

# ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

February 2007

## 97<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CITY OF LONDON BONSPIEL



The 97th Annual City of London Bonspiel was held from January 11 to 13 and was once again a great success. The organizing team this year included Greg Lewis, Doug Crosbie, Norm Ducharme and Marc Claveau. Special thanks also go out to John Spetman and Ken Walmsley who, along with the ice, housekeeping and office staff, worked hard to make sure this event ran smoothly and that everyone had a great time.

This year the City of London became an official **Ontario Curling Tour** event, a move that helped to bring some great teams to London for the weekend. The winning team was skipped by John Epping whose regular men's team leads the OCT money list this year with \$19,300 in winnings. Filling out his team for the weekend were Jason Young, Mark Bice and Rob Pruliere from the Sarnia Golf and Country Club, who also play regularly on the local cashspiel circuit. The winning team took home \$1200 for their efforts. They defeated the LCC team of Ean MacDonald, Dave Henrichs, Bill Cantelon and Sil Nadolin by a score of 6-3 in the main event final. In the semis Epping beat newly crowned Ontario Junior Men's Champion (and LCC ice staff member!) Ryan Myler 4-3 in an extra end. In his semi MacDonald stole 1 in the final end to beat Jim O'Marra of St. Thomas 5-4.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the presence of the Chinese Women's National Team who flew in from Edmonton to play against the men. Their main goal was to play well and gain more experience as they prepare for the World Championships in Japan next month. Team China won 3 of 5 games over the weekend, losing the second event final to the Daryl Shane rink from Kitchener Granite. Shane is a regular on the OCT with over \$5000 in the bank this year.

The other event finals were made up of London Club teams. In the third event Peter McKinley, Bob McKinley, Paul Purves and Brad Lowry defeated Dave Becket and his rink of Tom Zavitz, Dave Fraser and Jerry Thomas by a score of 8-3. The fourth event was won by Dave Mann and his rink of Kirk Massey, Chris Sherman and Bruce Thom. They beat last years champions, Dave Bergeron, Cam Murray, Rick Bateson and Norm Ducharme in 4 ends.

One thing is quite certain... with the leading OCT money winner, the Ontario Junior champs and a team that is heading to the World Championships all coming to play in the City of London, this event has made a huge step towards once again becoming the premiere competitive event that it once was.

**We can't wait for next Year!**

-Greg Lewis



Chinese Women's National Team

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**'IN SUPPORT OF JUNIOR CURLING'**





**Curl for the Cure Needs You!!!!**

I promised that I would see Curl for the Cure through to its 10th anniversary and my goal was to raise more than \$250,000. Well, the time has come for me to retire as Chairperson, as we celebrated our 10th anniversary last fall and during those 10 years, we raised \$250,605.46!

This annual event, which raises funds for breast cancer research at the London Regional Cancer Centre and donates to Wellspring, will commence a new decade this year and a new Chairperson is required. If you are interested in this very challenging and rewarding position, please contact me at 519-686-2559. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated!

Thanks to all those who have worked as Committee Members and Volunteers and to those who have supported this event through participation and donations of pledges and items for the Silent Auction, Raffle and Prize Table. With your support, this event has been extremely popular and successful. Thanks to You!

-Pam Harrison

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**Update: Combined Marketing & Fees Committee Meeting**

The following recommendations will be going to the Board of Directors on Monday, Feb 19, 2007:

1. Eliminate "couples" as a category. The category will be "member".
2. "Grandfather" the senior rate as of September 2008. (After that date, those in that category will remain, but no new members will be added.)
3. Retain the category, "Tuesday, Learn To Curl", solicit new members and welcome graduates from the program into the existing leagues.
4. Investigate a fee structure with a **Base Fee** for all participants and additional charges for the leagues in which they choose to play.
5. Address fees with the Rental Groups with the objective of encouraging them to become members. Offer a one-time incentive to Renters to become members. Move the Weekly Rental Groups to a 9:00 p.m. time slot.
6. Advertise for new members in the newspaper and in Spectrum.
7. Arrange for advertising to be on the premises again this year, during the Open House and Western Fair.
8. Advertise the last day of ice at LCC in April as a day to bring family and friends to Learn to Curl and enjoy the game. Provide some instruction, if needed.



Your advertising committee would appreciate it if club members would pick up copies of this business sized card (sample above) from the box in the lounge area, sign it and give it to our advertisers whenever their services are used.....

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## VALENTINE DINNER



It was party time at LCC Saturday night, as 73 club members gathered to celebrate love and friendship. The upstairs lounge was vibrant with the red of hearts, cupids and carnations.

Linda Arthur again outdid herself with a gorgeous dinner, followed by an inspired cherries jubilee. If you wondered why it was so good, her secret is lots of Triple Sec and Cherry Brandy.

LCC's own sweetheart, Karen LaRose, came from Toronto, with pianist Ian Green to serenade the night away. She has a fine presence, and her voice is haunting and lovely. We rocked through "Fever" and "When I'm Sixty-four", but everybody's favourite was "My Heart Belongs to Daddy", dedicated to her dad, Bob LaRose. We all felt very mellow by the end of the evening.

Special thanks to the committee who put the 4th LCC Valentine Dinner together - Ken and Jean Walmsley, Ken and Sheila Novlan, Bruce and Mary Lois Cooper. Jean Cameron headed the serving team of Donna Wakefield, Mary Fran Mahoney, Marnie Sherritt, Linda Karl, and Shirley Cutler. They looked wonderful, and were more than attentive. Thanks to Jan Murray who was standby. Thanks too to Mary Lynne Patterson and Marlene Benny who helped with the setup Saturday afternoon. A special thanks to Heather Greenfield who, as MC, kept us on track all evening, and who reminded us all to kiss someone special on Valentine's Day.

We very much appreciated the support of all the LCC members and guests, who once again attended the Women's Daytime Section's annual Valentine Dinner. Profits for the club were \$932.

-Mary Lois Cooper


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## Thursday Business Women's Curling League

London may be in a deep freeze but the Thursday Business Women continue to heat things up on the ice. Great shot making and good competition is what it's all about on Thursday evenings. As the season begins to wind down we are getting ready for the playoffs which begin on March 15 and run through March 29. The closing awards banquet is set for April 5 with catering provided by Chef Les Cooks! Tickets will go on sale in mid-March so stay tuned.

The Business Women's Bonspiel is on for February 17 organized by Jane Broughton and Crew. No doubt it will be a super day and we look forward to hearing the results.

And finally, it is with tremendous sadness that the Heinrichs' Team announces that Joan Hutton (lead and great friend) will be leaving us to pursue a tremendous career opportunity in Goderich in February. We have enjoyed playing with Joan more than word can say over the last 3 years and will miss her immensely. All the best Joan!!  
Good curling to everyone!!

- Beth, Colleen and Liz



## WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION NEWS

### **Grandmother's Bonspiel** (Dot MacRae, Convenor/Cathy Townsend, Co-Convenor)

On January 17, 96 competitors and club members were greeted at the door by Cordelia, garbed in a lovely purple dress, fashionable red hat and mink collar. She was fully into the spirit of "Red Hot, Red Hat Grandmas", the theme for the day! The club was adorned with all manner of purple and red hats, feather boas, table settings and posters. The prizes reflected the same colour scheme. The "over 50" aspect of the bonspiel was emphasized and in that vein, Marlene Suzuki and Mary Ellen Duggan, with bent wands, ratty tutus and saggy wings regaled the participants with "No One Loves a Fairy When She's Fifty". The trophy winner was our own Janet Stenson team, with Marilyn Wearing, Karen Shearer and Eleanor Fair. The winner of the second draw was Sharon Philpott's team from Sarnia, just one-half point behind Janet. Many thanks to Cathy Townsend, Co-Convenor, Ginet DeMarchi, Pam Harrison, Marj Moores, Ruth Prentice, Marlene Suzuki and Marilynne Van Buskirk, who worked tirelessly ensuring that our guests were well looked after. Also, a special thank you to Fay Weiler, who served as our drawmaster.

### **Bonanza** (Ginet DeMarchi, Convenor/Marlene Suzuki, Co-Convenor)

This six-week event commenced on December 7 and ended on January 25, with 40 women competing for the trophy. Unfortunately, Roy and Lorraine Simpson of Courtesy Meats were unable to join us for the luncheon and trophy presentation. The Simpsons have been sponsoring this event for over 25 years and we sincerely appreciate their involvement with our club. The curlers enjoyed a lunch of chilli, salad, punch, make-your-own ice cream sundaes and home-made cookies. Congratulations to trophy winners Sharon Sivak, Jean Cameron, Donna Millar and Beth Dagenais. Thanks to Co-Convenor Marlene Suzuki, Mary Ellen Duggan, Pam Harrison and all those who helped with the clean up.

### **Card Party** (Bev McDonald, Convenor/Linda Round, Co-Convenor)

Eighty women enjoyed the Card Party held on January 29. This event raised a total of \$595.68! A very special thank you to all those who donated food, prizes, loaned card tables and helped in the kitchen. Thanks to Co-Convenor Linda Round for her assistance and snowmen decorations.

### **Bernie's** (Pam Harrison, Convenor/Bonny Shawyer, Co-Convenor)

A total of 48 curlers participated in this five-week event during the month of January. Regrettably, Bryan Deeb from Bernie's Bar and Grill was unable to attend the luncheon and trophy presentation. Their ongoing sponsorship is sincerely appreciated. Congratulations to the trophy winners Betty Burrows, Carolyn Petley, Marj Moores and Gail Agnew, to the second place team of Janet Stenson, Shirley Vaile, Deanne Fitzpatrick and Sheila McSwiggan and to the third place team of Jean Walmsley, Sue Beckett, Eleanor Fair and Donna Millar. The curlers enjoyed a lunch of wings, veggies, punch and home-made cookies. Thanks to Co-Convenor Bonny Shawyer for her assistance and home-made cookies and to Sharon Sivak, Ginet DeMarchi and Carolyn Petley for helping in the kitchen.

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## WOMEN'S DAY TIME SECTION NEWS CONT'D

### **Skins Game** (Donna Millar, Convenor/Pat Bell, Co-Convenor)

Twenty four curlers participated in a Skins Game on Wednesday, January 31. Each curler was a winner, with some winning more money than others! Many thanks to Fay Weiler for exceptional score keeping, as well as to Sheila Novlan and all curlers who made this event such a success.

### **Sister City Spiel** (Pam Harrison, Convenor/Pat Bell, Co-Convenor)

On February 7, 44 curlers from the Aylmer, Highland, Ilderton, Ingersoll, London and St. Thomas Curling Clubs participated in the Annual Sister City Spiel. "Our House is Your House" was the theme and "Sisterhood" was celebrated. Prizes were presented to the winners and runners-up of both games. First place winners of the morning game were Mary Lou Dickinson (London), Elaine Foster (Ingersoll), Ruth Newson (St. Thomas) and Judy Crump (Ilderton); second place winners were Janet Stenson (London), Sandra Henderson (Ilderton), Marion McKenzie (St. Thomas) and Bev Lebell (Ingersoll). First place winners of the afternoon game were Judy Vardon (Ingersoll), Liz Tofflemire (St. Thomas), Carol Grosse (Ilderton) and Sheila McSwiggan (London). Second place winners were Sandy Ronson (London), Mary Beattie (St. Thomas), Mary Oliver (Ingersoll) and Judy Crump (Ilderton). Participants enjoyed a lunch of quiche, salad and chocolate mousse catered by Under the Volcano. Ruth McDowell from the Ilderton Curling Club won the 50/50 draw and in the spirit of the day, very generously donated it to "My Sister's Place" in London. Thanks to Fay Weiler for scorekeeping and for her decorations and hand-painted bird houses, which served as table centerpieces and draw prizes and to Pat Bell, Co-Convenor and Karen Shearer for their tremendous assistance.

### **BYOP** (Joan Cuthbert, Convenor)

Thirty-two curlers participated in the BYOP (Bring Your Own Prize) two-game event played on February 1 and 8. After the game on the 8th, a tasty "stone" soup was served with Portuguese rolls and fruit salad with ice cream. The curlers brought a varied assortment of vegetables for the soup and fruit for the salad. A fun day! A big thank you to the great helpers in the kitchen, Shirley Vaile and Pam Harrison.

Many thanks to Dot MacRae/Cathy Townsend, Ginet DeMarchi/Marlene Suzuki, Bev McDonald/Linda Round, Pam Harrison/Bonny Shawyer, Donna Millar/Pat Bell, Pam Harrison/Pat Bell and Joan Cuthbert for convening these very successful events.

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Carson Curl for Cancer**

Wednesday, February 21 at 9:00 am. Items for the Silent Auction and Raffle Table can be donated to Sylvia Leuszler, Convenor/Marj Dudley, Co-Convenor.

#### **Theatre Night at the Palace Theatre**

Thursday, March 1 at 8:00 pm. "Return Engagements" – A delightful comedy by Bernard Slade. Tickets for this fundraising event can be purchased for \$12 from Sheila Novlan.

#### **Sheila Betkus Two-Day Bonspiel**

Monday, March 5 and Tuesday, March 6. The theme is "Kiss I'm Irish". Participating and standby teams are posted. (Jean Walmsley's Team, Convenor). A Convenor is required for next year's event.

#### **Leads and Seconds**

Wednesday, March 28. Sign up between March 7 and 21. (Barb Dalrymple, Convenor/Sherry Chambers, Co-Convenor).

- Pam Harrison, Vice Chair



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## Evening Miller League:



## SENIOR MEN

The fourth and final draw for the season commences on Monday, February 12th. Game times continue alternating at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

Miller League Play-Offs will commence on Monday, March 26th at 5:00 and 7:00 pm. This year the Play-Offs are a single Knock-Out event involving all 22 Evening Miller Teams. Seeding will be determined by final position after the completion of the 4th Draw.

Daytime Miller Teams will enter these play-offs on Monday, April 2nd, following first round games being held on the afternoon of March 26th. They will play with the winners from March 26th. The winners of April 2nd advance to play on Tuesday, April 3rd. The Finals will take place on Thursday, April 5th at 6:00pm as part of the London Curling League Championship night.

### Shout-Out:

To Kevin Breivik (Head Ice Technician) who qualified along with former Miller Champs, Ken Baute and Ted Smith, for the TSC Stores Tankard (The Ontario's) in Sarnia, February 12-19th.

To Ian MacDonald and Ted Elwood for leading a LCC Intermediate Mens Team in getting through the zone playdowns. They are off to the Regionals at Dundas Valley on March 3rd.

On behalf of the Miller League.....We wish them all Great Shooting and a Great Time!!!!

### Quick Notes:

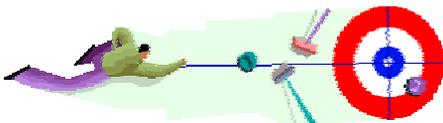
Elsewhere, you will read about the Open House and Brier Patch London events, being held on Saturday, March 10th.

We would appreciate the help of League members interested in assisting "Open House" guests "try" curling!!!

It will be a great opportunity for you to bring out friends and family interested in our game....then, stay for the party and show them the "social" part of curling.

### Hurry Hard!!!!!!

-Ken McKinley -Convenor



A warm welcome to our newest member, Terry Crawford, and the return of Bryan Crandles to the fold.

A memorial service was held on February 9th for our good friend and avid curler, Dick Lapp, who passed away on January 30th. As a result of the confusion experienced the morning Dick suffered his first stroke we have initiated a "voluntary" program whereby all members who supply the club with a secondary contact name and phone number will have that information entered into the computer at the club. We will only use your secondary contact if there is no response at your primary number. All information will be strictly "confidential" but could be vital should any of us require emergency treatment and a knowledge of allergies, for example, can not be quickly determined. For those interested please supply the writer with the pertinent data.

Second leg of the Highland Friendly was held at the LCC on Feb. 6th. Down 64 to 57 points after the first leg at Highland on Nov. 21st,2006, we played the "perfect hosts" and ended up losing the hard earned trophy from last season by a final score of 117 to 93 points.

On a more positive note the LCC members continue to garner top spots in area bonspiels. The team of Jim Fitzpatrick, Al MacLeod, Garry Cruikshank and Randy Southen finished a strong 2nd at the Tier 55 bonspiel held at the LCC on Jan. 5th,2007. Also joining in the winner's circle was Bud Boyd's team of Jim Lone, Doug Hamather and Bob Coates at the Tier 65 held in St. Thomas on Jan. 19th. Not to be outdone Chuck Townsend's team of Barry Montgomery, Colin Shipley and Bob Wakefield walked away with 1st place in the "A" flight at the tier 60 held in Ingersoll on Feb. 7th.

Look out "Kevin Martin" as Roger LeBlanc continues to build on his empire starting with a 2nd place finish in the "B" flight at the tier 55 held on Jan 5th at the LCC. He then followed that up on Jan 12th at Glencoe by not only winning the "B" flight but the overall as well in the Tier 55, ably supported by his team of Dan McInnes, Garry Thompson and Bob Davis. And he was still not finished as he won the Tier 55 Stick Spiel in Aylmer on Jan. 30th with his team of Don Dudley, Marjorie Dudley and Dave Wilson. On Jan 31st he led his team of Garry Thompson, Bob Davis and Dan McInnes in victory in the Tier 60 at Ridgetown. Just to prove his success was not a fluke he took 1st place in the "B" flight at the Tier 60 in Ingersoll, Feb. 7th, assisted by his team of Garry Thompson, Bob Davis and Dan McInnes. All in all, not a bad month's effort.

Remember---"Minds are like parachutes!! They only function when they are open!

-Bob Hyatt, President

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## WHY ENTER A BONSPIEL

Many curlers are reluctant to enter bonspiels, as they fear losing and the humiliation associated with losing. My first curling experience (many, many years ago!) was a bonspiel. I had never curled before, and curled 3 eight-end games!!! We curled and socialized (in no particular order), then we had dinner, drinks and prizes, and then ---- they had a DANCE!!! I could not believe it, but went along with everything, because it was fun. After that bonspiel, I had difficulty walking for several days. Did we win? I don't know -- who cares? We all had so much fun! I signed up for curling the next fall.

There are three types of bonspiels -- a "funspiel", where the main goal is to have fun, a bonspiel that is more competitive, but you still have fun, and the more serious bonspiels where the really competitive players curl.

Any time a "fun bonspiel" is announced, everyone is welcome to sign up. Many bonspiels either provide prizes for everyone, or a "raffle table" where participants can buy tickets and win prizes. At the very least, we have two games of curling, and meet new people.

In December 2006, Mary Ellen Duggan and I traveled to Dundas, Ontario, to the Dundas Granite Business Women's Invitational Bonspiel. We were not invited to this bonspiel because we're good; we're invited because we like to have FUN!!! (Also, it's my sister's curling club!!!)

Last year, our full team -- Mary Ellen Duggan, Guiti Massoumi, Rose Kuchynski, and myself participated in the Dundas Granite Bonspiel, and placed fourth out of sixteen teams.

This year (2006), as Rose and Guiti were unable to attend, Mary Ellen and I were lucky to receive two players from the Dundas Granite Club -- Nellie and Lorraine. AMAZINGLY -- WE WON THE BONSPIEL!!!! (I'll be happy to tell anyone who asks me how we won it!!!) \*\*

We are not the best curlers on the planet. However, at any given time, in any given place, any curling team can beat another team

-Marnie Dickout

**\*\*Editor's Note: I asked and this is the answer!-** I had to draw to the button after the game was all tied up in the eighth end - it was on a rink of four sheets, all other sheets had finished - there were a lot of people looking at us through the glass.

I had already drawn two shots - one that made it, and one not quite enough - the front end swept almost all the way down the sheet. When the rock hit the button, everyone from behind the glass was cheering, my team was cheering and jumping up and down - it was quite exhilarating. I think the other team was a bit deflated, and their rock slid through the house.

I knew we won the game, but didn't know we'd won the spiel until a bit later.'

## OCA REPORT



### Juniors/Bantams

Bantam regionals were held at the Chatham Curling Club on January 20. LCC was represented by David Easter, Aaron Chapman, Eric LeDreff-Kerwin, Curtis Easter and Warren Carpani. The boys played extremely well and were competitive against both the Exeter Team and Dundas Valley C.C.

The game against Mackenzie from Dundas Valley was particularly exciting as Team Easter was competing against a much older and experienced team. The game opened with Team Easter stealing points in the first & second ends to take a 3-0 lead, putting a great deal of pressure on the older boys. At one point David was facing 5 rocks in the 4th end but managed a triple takeout with the hammer to minimize the points stolen. Well done, guys!

We are now looking forward to Mixed Zones taking place at Highland on the Weekend of February 24. Good luck to our mixed bantam team - Team Cuddie, Junior team - Team Grasby and to other junior curlers in the club who will be playing with other teams from our area.

### Mixed (Men & Women)

Ean MacDonald, Beth Heinrichs, David Heinrichs and Bonnie Arnold have entered the Investors Group Mixed Zones on February 23-25th at Chatham Granite Club. Good Curling!!!

### Men

Ean MacDonald and his team, including Ted Ellwood and two Woodstock men, won the "B" side of the Best Western Intermediate Zones and will be representing LCC at Regionals on March 3 & 4th at Dundas Valley Golf & Curling Club. Our very best wishes as you prepare for your next competition...Good Luck!

Check the OCA website for information.

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-Sylvia Leuszler, Teresa Easter & David Peeling

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LONDON CURLING CLUB SPRING THAW MIXED BONSPIEL

**9AM Winners**



-Bob McKinley, Leslie Baker, Ken McKinley, Helena McKinley

**11:15am Winners**



-Brian Arnold, Terry Moore, Sue Moore, Sue Arnold

London Curling Club's "Spring Thaw" happened on Saturday, January 27th, with 2 complete Draws. The curlers enjoyed 2 games, breakfast, lunch, and snacks, as well as prizes for every curler.

While some teams "enjoyed" the curling more than others, all participants expressed their appreciation of the fun atmosphere, good food and great prizes.

Several out-of-club teams participated and hopefully will spread the word that we have fun "Mixed Bonspiels". A number of Tuesday night "Learn to Curl" members also participated, thanks to the work of the Convenor, Marc Claveau, who put together several teams. Now that these people know a little more about the fun they can have, we are confident that they will be full members next year. A special "Thank You" to the club members who so generously gave their time and expertise so these people could be a part of the day.

The profit from the day will go towards the Capital Fund.

Thanks to the people who organized and planned the day...Marc Claveau, Convenor, Lunch Specialists, Heather & Richard Greenfield, Scorekeeper, Fay Weiler, Don Agnew, Marg & Harry Sirna

These were the winners of the Draw:	Grey Women's jacket	Ken Walmsley
	Blue vest	Marshall Meyers
	Black turtleneck	Gary Cruikshank
		Mark Van Den Bosche
	Men's mitts	Marshall Meyers



**Afternoon Miller League**

After a very successful round robin we are now into the second round of play in the league.

Our first playoff game will be on March 26 with team 1 playing team 6, 2 playing 7, etc. Playoffs will be a single game knock-out. Our top 5 remaining teams (based on the total season's play) will advance to meet with the evening Miller players. 2 of our teams will go into flight A and 3 teams will go into flight B.

We will continue with evening play on April 2 and 3rd with the championship game on Thursday, April 5th.

-Bruce Cooper, convenor

**MORNING SMILE!**

Why did the cookie go to the doctor?  
Because he was feeling crummy!  
-KB

## TSC STORES TANKARD



Kevin Breivik

This is a very exciting week of Curling for the Jim Lyle Team from St Thomas and for Kevin Breivik, skilled Icemaker for the London Curling Club.

The teams playing this week in Sarnia are competing for Ontario provincial honours and the privilege of meeting other provincial finalists in Hamilton at the Brier, March 3-11. The St. Thomas team consists of Jim Lyle (Skip), Kevin Breivik (Third), Ken Baute (Second), Ted Smith (Lead) and Peter Hayman as 5th player.

As Rock Talk goes to press, with play in Round 5, the Lyle team is 3-1 in the standings. Watching this team the last few days has been to observe some excellent shot making. It has been mentioned in the press that these are "experienced" curlers, both in age and experience. Referred to as one of the older teams in the competition, they are proving that with experience comes the ability to concentrate on the shot at hand, not the one that has gone by.

We at London Curling Club are proud of Kevin and his team mates and we are eagerly watching the games and checking the results. Our Best Wishes go out to the Team, because curling surely is a Team sport. Good Games! Good Curling!

## FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED

Team standings for the Friday Night Mixed League third draw are:

Flight #1 Winner --- Jim Fitzpatrick Team  
 Flight #2 Winner --- Barry McCarthy Team  
 Flight #3 Winner --- Doug Weir Team  
 Flight #4 Winner --- Al MacLeod Team  
 Flight #5 Winner --- Bob LaRose Team  
 Flight #6 Winner --- Jack Nichol Team

We are now in the Fourth and final draw. I will be away in March but Richard Greenfield has offered again this year to organize our Mixed Playoff for the weekend of March 23. Our season ends March 24. Playoff sign up sheets will be posted.

I have enjoyed being your Friday Night Mixed convenor for the last five years. Nancy Myers has offered to assume this function for next season. Be sure to register for the league early next Sept. to ensure your position.

-Don Agnew

## TEASDALE SENIOR LEAGUE

The second half of the season began on February 1st. the league has been split into two divisions according to the points accumulated from the first half of the season.

Division A has nine teams and Division B has four teams. Since there only eight curling dates left, each team will have a bye during the final eight curling dates.

Total points from the first half and second half will determine the Teasdale League Champion.

The top five teams from the first round are of play are: McLennan- 32 points, McInnes -27, Townsend -26, Buchan - 26.

### "AROUND THE HACK"

-Congratulations go to the ever enthusiastic curler Bud Boyd who celebrated his 80th birthday on January 14th.

-We wish Dave Foster a speedy recovery from his surgery.

-Arnie Easter continues to recover from his illness and we hope to see him back curling before the season ends.

-Mike Bancroft has his corn broom for 'sale'. Check out the price & condition of the 'relic' in the lounge!

--Ron McLennan - Convenor

## AROUND THE HOUSE



Recent bumper sticker seen in the parking lot---  
 "OVER 50. BEEN THERE. DONE THAT. CAN'T REMEMBER.

**CURLING TELEVISION SCHEDULE**

**2007 Scotties Tournament of Hearts**

February 17-25  
Lethbridge, Alberta

February 17 TSN 2:30pm - Draw 1  
Coverage continues everyday on TSN at various times.  
February 24 CBC Sports 2:30pm - Semi-Final  
February 25 CBC Sports 1:30pm - Final

**2007 Tim Horton Brier**

March 3-11  
Hamilton, Ontario

March 3 TSN 2:30pm - Draw 1  
Coverage continues everyday on TSN at various times.  
March 10 CBC Sports 2:30pm - Semi-Final  
March 11 CBC Sports 6:30pm - Final

**2007 Strauss Canada Cup of Curling**

March 13-18  
Kamloops, British Columbia

March 17 CBC Sports 2:30pm  
March 18 CBC Sports 1:30pm

**2007 Ford World Men's Curling Championship**

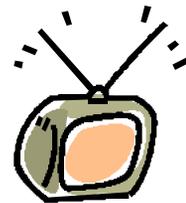
March 31-April 8  
Edmonton, Alberta

March 31 TSN 2:30pm - Draw 1  
Coverage continues everyday on TSN at various times  
April 7 CBC Sports 12:30pm - Bronze Medal Draw  
April 8 CBC Sports 1:30pm - Gold Medal Draw

**Television Viewing Ratings for February 12**

EVENT	NETWORK	VIEWERS
Basketball	TSN	247,000
Soccer	Sportsnet	77,000
Soccer	Sportsnet	162,000
Soccer	Sportsnet	105,000
<b>Curling*</b>	CBC	360,000
Skiing	CBC	172,000
Golf.	TSN	84,000
Hockey	Score	47,000
Football.	Sportsnet	72,000
Hockey.	CBC	1.65 million
Auto racing.	TSN	158,000
Basketball.	Score	98,000
Hockey.	CBC	750,000
Golf.	TSN	174,000
<b>Curling*</b>	CBC	309,000
Skiing.	CBC	165,000
Junior hockey..	Sportsnet1	22,000

**We all like to watch curling on TV!!!**



**Brier Games Schedule**

Date	Time (ET)	Draw	A	B	C	D
Mar 3	2:30pm	1	QUE vs SASK	NS vs ONT	BC vs ALTA	NB vs Y/NWT
	7:00pm	2	ALTA vs NB	NL vs MAN	PEI vs N.ONT	QUE vs ONT
Mar 4	9:00am	3	PEI vs BC	Y/NWT vs QUE		
	2:30pm	4	NL vs PEI	N.ONT vs ALTA	ONT vs MAN	SASK vs NS
Mar 5	7:00pm	5	BC vs Y/NWT	NB vs SASK	NS vs NL	MAN vs N.ONT
	9:00am	6	SASK vs ALTA	ONT vs NL	N.ONT vs BC	Y/NWT vs PEI
Mar 6	12:30pm	7	PEI vs QUE	MAN vs Y/NWT	ALTA vs ONT	NS vs NB
	7:30pm	8	NB vs N.ONT	BC vs NS	QUE vs MAN	NL vs SASK
Mar 7	9:00am	9	QUE vs NS	Y/NWT vs N.ONT	ONT vs SASK	NB vs MAN
	2:30pm	10	N.ONT vs NL	NS vs ALTA	MAN vs PEI	SASK vs BC
Mar 8	7:30pm	11	ALTA vs Y/NWT	NL vs QUE	BC vs NB	PEI vs ONT
	9:00am	12	ONT vs NB	SASK vs MAN	NS vs N.ONT	ALTA vs NL
Mar 8	2:30pm	13	MAN vs BC	NB vs PEI	NL vs Y/NWT	N.ONT vs QUE
	7:00pm	14	PEI vs SASK	BC vs ONT	QUE vs ALTA	Y/NWT vs NS
	9:00am	15	NS vs MAN	ALTA vs PEI	NB vs NL	BC vs QUE
Mar 8	2:30pm	16	NL vs BC	QUE vs NS	SASK vs Y/NWT	ONT vs N.ONT
	7:30pm	17	Y/NWT vs ONT	N.ONT vs SASK	PEI vs NS	MB vs ALTA

# **OPEN HOUSE & BRIER PATCH LONDON**



**On March 10th the London Curling Club is having an  
OPEN HOUSE at 11am followed by  
a BRIER PATCH LONDON Celebration.**

**The OPEN HOUSE is for everyone! Bring your  
friends, family, neighbours - young and old -out to  
try our game. There will be help for those who have  
never curled.**

**At 2pm the BRIER PATCH LONDON festivities begin.  
There will be BIG TV at the club for your viewing  
pleasure of the Brier Semi-final.**

**Tickets for the BRIER PATCH LONDON are \$5 which  
includes a drink of your choice.  
Food will be available.**

**Get involved in the pool based on the total scores of  
the game!!!**

**Plus 8 free draws for half hour lessons at VIRTUAL  
GOLF will be drawn during the afternoon!!!  
You must be present to win!**

**'IN SUPPORT OF JUNIOR CURLING'**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY---**

- 3 Rolling Stones Bonspiel
- 6 Highland Friendly
- 7 Women's Sister City
- 10 Shriners Bonspiel
- LCC Valentines Dinner
- 14 Sweetheart Spiel
- 17 Business Women LCC Bonspiel
- 21 Carson Curl for Cancer Bonspiel
- 24 TVCL Bonspiel
- 27 Club closed for Maintenance
- 28 Club closed for Maintenance until

5PM

**MARCH---**

- 3 Curl Mania Bonspiel
- 5-6 Women's Two Day Bonspiel
- 7-8 Grand Masters Zone 1 -Senior Men
- 10 Open House & Brier Patch London
- 24 Mixed Playoffs
- 31 St Joseph's H.C. Bonspiel



**PRO SHOPPE REPORT**



The Pro Shoppe will have a display set up beginning Monday February 19th. and running through Friday February 23rd. It is hoped this effort will further reduce our carrying inventory for the upcoming Spring and Summer months.

From now until the end of this curling season, all sales of in-stock golf shirts will enjoy a **\$5.00 discount**. This covers only in-stock golf shirts and while supplies last.

At this time, we are not planning on ordering additional inventory but will continue ordering items on a "sold" basis only. Presently, we still have most items including clothing lines in stock.

For all your curling needs, please support *your* Pro Shoppe.

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