalued the item.

Lees was not the first artist to show the “roaring game”. Apparently the Dutch/Flemish artist Pieter Breugel shows curling in progress in his painting titled "Hunters in the Snow", painted around 1565.

Kind regards, Chris Engel (who curls with the Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan and is a member of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club)

*ROCK TALK: Several website and e-mail addresses were included in Chris Engel's message. Anyone wanting to know more about the artist or wishing to communicate with Chris is welcome to contact Rock Talk for information (see back page of this newsletter for RT e-mail address and phone number).*

*And for those of you who are wondering, the original of the engraving is apparently owned by the World Curling Federation and used to hang in their Edinburgh office. Chris is trying to determine its current location and will keep us informed!*



Charles Lees, RSA,  
photographed in 1862

## KIDS CORNER

### Juniors

Sue Beckett

Saturday November 27th was the London Curling Club's Junior/Bantam Bonspiel. Sixteen teams (8 from LCC, 2 from Exeter, 3 from St. Thomas, 1 from Highland, 1 from Woodstock and 1 from the East York Curling Club) took to the ice for a day of fun and competition. The Bantam draw was won by Alex Beamish from East York who finished the day one point ahead of Brock Shute from Exeter. The Junior draw was won by Chris Balls of Woodstock and second place went to Jamie Balwin of LCC. I'd like to thank the parents who helped in the kitchen, bought prizes and groceries, and kept score for us. The juniors would also like to thank John from the Bar and Bob from the Pro Shoppe for their prize donations. Thanks also to Mo Cloghesy for the bubble gum -- it all was chewed!

Our program now has over 30 high school age students registered and it is a great group to work with. **Many of them are able to spare in the other leagues so feel free to ask them!** Their names can be found in the club roster.

We look forward to having 2 teams competing in the Bantam Boys Zones and hope to have both a Junior and a Bantam team represent the club in the mixed zones.

### Bantams

Rick Battson

The bantams had a very successful Bring-a-Buddy Day on November 21. Twelve new kids came out with their curling friends to try our sport. One young fellow came up with an ear-to-ear smile asking how to sign up for the rest of the year! The Bantams and the Little Rocks will be having their Christmas Party on December 19.

### Little Rocks

Dave Dreher

So far the curling season is going very well. All of our volunteers are happy with our new teaching skills, and using them very well.

First I'd like to thank all the volunteers, who make my job this year really easy. Returning this year: Mark Zettler, Mike Williams, Glenda Baldwin, Brent DuPlessis, Caroline Pavlin. Welcome newcomers Mark Castle, Karen Westhouse, and Bill Rockwood. Also the Juniors who have been sticking around after their ice time. A great big "thank you" to all of you for joining me this season.

Our first bonspiel was held in St. Thomas on November 27th. The participants were as follows.

Team #1: Zachary Sequin (skip), Heather Apperspach, Russell Cuddie, and Brett Power.

Team # 2: Josh Baldwin (skip), Andrea Holstein, Sean Easter, Cierra Jensma

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## HEARTS "SMARTS"

Jack Phillips

On Sunday, November 7, 2004, the Organizing Committee held interviews for the **Vice Chair positions** at the 2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts. The Vice Chair positions will be held by the following:

Facilities -- Ted Smith (St. Thomas)

Business -- Sandi Kleinstiver (Ilderton)

Hosting -- Gene Gordon (Highland)

Ceremonies and Volunteers -- Ann Lapchinski  
(St Thomas)

Heartstop Lounge -- Kerry Lackie (Ilderton)

The next step will be to fill the numerous **Director positions** for the Tournament. Information on these positions will be posted at the Club and we encourage members to review this information and apply for the positions that interest them.

To bring the members up to date on the status of the planning process and to discuss the **volunteer requirements** for the Tournament, a meeting will be held at

### THE LONDON CURLING CLUB

Sunday , January 9 , 2005 at 2 p.m.

Many volunteers will be required to ensure the success of the Tournament and we hope you will mark this date on your calendars now. The Chair, Vice Chairs and members of the Organizing Committee will be at this meeting to answer your questions.

The Tournament Office at 100 Wellington Street South will open on December 1, 2004. To keep up to date on the HEARTS, please check the Website on a regular basis: [www.tournamentofhearts.ca](http://www.tournamentofhearts.ca)

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## Women's News

Jean Walmsley

All leagues, event and fundraisers are well under way. Thanks to Hennie Melles and Donna Wakefield who convened a successful opening event, the **Young & Company**. Bill Young attended to present the trophy to the winning team of Joan Dickie, Marilyn Beernink, Penny Brown and Sherry Chambers (congratulations to Marilyn and Sherry, who are new to the club this year!). Beautiful prizes and a great lunch rounded out the final day. As Marilyn Beernink would say, "thumbs up"! Sixteen **Leads and Seconds** enjoyed "a day in the lead" convened by Joyce Hetherington. Armed with a 15-minute discussion of strategy and a rotation of positions after four ends, everyone had an opportunity to make spectacular end-saving, game-winning shots! Just a taste of the "other end" of the game ... nothing to it, is there! A report on **Friendship Day** (December 2nd) will be included in next month's RockTalk.

The Daytime Women's Annual **Christmas Party** is Wednesday, December 15th. Sign up to curl or just for lunch and some great entertainment. Please bring \$6, a wrapped "fun" gift and a paper product for Women's Community House.

Sign up NOW for the **Bernies** (Tuesdays), **Mixed Social** (January 5) and **Women's Social** (Wednesdays). The **Grandmothers'** (January 19) is being convened this year by Pat Bell and Lynda Reesor ... get out your aprons and your stories for "Grandmother's Apron".

Remember to let your thoughts be known regarding the proposal to move the **Friday Open League** to Thursday mornings. The end of February will be here before we know. The decision will be made at the closing meeting.

Daytime Women have set a **FUNDRAISING GOAL** of \$2500: The Scott Paper "Cash for Clubs" (which has now been discontinued) raised \$218 for the club. Many thanks to Joan Bidinosti for the managing this fundraiser.

Pick-up days for **Poinsettias** are December 3rd and 4th ... 200 plants were sold and total sales surpassed \$2840. A full report on this fundraising event, including the dollar amount to be donated to the Capital Fund, will be available in January. Consideration is being given to making this an annual fund raising effort by Daytime Women. Marlene Benny has done a wonderful job organizing the promotion.

The second **Card Party** of the season will be held on Monday, January 17. Tickets are available now from Marg Sirna and Sandra Roche.

The first **Private Preview** night at the London Community Players is on February 9th for a production of "Eve". Tickets will be available in early January from Jean Walmsley. Cost per ticket is \$10, of which \$5 goes to the LCC. Only 50 tickets have been made available to us ... why not invite your book club, bridge club, family and friends!!

Limited seats (90) are available for the **Valentine's Dinner** on Saturday, February 12, with tickets available in early January. Convenor Mary Lois Cooper (433-3385) could use YOUR help to sell tickets, set up, and clean up. You know it will be a very special event with a catered meal and with Sheila Novlan in charge of the decorating! Why not offer to help her and pick up some great design tips!

## Curl for the Cure

Congratulations to Marj Dool (Skip), Mary Shorten, Sue Lundy and Jean Cameron from the LCC, winners of the 8th annual "Curl for the Cure" Women's Charity Bonspiel at the St. Thomas Curling Club on Saturday, November 20th. Pat Steele, on behalf of the Benson family, presented the team with the "Curl for the Cure – Kit Benson Memorial Trophy".

Through registration, participant pledges, a silent auction and raffle, \$26,253 was raised this year, bringing the total raised to \$187,132 since "Curl for the Cure" was introduced to the LCC by Patty Cowan in 1997. Of this year's proceeds, \$25,279 was donated to the Breast Cancer Society of Canada to support education, research and local programs in the London area, with the remaining \$974 going to Wellspring, a cancer support centre in London in memory of Kit Benson.

Chairperson Pam Harrison congratulates all those who raised pledges (Sandy Demelo of the LCC was at the top of the list with pledges totaling \$1500) and would like to extend a very special thank you to the St. Thomas Curling Club for donating their ice and club facilities and for the assistance of their staff in hosting this event.

Congratulations to Pam for her continuing dedication to this very special fundraising effort, and to all her committee members and the volunteers who make this a truly successful event year after year. Their efforts received well-deserved recognition in the "PEOPLE" section of the London Free Press on Saturday, November 27th. They thank everyone for a great day of fun, fellowship and good curling, and for joining them in the fight to end breast cancer, and they look forward to hosting the 9th annual "Curl for the Cure" on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at the London Curling Club.



Contributed by Linda Karl

## Friday Night Mixed

Don and Gail Agnew

Each of the leagues has been challenged to raise \$1,500 for the building fund. To raise our share, we will be substituting three potluck dinners with *"Italian Nights"*. On January 7, 21 and 28, you will not have to bring food. Instead you will be treated to *"Papa Don's pasta"* and *"Mama Gail's 'a spicy tomato and meat sauce'"*.



### MIXED STANDINGS

The following are the winners of our first flight in the Friday night mixed:

- Flight 1 -- Walmsley Team
- Flight 2 -- Fitzpatrick Team
- Flight 3 -- Bancroft Team
- Flight 4 -- Townsend Team
- Flight 5 -- Shaw Team
- Flight 6 -- Agnew Team

Besides the Italian atmosphere and good food, there will be wine with the meal and a special dessert, all for just \$10 per person. The two-dollar 50-50 draw will be replaced with a \$5 draw that will have a different twist and a better payoff.

If you have a Bye on one of the nights, you are welcome to attend the dinner and join in the fun. Just let us know (473-1904) so we can prepare the extra table settings. Let's support the club ... see you all at *"Italian Night"*.

JUST A REMINDER: Due to a scheduling change for the zone playdowns, THERE **WILL BE MIXED CURLING ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 10th**. Please check the revised schedules on the mixed bulletin board at the club.

## Early Bird Bonspiel

The Women's Early Bird Bonspiel was held Monday, November 22. The winning rink was from Aylmer: Tilly Nyilas, Chris Thompson, Ferne Taggart and Jeanette Pessall. Special thanks to our sponsor, the "Four Jeanettes" and to those who volunteered their time and talents to make this a very successful and enjoyable day.

Sylvia Leuszler, Convenor

## News from the Miller League

Tom Fejes

Moving up to A flight are Kevin Breivik and Paul Purves.  
 Moving up to B flight are Ron McLennan and Dave Weber.  
 Moving up to C flight are Mike Sheppard and Ken Harper  
 Moving up to D flight are Roger Moyer and Bill Wright

## Senior men

A very respectful **"Remembrance Day"** silence was observed by both the senior ladies (oops, sorry, the Young & Company group) and the senior men on Thursday, November 11th at 11 a.m. We would like to **thank the ladies for the sandwiches, punch and cookies left for us after their November 18th** first round-up ... much appreciated! So fellows, since they have been so nice to us, I think that the least we can do is **honour their request** that we not go out onto the ice surface (disturbing them!) until after our scheduled start time of 11:15 a.m. on Thursdays.

A couple of additional **proposals** to be presented by your executive to you at our Christmas Luncheon Meeting on December 13th at 12:30 are to change our Constitution:

- a) To reduce the "eligibility" requirement to this elite group from 55 to 50 years of age, and
- b) To reduce the executive group by one by eliminating the second past president (two years back).

Please give these items, as well as the special fundraising campaign to purchase a digital clock for the ice surface (see November Rock Talk), a couple of minutes thought prior to the December 13th meeting so that we can have a quick vote and decision and get to the luncheon part ASAP.

The **Highland Friendly** was played on November 23rd at the Highland Curling Club. It is another of those 4-game, Home-and-Home (two at each club) spiels. LCC is the present champion (by 24 points in the 2003-4 season). This season, after the first two games, we are 20 points behind (ouch!). We look forward to our hosting the other two games on February 1, 2005. Al Nadeau and his able committee convene our ends of these spiels. I would like to thank, very much, all fifty-odd players who signed up for this spiel.

Numerous **SWOSMBA** (South Western Ontario Senior Mens' Bonspiel Association) spiels have been attended by various teams from this club with moderate success: Brantford (R. LeBlanc), Aylmer (C. Townsend, R. McLennan and R. LeBlanc), Sarnia (B. Boyd and B. McFarlane), St. Marys (N. Sauter, B. Hart, B. Boyd and R. LeBlanc), Windsor (not aware of any teams participating), St. Thomas (A. Easter, R. LeBlanc, N. Sauter, B. McFarlane, B. Boyd, B. Hart and H. Buechler), Highland (B. Hart, B. McFarlane, J. Fitzpatrick and R. LeBlanc). If I have missed any that you attended, it is only because of my ignorance (i.e. you haven't blown your own horn at me) so please let me know what you've been up to (curling-wise only!).

As this December issue of Rock Talk appears, the ever-popular **"Harry Sifton Classic"** (November 30 and December 1) has already been held. This continues to be a major seniors' bonspiel in Southwestern Ontario. Although not limited to members of our senior's group, we do provide many of the limited-team (8) entries and the resource for its committee members. Jim Fitzpatrick's team won it in the 2003-4 season and returned to defend. Next month's Rock Talk will provide us with all the details!

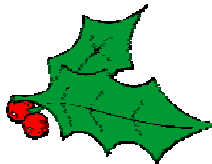
Cheers! Dan McInnes

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS  
DECEMBER**

- 4 Masonville Shell LCC Fundraiser
- 6 Professional Engineers of Ontario Bonspiel
- 11,12 Zone 16 Playdowns (all day)
- 13 Senior Men Christmas Party
- 15 Women's Christmas Party
- 20 Interim Managers' Meeting
- 23 Business Women's Christmas Parties
- 24,25 CLUB CLOSED for Christmas
- 26 Boxing Day ... reserve for open curling
- 27-31 CLUB CLOSED all day for Ice Maintenance

**JANUARY**

- 1 CLUB CLOSED for New Year's Day
- 5 Mixed Social
- 7 Tier 55
- 9 TOURNAMENT of HEARTS meeting
- 13 City of London (starting 6 pm)
- 14 City of London (starting 2 pm)
- 15 City of London (all day)
- 17 Women's Card Party
- 19 Grandmothers'
- 22 Spring Thaw



**Senior Provincial Championships**

Reminder: the Senior Provincial Championships will be held at Highland CC from Wednesday, January 19 to Sunday, January 23.

**50/50 WIN !**



LCC Member Jan Murray followed up her win in the weekly draw of the Thursday Night Business Women's League by winning the 50/50 draw of \$437 the second Monday in November. Good things often happen in threes, so we hope that Jan immediately went out and bought a lottery ticket!

**Christmas**

Every time a hand reaches out to help another ... that is Christmas.  
 Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding ...that is Christmas.  
 Every time people forget their differences and realize their love for each other ...that is Christmas.  
 May all of us this Christmas Meet others with greater understanding And enjoy the blessing of peace and love.

**"Looking Back" ...**



In a trip back in the history of the London Curling Club, skip Ken Buchan delivers a rock during the 1969 City of London men's bonspiel at the club. Getting ready to sweep are Ken Thompson, left, and Mitch Czaja. Buchan, Czaja, Ross Guest and Gary Weisz went on to win the 1969 Ontario Men's championship, the first of Buchan's three provincial titles as a skip curling out of the LCC.

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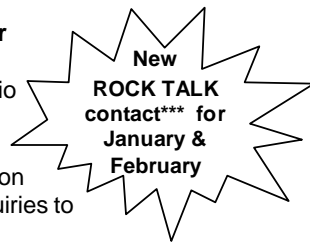


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