

ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

March 2008

Valentine Dinner 2008



This year, we had lots of sweethearts at the LCC Valentine Dinner, but two very special ones - Jean Walmsley and Gail Agnew, both of whom spent recent months in hospital. It was inspirational to have them there.

We all enjoyed great company and appetizers, followed by Linda Arthur's 4-course dinner. Jean Cameron headed up the serving team of Mary Fran Mahoney, Donna Wakefield, Linda Karl, Mamie Sherritt and Jan Murray. Pat Bell was standby.

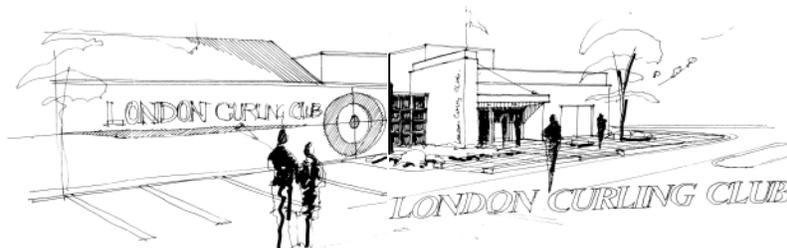
Many thanks to these women, two of whom (Mary Fran & Donna) have served 4 years in a row. Bruce Cooper was Master of Ceremonies, Marg Sirna brought greetings from the Board, and Barb Dalrymple offered Grace.

Gina Farrugia and Bryan Gloyd serenaded us with cool jazz later in the evening. Highlights were "Jean" dedicated to Jean Walmsley, and "My Funny Valentine" dedicated to Gail Agnew.

Many thanks to the organizing committee of Sheila & Ken Novlan, Ken & Jean Walmsley, Bruce & Mary Lois Cooper. Marg Sirna and Marj Dudley sold tickets this year. Marlene Benny, Mary Lynne Patterson, Marg Fliss & Sharon Sivak greatly facilitated the Saturday-afternoon setup.

Mary Lynne Patterson also won the mahogany clock, made by Bruce Cooper, and Harry Steele won the large box of Gudrun fine Belgian chocolates, donated by Doreen Jones. Special thanks to Bruce & Doreen.

We appreciate the support of those LCC members who were able to attend this year. Profits for the club were \$613.



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The Curling Season is very rapidly coming to a close. I hope that it has been a great time for you with keen competition, good sportsmanship, and wonderful friendships.

This spring, as you pack away your curling gear and dust off your golf clubs to hit the fairways, some of the maintenance projects, which cannot be done during curling season, will be started.

Our building has just received a "Clean Bill of Health" from the Structural Engineering Company, Hastings & Aziz. We are required to have a full inspection every five years, which they have completed. We can now move forward with confidence to do the necessary work to improve the appearance of our facility.

The board is in the process of obtaining quotes for the work on the arena walls as well as the exterior of the building. This is all work that must be done in good weather.

Working together we will make the atmosphere and surroundings a compliment to the enthusiastic membership of LCC.

Marg Sirna

Around The House



Our volunteers continue to perform many "chores" around the house and if you were at the club last Sunday, you would have seen an army in action as they transformed the club into a "Canadiana" haven.

The "paint crew" has painted the back hall and attempted to patch some of the worst of the damaged areas. A complete paint job will need to be done in the future..

As you read in the last Rock Talk, we had some Fire Department violations. We are very appreciative of the extensive work by Wink DuBrule and Bill Easton to complete the required paperwork and bring us into compliance. Thank you Wink and Bill!

As you know, our Club Manager Ken Walmsley is retiring. He will hopefully have more time to curl next year.

Ken's people skills are evident in the pleasant atmosphere he has created at the club. He has always recognized that London Curling Club is a private member's club and nurtures that attitude in all employees. He has developed some excellent practices for training new staff so that they are aware of Club expectations and given some tools to assist them in meeting those expectations.

Ken has accomplished much in records and practice in the time that he has been at the helm of our club. He has developed some excellent records, which will be invaluable to his successor. For example, the process for Interim Managers that he has developed is incredibly smooth, and he works behind the scenes to keep it that way.

The members of the Board of Directors wish at this time to publicly thank him for the great job he has done and also to recognize and thank him for the many extra volunteer hours that he puts in. It is a "24 hour" Part Time job. Thanks Ken!





**Annual General Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m.**



**Saturday, March 15
London Curling Club's
BRIER FEST'08**

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MARCH OCA REPORT

Juniors/Bantams – Teresa Easter

LCC had two teams representing the club this year at Bantam Zones - Team 1 (Zachary Seguin, Heather Aipperspach, Russell Cuddy & Ciara Jensma) and Team 2 (Aaron Squires, Kate Spanton, David Easter & Ailsa Leitch). There were nine teams in total.

Both teams had a great start on Friday night, both coming out as BIG winners. The next draw unfortunately had both our teams playing against each other and Team 2 came up as the winners.

Team Seguin played again on Sunday morning and was defeated. However, for being the youngest team there, they played super and showed some great shot-making skills as well as solid strategy (thanks to coach Cuddy).

Team Squires played in the A final and took the Chatham rink (with current provincial champions) to an extra end. Alas, it came down to last rock and LCC were into the B Final within the hour of finishing facing Brian Scott's team from Sarnia. Again, it came down to last rock in the 8th end (tied), Squires made a beautiful shot to control the house, but Scott came up with a great shot to score and win the B side.

Special mention to Madeline who played Juniors with Chris Liscumbe. Junior winners were Travis Fanset (A) and Jordan Ariss (B).

It was a great weekend and the players enjoyed catching up with previous team mates and friends. Look out for next year!! We'll all be older, stronger & wiser!

Women

Congratulations are extended to Candis MacDougall's team of Jayne Broughton, Elaine Nadalin and Bonnie Arnold who won B side at Intermediate Women's Zone playdowns at the Chatham Granite Club February 1-3, 2008.

The team advanced to Regionals in Palmerston March 1-2, 2008 where they made it to the B side Semi. Even though they had only curled together in three previous games, what a great club spirit they had. They lost the first game, and dropped down to B side and made a recovery and to win the second game on Saturday. Early on Sunday, playing Woodstock in an extra end, they qualified for the semi. Unfortunately, the team ran out of gas in the eighth end and shook hands. All in all the ladies were delighted with their "first showing" at Regionals.

Well done. You make everyone at LCC proud!



Men

Ean MacDonald, Dave Heinrichs, Bill Cantelon and Sil Nadalin curled in the Intermediate Men Zone Playdowns February 1-3, 2008 at the Chatham Granite Club. They won the A side and advanced to Regionals in Palmerston March 1-2, 2008.

What a weekend at Regionals. The field was extremely challenging and as luck would have it they had to play the toughest teams. They won all three games winning A side final in a "nail biter", against Jim Lyle.

It was an extremely tight game with Lyle taking two in the first with hammer. This was followed by both teams trading single points plus two blank ends until the eighth end when LCC took three. MacDonald started the tenth end down one with the hammer. When Ean threw his first rock in the tenth he was facing Lyle's fully buried rock touching the button. Ean attempted and made a perfect 12 foot angle raise take out which removed Lyle's buried shot rock and left LCC rock buried at the top of button. It was a classic TV shot! Lyle made a good shot trying to hold LCC to a single point but his rock did not bury. Ean was able to remove Lyle's rock sticking around for two and the win.

Now Ean, Dave, Bill and Sil are off to the Provincials representing London Curling Club and this Region to be held March 12-15th in Penetanguishene.

Good Luck from all of us at LCC!
Your OCA Reps...Linda & David Peeling, Teresa Easter & Sylvia Leuszler



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FIRE SAFETY PLAN



The London Curling Club is currently preparing a fire safety plan, which is a requirement of the Ontario Fire Code section 2.8. The staff is being acquainted with procedures to be implemented in case of fire, and over the next few weeks, checklists will be compiled noting responsibilities by management, staff and outside contractors.

A big "thank you" to all for complying with the fire code's requirement that "designated fire doors shall not be blocked or wedged open" at any time. These doors are designed to contain smoke, heat and fire, and propping them open renders them useless. Although this is important when the club is open, it is equally important when the club is unoccupied.

Objects near fire doors and blocking stairwells and corridors pose a danger to individuals trying to exit quickly, and to firefighters trying to access the building.

It is important that club members and guests familiarize themselves with fire emergency exits. These are shown on fire exit route maps posted on each floor.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DOUBLE GLASS DOORS AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CLUB ARE NOT DESIGNATED FIRE EXIT DOORS. These doors are NOT equipped with panic bars and if they are locked (for example, during late-evening curling draws), they CANNOT be opened from the inside without a key.

During fire prevention week in October, watch for more information about LCC's fire safety plan in Rock Talk and on posters and signs throughout the building.

MONDAY DAYTIME MEN'S OPEN COMPETITION

Our schedule finishes on March 31st. We will have a new wall plaque where each year's winners will be recognized. We will also present to each team 4 bottles of wine and to each of the top two teams in A and B flights a modest cash prize.

Next season we will have a new sponsor, WINEXPERT on Piccadilly Street. This is a make-your-own wine place. I would encourage you to try them out and to mention the London Curling Club. The owner's name is Chris Blackmore..

The winners of the league will be determined by the total points earned over the entire season (same as the Teasdale league).

With the second round of games, the standings are tightening up. The top team has lost a couple of games and the second place team is closing the gap. With 4 games left, anything can happen!

I hope everyone will be there on the 31st for good curling, snacks, and a celebration of a good season.

It would be really great if all skips could indicate to me if they are planning on entering this league next season.

Bruce Cooper,
Convener

SENIOR MEN

Our LCC team came home up by 9 points after the first leg of the Highland Friendly in Nov at Highland but promptly gave that back the opening round on Feb 5th, only to recover to take the "coveted" trophy by 7 points overall.

Another strong month for LCC teams with Chuck Townsend leading his team of Barry Montgomery, Laurie McKenna and Al Langille to 1st overall at Forest in the Tier-65 on Feb 12th. He followed on Feb 13th, with his team of Al MacLeod, Laurie McKenna and Bob Wakefield, to take 2nd at the Tier-60 in Aylmer. Jim Fitzpatrick, with his team of Al MacLeod, Ken Novlan and Ken Randall, took first at the Tier-60 in Sarnia on Jan 9th, followed by a 2nd in Ilderton on Jan 23rd with Al, Ken and Harry Steele. On Feb 6th he also grabbed a second with Al, Ken and Ken Randall. Chipping in a second at the Tier-55 in Tillsburg on Feb 15th was Roger LeBlanc, Dan McInnes, Garry Thompson and John Rudell. Bud Boyd made his presence known by leading Jim Lone, Colin Shipley and John Davidson to second place finishes at the Tier-65 in Forest and the Tier-55 at Ilderton on Feb 29th. On Feb 15th at Tillsburg he led Jim, Terry Crawford and John D. to 2nd in the Tier-55.

March 25th is the closing luncheon and the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Still tickets available from the writer for the March 15th draw for the Tim Horton's BBQ, One year membership and the \$100 Pro Shoppe Gift certificate.

Don't take yourself too seriously. No one else does.

Aldous Huxley stated, "There is only 1 corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self. "

Remember this is not Disney World. You have only one ride through life, so make the most of it and enjoy the ride!!

Don't be fooled by size—the 2008 GM Tahoe and Yukon Hybrid SUV with V-8 engine delivers 21 mpg city, comparable to a 2.4 litre 4 cyl. Toyota Camry sedan.

Have a great summer and see you in the Fall.

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LONDON CURLING CLUB IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

PHASE 1 is Complete

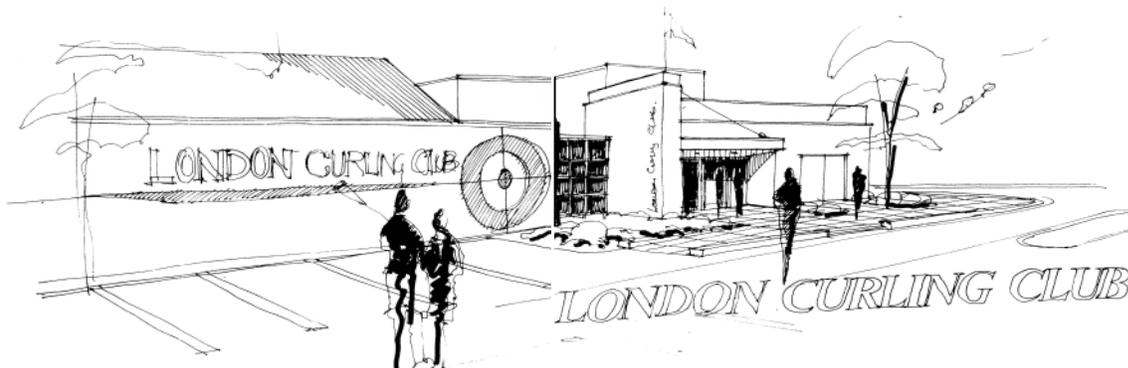
At the Annual General Meeting of the Club in 2002, the Board introduced a long-term plan for the facility at 388 Lyle Street (the arena and the clubhouse) that included major changes to the buildings themselves, to the equipment used in the making of ice and in maintaining operations, and to the look and layout of the buildings. The plan was proposed by the Board's Capital Improvement Committee after almost two years of studying the situation. The plan was based on several critical premises:

1. Great curling ice was a requirement for the club to survive and this was at a time when the existing ice was flawed
2. The building itself had to have a long effective life so that investing in it was not the same as pouring good money down the drain
3. Good facilities were required to attract and maintain members
4. It was important to incorporate a long-term vision into the planning

The Board recommended Phase 1 of the long-term plan and the members approved it unanimously. Phase 1 of the plan involved a complete replacement of the ice-making equipment and systems including:

- a. replacement of the pipes under the ice that carry the brine
- b. new compressor and the building that houses it
- c. new chiller and dehumidifier
- d. replacement of the electrical system
- e. insulation and cladding on the outside walls of the arena
- f. heaters in the arena.

The final major physical undertakings were completed in September of 2007, although there is still some cosmetic work to do in the summer of 2008.



Phase 1 was a major undertaking that took five years to complete. Finding the funds to finance the expenditures was the biggest task, but failure to undertake the program jeopardized the survival of the club. Frequent breakdowns of the ice-making plant threatened the continuation of the curling season and the willingness of members to maintain their relationship with the Club.

Phase 1 has cost the Club about \$500,000. These expenditures have been financed approximately as follows:

1. Trillium Grant	\$ 80,000
2. Capital campaign among the members	100,000
3. Bank loan	125,000
4. Various fund raising activities and club operations	135,000
5. Special \$25 per member surcharge	60,000

The bank loan has been reduced to about \$30,000 and is about to be retired. We have great ice and an arena that is comfortable for our curling matches thanks to the insulated walls and the heaters. Now the first curlers in the day are not facing a minus-9-degrees-Celsius (17-degrees-Fahrenheit) blast of cold air when they start their match. And the last ones don't have to wonder if the plant will make it through their game.

PHASE 2 is About to Start

Now it's time for Phase 2 of the plan and it involves the clubhouse. And "yes" we have confirmed through regular assessments by an engineering firm that the building is structurally sound, has a long expected life that is not threatened by old age, and although maintenance costs will continue, they are manageable and economic.

Phase 2 of the plan involves upgrading the locker rooms. Why? Do you really need to ask? Let's look at the two facilities:

Women's Locker Room

1. It is too small – the room is crowded and cramped – and there is no room for socializing or getting organized before and after a match.
2. The lockers are tiny (6-tier) with inadequate capacity
3. The room is inconveniently located next to the only area in the club that can be used for special meetings and, as anyone who has attended a meeting in the lounge can attest, privacy for meetings is an issue

Men's Locker Room

1. It is old – and it looks old – and it feels old
2. It is not attractive – in fact, it is *unattractive*, especially to potential new members
3. Everything about it screams for a major renovation

SPECIAL ROCK TALK INSERT

March 2008

The Capital Improvement Committee proposed Phase 2 of the original plan with specific details to the Board last March and received approval in principle subject to an acceptable financing plan. Phase 2 involves several steps:

1. Women's Locker Room

- a. Move the women's locker room downstairs next to the men's locker room, rebuilding and modernizing the space.
- b. Make the women's locker room a larger, first-class facility which includes a sitting area

2. Men's Locker Room

- a. Gut the existing room and dispose of *everything*
- b. Organize the room to get maximum use of the space
- c. Completely rebuild the room with new fixtures, carpet, furniture and lockers

The plan involves reorganizing space downstairs that is currently being used for storage and a workroom and incorporating the additional space into the renovation. Both men's and women's locker rooms will be outfitted with new 2 and 3-tier lockers and additional storage space for brooms. The attached diagram shows in detail how the space will be assigned.

Initial estimates place the cost of this renovation at about \$125,000. The plan is to submit a proposal to the Trillium Foundation immediately after our June 2008 Annual General Meeting in time for their July closing date for applications. The maximum Trillium grant is \$75,000. They will reply to our proposal in the fall of 2008 and the work can take place in the summer of 2009 before the 2009-10 curling season.

The Capital Improvement Committee plan incorporates a vision for the upstairs without the women's locker room as well. But that is a way down the road and in the short term, we propose that the room be used for:

1. A meeting room for the Board and the various committees, and for curling seminars
2. A workroom for special short-term curling projects
2. Additional display space for the curling pro shop
3. A serving area for buffets and other events where overflow space can be useful

At the Annual General Meeting in June 2008 Phase 2 will be presented to the members for approval as a recommendation of the Board. It is expected that the approval for implementation in the summer of 2009 will be conditional on a successful Trillium application. However, the situation with respect to locker rooms does not improve and we have to "get on with the plan" before very long, regardless of the results of our request for Trillium funding.

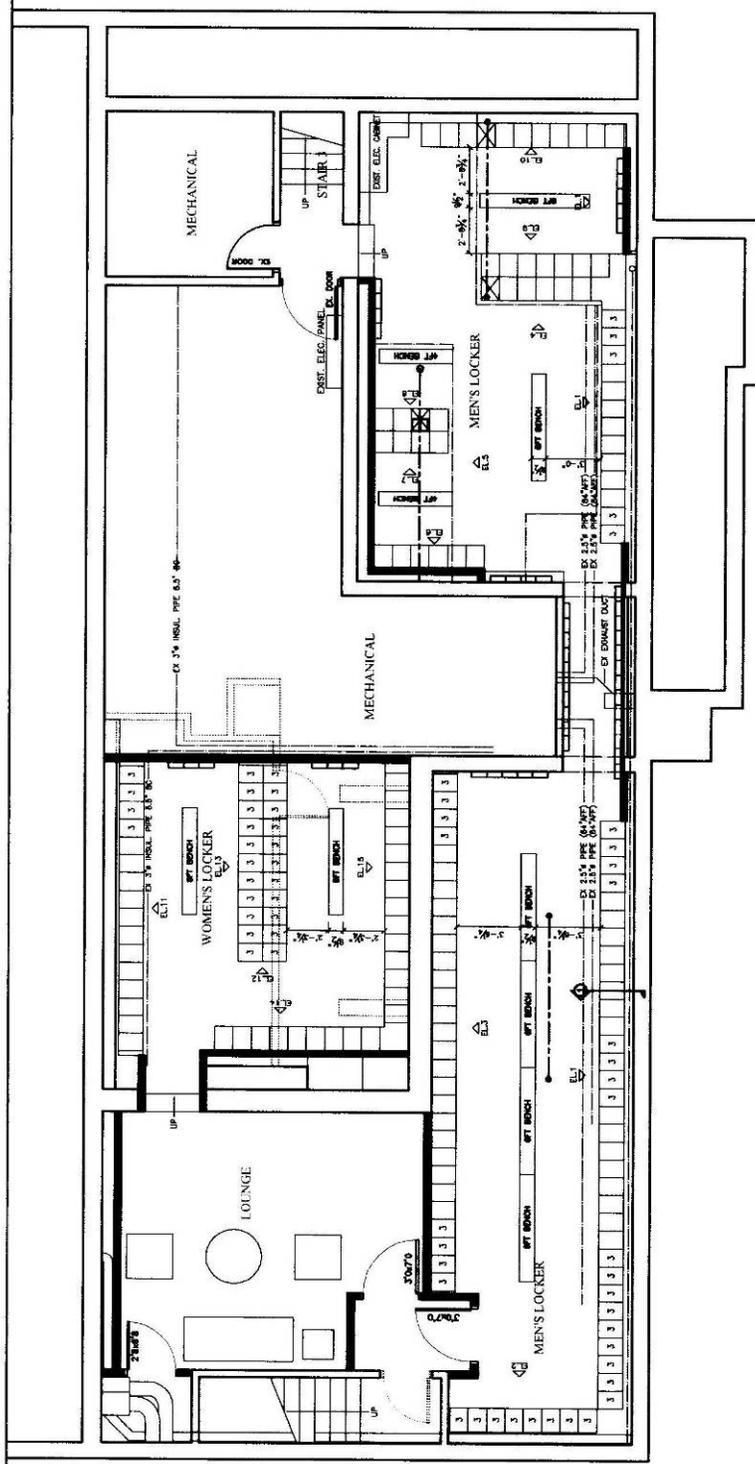
In 1997, the club renovated the first floor lounge area. From 2002 to 2008, the arena and ice-making plant have required major investment. The next two phases of the 2002 plan are not so substantial in cost, but critical to complete the process and make the London Curling Club a first-class operation.

SPECIAL ROCK TALK INSERT

March 2008

PROPOSED PLANS FOR LCC'S MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOMS

Prepared by Barry Wade Design, Construction, Management



LEGEND

- EXISTING WALL
- NEW WALL
- 2-TIER LOCKER
- 3-TIER LOCKER
- ABOVE FINISH FLOOR
- BELOW FINISH CEILING

WOMEN'S LOCKERS

LOCKER TYPE	RISERS (12"x41.5") (80"h)	LOCKERS
2-TIER	35	70
3-TIER	26	78
TOTALS	61	148
BROOMS	6	
SEATING	6	

MEN'S LOCKER ROOM

LOCKER TYPE	RISERS (12"x41.5") (80"h)	LOCKERS
ABOVE BENCHES	0	0
2-TIER	76	152
3-TIER	41	123
TOTALS	117	275
BROOMS	41	
SEATING	22	



Round Robin

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008

Draw 1
 Sheet A Prince Edward Island vs. Northern Ontario
 Sheet B Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. Manitoba
 Sheet CM British Columbia vs. Ontario
 Sheet D Newfoundland/Labrador vs. Saskatchewan

Draw 2
 Sheet A Ontario vs. Newfoundland/Labrador
 Sheet B New Brunswick vs. Nova Scotia
 Sheet C Alberta vs. Quebec
 Sheet D Prince Edward Island vs. Manitoba

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008

Draw 3
 Sheet B Alberta vs. British Columbia
 Sheet C Saskatchewan vs. Prince Edward Island

Draw 4
 Sheet A New Brunswick vs. Alberta
 Sheet B Quebec vs. Ontario
 Sheet C Manitoba vs. Nova Scotia
 Sheet D Northern Ontario vs. Yukon/Northwest Territories

Draw 5
 Sheet A British Columbia vs. Saskatchewan
 Sheet B Newfoundland/Labrador vs. Northern Ontario
 Sheet C Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. New Brunswick
 Sheet D Nova Scotia vs. Quebec

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008

Draw 6
 Sheet A Northern Ontario vs. Ontario
 Sheet B Manitoba vs. New Brunswick
 Sheet C Quebec vs. British Columbia
 Sheet D Saskatchewan vs. Alberta

Draw 7
 Sheet A Alberta vs. Prince Edward Island
 Sheet B Nova Scotia vs. Saskatchewan
 Sheet C Ontario vs. Manitoba
 Sheet D Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. Newfoundland/Labrador

Draw 8
 Sheet A Newfoundland/Labrador vs. Quebec
 Sheet B British Columbia vs. Yukon/Northwest Territories
 Sheet C Prince Edward Island vs. Nova Scotia
 Sheet D New Brunswick vs. Northern Ontario

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008

Draw 9
 Sheet A Prince Edward Island vs. Yukon/Northwest Territories
 Sheet B Saskatchewan vs. Quebec
 Sheet C Manitoba vs. Northern Ontario
 Sheet D Newfoundland/Labrador vs. Nova Scotia

Draw 10
 Sheet A Quebec vs. New Brunswick
 Sheet B Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. Ontario
 Sheet C Nova Scotia vs. Alberta
 Sheet D Northern Ontario vs. British Columbia

Draw 11
 Sheet A Ontario vs. Saskatchewan
 Sheet B New Brunswick vs. Prince Edward Island
 Sheet C British Columbia vs. Newfoundland/Labrador
 Sheet D Alberta vs. Manitoba

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008

Draw 12
 Sheet A Manitoba vs. Newfoundland/Labrador
 Sheet B Northern Ontario vs. Nova Scotia
 Sheet C Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. Quebec
 Sheet D Ontario vs. New Brunswick

Draw 13
 Sheet A Nova Scotia vs. British Columbia
 Sheet B Newfoundland/Labrador vs. Alberta
 Sheet C New Brunswick vs. Saskatchewan
 Sheet D Quebec vs. Prince Edward Island

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008

Draw 14
 Sheet A Alberta vs. Northern Ontario
 Sheet B British Columbia vs. Manitoba
 Sheet C Prince Edward Island vs. Ontario
 Sheet D Saskatchewan vs. Yukon/Northwest Territories

Draw 15
 Sheet A Yukon/Northwest Territories vs. Nova Scotia
 Sheet B Ontario vs. Alberta
 Sheet C Newfoundland/Labrador vs. New Brunswick
 Sheet D British Columbia vs. Prince Edward Island

Draw 16
 Sheet A New Brunswick vs. British Columbia
 Sheet B Prince Edward Island vs. Newfoundland/Labrador
 Sheet C Northern Ontario vs. Saskatchewan
 Sheet D Manitoba vs. Quebec

Draw 17
 Sheet A Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba
 Sheet B Quebec vs. Northern Ontario
 Sheet C Alberta vs. Yukon/Northwest Territories
 Sheet D Nova Scotia vs. Ontario

TV SCHEDULE

Mar 8	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 1
Mar 8	8:00pm	TSN	Draw 2
Mar 9	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 4
Mar 9	8:00pm	TSN	Draw 5
Mar 10	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 7
Mar 10	8:00pm	TSN	Draw 8
Mar 11	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 10
Mar 11	8:00pm	TSN	Draw 11
Mar 12	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 13
Mar 12	9:30pm	TSN	Draw 14 - evening draw aired on Tape-Delay
Mar 13	3:00pm	TSN	Draw 16
Mar 13	8:00pm	TSN	Draw 17
Mar 14	3:00pm	TSN	Tie-Breaker / Playoff
Mar 14	8:00pm	TSN	Tie-Breaker / Playoff
Mar 15	2:30pm	CBC Sports	Semi-Final
Mar 16	6:30pm	CBC Sports	Championship Final



WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION



BYOP (Pam Harrison, Convenor/Carolyn Petley, Co-Convenor)

Twenty-four curlers participated in the BYOP (Bring Your Own Prize) two-game event played on January 31st and February 7th. With decorations of red for Valentine's Day. The curlers enjoyed a luncheon of "stone" soup, rolls, ice cream, fruit, cookies and punch. Congratulations to First-Place Winners Sylvia Leuszler, Cathy Townsend, Donna Millar and Elinor DesRosiers, to Second-Place Winners Ruth Prentice, Carolyn Petley, Mary Fran Mahoney and Doris Montgomery and to Third-Place Winners Sharon Sivak, Sherry Chambers, Marilynne Van Buskirk and Sheila McSwiggan. Thanks to the curlers for bringing an assortment of vegetables for the soup, as well as all those fabulous prizes for the Prize Table! A fun event enjoyed by all!

CURL FOR THE CAUSE (Marj Dudley, Convenor, Fay Weiler, Co-Convenor)

The first annual CURL FOR A CAUSE was held at the London Curling Club on Wed. Feb 20, 2008. Our 'CAUSE' this year was MY SISTER'S PLACE. Susan McPhail, a social worker employed there, spoke from the heart about the work that she does to help women in our community and answered our questions. Her words were both inspirational and humbling. Special guests were our sponsor, Kay Carr, and Denise Hallan-Heighington who drove from Zurich to support the cause.

The day consisted of two six-end curling games, lunch and snacks, plus a well supported Raffle Table and Silent Auction. We had generous monetary donations from LCC members, some of whom attended while others could not be there.

The winning team, and first to appear on the new plaque, was the three-person team of Dot McRae, Penny Brown and Sheila McSwiggan. In second place was Janet Stenson, Shirley Vaile and Karen Shearer. In third place were Betty Burrows, Marilyn Wearing, Wink Dubrule (am), Karen Lowry (pm) and Dale McIntyre

A big THANK YOU to Kay Carr, to the kitchen and raffle workers, Mary Reeder, Barb McLeod and Barb Vitkauskas, to Sherry Chambers for her computer work and to all the women who generously donated items for the raffle and silent auction, or made monetary donation and to those who supported the day by curling. Together we raised \$1346.23 for My Sister's Place.

Because this is the first time for this new event we are fortunate to have the experienced and dedicated contribution of our convenor, Marj Dudley and her assistant, Fay Weiler. Thank you both very much.

Theatre Night-Fund Raiser

Our third and final Theatre Night fundraising event was held on February 28, raising \$65. This brings our fundraising total to \$2,996.51. "Barefoot in the Park", a wonderful play written by Neil Simon, was a production of the London Community Players and a joint fundraising effort with the Palace Theatre. Many thanks to all those who purchased tickets and supported our fundraiser Theatre Nights this season.

Nash Diamond (Pam Harrison)

Nash Jewellers is very generously donating a ¼ carat Polar Bear Diamond, which has been mined, cut and polished in Canada, valued at approximately \$1,000 to celebrate their 55th year of sponsoring a WDS Event in their name. It was donated to the WDS for the specific purpose of fundraising and ticket sale proceeds will be used for future renovations of the upper lounge, along with the proceeds from all other WDS fundraising events this season. Ticket sales commenced on February 12th, on the first day of the Nash Event and the winning ticket will be drawn on April 1st, the final day. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and are available from Pam Harrison (686-2559) and all League Convenors. Your support of this WDS fundraising effort will be greatly appreciated.

OUT OF CLUB WINNERS

Woodstock One Day Winner: Barb Gordon, Donna Wakefield, Penny Brown, Skip: Mo Cloghesy.

Sarnia Three Day: Winner of Sixth Event: Marg Sirna, Penny Brown, Jean Glendenning, Skip: Mo Cloghesy

Tillsonburg Two Day: Winner of First Event Consolation: Donna Millar, Donna Wakefield, Jean Glendenning, Skip: Mo Cloghesy
Congratulation, Mo. You have always been a fine curler and a true lady of sport!

St. Thomas One Day: Third in First Draw: Linda Peeling, Penny Brown, Dianne McKenna, Skip: Sylvia Leuszler.

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Wood Gundy

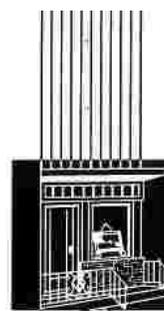
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WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION CONT'D

BOO-HOO-----"IT'S ALMOST OVER"----COMING EVENTS:

WOMEN ON WEDNESDAYS: WOW (Pat Bell):

March 5, 12, 19, 26.

"FOR FUN" (Sandy Ronson): Wednesday April 02.

FRIDAY COMPETITIVE LEAGUE (Penny Brown, Jean Cameron): Friday March 14: Last Day of Competition, Awards Presentation, Potluck Lunch.

REALLY, REALLY "FOR FUN": CLOSING MEETING AND LUNCHEON: Wednesday April 09 (Pam Harrison). Linda Arthur caters our meal, tickets are \$15. Please plan to attend as we look back on a great season and plan for the next.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Monday May 5. Our Outgoing and Incoming Executive will meet at the home of Chair: Pam Harrison.

Joyce Hetherington
Vice-Chair.

Sheila Betkus Women's Two Day Bonspiel

"Proud to be Canadian, Eh!" theme created a huge red and white atmosphere, in the club on March 3 and 4. Out of 74 daytime women available to curl, plan, work, we had 80 counted doing these job, obviously some did double duty. From reports received verbally and from emails we understand a good time was had, with great food, entertainment, and challenging curling.

THE WINNERS:

Scotia Bank event, Jean Corey, Sarnia.
Jackson Triggs Wines event, Lois Lindsay, Ingersoll.
Lesser Brothers Jewellers, Ingersoll event, Cathy Mowbray.
Stratford

Can Am Trailers event Barb Kester of Kincardine.
London Honda event Toronto High Park Club
Fed/Ex Kinko's event Dallyce Southern. Ilderton
Mo Cloghesy was the only LCC winner...Consolation in the third event.

We are proud to have Southwestern Ontario so well represented.

Along with good curling came very good entertainment. Our in club Queen with attending RCMP (she was pretty tiny) returned after a few years absence and gave a royal welcome. Thank you Joan Bidinosti, and Joan Cuthbert. The second act was a rendition of the musical Menopause, by the 6 member traveling troupe of curlers from Ingersoll. (Next appearance, Kincardine).

A HUGE THANK YOU to a wonderfully hard working Daytime Women's Section of 2008.

Pat Bell Convenor.

Business Women's Bonspiel

- ROCK AROUND THE RINK

A very successful bonspiel was held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at the London Curling Club. Twelve teams participated, with one team from Windsor, and two teams from the Dundas Granite Curling Club. Nine teams from LCC participated. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Lunch was catered by Marshall's Pasta.

The bonspiel was won by the team from Windsor: Sheila Kerrigan, Dawn Price, Sara Ross, and Joan Girard. Prizes were also awarded to two teams with the best costumes – the Cash Team and The Spice Girls, and to individual costume Gwen Crossman.

Many thanks to the two curling teams who organized the bonspiel: Kathie Leigh, Dorothy Bice, Barb Elliott, Mary Cole, Beth Dagenais, Rose Kuchynski, Guiti Massoumi, Marnie Dickout, and especially Mary Ellen Duggan, who coordinated the entries, made all the name tags and sorted all the Gay Lea products. We appreciated the assistance of Eric Duggan (computer, photos and more), Marg Sirna and Trista Cappitano, volunteers in the kitchen.

Special thanks go to our sponsors, who donated to prizes, items for our Goodie Bags, and to LCC members and friends who donated prizes, breakfast items, etc.

The organizing teams hope the tradition continues next year with a fresh organizing group.

For pictures of the bonspiel, please see the LCC website.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 1 Curl Mania Bonspiel
- 3-4 Women's Two Day Bonspiel
- 15 LCC Brier Fest & Open House
- 21 Good Friday - Closed
- 22 LCC Elementary Bonspiel
- 25 DT Men's Closing Luncheon
- 28-29 Mixed playoffs

APRIL

- 5 Organ Donors
- 7 Volunteer Manager Closing Meeting
- 9 Women's Closing Meeting

PRO SHOPPE



Your Pro Shoppe is winding down another very successful season.

Sales are up over last season and continue on an upward spiral. This is certainly indicative of member's support.

If there are items that you would like to see carried in inventory next season, please mention it to Marnie Dickout or myself. We will certainly try to oblige.

The success of the Pro Shoppe is not attainable without the continued assistance and loyalty of our volunteer sales associates, the interim weekly managers, or you – our customers.

Special thanks goes to Ken Walmsley, Barb Colbourn, and Marnie Dickout.

Your assistance, as always, is much appreciated.

Bob Davis,
Pro Shoppe, mgr.

CURLING POSTER

New members are the life blood of our club. We will be making an effort to attract more members next year by placing posters prior to our Sept. open house at golf courses, baseball parks and other events that might have prospective members. We would like anyone working at a company that has activity bulletin boards or electronic bulletin boards to place one of our Curling Posters. We also have the poster as an electronic file format.

If you can place a poster at work or somewhere else, please e-mail me at dongail@rogers.com and I will see that you get the material over the summer.

Next year, we will have a lower fee for once a week curling and an incentive for new members to join the Club. We depend on our membership to spread the word.

More details at the annual meeting

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