

ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

November 2005

LCC HOSTS THE PROS



With much excitement and enthusiasm, London Curling Club opened its doors on Thursday, October 13 to Team Canada and a group of national and international curling celebrities.

The day started with the arrival of the coveted Scott Tournament of Hearts (STOH) Trophy, delivered in person by glove-clad Peter Inch, 2006 STOH President, and Jim Waite, 2006 STOH Director of Officials, Stats and Timers and CCA National Curling Coach.

A morning Media Conference was held to bring local media up to date about the progress of the STOH and to introduce Team Canada ... Jennifer Jones, Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer and Georgina Wheatcroft (photo, from right to left). Reporters and photographers from the London area viewed a promotional video about the Scott Tournament of Hearts (taking place in London from February 25 to March 5 at the JLC), took photos of Canada's "Number One" curling team, and participated in a question-and-answer session with Peter Inch and Jennifer Jones and the members of her team. As well, the media and several LCC members had the opportunity to meet and greet the 2005 STOH second-place skip Jenn Hanna, whose spectacular performance in the final game of the 2005 women's final has made her a fan favourite. *(Marg Sirna and Jean Walmsley share their "pro" experiences on pages 5 and 6 of this issue).*

In the afternoon, sixty lucky women from the four clubs which sponsor the Southwestern Ontario Women's Charity Cashspiel* (LCC, Highland, Ilderton and St. Thomas) enjoyed first-class curling instruction from Jim Waite, Jennifer Jones and her team, and Jenn Hanna during a special Curling Clinic *(you'll enjoy reading about Pat Bell's clinic experience with Jennifer Jones on page 5)*

Following the clinic, the "two Jennifers" participated in the filming of a television commercial designed to promote ticket sales for the STOH. Watch for the familiar interior of the LCC arena in the ad which will be appearing on TV over the next few of months.

And last but certainly not least, the day concluded with the 9th annual Cashspiel "Pro-Am". LCC member Sharon Sivak coordinated the event, which consisted of a banquet and a curling match during which curlers from the Cashspiel host clubs who had raised pledges earned the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play with the professionals! *(Appearing on page 7 are Sharon Sivak's report on Pro-Am event and her husband Bob's story about playing in a game he calls the "Battle of Ontario"!)*

***The Southwestern Ontario Women's Charity Cashspiel is a [World Curling Tour](#) event which showcases world-class women's curling while supporting local initiatives in breast cancer research and care.**

COVER STORY continues on pages 5 to 7. ROCK TALK THANKS THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS: Pat Bell, Mary Shorten, Marg Sirna, Bob Sivak, John Spetman, Jean Walmsley and Fay Weiler (LCC), Donna Krotz (Highland), and Gord McNabb from the 2006 STOH Event Office.

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Who are they?

They are the special people who are willing to provide some dollars to add fun and interest to many events at our club.

How can we thank them?

We can recognize them and show our appreciation of their involvement at LCC. In January all of their names will be listed in Rock Talk with a big "Thank You".

In order to do that we must make sure we have every sponsor's name. Each convenor has been asked to submit the names of sponsors from his/her league. We also have convenors of one-time events and those events may have sponsors as well. If you know of such a sponsor, please let me know. I would sooner hear three times about the same person, than miss someone. Please help. Leave a note in my mail slot at the office or send me an E-mail at (marg.sirma@sympatico.ca).

Let's show and tell our sponsors that we truly appreciate them. Thanks.

Marg Sirna

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Safety and Security

Recent incidents of theft from the club parking lot confirm that clubhouse and parking lot safety and security continue to be critical issues for all members and rental groups. The fact that vandalism and theft are becoming more and more commonplace in the city is of little consolation.

We have approximately 1200 participants who enter and leave our club house on a weekly basis over a 25-week curling season. This is a total of 30,000 entries into a crowded facility in one curling season. The traffic volume is high and no one person (especially our evening bar tenders who are performing their bar duties) is able to view all those entering the building.

We need your help. We ask that everyone enter through the front door only and discourage entry through other exit doors. We ask for your vigilance with regard to strangers who appear not to belong. We ask that you practice the buddy system exiting the clubhouse en route to your car during the night time hours.

Last of all, we encourage everyone to lock your car and leave nothing of value visible in your car. Better still, leave any valuables at home. Those with older vehicles may wish to secure them with a "club" security device.

Thanks in advance for your help to make the LCC a safer and more secure place to be.

Ken Walmsley



WELCOME !

By now, many of you will have had the opportunity to meet Donna Stothers, LCC's new Housekeeper. If you haven't already done so, please make a point of saying "hello" and welcoming Donna to our LCC "family".



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Coming to the LCC ...

Guy Hemmings

“Rockin’ The House Tour”

Monday, December 5th

Danny Lamoureux, CCA’s Manager of Curling Club Development, has announced that Bill Tschirhart, CCA’s national high performance coach, and Jenn Hanna, the 2005 STOH runner-up from Ottawa, will join Guy Hemmings as his “Rockin’ The House Tour” makes its way through our region, stopping at the LCC on Monday, December 5th.

The rationale behind the London area tour is to support the 2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts and to promote curling in the area while the Canadian Curling Trials are front and centre on television, and the CCA is working with the local STOH host committee to spend their days visiting as many schools as they can in this area as well as the local curling clubs.

Guy and his entourage do an excellent job of promoting curling and this is a GREAT opportunity to promote curling with our new curlers and visitors to the LCC. The LCC event is in the planning stages at this point, with several possibilities being considered.

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED!

Your input will go a long way to deciding what interest there is and how we might best organize for the event. Ice could be made available in the afternoon, with the upstairs lounge the location for a party or dinner with Guy and Jenn as guest speakers in the evening. All expenses are being paid by the CCA, so all we have to do is plan and organize what we’d like to do. This might be a good fund-raising activity for the club as well.

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- Place your order before Friday, November 18th for pick up at the club on Friday, December 2. Look for the bright orange order sheets throughout the club.
- Orders may be placed in the green Poinsettia box in the office or given directly to Marlene Benny, Pat Bell, Marianne LaRose or Jean Walmsley.

A fundraising project by the Daytime Women’s Section

**LCC “PRE-OLYMPICS” FUNSPIEL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th**

\$100 per team \$25 per individual Prizes galore!

In celebration of the Canadian Olympic Curling Playdowns in December and the Olympic Games in February, the theme for this year’s funspiel will be **THE OLYMPICS**. Your team gets to choose the country that it will represent. Please come to the bonspiel prepared to represent the customs of their chosen country in some way -- for example, with dress, song, national anthem, poem, etc. Look for the sign-up sheet on the usual notice board.



SIGN UP EARLY TO GET THE COUNTRY OF YOUR CHOICE !!!

There will be two draws beginning at 8:45 am and 10:45 am (8 end games), with a second game beginning at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm after a delicious lunch.

Mike Bancroft

As in previous years, this is a fundraiser to pay down the LCC debt on the new ice plant. Please support the club in its quest to provide the best curling experience to all members.

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CCA Press Release: New Three-Year Television Broadcast Agreement Announced
Source: Canadian Curling Association
 October 20, 2005 — 10:38 AM EST
 Ottawa, ON (October 20, 2005) – The Canadian Curling Association (CCA) and CBC have just announced that Canada’s millions of curling fans will be able to enjoy great coverage of championship curling this season and through to 2008 thanks to a new broadcast arrangement. The television package will include coverage of the traditional Season of Champions events and the much-anticipated Canadian Curling Trials.

The CBC, which holds the exclusive broadcast rights for the CCA’s Season of Champions events, will broadcast the final weekend of each event on its main network. A minimum of two draws daily of round robin play will be broadcast on TSN, via a sub-license agreement with the CBC. This broadcast structure will run through to 2008 and cover the seven major annual curling events: the Tim Hortons Curling Trials, Canadian Junior Championships, the Strauss Canada Cup, The Scott Tournament of Hearts, the Tim Hortons Brier and the Ford World Championships. For the complete story, refer to www.ontcurl.com

WOMEN’S OCA NEWS

✓ Senior Women & STOH Competition entry deadline is November 8 and 15 respectively.
 ✓ Watch for the posting of the Women’s Best Western Challenge and the Master Women’s Competitions on November 18th.
 Sylvia Leuszler, Women’s OCA Rep

MEN’S OCA NEWS

- If you have any questions, please see me.
- Any team that wishes to enter the Kia Motors Cup competition must sign up either on-line before November 11, 2005 or sign up on the club entry sheet on the locker room bulletin board by Tuesday November 15, 2005 and have your cheque into our office along with your entry. See the sheet for particulars.

John Rudell, Men’s OCA Rep

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED CURLING

Don Agnew, Convener

I would like to welcome everyone back to the Friday Night Mixed league and a special welcome to several new members and teams. With 36 teams this year, we will be going with four draws of five games each -- no “byes”. First place finishes in each flight will receive a cash prize at the end of each draw. The balance of your league entry fee goes to year-end playoffs. There will be no league game January 13 due to City of London Bonspiel and no curling March 3 due to Ice Maintenance and Tournament of Hearts. December 23rd is an extra night between draws, and we will have a Skins Curling Bonspiel that night.

Last year’s *Italian Night* in January was a popular and successful fundraiser. With the ongoing need for funds, we would like to plan something similar this year. Something with a little less work for the convener!! Jan. 20, 27 and Feb. 3 will be “THEME NIGHTS” where one team from the 9:00pm draw will prepare a “theme meal” and serve the 5:30 group. Funds raised, along with the Ladies Fundraising efforts, will go toward a new dishwasher which is needed by both groups. I am looking for a team from each draw to volunteer a little time and effort to make this happen. Gail and I are quite willing to offer help as a “consultant” at no charge.

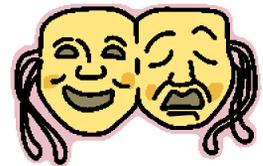
Let’s keep the “FUN” in Friday Night Curling and raise some money at the same time.

A Night at the Theatre

London Community Players presents

“Mail Order Annie”

by Cal Hahsin



A Private Preview on Wednesday, November 16 at 8:00 p.m.

A touching and entertaining story of Annie, a young woman from Ontario who travels to a small rural town in Saskatchewan where she meets John and lives 24 years in the dust bowl of Depression and World War II.

Tickets (\$10) are available from Sylvia Leuszler, Jean Walmsley, Pat Bell or Marilyn Wearing.

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A Daytime Women’s Section fundraising project



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COVER STORY

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COACHED BY THE CHAMPIONS

by Pat Bell

What a privilege to be on the ice with Jennifer Jones and team, even as a student of the game. The clinic followed the usual, grip, swing, slide, release procedures. Sounds like golf, but Jim Waite certainly was focused on developing curling skills. Team Canada demonstrated the "how to" of fine deliveries and encouraged us as we tried to do the same. Jennifer was kind, patient, and was very tactful when stopping the routine to explain and demonstrate a correction. She also appeared to be having fun. I came away with these things to think about:

1. Approach the hack from behind (focus on the broom)
2. In the hack align body with broom
3. Grip the rock with fingers, cocked wrist, bent elbow.
4. Push out of the hack with a strong forceful leg drive
5. Put the turn on the rock at release.

What I know and don't have to think about is how much I enjoy the game, and especially the "up close and personal" afternoon with five very young, beautiful athletes who are great promoters of the game.

GIFTS FROM THE HEARTS

Jenn Hanna, who placed second at the 2005 STOH, was pleased to describe the prizes that are awarded to STOH winners. Members of teams that place first, second and third receive a ring depicting the four-heart STOH symbol. The winners' rings have diamonds in the centre, the second place team earns rubies, and sapphires are at the centre of the third place winners' rings.

Everyone who competes in the STOH receives a "four-heart" necklace. Diamonds are added with every win according to milestones reached. Both Jenn Hanna and Jennifer Jones have diamonds in their necklaces. When your necklace is "full", a player receives a bracelet. The fact that the Colleen Jones team has been in the winner's circle so often is proving to be a challenge in coming up with a prize that is one level higher!

With thanks to Jean Walmsley



1. Team Jones and the STOH trophy
2. Skip Jennifer Jones shares a story while vice Cathy Overton-Clapham looks on



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COVER STORY CONTINUED

ON A PERSONAL NOTE by Jean Walmsley

- Jennifer Jones is a corporate lawyer, and more than one clinic observer took note of the fact that she is petite in real life ... she appears on TV to be much taller.
- Georgina Wheatcroft's husband and two children continue to live in BC while she lives and trains in Manitoba with the team, returning home when she can. Her family made a commitment to support her as the team trains for the Olympics.
- Jill Officer is employed part time in Brandon, Manitoba.
- Cathy Overton-Clapham is a full-time Mom.



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"WHAT A DAY! I MET JENN HANNA TODAY!"

by Marg Sirna

Those were my sentiments as I found myself at the London Curling Club having a chat with Jenn Hanna, skip of the 2005 STOH runner-up team. She had flown in from Ottawa a day in advance of the SWOCC to participate in a clinic for London area curlers with Jennifer Jones and her team, "Team Canada", and to cooperate with Jennifer in a TV promotion of the STOH.

Jenn started curling at 5 years of age and has been curling for 20 years. She is in a new job and was a delight as she candidly shared a story about her job interview, how she felt she had to tell her perspective employer that she would not be around much for the next few months, and how they still hired her.

It was so refreshing to listen to these talented, committed young women. They were just as charming on or off the ice. I was personally very impressed with all five of these athletes; they are great role models for all of us. Later, I had the privilege of being in the group receiving personal instruction from Jenn. It was a truly great day.

3. Jim Waite and Jennifer provide expert tips
4. Peter Inch handles the STOH trophy with white gloves
5. Action at the Jones Clinic
6. The two Jennifers watch Jill Officer's delivery.

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7. Jenn Hanna (in black) and her Pro Am team (L to R): Deanna McDonald, Donna Krotz and Barb Jones

8. Dr. Ann Chambers, Guest Speaker
9. Honourary Chair of the SOWCC, Marilyn Bodogh

10. Patti Lank, 4x USA National Champion (centre), and her Pro Am team (L to R): Gloria Campbell, Lynn Baker (SOWCC Chair), David Easter Jr. and Libby Dawson (at mike). Far right is Pro-Am Coordinator Sharon Sivak.



PRO-AM OVERVIEW

by Sharon Sivak, Pro-Am Coordinator

The 9th Annual Laskey Properties Pro-Am event was held at the London Curling Club on Thursday, October 13. This event is part of the Southwestern Ontario Women's Charity Cashspiel. The seventeen "pro's" included the Anne Dunn team, the Jennifer Jones team, Jo Ann Rizzo, Kim Tuck, the Trinzoni team from Switzerland, Marilyn Bodogh (Honourary Chairperson of the SWOCC), Patti Lank and Jenn Hanna. The winning team was skipped by Patti Lank, whose team included Gloria Campbell, David Easter Jr., Lynn Baker and Libby Dawson.

Dr. Ann Chambers gave a very interesting and informative speech. She is currently Senior Scientist at the London Regional Cancer Program; Canada Research Chair in Oncology; Professor at the Department of Oncology at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Western Ontario; and Director of the Pamela Greenway Kohlmeir Translational Breast Cancer Research Unit.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner which was catered by Linda Arthur of Village Catering.

The Pro-Am event raised over \$10,000. I would like to thank all the people who helped make the event a success.

THE BATTLE OF ONTARIO

by Bob Sivak

I've been asked to write about playing in the Pro-Am with Marilyn Bodogh (twice a STOH Champion). So here goes!!

We played against the team skipped by Anne Dunn (2004 World Senior Ladies Champion) so I labelled the game the "Battle of Ontario". As it was my first time curling this year, I was somewhat nervous. I did not want to "hog any shots" or worse still, fall on my butt in front of all these famous women curlers.

My nervousness was heightened when I was selected by default to be the vice. I don't vice much so now I'm really in over my head. But Marilyn who is a very cheerful and boisterous curler quickly had me at ease, and I successfully delivered my two rocks in the first end.

Since I was the lone male on the team, Marilyn felt I needed to sweep harder than everyone else. And she would let everyone in the rink know it with shouts of "SWEEEEEP HAAARDERRR BOBBBBB !!!!!!! "

Each end, when it was time for her shots she would ask for my opinion on the strategy. I tried to not look dumb and just agreed with everything she was thinking or saying. (A skill from 35 years of



marriage). I had a couple of embarrassing moments when she asked, "What ice did Anne give on that last shot?" Oh My, I thought to myself, was I supposed to remember that? I guess I had better stop watching the pros on the other sheets.

The game itself was very exciting. We fell behind, but by the seventh end we were all tied up, 7-7. Unfortunately, our final two rocks came up short and we lost by one. But I didn't feel bad as we had just lost by one point to a reigning national champion. Unfortunately that one point was the difference between our team getting to the prize table instead of Anne Dunn's team. We were oh so close.

Getting to sit and talk with Marilyn at dinner was also exciting. She had just got back from a vacation to Greece a few days earlier, so we had something in common as I was in Greece a few years ago. Marilyn, who is also the Honourary Chairperson for the Cashspiel, and Anne Dunn made a point of talking with everyone at the table and all the amateurs had a great time both on and off the ice.

LCC's Annual
**VALENTINE
DINNER**



will take place on
Saturday, February 11th

Make a date with your Sweetheart!
Watch for details in the next issue of Rock Talk.
Tickets will go on sale Thursday December 1st and
will be available from Bruce and Mary Lois Cooper or
Jean and Ken Walmsley.



PLEASE REMEMBER ...
Hands and knees should be
off the ice as soon as your
rock leaves your hand !!

Thanks from your
Ice Making Crew!

Thursday Evening Business Women's League

The 'convening team' of the Thursday Evening Business Women's League wishes to welcome back all returning curlers to the Thursday Evening Business Women's League and thank you for your continued participation. We would like to extend a big welcome to all those who are new to LCC and are joining us for the first time. The league has shown a significant increase in participants this year. Which is fantastic, but with the newly implemented round robin format to this league, it will take the league through to the end of February to complete the schedule. At that time the teams will be 'flighted' before entering into a playoff format.

Looks like another great year of curling, which is much more than winning a game!!!

Your convening team: Eileen Rochefort
Lois Jackson
Rhonda Persichilli
Wendy Foster

Daytime Women's Section Report – October, 2005

by Sheila Novlan, Vice Chair

The Opening Meeting was held in the upstairs lounge on October 5, 2005, and was chaired by present Chair Jean Walmsley and convened by past Chair Pat Bell with 60+ members on attendance. A warm welcome was extended to the following new members:

Allyson Cousineau Sandy McDougall Beth Swartz
Marlene Suzuki Isobel Littke

Special thanks to their big sisters.

Greetings were extended to those present by LCC President, Garry Thompson, and Club Manager, Ken Walmsley. Jack Phillips provided information about the upcoming Scott Tournament of Hearts. Pam Harrison was recognized for receiving the well deserved "Spirit of Curling" award for 2004/2005.

Reports concerning this year's mandates (see Women's bulletin board) were presented by the Executive. Enjoyable refreshments and socializing followed the meeting.

Thanks to Doreen Stacey and Verna Capson for once again organizing and running the opening jitney. Doreen reports that a total of 52 curlers participated in this fun curling event designed to get us in curling condition after a summer of golfing and lawn bowling. Thanks also to the Conveners and Co's of the Carr's, Young's, Whittaker's and Friday Open Leagues that are now in full swing.

Along with good curling the Women's Daytime Section enjoys supporting the club financially with fun events. Chair Pat Bell reports that the Card Party was a success with \$468 was raised. Thanks to Sandra Roche and Pam Harrison for a great start to this new year.

Please check the bulletin board and sign up sheets announcing the following upcoming events:

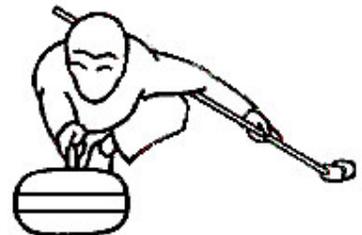
Early Bird
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Curl for the Cure
Christmas Party

Wishing all a great 2005/2006 season.

JUNIOR NEWS

Convenor Sue Beckett reports that membership in the junior league is up to 20 members, including a couple of brand new curlers. They hope to have a team go to Junior Zones. Their Junior Bantam Bonspiel is coming up on Saturday, December 3rd and they already have a few entries!

Diane Whittaker is going to talk to the group about the STOH Junior Stars Program and we expect to have several of our bantam/junior members enter this contest.



interview



This is the second in a series of “Question & Answer” interviews in Rock Talk this season which will give the six LCC Members who are **2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts Directors** the opportunity to describe their unique “Scott” experiences with you. (Last month you met Pat Chater.) In this issue, allow us to introduce **Andrea Child**, Director of Heartfest Activities.

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

Andrea: I started curling when I was in my teens, out of the Capital Winter Club in Fredericton NB. My dad introduced me to the game, and that's how my sister and I got started in it. I curled competitively through my university days and I also used to coach my sister's competitive junior team. When my husband and I moved to London in 1997, I joined LCC that September – it reminded me a lot of CWC and I had an instant good feeling that I belonged here. In 1999 when I decided to “stay home,” I found I had more time to give, and it felt right to give it to the sport that I love so much.

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

Andrea: It's the first time I've ever lived in a city when the Scott's has come to town. An opportunity like this doesn't present itself often. So, I just figured I'd better jump on and go for the ride! Besides, since I was young, I've always wanted to go to the Scott Tournament of Hearts - this is how I figure I'll finally get there! But seriously, I love the sport, and this is the highlight of women's curling in Canada – how could I not volunteer!

RT: As Director of Heartfest Activities, to whom do you report and what are your pre-STOH responsibilities?

Andrea: I report to Ann Lapchinski, Vice-Chair of Special Events and Volunteers. Ann's wonderful to work with! My pre-STOH responsibilities thus far, have been working towards getting the word out early, to clubs in South Western Ontario, ways in which local club members can come and “be a part” of the 2006 Hearts here in London. The team has also been doing a lot of preliminary planning and brainstorming.

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.

Andrea: I have five great Team Leaders working with me. Diane Whittaker is working on the Sandra Schmirler Breakfast and is also convening the Junior Stars competition. Dot MacRae is heading up the Schmirler Telethon. Libby Dawson, from Highland CC, is organizing the Autograph Sessions. Helen Lockhart, from Highland CC, is convening the Pro-Am Competition and is also working with Libby on the Autographs. Jeanne Gray, of STCC, is convening the Closest-To-The-Hearts Competition. We also host the “Up-Close and Personal” daily interview sessions. It's a very busy portfolio! Lots of planning and preparations to do. In a way, it's kind of a funny portfolio, as many of the events are a “one time” thing. I guess the best way to look at it is that it's about the “extras” that'll go on, in addition to the great curling at the JLC.

RT: Your duties started in 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?

Andrea: Well, basically, we'll have to put on these many events and competitions, listed above – and we only get one crack at it, so we better have done our homework! Only a few of the events under our umbrella go daily, many are a one shot deal. I guess my work will be officially done after the volunteer appreciation party, and I've got my final summary reports submitted to Ann.



Andrea Child



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You may be wondering (as Rock Talk did!) why I was in Biggar, Saskatchewan, a small town (population 2,351) west of Saskatoon. My father (who is 78), my brother and I were in Saskatchewan on a literal "wild goose chase", goose and duck hunting north of North Battleford, and we decided to take the scenic route through Biggar on our return to Saskatoon.

The "New York" message above appears on the sign that welcomes you to Biggar, but the largest sign on the edge of town (a full-sized billboard) announces that Biggar is the hometown of Sandra Schmirler, Canadian, World and Olympic Curling Champion and the town's favourite daughter. There is also a neatly kept park in town to commemorate Schmirler. Two plaques at the entrance to Sandra Schmirler Olympic Gold Park list her curling accomplishments and the history of the founding of the park. Biggar is also the hometown of Teejay Surik, 2003 Junior Women's World Curling Champion. Maybe one day Biggar will once again be represented at The Scott Tournament of Hearts.

As we host the STOH this year, hopefully we can embrace the spirit Schmirler brought to the game and live life to the fullest, right to the end, as she did.

Brent DuPlessis



P.S. For others taking a scenic drive through Saskatchewan, you can leave Cut Knife off your itinerary ... the world's largest tomahawk is dismantled for repairs! Yes, I was disappointed to miss out on that photo opportunity!



FIGHT DIRTY

- Use the boot cleaner to keep outside grit from getting into the club
- Cover your slider when you're not on the ice
- Replace your bristle brush or corn broom if it's starting to shed

HEARTS TRIVIA

1. Ontario's Marilyn (Darte) Bodough won the Scott Tournament of Hearts when it was last held in London in 1986. Who skipped the team she defeated?
2. How many times did Marilyn win the STOH Championship?
3. Who were the skips of the other Ontario STOH winning teams and in what years did they win?

Going in 1990.
1. Linda Moore. 2. Tvo. 3. Heather Houston in 1988 and Alison



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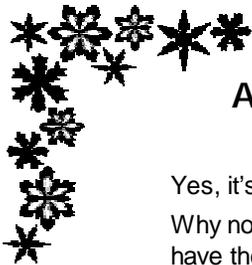
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THE FAR SIDE ... Many of us NEVER SEE the north side of the arena, shown at the end of October being readied for insulation and steel siding, part of LCC's on-going building improvement plan.

If you miss when you "shoot for the basket" and your tissue misses the garbage pail, please try again!



A WORD FROM THE PRO SHOPPE

Yes, it's time to think about Christmas! Why not consider a gift certificate this year? We have them in several different dollar amounts starting at ten dollars.

Choose something from our fine line of clothing which includes black turtlenecks embroidered with gold script lettering, a ladies fleece vest in a variety of new colours, Unisex Select Jacket, or an Elan jacket designed exclusively for ladies. You might consider a short sleeve golf shirt available in both mens and ladies styles with several different colours available.

Items not in stock requiring embroidering should be ordered no later than December 9th.

Still thinking of a new pair of curling shoes? Why not a pair of The Edge shoes for the novice curler or the Allegro shoe, both mens and ladies, with several different sliders available.

We also have a large inventory of brooms, stop watches, delivery aids, gloves, mitts and curling pants. So why not make your first stop this Christmas shopping season right here at

Your London Curling Club Pro Shoppe.



HOW TO PLAY 8 ENDS IN UNDER 2 HOURS



NOTE: The problems concerning the completion of an 8-end game within the 2-hour time limit just don't seem to go away! This article, back by popular demand, appeared in Rock Talk's November 1998 and November 2002 issues.

Ever been frustrated that you've completed seven ends with less than the prescribed 10 minutes remaining to play the eighth end? Here are some pointers that you and your team can use to keep the game moving along quickly:

1. DO make sure that your team and your opponents are on the ice right on time, just as soon as the ice is ready.
2. As soon as your opponent has released his/her stone and it is YOUR turn to deliver, you should be on your way to the hack, readying yourself to deliver your rock. Standing on the sidelines watching your opponent's rock go down the ice DOESN'T apply when it is your turn to throw.
3. LEADS ... when an end is complete and it's your turn first to deliver, find your rock and go directly to the hack in anticipation of your skip's signal. SECONDS AND VICES ... it's your job to put the remaining rocks in the corners.
4. DON'T waste time putting the rocks in order when an end is complete ... this can easily be done during the course of the following end.
5. If you are a lead or second, DO set up your skip's rock before he/she heads down the ice to deliver.

There will be 128 rocks delivered during an 8-end game. If each player takes just 5 seconds less to deliver, the game will finish a full 10.5 minutes sooner. Those minutes will be appreciated when your skip needs extra time to call a difficult shot.

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

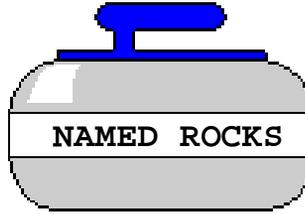
November

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

December

- 3 Junior LCC Bonspiel
- 4 Sinners
- 10 LCC Funspiel ... the Pre-Olympics
- 12 Senior Men Christmas Party
- 13 Mixed Social Christmas Party
- 14 Women's Christmas Party
- 15 Business Women's Christmas Party
- 18 Elementary Christmas Party
- 22 Business Women's Party
- 24,25 CLUB CLOSED, Christmas Eve & Day
- 26 Boxing Day Open Curling by reservation
- 27-31 CLUB CLOSED

PLEASE NOTE Tuesday Evening Curling schedules have been rearranged to combine the London Life League and the Business Women's League into one draw. Please check with your league convenor if you have any questions.



CAN YOU HELP?

We are trying to research those persons for whom curling rocks have been named. As time goes on, we often lose track of the details of one's curling history or connection with London Curling Club. To ensure that our records are accurate and up-to-date, I am asking for help. For those who have bought curling rocks in your own or another's name, would you please write a short item outlining the connection with the club and contributions to it. Don't forget to relate any funny stories, curling or otherwise, and any secrets that should be shared. You may leave them at the office or e-mail me at macraedot@aol.com.

**Scott Tournament Of Hearts
"Mini Packs"**

The STOHevent office advises that ticket "Mini Packs" will be available for purchase on Monday, November 7th. This promotion involves packages of tickets for opening weekend, mid-week and closing weekend.

Tickets for individual draws will be available in January.

PARTING SHOTS

Welcome back! We appreciate everyone's patronage at the bar for your alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Every bit helps!

If there is anything the bar staff can do for you, the members, please feel free to ask.

John Spetman, Bar Coordinator

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PLEASE STOP THOSE FAST-MOVING ROCKS AS SOON AS THEY CROSS THE BACKLINE AND AVOID COSTLY DAMAGE TO THE HACKS AND BACKBOARDS