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New sletter of the London Curling Club

October 2005

THE SCOTT TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

Looking back ...



1986

The last time the STOHL took place in London was in 1986, when LCC member Pat Steele (centre, front row) was Event Chairperson. Several other still-active LCC members were involved on the Executive Committee at that time: Joan Cuthbert (far left, front row), Marilyn Wearing (far right, front row), and Dot MacRae (third from left, back row). Hundreds of curlers, many from the LCC, volunteered their services during the week-long event.

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... and looking forward !!

2006

London is proud to host the STOHL once again, this time during the year of Scott's 25th Anniversary of sponsorship. The event will be held at the John Labatt Centre from February 25th to March 5th, 2006. Since our last issue (March 2005), the organizing committee of the 2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts has chosen five volunteers to act as STOHL Vice Chairs. Of the twenty-three volunteer Directors from the four host clubs (LCC, St. Thomas, Highland and Iderton) who report directly to these Chairs, six are members of the London Curling Club. They are Pat Chater, Andrea Child, Jack Phillips, Dave Shaw, Marg Sirna, and Pat Steele.

During the upcoming season, Rock Talk will provide the opportunity for you to meet each of these LCC Directors and to learn, through Question & Answer interviews, about the important roles they play in preparing for this annual national curling event. In this issue, Pat Chater shares her experiences as Director of Volunteer Recruitment, Uniforms and Appreciation (see page 10).

How to ...

a handy reference guide to "what's where" at the club ... for members who are new and even those who are not-so-new!
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"detective"
and
"cheerleader"
describe YOU!!



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IMPORTANT NOTICE: 2005-6 ROSTER DEADLINE

London Curling Club's 2005-6 Membership Directory will be going to the printers on Monday, October 17th. In order to ensure that YOUR name is included, please make sure that your membership has been renewed and payment for dues has been arranged well in advance of that date. Names of latecomers will appear in an "addendum" which will be published and distributed in January. This addendum will also include members who join the club in the new year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *"We are off and curling!!"*

On behalf of the LCC Board of Directors I would like to welcome all curlers to the 2005/6 curling season. I am sure everyone will have an enjoyable and exciting year of curling. Many thanks to our staff for all the hard work in whipping the club into shape for the 2005/6 curling season: Kevin, Dan and Ed for the ice -- and Ken, Barb, John and Donna for administration and housekeeping.

You may notice a few changes in the club this year

- We have hired Ken Walmsley as our Part Time Manager. Ken's main responsibilities are staff supervision, Interim Manager coordination and ice rentals. WELCOME KEN!

- We have removed the old condenser from the north roof and the unused ventilators from the peak and replaced the shingles on the north side of the roof.
- As you are reading this, the north wall is being insulated and new siding installed.

As you know security is a big concern for all club members. The Board is actively looking at ways to improve security – cameras, fencing, parking lot patrols are some of the suggestions. YOU, as a club member, have responsibility in ensuring that the club is secure. You can help by:

- Locking your car
- Ensuring that no valuables are in open view in your vehicle (or better still, leave your valuables at home)
- Notifying staff immediately if you see something suspicious
- Entering the building by the front door only, allowing members and staff to see who is inside
- If you are a smoker, smoking outside the south exit door to the parking lot will put people in the parking lot at random times
- Identifying and approaching, in a friendly and respectful way, strangers within the club
- Storing your personal belongings in your locked locker
- Never leaving your car keys in your coat pocket

Bonspiel conveners and special-event coordinators should make a special effort to remind all visitors and event participants that following these guidelines will help to ensure the safekeeping of their vehicles and belongings. These are all minor things but if we are all diligent, we can help make the club safer.

You may have noticed the "Reminder" on the front page of Rock Talk about publication of this year's club directory, which we are aiming to have in your hands well before the end of October. Anyone who has not paid their dues before October 14 will not have their names in the directory.

Have a great year.

Garry Thompson, President

PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT

As the Government is still defining the scope of this Act, it is not yet clear whether or not associations like the curling club must immediately comply. We have, however, been advised that it would be wise to begin obtaining written permission from our members. The permission form which you received would allow the personal information from your registration form to be used by the Club for regular club use, as in previous years, like the Directory. Blank forms are available in the lounges at the Club and when completed can be left in the office or at the bar. Thanks for your help in this.

Fay Weiler

A REMINDER to those who

use the LCC's kitchen facilities that the club has a **SANITIZER, NOT A DISHWASHER!***. All dishes must be **THOROUGHLY WASHED BY HAND** in hot soapy water. They are then **RINSED BY HAND** before being placed in the sanitizer for sanitizing only! The cooperation of all members would be very much appreciated.

Marc Claveau, Housekeeping Committee

*The rules for use, as outlined by the Middlesex Health Unit, are posted over the unit.



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INTRODUCING

The 2005-6 London Curling Club Board of Directors



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The Board of Directors is comprised of 12 members, each of whom is nominated and serves on the Board for a three-year period. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month during the curling season. Club members are encouraged to read the minutes of their meetings, which are posted on the bulletin board located in the hallway by the back door of the club, and to direct any questions to the Board member responsible for that particular area of club operations.

EARLY REPORT on CLUB OPERATIONS

by Ken Walmsley

Staffing

It's my pleasure to welcome back Barb Colbourn as our Office Manager, John Spetman as our Bar Coordinator and Dan Currie as our Assistant Ice Technician for the upcoming curling season. I look forward to their continued efforts and contributions to make the London Curling Club a special place to enjoy fellowship and the wonderful sport of curling.

I'm also very excited to welcome three new employees to the LCC ... Donna Stothers as our Housekeeper, and Lauren Hynes and Les Sonier as our part-time Bartenders. I am excited because I believe they have the skills and personal assets to make a contribution towards making the LCC a fun place to be. Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new employees and welcome them to our favourite winter playhouse.

Recruitment is not an easy task so I need to acknowledge and thank Pam Harrison, Heather Greenfield and John Spetman for their time and effort towards completing the interview and selection process.

Volunteer Interim Managers

Interim Managers have made a significant contribution to the improved management of the LCC over the last 3 years. There have been challenging times but I believe that the LCC is now positioned for a better future. I pay tribute to those who have volunteered their time and skills, and thank those in advance who continue to step up the plate as Interim Managers for the upcoming season. It's exciting to welcome those new volunteers who have come forward and have accepted the challenge to make a difference.

My objective is to make it a fun experience while making continued improvements



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LCC BOARD FACES TOUGH SPENDING DECISIONS

by Dave Shaw

On August 9th at its first full meeting, the newly elected Board of Directors under the leadership of President Garry Thompson got a full dose of capital spending proposals – some urgent, some critical and some just important – to consider and decide upon. The Board moved on some, deferred others and put others on a back burner for consideration at some later time.

The highest priority was given to the roof that has leaked and been patched for years. The Board considered two bids to replace all or part of the roof. The decision by the Board to replace just the north half of the roof (the south side appears to be sound and has not leaked) costs approximately \$14,000.

The previous Board at its April meeting authorized NA Engineering to prepare a study of the inside of the arena part of the Club. The unsatisfactory condition of sheet 6 during late January and February due to the cold weather was a key factor in stimulating this study. (Kevin Breivik's article in Rock Talk (March 2005) last year described the problem of sublimation caused by cold weather and the effect on the outside sheets.)

Their report was presented to the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) of the Board whose members reviewed it carefully and made several recommendations to the Board based on this report.

The study refers to the "building envelope" and the interdependence of all facets of the arena structure and how decisions affecting the roof, the walls, and the humidity all interact to determine the ice conditions. The CIC in its presentation to the Board indicated that the conditions within the arena involve the qualities of the air and the recommendations involve: (1) Temperature of the air, (2) Consistency of the temperature, (3) Humidity and (4) Movement of the air. The NA Engineering study recommended a target temperature for the arena of 46 degrees Fahrenheit (8 degrees Celsius). Considering that the temperature last year during some cold mornings was 18 degrees Fahrenheit in the arena (-8C), a significant change is required.

The CIC recommended to the Board an extensive insulation program to retain heat within the building. The existing north (Marshall Street) and west walls (parallel to Adelaide Street) have not been insulated and the concrete block walls have very low insulating value. The proposal put to the Board would insulate these two walls to an R23 level at a total cost of about \$40,000. In addition, the CIC recommended installing two gas heaters at a cost of about \$12,500.

The insulation will retain heat within the arena and reduce the variation in temperature that caused problems last year. In the winter of 2005 temperatures varied by as much as 10 degrees F (6 degrees C) in an eight hour period. Keeping high quality ice conditions in an arena with these temperature characteristics is almost impossible and our experience with Sheet 6 was the proof.

Humidity is also a variable to manage. The NA Engineering report recommends a relative humidity of 40% with a dew point of 24.3 degrees F at a height of almost five feet above the ice surface. The existing dehumidifier is old and runs almost constantly. It may be approaching its end of life, but the proposed insulation and heating programs could significantly change the required capacity of the dehumidifier so the CIC suggest that we hang on as long as possible to the existing unit.

Finally air movement is a potential problem. Long time members remember the heaters of a previous era when warm air from the heaters was deflected on to the ice surface causing melting. So the new plan must take into consideration the air flow in the arena and avoid that problem.

The Board has made the decision to contract to insulate the north wall and defer the remaining insulation and heaters purchase until the financial situation allows. The Board has a full agenda of capital spending to consider, but also a plan to follow and the knowledge that after the insulate, heat and dehumidify projects are completed, at an approximate cost of \$70,000, then the arena conditions and the ice-making plant should be at their very best.

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LONDON CURLING CLUB CAPITAL FUND REPORT

During the year ended April 30, 2005 the members of the club continued to raise funds to retire the debt on the capital improvements. The sum of \$11,031 was raised by the members through various fund raising activities and \$5,105 was collected from pledges made during the fund raising campaign. These amounts are reported on page 6 of the Annual Report under Capital Replacement Fund Revenue. I want to thank Mike Bancroft for his efforts in supervising the fund raising activities and a big thank you to the members for supporting them.

If you look on page 3 of the Annual Report, you will see that at April 30, 2004, the bank indebtedness was \$24,792 and the bank demand loan stood at \$119,444. During the current year the bank indebtedness was paid off and the bank loan was reduced to \$89,111 for a total reduction in the indebtedness in the amount of \$55,125. The funds for this reduction came from the following sources:

Fund Raising Activities	\$11,031
Pledges collected	5,105
Capital Fund Bank A/C 04-30-04	5,865
Special Assessment	8,328
Operating Funds	<u>24,792</u>
	<u>\$55,125</u>

Thank you all for your support. You make my job as Treasurer of Capital Improvement an enjoyable one.

Jack Phillips



Curl for the Cure

The 9th Annual "Curl for the Cure" Women's Charity Bonspiel will be held on Saturday, November 19 at the London Curling Club. Proceeds from Entry Fees, Pledges, Silent Auction and Corporate Contributions will be donated to the London Regional Cancer Centre through the "Rethink Breast Cancer Charity". Proceeds from the Raffle will be donated to Wellspring, in memory of Kit Benson. \$187,152.14 has been raised at this event since 1997. Our 2005 fund raising goal is \$30,000! Registration packages/pledge forms are available in the Women's Locker Room. Corporate sponsorship and donations for our Silent Auction, Raffle, Prize Table and Participant Gift Bags are required and would be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS VERY WORTHWHILE CAUSE, WHICH TOUCHES THE LIVES OF SO MANY PEOPLE EACH YEAR AND JOIN US IN THE FIGHT TO END BREAST CANCER.

Pam Harrison, Bonspiel Co-Ordinator (686-2559)

2004-5 Club Champions

Daytime Women's League

Skip Sharon McLaren
Carol Mbir
Linda Peeling
Jan Murray

Presidents League

Skip Mike McLean
Heather Nicol
John Grant
Jennifer Scott

Friday Night Mixed

Skip Richard Greenfield
Heather Greenfield
Marshall Myers
Nancy Myers

Miller League

Skip Mike Sheppard
Brian Parsons
Jeff Doherty
Dan Mudy

Thursday Evening Business

Women


Skip Kelly Schuman
Erin Cook
Sarah Gray
Jayne Broughton

LEAGUE CONVENORS MEETING

On September 7th an LCC League Convenors meeting was held under the direction of Fay Weiler, Tom Fejes and Ken Walmsley. Items addressed included information and clarification of in-club communications, Rock Talk, Web Page, Directory, Calendar and Information Brochure as well as processes regarding league fees, fund raising, office assistance, reports, staff and managers. The Convenors were asked to pass on the information to their league members.


Many thanks to all Convenors for participating.

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ROCK TALK NEEDS YOU!!!

London Curling Club is looking for a dedicated club member who will work this year with the current editor in preparation for taking over the reigns of ROCK TALK beginning in October of 2006.

Here's what goes into publishing Rock Talk throughout the course of a year. **Prior to the start of each season**, the tasks of the editor are:

- Assembling e-mail address lists of regular RT contributors
- Scouting out new story ideas and writers.
- Preparing an "idea worksheet" for each RT issue for the year.
- Formatting "master" pages for every issue and organizing computer storage folders for articles as they are received

Monthly tasks are:

- Reminding contributors and writers about monthly deadlines.
- Collecting and storing on computer incoming articles (which arrive either via email or hard copy submitted to the RT mailbox)
- Searching out accompanying photos and graphics
- Assembling, via Power Point, the Rock Talk issue. This involves deciding which articles go where, inserting the prepared/edited articles onto the pre-formatted monthly master pages, choosing fonts and headings, and slotting in the pre-selected photos and/or graphics.
- Inserting pre-sold business-card size advertisements
- Printing off, proof reading and correcting "hard copies" of each page, which are then submitted to the printer.
- Stapling and delivering the finished copies to the club.

Please call Wink DuBrule at 434-4410 if you think this is the job for you! She'd be happy to share more details about one of the most rewarding volunteer positions that the club has to offer!

Spirit of Curling Award

At the Annual General Meeting in June, it was with great pleasure that Guiti Massoumi, Chair of the Member Services Committee, announced the winners of the Spirit of Curling Award for 2004-5.



In introducing Pam Harrison as the winner of the Woman's Award, Guiti said that the nominations for the Woman's Award were full of appreciation for what the nominee does for us. She is a friendly, positive, generous, and helpful individual. Her accomplishments

speak for themselves. She has been a dedicated, hard-working, and active volunteer on many disciplines such as leagues' convener, fund raiser, event organizer, board member, and interim manager. She represents daytime and evening curlers as well as mixed curling. Most significantly, she has been the tireless inspiration behind the hugely successful "Curl for the Cure" which has brought great prestige to our club.

Lewis Stacey presented the award to Don Agnew on behalf of the club. This winner of the Men's Award has a very quiet gentle approach to curling and volunteerism and all those who work with him enjoy his leadership. He has been the convener of the mixed league.



He's done a wonderful job in keeping the league going, served as interim manager and has been a valuable fund raiser for the club. He ran Valentine's and New Year's Parties and (with the able assistance of his wife Gail) treated the Friday curlers to a feast of Italian food. He gives unselfishly of his time and energy to support the club and make it a more enjoyable experience for all.

Congratulation

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ICE MAINTENANCE

NOTE: When RT caught up with Kevin Brevik in early September, he was asked how many hours go into the creation of the ice at the club each year. Kevin was far too busy to figure out how much time he and his two assistants spend, but indicated that "many, many, many" would sum it up pretty well! Between floodings, while waiting for the water to freeze, Kevin prepared the following "log" for your information.

At the London Curling Club, approximately 10,000 gallons of water are required to install the ice each season. The finished product averages one-and-a-half inches thick. With the sand pad base at the LCC, approximately three weeks are required from start to finish. In contrast, a six-sheet club on a concrete base requires about 4,000 gallons of water and takes from 7 to 10 days.

END OF SEASON

- Plant shutdown
- Decals and lines are removed
- All paint is squeegeed to sides
- Refrigeration contractors inspect all parts mid-summer
- De-ionized H₂O tanks and paint are ordered

MID AUGUST

- Pad and paint on sides dry and are scraped up and removed
- Pad is raked and screened to level out sand
- Plant is started up
- Sand is soaked to bottom of pipes
- In 32 hours, sand is frozen solid
- More sand is added if needed
- Light sprays (30 to 40) are started to seal impurities and sand
- Light floods are started, being careful not to go through seal
- Leveling floods are started
- When ice is close to level, hacks are set in
- A few more floods are done
- Pad perimeter is prepared (plastic sheets) for white paint
- Ice is scraped
- Ice is painted white
- White paint is sealed in with light seal sprays
- Plastic sheeting is removed ... no clean-up required
- Locate centre holes, hogs, mark out backs
- Scribe rings
- Edge and fill all paint
- Seal all paint
- More light sprays
- One flood
- Lay all lines (cotton)
- Seal all lines
- More sprays
- Decals installed, flood until level
- Cool down rocks on mesh
- Chip out hacks and scrape backs
- Scrape, pebble ice many times to ready ice for play

CURL !!

Senior Men

Dick Kilbourne

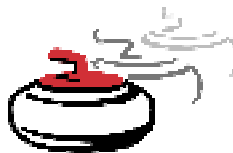
On behalf of the Senior Men's Executive (duly elected at the closing men's luncheon last April, 2005), I would like to welcome all those back from your summer activities. We would welcome all new curlers to join us for the upcoming season. Bring out any and all friends that would like to give curling a "try".

My thanks to our current president, Garry Thompson, for filling in for me in regards to the parking of cars during the Western Fair. He arranged the schedules which were filled by our willing seniors. Garry reported that we brought in \$879 ... a little less than 2004 but very good considering the Fair's attendance was below last year's.

Congratulations, too, to last year's Senior Men's President, Dan McInnes, for all his efforts in steering the ship to a very successful season. With every one's cooperation, this year's executive will try to duplicate last year's success.



Circles are scribed and the rings are painted



JENNIFER JONES WOMEN'S CLINIC

On **October 13th** from **1:30 to 3:00** at **LCC**, Jennifer Jones and her team will conduct a clinic for "somewhat experienced" women curlers. It is being held in conjunction with the SWO Charity Cashspiel as a publicity event for the Tournament of Hearts. There will be 60 participants - from the four clubs who organize the Charity Cashspiel. There will be a one hour session on-ice and about a half hour session off-ice. There is no fee. If you would like to participate sign up on the list posted in the women's changeroom.



OCA REPORT

Unfortunately at the time of the deadline for this report, the Fall Meeting of the OCA had not been held but was scheduled for October 6th, 2005 at the Chatham Granite Club.

The OCA Competition Dates 2005-2006 are being finalized now. Competition Posters and sign-up sheets will be posted on the appropriate bulletin boards in the club. Take special notice of the official closing dates for entries in each of the playdowns. We would ask that when entering events to have the names and cheque in by 12:00 noon the day of any deadline. The cheques must be made payable to LCC and given to the office prior to the deadline. Entries and payment may also be made online ...please discuss this with your rep or the club manager; teams must still sign up on the sheets posted in the club even if they enter their team online.

Junior Women and Men are the first division to begin their Zones at Ilderton Curling Club on November 18-20, followed by Senior Women and Men at Glencoe & District Curling Club on November 25-27. The Scott Tournament of Hearts is at the John Labatt Centre from February 25-March 5, 2006

A New Rule Book – 2005-2007 will be posted in the locker rooms. Any questions can be referred to your reps or to the office. You can also refer to www.ontcurl.com/index for the changes from the previous rule book.

We encourage you to use the OCA website to search for bonspiels, competition dates, rules, privacy policy and lots of curling news. Have a great year!

Sylvia Leuszler, John Rudell, Sue Beckett
OCA Reps, London Curling Club

Open House

Once again, this year's "Open House" on September 7 & 8 was a great success and very well attended, especially by new members. We will have the final numbers by next month. We improved our pre-season activities with free publicity in London golf clubs, the London Free Press, the London Community Centre at the Covent Market, the Info Source at the University Community Centre, and by distributing flyers to the central library and its branches a few weeks before the Open House. We also rented a sign to post at King Street from early August.

Our special thanks to League Convenors for their participation at the Open House and for answering questions posed by the new members. Also, our thanks to Mary-Ellen Duggan and Shirley Cutler for helping Barb Colbourn with billing

We would like to urge every LCC member to promote Club membership at every opportunity to ensure a healthy and quality social curling club. Copies of the new club brochure and membership rate information are available at the office.

Membership Committee

Guiti Massoumi, Joanne Laws and Marc Claveau

C L I N I C S

*Can you believe it's curling season already!
Feeling a little rusty?
Would you like to kick those bad habits and
put a little **zing** in your slide or add some **umph**
to your sweeping?*

Well, we've got the solution for you!!

The London Curling Club will be holding an **Advanced Curling Clinic**, for those with more than two years of curling experience, Saturday October 8, from 10:00am - 1:00pm. Cost: \$20 donation to the Building Fund. Come out and learn how to freshen up that delivery - get your season off to a good start! Your Skip will thank you for it! *Note: we help Skips too!!*

A BIG welcome to all our new curling friends of the London Curling Club. To help you "*start things off on the right foot!*", there will be a **Novice Curling Clinic**, Sunday, October 2, from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Cost: free to members who have paid their dues (a soup and bun lunch will be available for \$3). Please register with the office prior to the Clinic.

Andrea Child, Club Pro



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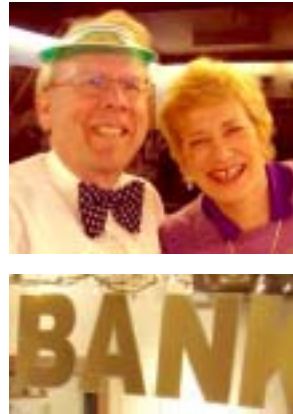
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Casino Night

The Casino Night and Banquet was held at the club on April 17, and 60 tickets at \$20 each were sold. Catering for the buffet dinner was done by Linda Arthur and, as usual, she did a great job. Before and after dinner, a number of games (eg. crown and anchor, horse racing, blackjack, poker and even balderdash!) were played with small-stakes betting.

Many thanks to the many people who made this event possible. Many Board members and my committee members (Bruce Cooper, Dave Shaw, Jack Phillips, Pam Harrison) did a lot of work for this event. Dave Shaw did yeoman service setting up the games and lining up volunteers for the games. Jean Walmsley and Wink DuBrule did a lot of excellent casino-style decorating. Jack and Jean Phillips and Don Lowry spent most of the night looking after the "Bank". The tickets were produced by Masoud Kasrai and Guiti Massoumi.

An evening enjoyed by all! And although we had decided that this was not a fund-raising activity, \$445 (nearly all from the Casino activities) was made for the club!

Mike Bancroft





ADVERTISING COMMITTEE REPORT

Bruce Cooper is pleased to report that the LCC Advertising Committee, whose members Dennis O'Connor, Harry Steele, Barb Vitkauskas and Barb Park, has been hard at work in the community since early spring, promoting the merits of advertising at the LCC. You'll find evidence of their efforts all over the club ... in the Arena (wall or "in-ice" ads), in Rock Talk, in the Membership Directory, and on club bulletin boards.

Please Support Our Advertisers

Small businesses are inundated with requests to buy advertising space in small, special-interest publications. We are extremely fortunate in the LCC to have a core of advertisers whose contributions significantly reduce the club's costs for publishing our directory and our newsletter, Rock Talk.

Please help demonstrate our appreciation by supporting our advertisers and, when you are talking with them, let them know that you saw their ad in a club publication. This is the only way they have of knowing whether (or not) they are getting any response to their ads.

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Interview



First in a 6-part series, introducing six LCC members who are serving as volunteer Directors of the 2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts. This month, meet Pat Chater, Director of Volunteer Recruitment, Uniforms and Appreciation.

RT: Please tell our readers about your background, from a curling and professional standpoint.

Pat: I have been a member of the curling club since the late 70's. Mike and I had curled mixed for several years, until our children became involved in competitive sports and mom and dad's curling went on the back burner. I curl in the Friday, daytime ladies competitive league.

RT: What prompted you to volunteer with the 2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts?

Pat: I have been involved in this aspect since the planning stages in 1997 of the Canada Summer Games and then continued into the Ontario Winter and Summer Games. So when a friend asked me to attend the information meeting about the STOH I said sure.

RT: As Director of Volunteer Recruitment, Uniforms and Appreciation, to whom do you report and what are your pre-STOH responsibilities?

Pat: As Director I report to the Vice Chair of Volunteers and Special Events, Ann Lapchinski. Since March, I have devoted many hours to inputting information into the database. My responsibilities are:

- to assign all volunteers and make sure that the volunteer database is kept up to date.
- compiling and distributing the Volunteer Newsletters.
- organizing Rally #1 and #2.

RT: Tell us about assembling your committee and the tasks that your "team" will be expected to accomplish before the first rocks are thrown at the STOH in late February.

Pat: Each volunteer was given two choices on the application form of what area they wanted to work in and I have tried to assign most volunteers to their first choice. The database gives you the names of the volunteers which I in turn send to the appropriate director. Once the director has contacted the volunteer and they have accepted the assignment I then assign them to the committee. At the first Rally our task is to have all volunteers be sized for the uniform, payment of the volunteer fee and the optional standing room only tickets, and they will also meet their Directors. All volunteers will be assigned by October 14th. There will be a second Volunteer Newsletter distributed before the 2nd Rally. Each volunteer schedule will be inputted into the database. At the second Rally we will distribute the uniforms and the directors will distribute to volunteers their schedules.

RT: You've been hard at work since the spring of 2005. What specific work will have to be done during the "Scott" week in February-March, and when is your job officially completed?

Pat: During the week of the event, my responsibilities include scheduling of volunteers for the volunteer lounge at the JLC and HSL. Our committee will also become the Volunteers-at-Large during the week of the event. We will be available to assist in any of the areas if we are short volunteers. After the event is over, there will then be reports to be completed and submitted, and on March 31st our committee will organize the volunteer appreciation party. (Then, a holiday!)



Pat Chater

HOW TO answers to frequently-asked questions such as.

- ... **how to get a club NAMETAG?** Simply sign your name on one of the order sheets posted on bulletin boards either in the main floor lounge, men's locker room or women's locker room. You'll be notified at the bar when your nametag is ready and you can pick it up from John or from the bartender on duty.
- ... **how to "pay in advance" for the 50/50 draw?** Drop off your \$22.00 payment at the office in advance of October 14 and your name will be entered in the 50/50 draw each week during the curling season.
- ... **how to get information about club membership?** A brand new LCC club brochure and rate information sheet are available at the office for prospective new members.
- ... **how to rent a locker for your "valuables"?** Storage lockers are available for rent at a cost of \$5 or \$10 ... broom lockers are only \$1. Make arrangements at the office.
- ... **how to access the club website?** Eric Duggan manages this extremely important club information vehicle -- league information, a photo gallery, mission and vision statements, back issues of Rock Talk, links to other club websites and more ... are all able at www.curling.com/london.
- ... **how to rent ice for a special event?** Check the calendar in the Membership Directory for ice availability and give the office a call to book your family reunion, party or business gathering.
- ... **how to figure out the informational bulletin boards?** There are 13 bulletin boards in total throughout the club! Search them out and get to know where to look for information about OCA competitive events, out-of-club bonspiels, minutes of LCC Board Meetings, youth curling happenings, mixed curling scores the list goes on!



Email Rock Talk at rocktalklcc@yahoo.ca if you have information that YOU think should be shared with our club members.

TUESDAY NIGHT MIXED SOCIAL

Convenor Dick Merrill hosts an evening of "fun and games" at the group's closing party.



Dick and "RAM" Trophy Winning Vice Marnie Dickout share a laugh



Experienced curlers share time with brand-new members



Tom Konopka - "RAM" winning lead



Steve Lupa accepts his prize as winner of the Turkey Shoot



Richard Greenfield joins Dick at the mke

Psst ... league secret! "RAM" are Dick Merrill's initials!



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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

October

- 2 Novice Clinic
- 4, 7 Women's Practice
- 5 Women's Opening Meeting
- 6, 11 Women's Jitney
- 8 Advanced Clinic
- 10 Thanksgiving CLUB CLOSED
- 13 Jennifer Jones Women's Clinic
- 14 REVISED START DATE for Women's Competitive, Senior Men, Mixed Curling
- 13, 15 Southwestern Ontario Ladies' Cashspiel
- 17 Senior Men's Cashspiel
- 24 Women's Card Party
- 29, 30 London Junior Cashspiel

November

- 2 Tier 70
- 6 Sinners
- 7 Women's New Curler Clinic
- 8 Medcalf Trophy
- 19 Curl for the Cure
- 21 Early Bird Borspiel
- 22 CLUB CLOSED all day (maintenance)
- 23 CLUB CLOSED until 5 (maintenance)
- 24 Friendship Day
- 29, 30 Sifton Classic

On a Personal Note

The following letter of appreciation was received by RockTalk in April.

■ ■ ■ I am Joe Noon's daughter-in-law. I have been forwarded a copy of your Rock Talk and was able to read the very nice note on Joe. I want to thank you all for coming to visit Joe in the hospital and for coming to his funeral. He loved curling and spending time with the friends he had there.

I also wanted to thank you for engraving his name on a rock and for collecting money in his name. He loved that building and the game! I will bring Talia in so she can see where her Papa Joe spent so many nights with his friends.

Thank you again. It means a lot to Joe's family that he is remembered. We miss him too.

Ida Di

Spirit of Curling Award

Pasquale

As the proud recipient of the 2005 Spirit of Curling Award for Women in memory of Anne Shaw, I wish to thank all members for bestowing such an honour upon me. I plan to continue my involvement in the Daytime Women's, Mixed and Business Women's Leagues, as well as Volunteer Manager and other Club initiatives and activities. I will continue my involvement with the Annual "Curl for the Cure" Women's Charity Borspiel and wish to thank all Committee Members and Volunteers for their tremendous efforts to help make this annual event so successful. I especially wish to thank my husband Ed for his assistance and loyal support of both myself and this important charitable event. LCC members, please accept my sincerest appreciation for your ongoing support and friendship.

Sincerely, Pam Harrison

PRO SHOPPE GEARING UP:

Most of our inventory has now arrived in anticipation of the 2005-6 curling season!



Additional clothing items have been added to our line including a **black tur tleneck** (both ladies and men's) embroidered in gold script lettering, a **ladies fleece vest** in a variety of new colours, a **Unisex Select jacket**, and an **Elan jacket** designed exclusively for ladies. In addition, there is a selection of **short sleeve curling shirts** to be worn on or off the ice. All of these garments carry the LCC crest. In addition to the **Club Broom** which sells for \$40, we now stock the **Matrix broom** (which allows for 360 degree rotation) selling for \$70, and the **Reactor 2 broom** (carbon fibre, extremely lightweight and with a lock-in-place adjustable head) selling for \$125. We also have an **excellent selection of shoes** with various sole selections covering both ladies and men's requirements. So be sure to take the time to look over the Pro Shoppe selection of fine items.

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Bob Davis

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Good Curling !!!