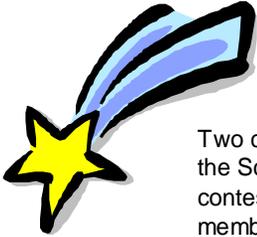


ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

January 2006



JUNIOR STARS

Two curlers who play in our Youth program will represent the London Curling Club as "Junior Stars" at the Scott Tournament of Hearts. Aaron Chapman and Steven Pettigrew are the LCC winners of a STOH contest open to all curlers aged 12 to 18 who have at least one year of curling experience and who are members of clubs within Zones 6 through 16.

Our curlers will each be "adopted" by a participating team during an evening game at the Scott ... Aaron by the British Columbia Team on Tuesday, February 28, and Steven by Team Newfoundland on Thursday, March 2. Each will be introduced to the team they're starring with and be presented with a matching team jacket. They'll participate in a team practice (perhaps being given the opportunity to hold the broom) and then have a tour of the TSN broadcasting truck and meet "Vic, Linda and Ray", the TSN announcers. AND they get to watch the game from ice level with their host team's coach and fifth. To top that all off, take-home prizes and keepsakes include a souvenir photo taken with their team and packages full of goodies from the CCA and Scott Paper. Congratulations Aaron and Steven! Have a wonderful time at the Scott!



Aaron Chapman



Steven Pettigrew

Thanks to Sue Beckett and Andrea Child

LCC'S ORIGINAL VOLUNTEER



Dr. Wanless
LCC President 1854-55

The roots of the London Curling Club date back over 155 years, when Dr. Wanless, an avid curler, and F.B. Beddome, a London storeowner, decided that a curling club should be formed*. The two gentlemen set a standard for volunteering that remains in place today, as the London Curling Club continues to be "run" by YOU, the club's enthusiastic members.

For years, club members have served on the Board of Directors and have convened leagues and special events. Volunteers continue to be involved in special club fundraising and promotional projects and now also serve as interim office managers. Relatively recently, the Board of Directors (whose members serve for a 3-year term) established working committees and sub-committees whose memberships are long-standing. Their responsibilities include doing in-depth research in special areas of concern to the club and then reporting to the Board, whose members can then make all-important decisions on behalf of the membership. On **page 3** of this issue, Vice President Fay Weiler highlights each of the sub-committees now in operation, outlines their responsibilities and introduces their members.

If you haven't done so already, volunteer at the LCC! Contact any member of the Board of Directors or the club office (details on page 2). Find out how YOU can make a difference.

* A "History of Curling in London", prepared by Connie Weir, appeared in Rock Talk during the 2003-4 season.

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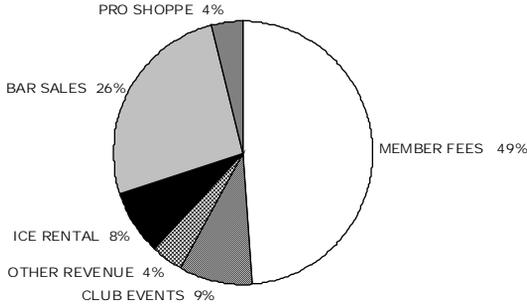
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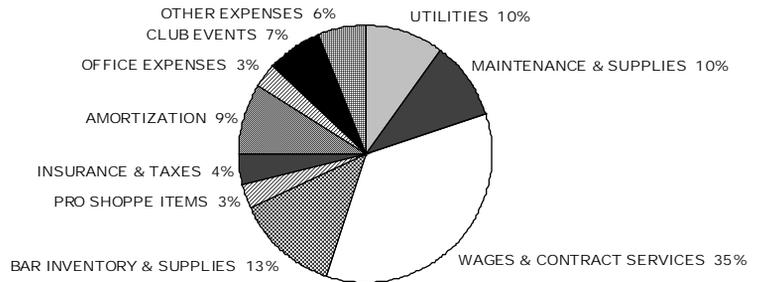
Doug Hamather

These two charts are an illustrative summary of the day-to-day financial operation of the club - i.e. its revenue (where our money comes from) and expenses (how we spend it).

SOURCES OF FUNDS



HOW FUNDS ARE USED



The following is a "snapshot" of financial results at the end of December versus a year ago: 1) Slightly reduced revenue, as a result of decreases in club membership and parking lot rental (during off-season), lower pro shop sales and increased revenue from additional ice rental; 2) Additional expenses: roof shingled, removal of old condenser, addition of part-time club manager, engineering study re C/C building upgrade. "The Bottom Line": operating profit is approximately \$16,000 lower than last year at this time.

SECURITY

The Board has approved the necessary money to provide for a security fence to enclose the parking lot. However, we have run into a problem that has to be resolved prior to any fence being installed. It appears that we do not own all of the existing parking lot. According to the minutes of the board meetings in 1987 to 1989 a deal was made with the city -- which, it appears, is the owner of part of our parking lot. Unfortunately there was no mention of what that agreement is or covers. I have not been able to find any records or information in any documentation currently in our possession. As it stands now, we are waiting for a reply from the law firm that the late Vince O'Donovan was a partner in. They are researching his old files to see what transpired.

Garry Thompson, President



OCA REPORT

WOMEN

Sylvia Leuszler

Unfortunately, there were no entries for the Challenge, Master and Intermediate Women Competitions. Entry forms for the Trophy Event, Women's Tankard, Mixed and Senior Mixed are posted on the Women's Bulletin Board. Why not consider entering one of these competitions?

JUNIORS

Sue Beckett

LCC has one Bantam Boys team skipped by David Easter who will be playing in the Bantam Boys Zones on January 14-15 at Highland Curling Club. Good luck and good curling to these boys as they represent our club.



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THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!!

Fay Weiler, Vice President

Volunteers are of major importance to the operations of our Club. They serve in many ways. Here are some of our club committees or working groups and a brief description of their tasks.

ADVERTISING Organize and manage advertising within the club throughout the year. In summer and early fall, carry out a major canvassing of businesses for ads in our publications and in the clubhouse. MEMBERS: Bruce Cooper (Chair), Marg Sirna (Board), Wink DuBrule, Dennis O'Connor, Harry Steele, Barb Park, Barb Vitkauskas.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT Determine what major improvements, upgrades, repairs, additions are needed in order to maintain and improve the club so that it can continue as an enjoyable, safe and viable location for our members to curl with outstanding curling ice. Investigate the "who, how, when and cost" and prepare plans for presentation to the Board. MEMBERS: Dave Shaw (Chair), Mike Bancroft (Board), Wink DuBrule, Jack Phillips, Sharon Sivak, Bill Easton, Barry Wade, Ron Fliss.

CONTRACTS Carry out necessary research beforehand in preparation for reviewing staff contracts as necessary, and prepare recommendations. Sub-committee of the Executive - still being formed. MEMBERS: Garry Thompson (present Acting Chair), Alec Curtis (Board), Pam Harrison, etc.

CURLING In liaison with all league convenors, set up and maintain the annual Curling Calendar. At the end of the season ensure that each league has a convenor for the following year. Coordinate with the office any weekend rentals. MEMBERS: Tom Fejes (Chair), Fay Weiler (Board).

FUNDRAISING Prepare a plan for fundraising which will include events, schedules, organizers, etc. Monitor the events, assist as needed. Prepare a report to include an evaluation of the level of success of each event. Provide recommendations and revise the plan accordingly. MEMBERS: Mike Bancroft (Chair and Board), Bruce Cooper, Pam Harrison, Sharon Sivak.

MAINTENANCE & HOUSEKEEPING Monitor club facilities throughout the season. Identify items or areas needing repair or replacement, etc. and make arrangements for work to be carried out or, in the case of major items, prepare a recommendation for the Board. MEMBERS: Marc Claveau (Board), Sheila Novlan, Don Dudley, Staff.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES Promote and facilitate new memberships. Identify and address membership concerns not included in other portfolio areas. Coordinate Spirit of Curling Award. MEMBERS: Guiti Massoumi (Chair and Board), Marc Claveau, Joanne Laws.

FEES Sub-committee of Membership. Research and prepare a revised fee structure which incorporates some of the recommendations from the fall survey of the members, and offers some flexibility while ensuring market competitiveness and fiscal security. MEMBERS: Guiti Massoumi (Chair and Board), Marc Claveau, Joanne Laws, Dave Beckett, Doug Hamather, Harry Steele, Sharon Sivak, Fay Weiler.

OCA/CCA Act as club liaison for OCA/CCA where appropriate. Attend related zone meetings. Perform the necessary follow-up with membership re posting of information, registration for events, rule changes, etc. Act as liaison or coordinator for OCA-related events being held in our club. MEMBERS: John Rudell (Board), Sylvia Leuszler, Sue Beckett, Doug Kilbourne.

PRO SHOPPE Provide service to members where they may purchase curling gear and attire. Purchase stock, record and track sales. MEMBERS: Bob Davis (Board); Bud Boyd, Andrea Child, Joanne Laws, Lil Richardson and Marilyn Wearing (Sales Staff).

ROCK TALK Gather information and news items from convenors, Board and staff for each monthly edition of Rock Talk. Assemble 6 issues per season, coordinate printing and circulation throughout the club for the members' enjoyment. MEMBERS: Wink DuBrule (Chair and Editor), Marg Sirna (Board), Connie Weir, Heather Greenfield, Linda Peeling, Barb Park, Eric Duggan, Sharon Sivak.

WEBSITE Gather the most up-to-date information, scores, results, news items, etc. to be posted on the club website. MEMBERS: Eric Duggan (Webmaster), John Rudell (Board), all league and event convenors,

MARKETING To be formed.

THERE'S ALWAYS A NEED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS. WHERE CAN YOU HELP?

Closest to the Heart !!

Congratulations to Jill Day and Mary Lynne Patterson of the Daytime Women's League for winning the honour of representing LCC at the Closest to the Heart Regional Competition at the St. Thomas Curling Club on February 25, 2006. Jill covered the pin and Mary Lynne measured one inch from the pin. The 'Top 10' participants are posted on the bulletin board. Jill and Mary Lynne will play off against other finalists from Southwestern Ontario for one of the eight spots to advance to the championship round, played during the fifth-end breaks of the STOH semi-final and final games. Good Luck!!

- ♥ Thanks to the 137 Little Rockers, Juniors, Mixed, Daytime, Tues & Thurs Night Women and Senior & Miller Men who participated in the contest.
- ♥ Thanks to the convenors of these leagues for managing their section.
- ♥ Thank you to the 31 who donated their toonies to support our contest.
- ♥ Thank you to all who participated! A total of \$336 was raised. These funds are being held for future use ... watch for an update in upcoming issues of Rock Talk.

Sylvia Leuszler, Coordinator



IDEAS please!

Your input is needed! Rock Talk is intended as a "communication vehicle" to keep all members informed about club activities and news. Your RT Committee would like to make sure that we're giving YOU the coverage that you want. Please let us know what YOU would like to read in upcoming issues.

E-mail us at rocktalklcc@yahoo.ca ... drop your suggestion in the RT mailbox just outside the office door ... or give Wink a call at 434-4410.

Let us know how we can serve you better.

Rock Talk Committee

Wink DuBrule, Eric Duggan,
Heather Greenfield, Barb Park,
Linda Peeling, Marg Sirna,
Sharon Sivak, Connie Weir

JUNIOR NEWS

Sue Beckett

December 3rd was our annual Bantam/Junior Bonspiel. We had 22 teams taking part this year and saw lots of great curling that day. Teams came from far and near to play in the bonspiel including teams from Toronto, Exeter, Woodstock, Kitchener, St Thomas, Chatham, Dorchester, Tecumseh, Highland (London) and of course our own teams.

The Bantam draw was won by the Alex Ross team from Westmount Golf and CC in Kitchener. The Junior Draw was won by the Lynsey Longfield team from St Thomas CC with Thomas Beckett's LCC team coming in a close second. Many many thanks to the parents who helped that day with the scoring (the accounting firm of Beckett and Kerwin) and those who helped in the kitchen (especially Glenda Baldwin and a couple of elementary curler mothers).

December 17th was our Holiday party. We participated in the "Closest to the Heart" Contest and combined it with our own "closest to the button" contest. Although none of our curlers are going on in the contest, our winner for the day was Madeleine Joyal who did touch the button with her draw. We also did a turkey shoot and our winner was Luke Grasby. The popular gift swap was enjoyed by all the curlers as they tried to steal their favourite parcel. We are looking forward to more great curling in the new year and hopefully our attendance will get better!

We will be looking for a new High School (Junior) Convenor for next year. If anyone is interested in having fun with teens (and getting some extra curling in) let me know and I can give you all the details!

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The Harry Sifton Classic Bonspiel



PHOTOS: Clockwise from below right: Harry Sifton "calling the shot"; the famous poem written on behalf of the Senior Men to commemorate Harry's 83rd birthday; Harry's granddaughter, Sherene Davidson, presenting the Aylmer team (last year's winner) with the Sifton trophy.



LONDON CURLING CLUB



WELL PLAYED!

*Curlers all, come, look and ponder,
Doff your teams while in this room,
For above, in place of honour,
Hangs enshrined our Harry's broom.*

*Broom and Harry, noble veterans,
Strong in victory or defeat,
Widely travelled, widely known,
Their-tussling vigour to compete.*

*Proud to share in birthday honours,
Fortunate indeed are we,
Home base for this broom and Harry,
Patriarch of L.C.C.*

*We your clubmates now restrain you
In our private Hall of Fame
With your faithful broom, your symbol,
To commemorate your name.*

Nov. 23, 1983

Gerry Dobrindt
On behalf of the Senior members
of the London Curling Club

On November 29 and 30, London Curling Club was host to the 22nd annual HARRY SIFTON CLASSIC BONSPIEL. Competing in this two-day event ... the premier event on the senior curling circuit in Southwestern Ontario ... were teams from Sarnia, Kingsville, Glencoe, Forest, Kitchener, Wasaga Beach, Brantford, Ilderton, Aylmer, St. Thomas and London.

On Tuesday night, November 29, a banquet was held at Mocha Temple. The head table was piped in by Eileen Robertson ... her 16th year. A moment of silence was observed for fallen comrades while the piper played Amazing Grace. Last year's winning team from Aylmer ... Hank Davie, Emery Rowe, Don Hubert, and skip Joe Deryk ... was presented with the winning trophy by Sherene Davidson, granddaughter of Harry Sifton and proud mother of Jesse Davidson of "Jesse's Journey". LCC President Garry Thompson presented engraved silver trays to the winners.

In appreciation of 22 years of support by Sifton Properties Limited, Sherene was presented with framed pictures of Harry Sifton and a copy of the poem written in his honour by Gerry Dobrindt. The poem was read in true Scottish brogue by John Dickson.

The winner of the 2005 Sifton, Skip Jack McLean's team of the Brant Curling Club from Brantford, will be honoured at next year's Sifton banquet.

We thank Jack Judd of Executive Travel for his generous contribution and his many years of support. This event was a huge success thanks to the hard work of committee members Don McKay, Bob Hart, Stu McBride, Bill McFarlane, Bob Hyatt and Doug Hamather.

Don Dudley, Chairman

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THE POINSETTIA PROJECT



STAR SALESMAN

for this year's Christmas "Poinsettia Project" was Harry Sirna (left), whose sales totalled 59 of this year's 232 plants. Well done!



BY THE TRUCKLOAD!

Congratulations to coordinator Marlene Benny (shown here with helpers Bruce Cooper, John Benny and Marianne LaRose, left to right) and "The Elves" from the Daytime Women's Section. Profit from this year's "Poinsettia Project" was \$1,044.



Olympic Funspiel



The theme of the Saturday December 10th Funspiel was "curling countries of the world" and teams were encouraged to come as representatives of the country of their choice. The organizers of the spiel were Joan and Mike Bancroft, who then left for the country of *their* choice - Hawaii, leaving Pam Harrison, Faye Weiler, Sharon Sivak, Guiti & Masoud Kasrai and Duncan & Judy Hunter to actually run the spiel. Among the countries represented were Canada, the North Pole, Scotland, New Zealand (North and South islands), Italy and, of course, Jamaica and Mexico.

A challenging Olympics-based crossword, prepared by Mary Lois Cooper, was distributed during the lunch break between the two games. The first-place team of Fran & Gary Cruickshank and Jean & Ken Walmsley had first choice of prizes. The Shaw team earned last place and third choice of prizes and there were prizes enough for everyone thanks to the generous donations from Mark Chandler, Joan Bancroft, Rick Hofstetter, Masoud Kasrai, Bob Davis, Bruce Cooper, Pam Harrison, Sharon Sivak, and Ken Walmsley. There was a draw for a pair of curling shoes generously donated by Bob Davis and won by Fran Cruickshank.

The finale was a competition for the best representatives of their country which was clinched by Jamaica (the Battson Rink) for their wonderful rendition of "Don't worry, be happy".

Duncan Hunter



PHOTOS: Clockwise from top left: Skip "North Pole" watches (?) while Skip "Scotland" holds the broom; Team "Kiribati Republic", Team "Mexico", Skip "Scotland", and the prize-winning "Team Jamaica".

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR MEN

Welcome to 2006! In the last issue, we were just completing the Sifton Classic Bonspiel won by Al Piggot of the Brant Curling Club. Al says that he just loves coming to the London Curling Club (great ice), no wonder! And he'll be back to defend his title next year. Al and his rink have been here 3 times this season to compete in various Senior Bonspiels. According to Don Dudley, president of the Sifton Classic, it was another successful event (see Don's report on page 5).

Speaking of success, over 60 seniors attended the Christmas luncheon with 55 members curling. We had to make up 5-man teams so that everyone could curl who wanted to. An excellent lunch was served by Linda Arthur. Five of our seniors were awarded special prizes for their efforts in "The Closest To The Heart" contest ... Gord Rogers had the best effort with a toss that was 6" from the pin.

Friday January 6 we hosted "Tier 55" convened by Alec Curtis, assisted by Don McKay and Dick Kilbourne. Seven London teams entered: Nick Sauter, Bud Boyd, Bill McFarlane, Rick Allum, Jim Fitzpatrick, Roger Le Blanc and Chuck Townsend. It's been said that our curlers were good hosts.

Upcoming are the return matches for the Highland Friendly (February 7) and the Medcalf Trophy (date pending as St. Thomas is experiencing the arranging of ice time). This should be settled shortly.

We have had a report that Stu McBride is improving.

The Senior Men warmly welcome any new curlers who have joined our group this month, welcome aboard!

Dick Kilbourne

Friday Mixed Curling

Don Agnew

Here are the winners of the Second Draw:

- Flight # 1 --- Marc Claveau Team
- Flight # 2 --- Flo Kuchynski Team
- Flight # 3 --- Brent DuPlessis Team
- Flight # 4 --- Mike Bancroft Team
- Flight # 5 --- Ed Robinson Team
- Flight # 6 --- Andrea Child Team

Winners of the Crocheted Afghans were Sandy Bradford-Zavitz with first prize and Barry McCarthy with second prize. We would like to thank Jean Walmsley and Gail Agnew for their time and efforts in donating the blankets and allowing us to raise close to \$150.00.

"Mexican Fiesta Night", our main fundraising event for the year, starts January 20 and runs for three Fridays. No "potluck dishes" needed. \$15.00 per person. Native dress optional!!



Pro Shoppe News

Bob Davis

Your Pro Shoppe is humming right along quite nicely -- spurred, in part, by a great "sales" month of December. The clothing line is proving to be quite popular with the golf shirts, ladies vests, and jackets for ladies and men selling well.

Once again, many thanks to our sales associates for handling our promotion tables in December and for sharing their time and talent to assist club members.

Parting Shots

Half a season is gone!

NEW AT THE BAR ...we've moved KEITHS draft into our Blue Draft slot ... for the same price! KEITHS is the major sponsor for the Scott Tournament of Hearts from Labatt's.

Your friendly bar staff is "at your service" ... and we appreciate your patronage! If there's any way in which we can be of assistance, please ask.

Cassandra, Les and John



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ROCKIN' THE house tour!

On December 5 and 6, the London Curling Club was delighted to host Guy Hemmings, Jenn Hanna and Bill Tschirhart as part of their ROCKIN' THE HOUSE tour across Canada. Their presentations were both entertaining as well as educational. On Monday evening, Guy had an audience of about thirty curlers literally splitting their sides with laughter as he spun many curling stories from his illustrious career, without having to refer to one single note for his 45-minute talk. There was no doubt whatsoever how much he loves the sport of curling. His final words: "Curlers are the nicest people anyone could wish for". Later in the evening Bill Tschirhart, National Development Coach of the CCA, assembled a group of curlers on the ice for some hands-on-the-rock training.



On Monday, "Lunch with Guy Hemmings" was a quickly-sold-out event. After a delicious home-cooked meal of ham, cabbage rolls and a "Welcome" cake, Jenn Hanna delivered a brief address. Her youth, enthusiasm and personal charm were inspirational, especially with the Tournament of Hearts coming up in February. As was the case on the previous night, Guy regaled those present with curling stories, delivered with his own special style. This CCA "team" does a great job promoting the game we love.

TO the LCC's Fay Weiler (VP), Pat Bell, Lil Richardson, Shirley Vaile, Andrea Child and "Chef" Joan Cuthbert, and to all the others who assisted, thanks for helping to make this such a successful event! We raised \$900!

TO Guy's assistant, André Proulx ... thanks for the great photos!

TO Guy, Jenn and Bill ... THANK YOU ... please come again!

Nick Sauter, LCC



Photos clockwise from top right: "Guy", the Tuesday lunch crowd, Chair Peter Inch promotes the 2006 STOHL, interview with the "A" channel, and Head Table introductions by Fay Weiler (standing) ...seated from left to right are the CCA's Bill Tschirhart, Guy, Jenn Hanna, and champion wheelchair curler Chris Dawe. All photos courtesy André Proulx of the CCA.

WOMEN'S NEWS

reported by Sheila Novlan

A special thank you to the Elves of the Daytime Ladies Section who made the upper lounge appear so lovely for the **festive season**. Welcome to the following **new members** who joined the Daytime Ladies Section in January: Audrey Burt, Darlene Cowles, Lynn Foster, Marjie Martin and Janice Walker. Thanks to Linda Karl and Sylvia Leuszler for their **on-ice lessons**.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Daytime Ladies Christmas Party Marlene Benny

On December 14, 45 curlers and 8 guests enjoyed a day of curling, UNO in the lower lounge, lunch and entertainment. The order of the day was to have fun. Noise levels on and off the ice indicated our goal was met. After lunch we were treated to the incredible talent of the Meister sisters, Natasha & Sherri. They took us from Motown to a Jazzy Christmas. Their beautiful voices and strong instrumentals left us feeling euphoric. More than half of the group went home with prizes. Our collection box for products to donate to the Women's Community House was overflowing again this year. Your generosity is overwhelming to the staff at the shelter! Bravo.

My sincere thanks to the 5 "Santesses" who contributed their time and energy to make this an enjoyable event for all who attended. Happy New Year to all from Marlene Benny, Marj Dudley, Jean Glendenning, Carol Moir, Mary McGuigan and Mary Lynne Patterson.

D. Whittaker & Associates Event Penny Brown, Convenor and Lil Richardson, Co-Convenor

This event is generously sponsored by Diane Whittaker, one of our own members, and was played October 18 through December 13. Fifty six curlers participated: two teams playing the 11:15 am draw and the remaining twelve, the 1:15 pm draw. First place was won by the team of Lil Richardson (skip), Joyce Heatherington, Lois Wright and Cathy Townsend. Sandy Ronson presented the prizes to the winning teams on behalf of Diane. Penny thanks Lil for all of her support, ideas and great anti-pasta. Thanks also to Barb Gordon for helping with the final festivities.

The Carr's Event Eleanor Fair, Convenor and Phyl Galpin, Co-Convenor

Kay and Ron Carr, who have been generous supporters of the LCC for years, once again sponsored the Carr's Event. Eight teams participated from October through December with all players receiving a prize. The Trophy and the Carr's Pin winner was the Team skipped by Ruth Prentice - Karen Shearer, Barb Dalrymple and Cathy Townsend. Luncheon was served after the last game. Many thanks go to Co-Convenor, Phyl Galpin and our Kitchen Ladies, Lois Wright and Pam Harrison.



Kay Carr shares a tall tale!

UP & COMING

- Bernies Event** Jan 3 - Feb 7
- Women's Social** Jan 11 - Mar 15
- Senior Mixed Event** Jan 11 - Mar 15
- Grandmother's Bonspiel** Jan 18
- BYOP Event** Jan 26 - Feb 9
- Card Party Fundraiser** Jan 30
- Sweetheart Bonspiel** Feb 8

The Silver Hearts March 6-7

Curlers in our two-day bonspiel are reminded about the "entertainment" on Monday evening. Please "design" & bring a "Silver-theme" costume for one of your team members to "model" during our **WACKY** fashion show! Please include a "descriptive commentary" for our fashion hostess.

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interview

This is the fourth in a six-part series of articles in Rock Talk this season with LCC Members who are involved in the organization and planning of the **2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts**. Previous issues have introduced Pat Chater (Director of Volunteer Recruitment, Uniforms and Appreciation), Andrea Child (Director of Heartfest Activities) and Pat Steele (Director of Banquets and Receptions). This month we introduce to you Marg Sirna, a member of the LCC Board of Directors, who has two Directors positions with the STOH.

I am Director of Decorating and also Director of Information Booth Volunteers, two separate areas. Background: I started curling 35 years ago in Cambridge Ontario at the Galt Country Club. With young children, in a new location, it was a marvelous way to meet people. I also discovered it was harder and there was more to curling than getting the rock down the ice. When we moved to London, we joined the Ilderton Curling Club. I curled with a number of women there until I returned to school and life became too hectic, so we both took a leave from the curling scene. Eventually the love of the sport drew us back and at that time we joined the London Curling Club.

When the STOH was here in London before I was not able to volunteer and when I heard it would be here in 2006, I knew I wanted to be part of this exciting event. It is wonderful to be part of "Growing the Game" in London, Ontario.



Marg Sirna

Both of my Committees are under Hosting and I report to Vice Chair, Lorie Hill.

The Decorating Committee is responsible for the decorating at the banquets, the various lounges, such as the Scott Lounge and the Sponsor's Lounge, which are at the JLC, and the Heart Stop Lounge, which is the Ballroom at the London Convention Centre. We are also responsible to ensure that the flowers on the ice surface are always presentable for the cameras and that the many yards of heart case wrap is secure and neat.

The Information Committee is responsible for the Information Booths at the Airport, Hilton Hotel, JLC, and the Delta Armories. Their friendly, welcoming faces will greet our visitors and provide information on London. Visitors may want to find local entertainment, a bank, a Church, a special restaurant or even to go on a tour. Our Information Volunteers must be prepared to field questions, provide friendly assistance and get the answer, if they don't have it.

It is such a pleasure to work with those who have volunteered. On these two committees are a number of people who do not curl but chose to come out and volunteer, members of other clubs, and LCC members. I am grateful for all of them and thank them. I wish to recognize the following LCC members:

Information Committee: Linda Peeling, Harry Sima, Jean Walmsley, Eric Duggan, Mary Ellen Duggan, Doreen Jones

Decorating Committee: Pat Bell, Karen Lowry, Sheila Novlan, Joan Cuthbert, Rhonda Persichilli

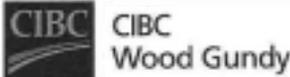
Valentine Party

Mary Lois Cooper



This year, the LCC Valentine Dinner will feature the blues and jazz of Carole Allison, accompanied by London's own Jayne Hysen on keyboards, and Al Taylor on percussion. Carole grew up in Trinidad where her grandmother's home was always alive with music. She emigrated to Canada in 1977, and since 1995 has been living her dream of being a full-time musician. She performs with several groups and many different musicians, and also does solo gigs. She has released CD's in both 2003 and 2004 of her original songs. Carole's voice is really intriguing, since it is unusually deep for a woman. She claims she's a bass when she wakes up in the morning, and then heads up the scale as the day progresses.

February 11th is going to be a hot night at LCC! Hope you've got tickets, as the event is already sold out. (If you'd like to see Carole's January bookings around town, check out her website at www.caroleallison.com).



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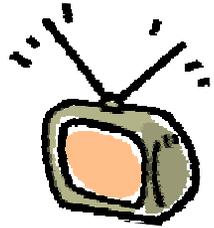
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TELEVISED CURLING COVERAGE January to April 2006

Here are the TV coverage schedules for upcoming national and international curling events. All Times are EST.
 NOTE: a detailed STOH schedule showing teams competing in each draw will run in February Rock Talk.



CANADIAN JUNIORS (Thunder Bay is EST)

Saturday, January 28 12:00 pm Women's Final
 Sunday, January 29 12:30 pm Men's Final

STRAUSS CANADA CUP (Kamloops is EST minus three hours)

Saturday, February 4 12:00 pm Women's Final
 Sunday, February 5 12:00 pm Men's Final

SCOTT TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS (London is EST)

(NOTE: Saturday, February 25th to Friday, March 3rd all afternoon and evening games covered by TSN. Saturday, March 4 semi-final and Sunday March 5th final are covered on CBC).

Saturday, February 25		2:30 pm	7:00 pm
Sunday, February 26	10:00 am	2:30 pm	7:00 pm
Monday, February 27 and Tuesday, 28	9:30 am	2:00 pm	7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 1	9:30 am	2:00 pm	7:00 pm (tape delayed, airs at 10:00 pm)
Thursday, March 2	8:30 am	1:00 pm	7:00 pm
Friday, March 3	8:30 am*	1:00 pm	7:00 pm

*if necessary
 Saturday, March 4 1:00 pm Semi-final
 Sunday, March 5 12:30 pm Final

TIM HORTON'S BRIER (Regina is EST minus one hour)

(NOTE: Saturday, March 11 to Friday 17, March all afternoon and evening games covered by TSN. Saturday, March 18 semi-final and Sunday March 19 final are covered on CBC).

Saturday, March 11		3:00 pm	8:00 pm
Sunday, March 12*, Monday March 13, Tuesday, March 14, and Wednesday March 15*	10:00 am	3:00 pm	8:00 pm*
*On March 12 and 15, 8:00 pm draws tape delayed, air at 10:00 pm			
Thursday, March 16	9:30 am	2:00 pm	8:00 pm
Friday, March 17 - No Tie-breakers		1:00 pm	8:00 pm
- If tie-breakers are required	9:30 am	2:00 pm	8:00 pm
Saturday, March 18		1:00 pm	Semi-final
Sunday, March 19			7:00 pm Final

FORD WOMEN'S WORLDS (Grande Prairie is minus 2 hours EST)

(NOTE: Saturday, March 18 to Friday, March 24, most Canadian games covered by TSN. Saturday, March 25 semi-final and Sunday March 26 final are covered on CBC).

Saturday, March 18		4:30 pm	9:00 pm
Sunday, March 19	11:00 am	3:30 pm	8:30 pm
Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21	11:00 am	4:00 pm	8:30 pm
Wednesday, March 22	11:00 am	4:00 pm	9:30 pm
Thursday, March 23	10:30am	3:00 pm	8:30 pm (tape delayed , airs at 10:00 pm)
Friday, March 24	10:30 am	3:00 pm*	9:30 pm
*3:00 pm draw tape delayed, airs at 6:30 pm			
Saturday, March 25		11:30 am	Semi-final
Sunday, March 26		12:30 am	Final

MEN'S WORLDS (Lowell is EST)

Saturday, April 8 2:00 pm Semi-final
 Sunday, April 9 12:30 pm Final

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UPCOMING LCC SPECIAL EVENTS

JANUARY

- 12,13,14 City of London
- 18 Grandmother's Bonspiel
- 21 Spring Thaw
- 30 Women's Card Party

FEBRUARY

- 7 Highland Friendly
- 8 Sweetheart Bonspiel
- 11 Valentine Dinner
- 15 Marj Carson Curl for Cancer
- 18 Business Women Bonspiel
- 25 STOJ until March 5



SPRING THAW

A great time awaits you at this year's "Spring Thaw"! The \$100-per-team entry fee includes two 8-end games (draws are 9 am and 11 am), donuts and coffee in the morning, a great lunch, and lots of prizes.

The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the downstairs lounge. For more information, contact Marc Claveau at 472-4294.

Please note the **NEW DATE** for the **McLaren Bonspiel**

We've moved the event forward to

Saturday, March 11th



and we look forward to YOUR participation in this mixed funspiel in support of the McLaren family education fund.

For further information, contact John Spetman, Dan Currie or Jason Larocque.

Schmirler Breakfast

Posters are up around the club promoting the sale of advance tickets for the Schmirler Breakfast, to be held on at 9 o'clock on Saturday, February 25, in the Heart Stop Lounge at the London Convention Centre.

Tickets are \$12, with net proceeds going to the Sandra Schmirler Foundation. Tickets are available through Diane Whittaker or Andrea Child - **not** at the club office or bar. Advance tickets are also available through the STOJ Event Office on Wellington.

The Schmirler logo is now "caring for babies in crisis." This year's beneficiary of the money raised via the Scott's is going to the London Neo-Natal unit of the London Health Sciences Centre.



"STOH" TRIVIA



Scott Paper has sponsored the Tournament of Hearts since 1982. From 1968 to 1971, and in 1980 and 1981, this national women's event was called the Canadian Ladies Curling Association Championship. The championship has had two other names ... one in place from 1961 to 1967, the other from 1972 to 1979. What are they? (Answer next month!)

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