

ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

February 2006

SCOTT TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS 1986 Memories ...



Rock Talk has been told that **120 London Curling Club members** have signed up as volunteers at this year's Scott Tournament of Hearts. Congratulations on such a great turnout! To all of you, and all LCC members who attend this year's STOH, Rock Talk presents a

... 2006 challenge!!

Please capture special memories of your 2006 "Scott" experiences ... either by photo (see the accompanying photo from 1986) or in words (a short anecdote or humorous story) ... and share them with our readers in the March issue. You'll find RT contact and deadline details on page 2.

Thanks to LCC member Karen Lowry for sharing this photo of the presentation ceremonies from the 1986 London STOH. The somber expressions on the faces of Team Canada members are evidence of their disappointment at losing the championship event to Team Dart, skipped by Marilyn Darte (now Bodogh). Members of Team Canada that year were Linda Moore, Lyndsey Sparks, Debbie Jones and Laurie Carney. Rae Moir was their coach. Karen Lowry was the team driver and is pictured here holding the flag. Former LCC member Jeanne McDonald was sign holder. Karen, Jean and dozens of other LCC members dedicated many hours of volunteer time to the 1986 STOH.

February is "Hearts" month!!

2006 STOH



We all look forward with great anticipation to the long-awaited **Scott Tournament of Hearts** from February 25 to March 5. In this issue, you'll find a special pull-out section (pages 5 through 8) which includes information about all the events, as well as lists of team members and a schedule to tell you when they're playing.

Valentine's Day



Stories about LCC **Valentine's Day** events appear in this issue on pages 4, 10 & 11.



LCC Bartender John Spetman is concocting a "**Silver Hearts Special**" cocktail (in alcoholic and non-

alcoholic form) for the Women's Daytime Division Annual Two-day Bonspiel on March 6 and 7. In honour of the 25th anniversary of Scott Paper's sponsorship, "Silver Hearts" has been chosen as the theme for this year's event. Members of the organizing committee extend to John their "heartfelt" thanks! (More women's news, page 11.)

Curling Business

Reports from your LCC Board of Directors

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BE AWARE of LCC curling cancellations during the STOH ... see Upcoming Events

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Introducing LCC Member **JACK PHILLIPS** Scott Tournament of Hearts Director



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Message from the President

Flags Many of you have noticed that the flags that once decorated the arena have been taken down. The Canadian flag is back up. There are no plans at the present time to re-hang any of the other flags on the sides of the arena, as they were taken down to make room for advertising.

High School Curling At the present time due to ice maintenance requirements (we require 1 to 1 ½ hours to prepare ice for the evening draws), the club cannot accommodate the request that has been received for high school curling in a late-afternoon time slot. Talks are under way to see if another time period would be acceptable.

Fence The fence problems are resolved! The club owns the property up to the barrier that runs along King Street. The city had an option to re-purchase that portion of the parking lot. However, the option expired in 1997 so we now have clear title. I have talked to the fence contractor and the fence will be installed in September prior to next curling season.

Thompson Arena Curlers We have received a few requests for ice time from curling leagues that are curling at the Thompson Arena, which is closing next year. We are discussing with them their needs to see if we can accommodate them next season.

Garry Thompson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: FEES AND MARKETING

Many thanks go to the Fees Sub-Committee members Dave Beckett, Marc Claveau, Doug Hamather, Joanne Laws, Guiti Massoumi, Sharon Sivak, Harry Steele & Fay Weiler for the depth of research, breadth of possibilities considered and fullness of discussion in preparing the proposed fee structure for next year.

The Board has approved a number of the recommendations including the elimination of gender distinction, retention of a reduced fee for senior members (age 65 & 15 years continuous membership), retention of social membership with encouragement to participate in off-ice activities, correction of the disparity between rental fees and membership fees, conversion of renters to become members, full use of ice by members, increased membership, etc. A more comprehensive report will be included in next month's issue.

There is a critical need for new club members. A Marketing Committee is being formed to prepare and immediately implement an aggressive marketing plan. Members willing to serve on this Committee please indicate that to Garry Thompson (President) or to any of the Board members.

Thanks for volunteering!

Guiti Massoumi

SECURITY

Parking lot security continues to be a major concern. Please do **YOUR** part by locking your car while inside the club, and ensuring that no valuables are in open view in your vehicle ... better still, leave your valuables at home. (This issue continues to be a major priority of the Board of Directors ... see the President's Message on this page.)

Our Sponsors are important to us!

The Board is in the process of having a special plaque made to honour and thank our Club Sponsors. We are all aware of how important these people are to us and encourage our members to patronize their companies. Publishing a list will make it easier for you to know who they are so you can do that.

For that reason, we need to make sure we do not miss anyone. We now have a complete list from the Day Women, but some of the other leagues are incomplete as yet. If you are aware of a sponsor who should be honoured, please contact me via e-mail at

marg.sirna@sympatico.ca.

Marg Sirna

Roster Additions
Names and phone numbers of members who joined the club in January and members who were missed in the October membership roster are included in a special roster addendum available above the Rock Talk "newsstand" in the main floor lounge.

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LCC in the SPOTLIGHT



LCC was approached by local Rogers sportscaster Scott Ross to do a piece on curling -- to promote Rogers coverage for the Kia Cup and to stimulate interest in the upcoming Scott Tournament of Hearts. Scott was essentially looking for someone to explain "Curling for Dummies – and what DO some of those crazy terms mean anyway!?" Who better to call on than LCC's own Andrea Child, pictured above with Scott. (The piece aired on the local Rogers channel during the evening news/sports coverage on Thursday, February 11.)

OPEN LETTER to ANDREA CHILD

February 2006

Dear Andrea,

It is with great regret that the Board accepts your resignation as our Club Pro. We would like to sincerely thank you for the time and effort you have spent in providing first-class training to both seasoned and novice curlers. We would also like to acknowledge the numerous hours you so freely gave to perpetuate this sport we all love. **YOU WILL BE MISSED.**

Best of luck in your new job and future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Garry Thompson, President

JUNIOR CURLING COMPETITORS

Coach Sue Beckett is proud to report that our Bantam Boys team of David Easter, Aaron Chapman, Eric LeDreff Kerwin and Mike Battson (filling in for the injured Curtis Easter) went through to the B final in the Zones, where they played a great game but unfortunately came in second. This is their best zone result to date. Sue assures us that we can look forward to seeing them curl in zones in the coming years!

Congratulations!

***NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE CURLER
for the SPIRIT OF CURLING AWARD***

This award is given annually to the man and the woman member of the club who exemplify good sportsmanship and skill. The selection philosophy reads as follows: "While the main object of a game of curling is to determine the relative skill of the players, the spirit of the game demands good sportsmanship, kindly feeling and honorable conduct. Curling is a game of skill and tradition. A shot well executed is a delight to see and so, too, it is a fine thing to observe the time-honoured traditions of curling being applied in the true spirit of the game."

The nomination forms will be found on the tables and wall rack in the downstairs lounge between February 15 and March 15.

Guiti Massoumi, Member Service Committee

CORRECTIONS

In January Rock Talk, we neglected to report that the profit on the December 10th **Olympic Funspiel** was \$1160. Mike Bancroft thanks everyone who worked hard to make it such a fun day, and to all those who participated.

Rock Talk reported in January that two of our youth curlers will participate as **Junior Stars** at the STO. Information about the STO teams they'll be accompanying has been revised as follows: Aaron Chapman will be with Team Saskatchewan, and Steven Pettigrew will be with Team Ontario.

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96th CITY OF LONDON Bonspiel

I've played in the City of London Bonspiel every year for the last 20 years or so, and without a doubt the 96th was one of the best. We had a full



draw of 24 teams as well as 2 new sponsors, Midway Plating and Casco. Their contributions, along with long-time sponsors London Life and MacMaster Chevrolet, gave us the ability to give the curlers a fabulous weekend. We had a lot of great food, gave away a bunch of door prizes and even increased the prize money. Feedback from the participants was all positive.

The winner of this year's event was the team of Dave Bergeron, Cam Murray, Rick Battson and Norm Ducharme (pictured above, left to right) from the London Curling Club. They beat Brian Tarvit's Highland team of Tony Mitchell, John Mullen and Dave Cummins in the main event final. Bergeron was up by 2 in the 8th but Tarvit had the hammer. Two centre guards blocked the 4-foot and Tarvit had one buried. With his first rock Tarvit made a perfect draw behind the guards to lie 2 totally buried. It not only looked like extra ends were a possibility, but it looked like Tarvit might even get a chance for the win. Bergeron looked at his options. He could have played a draw or tapped one of the guards back, but instead he decided to try the run-back. With his final shot Bergeron made an absolutely perfect raise double takeout to end the game! What a finish! Other events were won by the teams skipped by Mike Ross (Ilderton), Ken Baute (St. Thomas), Dave Mann (London), Mike Pearce (Highland) and Mike Koenig (Highland). We presented prizes to 16 of the 24 teams.

I would like to give my own personal thanks to my co-convenors Doug Crosbie and Ed Robinson, to my wife Dawn and Doug's wife Lynn for catering the reception and a special thank you to Ed's wife Frances for preparing lunch and helping out with all of the meals that we enjoyed over the weekend. Great job everyone!

Greg Lewis

Mixed Curling

Mexican Fiesta Night

Don Agnew



A special thanks to *Under The Volcano* and all those who supported our three Mexican Fiesta Nights. Half of the meal price went toward our planned purchase of a new dishwasher. The event missed our target of \$1,000 as 20 people were unable to attend the dinner. We did, however, raise \$868 while enjoying Sangria, great food and Mexican music. Be sure to use the Rock Talk ad coupon when you visit *Under The Volcano* and support their promotional efforts on our behalf.



LCC's 3rd Annual Valentine Dinner

Carnations, candles, mirrors, Linda Arthur's best-ever dinner, and the hot Jazz of Carole Allison - what better way to celebrate Valentine's on a cold February evening? Our sincere thanks to Ken and Jean Walmsley, Ken and Sheila Novlan, Mary Lynne Patterson -- who succeeded in creating the romantic dining room setting and atmosphere for this sold-out event ... and to Jean Glendenning and her fabulous team - Jean Cameron, Mary Fran Mahoney, Donna Wakefield, Karen Shearer, Lois Wright -- who made it such a great night for the everyone.

Jazz vocalist Carole Allison, with Jayne Hysen on keyboards and Al Taylor on percussion, turned up the temperature after 9 p.m. with cool renditions of jazz favourites, including the infamous "Chair" song. Sheila Novlan spoke for many of us when she said she knew the words for every song. Marlene Benny, our charming MC, declared she could hardly restrain herself from giving her hubby a great big kiss! Isn't that what Valentine's all about?

Mary Lois Cooper

PS: The profit for the club from this event is \$860!

Above (l to r), decorators Mary Lynne Patterson, Sheila Novlan and Jean Walmsley with Jazz Vocalist Carole Allison and MC Marlene Benny.

At right, Kay Wicks (l) celebrates winning the Genuine Valentine Clock (made by Bruce Cooper) with Carole and event organizer Mary Lois Cooper (r)





LONDON CURLING CLUB is pleased to publish this 4-page “pull out” section to provide our members with event information for the **LONDON 2006 SCOTT TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS**.
 NOTE: dates and times provided have been taken from official STOH programs as of February 15. We encourage you to check the STOH website at www.hearts2006.curling.ca for any last-minute changes of dates, times and activities.)

DID YOU KNOW ...

- ... that there will be a **practice for STOH teams** at the LCC at 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 23?
- ... that the London Curling Club will be hosting the **STOH PRO-AM** on Saturday morning, March 4? There will be ninety-six participants making up twenty-four teams. Each team will be comprised of one “Pro” from an official STOH team, one representative of tournament sponsor Scott Paper, and two curling “amateurs”, whose names will be randomly drawn from the pool of participant’s who competed in the Closest to the Hearts competition. Teams will compete in two short 2-end “mini” games, with the top four teams playing off for cash and prizes at the JLC following the semi-final games that same afternoon.
- ... that the regional finals of the “**Closest to the Heart**” competition take place at the St. Thomas Curling Club on Saturday morning, February 25? Jill Day and Mary Lynne Patterson advanced from the London Curling Club and will play off against other finalists from Southwestern Ontario for one of the eight spots to advance to the championship round, which will be played during the fifth-end breaks of the STOH semi-final and final games. We wish them good luck!

ROTARY RINK SCHEDULE

As RT goes to press, we’ll keep our fingers crossed that temperatures remain below zero and that curling on the outdoor rink at the London Market, opposite the JLC, will be a “GO”. Ice is scheduled to “go in” on February 18 and 19. Each morning, from February 20 to 24, there will be a “**Celebrity Kick Off**” at 7 am.

- On Monday, there are four teams in the Mayors Challenge. Anne Marie DeCicco, Jeff Kohler and Bev Shipley are all submitting teams. The fourth team will consist of Steve Peters, Deb Matthews, Khalil Ramal and Chris Bentley.
- On Tuesday, there will be two teams from the London Knights playing two teams from the London Nationals.
- On Wednesday, personalities from the A Channel will “face off” local radio personalities.
- On Thursday, the Canadian Wheelchair Curling Champions will play a team led by London Police Chief Murray Faulkner.
- On Friday, come on out and watch members of some of the teams participating in the STOH.

Club curling from February 20 to 24 takes place from 9 am to 7 pm each day. Local curling clubs have been assigned “days” as follows (LCC’s sign-up sheet is posted in the main floor lounge):

- St. Thomas Curling Club Monday, February 20
- Highland Curling Club Tuesday, February 21
- Ilderton Curling Club Wednesday, February 22
- London Curling Club Thursday, February 23

Curling on Friday, February 24, will be a mixture of all four of the above sponsoring clubs and may include a Rotary Club Challenge amongst the surrounding Rotary Clubs.

From February 25 to March 5, or as long as the ice lasts, we are inviting visitors to the Scott and members of the general public to come down and give outdoor curling a try. They can also participate in a “draw to the button” contest for daily cash prizes.

With thanks to STOH volunteer Wayne Grosvenor

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HEARTSTOP LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

The HSL officially opens at 7:00 pm on Friday, February 24, and will open at 10:30 am each day during the STOH. Food will be available for purchase and MC Stu Brown will keep everyone entertained.

On Friday February 24, to kick off the week of entertainment, the Juno-nominated band "Doc Walker" will perform at 10 pm with Royce Wilson opening the show at 9:00 pm. This is the only night at the HeartStop Lounge that requires a ticket. Prices are \$15 plus taxes and service charges and tickets are available at 1-519-488-1012 or www.ticketmaster.ca

Saturday February 25	5:45 p.m.	Midlife Crisis
	10:15 p.m.	Scott Idol Contest
	10:30 p.m.	Shania Twin
Sunday February 26	10:15 p.m.	Scott Idol Contest
	10:30 p.m.	BOBFM Video Dance Party
Monday February 27	10:15 p.m.	Scott Idol Contest
	10:30 p.m.	BOB FM Video Dance Party
Tuesday February 28	10:15 p.m.	Scott Idol Finals
Wednesday, March 1	10:15 p.m.	Audience Trivia and Games
	10:45 p.m.	Mason Dixon Band
Thursday, March 2	10:15 p.m.	Audience Trivia and Games
	11:00 p.m.	Shelly Rastin Band
Friday, March 3	10:30 p.m.	Audience Trivia and Games
	11:00 p.m.	Randy Bachman and The Carpet Frogs
Saturday, March 4	7:30 p.m.	Crystal Gage
	10:00 p.m.	Roy Leblanc Band (Elvis Tribute)
Sunday, March 5	11:00 a.m.	Dance Music of the 50's
	5:15 p.m.	Final Game Highlights

SCHMIRLER SUNRISE BREAKFAST

The 5th Annual Schmirler Breakfast will 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. Advance tickets are available through Diane Whittaker or Andrea Child at the LCC and at the STOH office on Wellington. Tickets will also be available at the door.



SCHMIRLER TELETHON

Dot MacRae

The Sandra Schmirler Foundation was created in 2001 by Scott Paper Limited and the Canadian Curling Association to help keep Sandra's legacy alive. Sandra was a remarkable woman who balanced her competitive drive in the sport of curling with her love of her family and her two young daughters. She was a champion in all areas of her life.

The mission of the Sandra Schmirler foundation is "caring for babies in crises through direct giving to neonatal care across Canada". This year, during the Scott Tournament of Hearts, the Foundation will host its 5th annual Telethon, which will raise funds for special projects in neonatal care through the Children's Health Foundation in London. The telethon will be held on February 25, 2006. With the organization of a telethon comes the need for many volunteers, at present numbering over 100. They come from the CCA Board, past and present; Scott Paper; the Sandra Schmirler Foundation Board; Friends of the Foundation from across Canada who, annually, volunteer their time; members of the 2007 STOH Organizing Committee; and representatives of the local community.

We have 40 incoming lines set up in the Scott Lounge at the JLC. Our volunteers will man these phones in three shifts, from 2:00 to 10:30 p.m. The telecast of the games on opening day, Sandra Schmirler Day, will promote the number (1-866-9-Sandra or 1-866-972-6372) to call to make a pledge.

New this year is the Club Challenge. Those who identify themselves as a club member will have their pledge assigned to their club's totals. The clubs with the greatest donation per club and per sheet will be recognized on TSN.

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AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS will be in

the HeartStop Lounge at the London Convention Centre

Date	Time	Team
Sunday, February 26	1:30 PM	ON & Y/NWT
	6:00 PM	PEI
Monday, February 27	1:00 PM	AB
	6:00 PM	NB
Tuesday, February 28	1:00 PM	MB & NL
	6:00 PM	NS
Wednesday, March 1	1:00 PM	BC
	6:00 PM	QUE
Thursday, March 2	12:00 PM	CAN
	6:00 PM	SK
Friday, March 3	6:00 PM	Team Kleibrink
Saturday, March 4	5:00 PM	ALL TEAMS

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Sessions will run from Sunday February 26 through Friday March 3 at 5:30 in the HeartStop Lounge at the London Convention Centre.

Date	Team
Sunday, February 26	Heather Houston, Diane Adams
Monday, February 27	TBA
Tuesday, February 28	Robin Wilson, Vera Pezer
Wednesday, March 1	Team Canada
Thursday, March 2	CBC
Friday, March 3	Team Kleibrink



STOH COMPETING TEAMS

- Team Canada - St. Vital Curling Club, Winnipeg
SKIP Jennifer Jones, THIRD Cathy Overton Clapham, SECOND Jill Officer, LEAD Georgina Wheatcroft
- Northwest Territories/Yukon - Yellowknife Curling Club
SKIP Kerry Koe, THIRD Monique Gagnier, SECOND Kelli Turpin, LEAD Heather McCagg-Nystrom
- British Columbia – Kelowna Curling Club
SKIP Kelly Scott, THIRD Jeanna Schraeder, SECOND Sasha Carter, LEAD Renee Simons
- Alberta – Saville Sports Centre, Edmonton
SKIP Cathy King, THIRD Lori Armitstead, SECOND Raylene Rocque, LEAD Tracy Bush
- Saskatchewan – Granite Curling Club, Saskatoon
SKIP Tracy Streifel, THIRD Ros Tanner, SECOND Kristen Ridalls, LEAD Andrea Rudulier
- Manitoba – Fort Rouge Curling Club, Winnipeg
SKIP Janet Harvey, THIRD Jill Thurston SECOND Cherie-Ann Loder, LEAD Carey Burgess
- Ontario – Fort William Curling Club, Thunder Bay
SKIP Krista Scharf, THIRD Tara George, SECOND Tiffany Stubbings, LEAD Lorraine Lang
- Quebec – Longue-Pointe & Lachine Curling Clubs
SKIP Eve Bélisle, THIRD Pamela Nugent, SECOND Martine Comeau, LEAD Saskia Hollands
- New Brunswick – Capital Winter Club, Fredericton
SKIP Andrea Kelly, THIRD Kristen MacDiarmid, SECOND Jodie deSolla, LEAD Morgan Muise
- Nova Scotia - Mayflower Curling Club, Halifax
SKIP Colleen Jones, THIRD Kim Kelly, SECOND Mary-Anne Arsenault, LEAD Nancy Delahunty
- Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown Curling Club
SKIP Suzanne Gaudet, THIRD Susan McInnis, SECOND Nancy Cameron, LEAD Tricia Affleck
- Newfoundland & Labrador - St. John's Curling Club
SKIP Heather Strong, THIRD Shelley Nichols, SECOND Laura Strong, LEAD Susan O'Leary

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LONDON, ONTARIO

February 25 to March 5, 2006

ROUND ROBIN, TIE BREAKER, PLAYOFF, SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL SCHEDULES

DATE	TIME	DRAW	A	B	C	D
SATURDAY	2:30pm	1	ONT vs Y/NWT	NB vs PEI	BC vs SASK	NS vs ALTA
Feb-25	7:00pm	2	SASK vs NB	QUE vs NL	CAN vs MAN	BC vs PEI
SUNDAY	10:00am	3		ALTA vs ONT	NS vs Y/NWT	
Feb-26	2:30pm	4	NL vs CAN	PEI vs SASK	NB vs BC	QUE vs MAN
	7:00pm	5	Y/NWT vs ALTA	CAN vs QUE	MAN vs NL	ONT vs NS
MONDAY	9:30am	6	NS vs BC	ALTA vs NB	ONT vs SASK	Y/NWT vs PEI
Feb-27	2:00pm	7	NB vs MAN	BC vs NL	PEI vs CAN	SASK vs QUE
	7:00pm	8	QUE vs ONT	CAN vs Y/NWT	NL vs NS	MAN vs ALTA
TUESDAY	9:30am	9	NL vs Y/NWT	MAN vs ONT	QUE vs ALTA	CAN vs NS
Feb-28	2:00pm	10	ALTA vs PEI	NS vs SASK	Y/NWT vs NB	ONT vs BC
	7:00pm	11	SASK vs CAN	PEI vs QUE	BC vs MAN	NB vs NL
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	12	BC vs QUE	NB vs CAN	SASK vs NL	PEI vs MAN
Mar-1	2:00pm	13	MAN vs NS	NL vs ALTA	CAN vs ONT	QUE vs Y/NWT
	7:00pm	14	ONT vs NB	Y/NWT vs BC	NS vs PEI	ALTA vs SASK
THURSDAY	8:30am	15	PEI vs NL	SASK vs MAN	NB vs QUE	BC vs CAN
Mar-2	1:00pm	16	Y/NWT vs SASK	ONT vs PEI	ALTA vs BC	NS vs NB
	7:00pm	17	CAN vs ALTA	QUE vs NS	MAN vs Y/NWT	NL vs ONT
TIE-BREAKERS:						
	One Draw		8:30am	FRIDAY	Mar-03	
	Two Draws		8:30am	FRIDAY	Mar-03	
			1:00pm	FRIDAY	Mar-03	
	Three Draws		11:00pm	THURSDAY	Mar-02	
			8:30am	FRIDAY	Mar-03	
			1:00pm	FRIDAY	Mar-03	
NO TIE-BREAKERS:			Three vs Four	1:00pm	FRIDAY	Mar-03
			One vs Two	7:00pm	FRIDAY	Mar-03
PLAYOFF:						
	1 TIE BREAKER DRAW					
	One vs Two		1:00pm	FRIDAY	Mar-03	
	Three vs Four		7:00pm	FRIDAY	Mar-03	
	2 TIE BREAKER DRAWS					
	One vs Two		7:00pm	FRIDAY	Mar-03	
	Three vs Four		7:00pm	FRIDAY	Mar-03	
	3 TIE BREAKER DRAWS					
	One vs Two		7:00pm	FRIDAY	Mar-03	
	Three vs Four		7:00pm	FRIDAY	Mar-03	
SEMI-FINAL:						
			1:00pm	SATURDAY	Mar-04	
FINAL:						
			12:30pm	SUNDAY	Mar-05	

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INTERVIEW

This is our fifth 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), Pat Steele (Director of Banquets and Receptions) and Marg Sirna (Director of Decorating and of Information Booth Volunteers). **Jack Phillips** is Director of Banking for the HeartStop Lounge.

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

Jack: June and I started curling at the Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club in 1963. We moved to London in 1965 and in 1966 we joined the London Curling Club. Over the years at the London Curling Club I have been the men's games chairman, a Director of the Club, a member of the Capital Improvement Committee and Finance Committee and chaired many club bonspiels. From a professional standpoint I received my Chartered Accountant's degree in 1953 while Employed with WM. C. Benson & CO, Chartered Accountants in London, Ontario. The late Gordon Benson, managing partner of the firm, encouraged June and me to join the London Curling Club. I joined Ford Keast Chartered Accountants in 1973 as partner in charge of administration and for a number of years I supervised the annual audit of the London Curling Club for Ford, Keast.



Jack Phillips

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

Jack: A few years ago a meeting was held at the London Curling Club to discuss ways in which the club could arrange financing to cover major capital improvements that had to be completed. I suggested that the club should consider bringing a major curling championship to the city. Subsequently a committee was formed to discuss this possibility with St. Thomas Curling Club, Highland Golf and Country Club and the Ilderton Curling Club. Subsequently a bid committee was created and a bid was put forward to the Canadian Curling Association to host the 2005 Olympic Trials or the 2006 Scott Tournament of Hearts. Because I was involved from the beginning I wanted to play a roll in running the event we were awarded by the Canadian Curling Association.

RT: *As the Director of Banking, to whom do you report and what are your pre STOH responsibilities?*

Jack: I report to Kerry Lackie who is the Vice-Chair of the HeartStop Lounge. My responsibilities are to direct the banking activities for the HeartStop Lounge and report the results of the operations to the CCA's Vice President of Finance. The Banking Committee is also responsible for the sales of tokens and tickets at the Heart Stop Lounge.

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 February.*

Jack: I have 48 volunteers reporting to me at the HeartStop Lounge. We have three groups of volunteers – banking room volunteers; token and ticket sellers working the floor of the HeartStop Lounge; and token and ticket sellers working out of 4 booths at the Heart Stop Lounge. I assisted the volunteer committee in recruiting volunteers for the banking committee. No one I approached refused to work on the committee and I want to personally thank all the members of the club who have stepped forward for this event. Our 'tasks' prior to the event are to assign the volunteers to the 3 work stations, prepare the forms and procedures to be used in the banking room and assist the event co-ordinator in acquiring the necessary supplies and equipment for the banking committee.

RT: *Your duties started in the Fall of 2005. What specific work will have to be done during the "Scott" week in February-March and when is your job officially completed?*

Jack: During the Scott week our committee will be working diligently at the HeartStop Lounge to encourage the sale of alcoholic beverage tokens and non-alcoholic beverage tickets. Our committee is a revenue generating committee for the Hearts and has a significant budget objective to achieve at the HeartStop Lounge. The Banking room volunteers will be controlling all the accounting operations and completing the necessary forms to control all aspects of the operation. My job will officially be completed when I prepare the final report for the Canadian Curling Association in early March.

<p>LONDON CURLING CLUB COMPETITIVE LEAGUE STANDINGS</p> <p>Miller League teams moving up: To Flight 1, Peter McKinley, Dave Beckett To Flight 2, Ron McLennan, Cameron Telfer To Flight 3, Ken Harper, Ken Novlan To Flight 4, Garth Kidd, Don Dool</p>	<p>Friday Night Mixed winning teams: Flight 1 --- Flo Kuchynski Team Flight 4 --- Doug Weir Team Flight 2 --- Brent DuPlessis Team Flight 5 --- John Sturgeon Team Flight 3 --- Don Dudley Team Flight 6 --- Chris Thompson Team</p> <p>President's League: Flight 1 top teams (of 12) - Bottom 4 teams move down to 2 Team Nicol, Team Desveaux, Team McLaren, Team Rawlings Flight 2 top teams (of 14) - Top 4 teams move up to 1 Team Witty, Team Hodge, Team Deane, Team Nickerson</p>
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SENIOR MEN

Dick Kilbourne

From the webpage of the upcoming 2006 World Curling Championship being played in Lowell, Massachusetts (approximately 30 miles northwest of Boston, MA) comes the following: "What Is A Bonspiel?" Bonspiel is a name that curlers use to describe an extended curling and social gathering. Mostly bonspiels are weekend events hosted by curling clubs all over the world. The term Bonspiel is a combination of the French "Bon" (good) and the German "Spiel" (play). The literal translation of "Bonspiel" is "Good Play". The web address is www.wcc2006.org/venue/events.asp.

The Seniors Men's executive has made up the dates for all of their events for 2006-7 so that the ice committee can arrange to approve and reserve the ice times for any bonspiels and events on our schedule for the upcoming year.

Highland Friendly: The second part of the home-and-home series was played at the LCC on Tuesday, February 7 with two 6-end draws followed by lunch. Unfortunately, as Highland had difficulty in arranging enough curlers to fill all 6 sheets for both draws, London was reduced to 5 teams for each draw. Next year we would hope to have a full complement of curlers or some adjustments may have to be made. London received the trophy back after an absence of one year.

The final results were:	Highland 42	London 54
First Meeting	<u>67</u>	<u>70</u>
Total	109	124

The **Sweetheart Spiel** was hosted by the ladies this year. We played an 8-end game, followed by a sit-down lunch, finishing with a 6-end game. The ladies, as usual, were gracious hosts. Most of our men missed a very special day and they are urged to take advantage next year to sign up for this event which will be hosted by us men.

Upcoming! The **Medcalf Trophy** at St. Thomas on Friday, March 10. The date is not our Tuesday for this event. St. Thomas has had problems reserving ice for this Spiel this year. They are going to reserve a date next year that is more suitable for our out-of-town bonspiel teams. London is going into the final part of this competition with a lead of 7 over St. Thomas.

Finally, the **Second Annual Senior Shootout** is being played on three consecutive Mondays, March 13, March 20, concluding on March 27 which is our "closing luncheon". See Doug Petch's article on this page for details.

All senior curlers are urged to sign and participate in one of the final events of the season. The prizes should be awarded at the "closing luncheon."

2nd Annual SENIOR MEN'S 'SHOOTOUT'

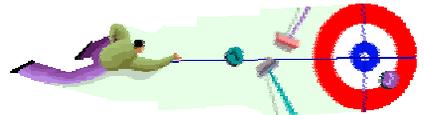
On three consecutive Mondays in March (13th, 20th and 27th), teams of senior men will vie for the title of 'Shootout Champions'. What is a 'shootout', you ask? Good question, and here is the answer!

Competitors will be drawn to teams by our drawmasters, as evenly as possible for talent, and these teams will remain together for all three dates. Each day of the competition, they will play against another team, and the winning team will 'earn' the right to throw rocks to the house to count 'shootout' points. Points are based on the closest to the button, with 1 point awarded for any rock touching or in the 12 foot ring; 3 points for a rock touching or in the 8 foot ring; 5 points for a rock touching or in the 4 foot ring; 10 points for a rock touching any part of the button; and 15 points for a rock fully on the button. Each team member throws one rock, which may be swept, and the skip may call the line. The opposing skip that day will judge the scoring of points.

These points are accumulated, and at the end of the three week competition, the team with the most points is declared the champion for 2006. Of course, each team will play a different team each day, drawn randomly, and therefore all teams will have equal chances to score points. Obviously, if a team wins all three games, they will have the best chance to score the most points.

Last year, the first for the competition, we had 6 teams entered. This year we would like to have 10 or 12 teams entered. Sign up sheets are posted on the Senior Men's Bulletin Board.

Doug Petch, for the Senior Men.



The Teasdale

We completed the first half of the season for the Teasdale Trophy Senior Curling league on January 12. The top three teams with the most points at this time are skipped by Jim Fitzpatrick, Jim Line and Ken Buchan. However, Ken's team has gone south for the winter, so a replacement team of Stan Hodge, Bud Boyd, Barry McCarthy, Dennis O'Connor and Pat Millar will finish the rest of the season so that we will continue to have 12 teams playing with no byes. The last curling date for this league will be March 31.

Ron McLennan
Convenor

Women's News

Reported by Sheila Novlan

January Card Party – Convened by Pam Harrison & Sharon Sivak: 82 Ladies made the January 30 event a success! A total of \$532.12 was raised for the dishwasher fund. Thanks to those who attended, provided card tables, donated food and prizes and helped in the kitchen. Your support and assistance were greatly appreciated.

Bonanza Event – Convened by Joan Cuthbert, Co-Convened by Ginete DeMarchi & Jean Cameron: This six-game, ten-team event wound up on January 19. Congratulations to the winning team of Cloghesy, Shearer, Harrison and Burt. For over twenty five years, Lorraine and Roy Simpson of Courtesy Meats have been the generous sponsors of this event. This year their daughter Jodi presented the Trophy and joined all for a delicious lunch. Thanks to all of the curlers who helped set up before and clear up after lunch. A good time was had by all – especially me!

Grandmothers & Over 50 Bonspiel – Convened by Lynda Reesor, Co-Convened by Dot MacRae: "It's a messy-weather day, therefore it must be the Grandmothers' Bonspiel Day!" Or so we heard many times that day. 96 curlers managed to battle through for a day of good friendship, food and, of course, curling. 16 out-of-Club and 8 LCC teams made it for two full draws. For the third year, Dundee Private Investors were our sponsors and were represented by Heather Greenfield who joined us for lunch, and presented the prizes. Thank you Heather! The overall Trophy winner was the Jeanette Pesall team from Aylmer. Peg Dean of Highland curled again with a team member in her 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's – we won't say who was which. "Grandma's Quilt" was the theme for the day, and curlers appreciated the display of quilts around the room and the miniature bedroom suites adorning the lunch tables. The prizes were also quilted items bought at craft shows and bazaars. Thanks to Dot and her team for their early-in-the-day arranging. Thanks to the wonderful team that served the snacks and lunch. The cheerful help of our scorer and consultant, Fay Weiler, was much appreciated.

BYOP Event – Convened by Barb Gordon, Co-Convened by Ruth Dutrizac 32 Curlers enjoyed the BYOP (3 week event) that ended Feb 9. As is the custom, skips names were drawn to select their team prizes. The rink of Diane McKenna, Pam Harrison Donna Millar and Barb Vitkauskas won all their games. Thanks to Jill Day and Moe Cloghesy for their fine kitchen help.



Bernie's Event – Convened by Joan Bidinosti, Co-Convened by Pam Harrison: This always-popular January event attracted a record 64 curlers. Six weeks of innovative scheduling ended on Feb 7 with lunch served by Bernie's Bar and Grill (lots of wings) and much revelry. There were

door prizes galore plus gift certificates from Bernie's for the top three teams. Janet Stenson and her team of Jean Cameron, Barb Lauchner and Marilyn Warner were the overall winners. Many thanks to Marilyn Wearing, Joan Cuthbert and the games committee for many hours of assistance. Check out Bernie's ad on page 6 of our directory – great food, great specials!

UP & COMING

Nash Event – February 14 to April 4

Marj Carson Curl for the Cure – February 15

Sheila Betkus 2-Day – March 6 and 7

No Name Event – February 16 to April 6

"Be a Sweetheart!"



Above are the "Sweethearts" who took part in the "Be a Sweetheart" event Wednesday, February 8. First place "sweetheart" winners were the team of Don Agnew, Harry Sirna, Bob Sivak and Marilynne Van Buskirk. Second place went to the Bud Boyd, Al Prentice, Mary Fran Mahoney and Doreen Carrothers. A special thank you to all the people who made the event a success.

Convenor Sharon Sivak
Co-Convenor Jean Cameron

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**UPCOMING LCC SPECIAL EVENTS
FEBRUARY**

18 Business Women Bonspiel
23 STO H Team Practices
25 STO H opening

MARCH

4 STO H Pro AM
5 STO H closing
6, 7 Daytime Women's Two-Day
11 McLaren Bonspiel
13 Senior Men Malahide
18 Elementary Bonspiel
27 Senior Men Closing Lunch
30 Sweeney Dinner
31 Casino Night, Mixed Playoffs

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Regularly-scheduled league events at the LCC are cancelled from March 1 to March 7 inclusive.

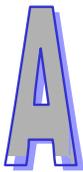
Wanted: Curling memorabilia

I'm looking for articles and/or pictures of my father Harry W. Peel, who was an active member of the London Curling Club sometime during the 1900-1940 period. He died in 1944 at the age of 65 when I was two years old. He was one of London's most prominent sportsmen and as a child I can recall seeing some awards he had won curling.

If anyone can help, please call me at 668-7120 or email info@peelvideo.com.

Thank you! Bob Peel.

Answer to the January quiz



The Canadian national women's curling championship, which dates back to 1961, was called the Diamond D Championship from 1961 to 1967 and the Macdonald Lassies Championship from 1972 to 1979. (In the intervening years, and up until 1981, it was called the Canadian Ladies Curling Association Championship. Scott Paper assumed sponsorship in 1982.)

**LCC 2nd Annual Casino Night
Friday, March 31**

Time 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm
Friday, March 31 at the LCC
(the mixed playoff evening).

Price \$10 for a drink AND food (pizza + nibblies)

Games As last April, there will be a roulette wheel, Texas Holdem poker, blackjack, balderdash (Suggestions? Tell Mike Bancroft or Dave Shaw!)

You'll find the sign-up sheet the week of March 6 after the Hearts.

**FOR FUN, FOOD and GAMES,
PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

Reminder:

McLaren Bonspiel

Don't forget to sign up for the McLaren Bonspiel

Saturday, March 11th

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.

275 Dundas Street - London, ON



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CURLING SCHEDULES: CANADIAN OLYMPIC TEAMS*

	MEN'S	WOMEN'S
Thursday Feb 16	8 am - Norway	3 am - Switzerland
Friday Feb 17	1 pm - Finland	1 pm - Norway
Saturday Feb 18	8 am - Italy	8 am - Great Britain
Sunday Feb 19	1 pm - New Zealand	3 am - Japan
Monday Feb 20	8 am - United States	8 am - Italy
Tuesday, Feb 21	Tiebreakers, if necessary, at 3 am, 8 am and 1 pm	
Wednesday Feb 22	Semifinals 1 pm	Semifinals 8 am
Thursday Feb 23		7 am Bronze Medal Game 11:30 am Gold Medal Game
Friday Feb 24	7 am Bronze Medal Game 11:30 am Gold Medal Game	

* all times are EST. February 13 - February 16 games completed at RT print date

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