

ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

March 2010

Women's Daytime Section Sheila Betkus Two-Day Bonspiel



All the Finalists



Jill Wilcox of
Jill's Table



The Winners-Gail Macintosh, Barb Kester, Rhonda Persichilli, Wendy Foster



The Committee

The Women's Daytime Section celebrated their annual Two-day bonspiel on March 1st & 2nd. The theme of "Julie & Julia" inspired the appearance of lots of pearls and aprons, along with the requisite rubber chicken.

Teams came from 16 other clubs to join our women for two days of friendly competition.

Monday night's dinner was a fun evening that allowed us all to gather together for a lovely meal catered by Linda Arthur – Village Catering. London's own Julia, Jill Wilcox from Jill's Table demonstrated the fine art of vinaigrette making in an engaging presentation. We were further entertained by Mary Robertson's team from Chatham.

The winners of the Sheila Betkus trophy and the Scotiabank 1st Event were: Barb Kester, Rhonda Persichilli, Wendy Foster, Gail MacIntosh from Kincardine.

Other event winners were:

2 nd	Jackson-Triggs	Lisa Kannakko, Peterborough C.C.
3 rd	London Honda	Janet Blair, Sarnia Golf & C.C.
4 th	Krown Rust Control	Mary Robertson, Chatham Granite
5 th	Can-Am RV Centre	Lesley Moyer, Ingersol
6 th	Mykonos	Marianne Davis, Highland Golf & C.C.

To our sponsors, your continued support is greatly appreciated. Special recognition is given to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. Many thanks to my team, Marlene Suzuki, Mary Blasl, Linda Round and Mary Ellen Duggan without whom none of this could or would have happened. As well, I am so grateful to Sherry Chambers who did yeoman service as Secretary to our committee.

Dot MacRae

**Volunteer
Extraordinaire**
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FROM THE PRESIDENT---

As we approach the end of another curling season, I would like to express thanks to all who made this another successful year. Thanks to our staff in the office, behind the bar, housekeeping and ice making as well as all our volunteer interim managers. To members of the Board, to all who served on committee's, to all convenors and coaches, thank you for your efforts on behalf of the club.

We are a non profit organization that is run by the members for the members.

I would encourage anyone with an interest in the club to offer to serve on the Board of Directors or one of the many sub-committee's if asked. It is an enjoyable learning experience and a service to the membership. We presently have openings in our Advertising and Planning & Property committee's.

Many new potential members were introduced to the club in January and Peter Askey and his Member Services Committee did a great job running a very popular Family Day event on Feb. 15th. Both kids and adults enjoyed the day.

With the help of grants to the club over the past few years and a continuing effort on cost control and cost reduction, we expect to again this year hold the rates on registration fees for next year. You will receive either a hard copy or an email registration for next season in late August. It is a simplified form that can either be printed and sent in with payment or emailed back to the club as an attachment. Please forward payment by the due date Sept. 13th.

NOTE: Please advise office of any change in your email address.

Next September's Open House on the 21st and 22nd will be geared to new members and a social gathering, not a time for current members to bring in registration forms and payments.

To learn more about the club's operation and be introduced to next years Board, I invite you to come to the club on an early summer evening on June 8th at 7 PM to attend the Clubs Annual General Meeting.

Don Agnew
President

A HEARTFELT THANKS!!!

I want to publicly thank our wonderful team of Interim Managers for their dedication this season. Without their help, I would be hard-pressed to fill the role of Club Manager (part-time!)

I.M.'s for this curling season were (or will be):

Fay Weiler; Bruce Cooper; Harry Steele; Randy Southern; Larry Round; Fred Wiesegger; Pam Harrison; Peter Askey; Don Agnew; Peter Jackson; Joyce Hetherington; Ken Novlan; Richard Rodgers; Don Lowry; Al Starratt; Richard Greenfield; Mike Rozon; John Benny; Miolyka Steele; Don McKay; and Bob Hyatt.

Their dedication to ensure the club runs well is another example of the tremendous volunteer spirit that exists in this club.

A big THANK YOU to all of them.

Doug Petch
Club Manager

MISSING!

The club's 12-cup coffee-maker has gone missing. It is a Betty Crocker model, with a filter basket.



If you have borrowed this, and forgotten to return it, or if you know the whereabouts of our coffee-maker, please return it or let us know where it is hiding.

Thanks!!
The Office.

Antique Scoreboards Available

The old scoreboards from the LCC are available for anyone who wants one or more.

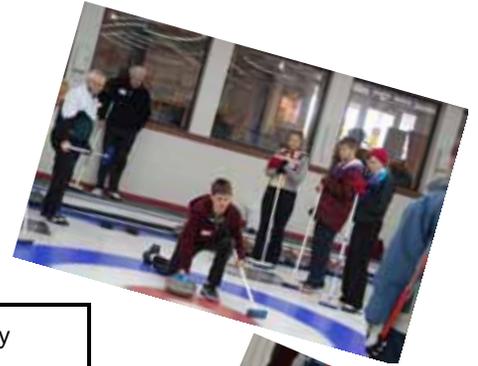
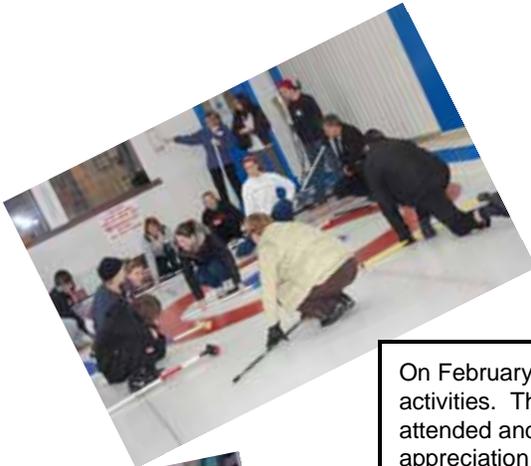
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Sorry Ben- We missed your name before!!!

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Family Day at the London Curling Club



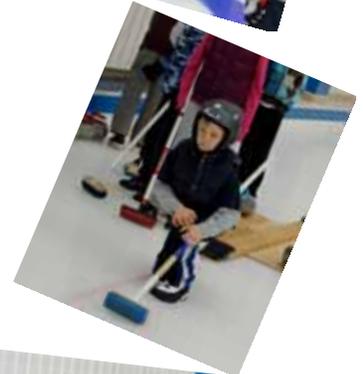
On February 15th, the London Curling Club held its Family Day activities. The morning and afternoon events were very well attended and the organizing committee wishes to express its appreciation to the parents and grandparents who brought so many children and teens along.

In the morning, over 70 people attended, including about 35 children. Special thanks go out to Steve Hobbs who conducted the beginners clinic for the Little Rockers and to Wendy Foster who made up a great batch of homemade cookies that went along nicely with the hot chocolate. Thanks as well to Larry and Linda Round who donated the ice-cream.

In the afternoon, 58 enthusiastic individuals participated in the skills clinic and funspiel. We had a great group of teens who were part of this mix. Ken McKinley and his team of instructors went out of their way to help the beginners as well as the more advanced curlers.

Appreciation is extended to Kevin Breivik and his staff who had some additional work added for the day to accommodate the many guests and beginners.

Peter Askey



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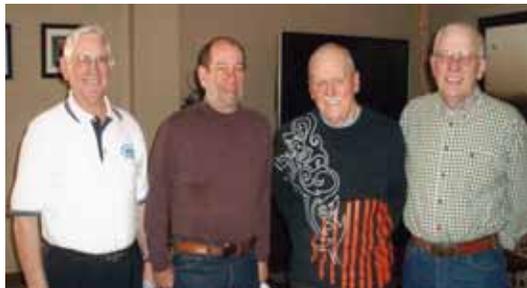
  

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DAYTIME MEN'S LEAGUE



AYLMER--February 17
 Chuck Townsend - Skip
 Bill McFarlane - Vice
 Laurie McKenna - Second
 Bob Wakefield - Lead



WALLACEBURG- February 19
 Garry Thompson - Skip
 John Rudell - Vice
 Don Cadick - Second
 Ray McCorquodale - Lead



GRAND MASTERS - CHATHAM- February 20
 Roger LeBlanc - skip
 Bill McFarlane - Vice
 Bruce Cooper - second
 Bob Davis - Lead



Here we are nearing the end of the curling season, and wouldn't you know it, the Daytime men are on a tear attending local bonspiels. Wednesday, Feb.17, Chuck Townsend and his team won at Aylmer. Chuck's team consisted of Bill McFarlane, Laurie McKenna and Bob Wakefield. It is not easy to win the two required games but guess what. It happened again in Wallaceburg on Feb. 19, with a team skipped by Garry Thompson. Crazy Legs was the host and as usual, he was very entertaining. Garry's team consisted of John Rudell, Don Cadick and yours truly, Ray McCorquodale.

And if that was not enough for one week, Saturday 20th., Roger LeBlanc and his team competed in the Zone 16 playdowns for the Grand Masters Tournament. They won a hard fought battle with the Chatham team twice. Roger's team consisted of Roger, Bill McFarlane, Bruce Cooper and Bob Davis. This win gives them the right to compete in the Provincial finals in Toronto Mar 26th and Mar 27th. To compete, you must have attained the age of 70, but judging from the picture, I think they should take their birth certificates with them. If you would like further information on this tournament, you can Google "Ontario Grand Masters Curling Association" first hit, and it provides everything you need to know. We will discuss this achievement further at our final luncheon and whether they would like a cheering section in T.O.

Now, that was a great lead in to our luncheon. It is to be held on Mar 23rd. There will be curling in the morning and a social time after the curling, then lunch in the upper lounge. The committee has a fun time arranged so we ask that you make a point to attend. There will be cash prizes and a prize table. (prize table hopefully better than last time.) I will be turning the duties of the president over to Derek Smith and who will be running the show next year. See you on the 23rd.
 P.S. Anyone with news for Rock Talk, let me know.

Ray McCorquodale, President, Daytime Men.



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Draw Schedule



DATE	TIME	DRAW	A	B	C	D
SATURDAY March 6	3:00 PM	1	BC vs MB	NB vs NS	AB vs NO	NT/YT vs NL
	7:30 PM	2	NT/YT vs NB	QC vs ON	PE vs SK	NO vs MB
SUNDAY March 7	10:30 AM	3	ON vs NO	MB vs PE	QC vs NT/YT	SK vs NB
	3:00 PM	4	NS vs QC	NL vs SK	BC vs ON	PE vs AB
	7:30 PM	5	NL vs AB	NO vs NT/YT	NB vs MB	NS vs BC
MONDAY March 8	10:30 AM	6		BC vs AB	NS vs NL	
	3:00 PM	7	NO vs SK	ON vs NB	NT/YT vs PE	MB vs QC
	7:30 PM	8	ON vs NS	PE vs NL	QC vs BC	AB vs SK
TUESDAY March 9	10:30 AM	9	NT/YT vs MB	SK vs QC	NO vs NB	ON vs PE
	3:00 PM	10	QC vs PE	AB vs NS	ON vs SK	BC vs NL
	7:30 PM	11	NB vs NL	NO vs BC	MB vs AB	NS vs NT/YT
WEDNESDAY March 10	10:30 AM	12	SK vs BC	NL vs ON	PE vs NS	QC vs AB
	3:00 PM	13	NS vs NO	NB vs AB	BC vs NT/YT	NL vs MB
	7:30 PM	14	MB vs ON	NT/YT vs SK	NB vs QC	PE vs NO
THURSDAY March 11	10:30 AM	15	AB vs NT/YT	NS vs MB	NL vs NO	NB vs BC
	3:00 PM	16	PE vs NB	QC vs NO	SK vs MB	NT/YT vs ON
	7:30 PM	17	NL vs QC	BC vs PE	AB vs ON	SK vs NS
PAGE PLAYOFFS						
IF NO TIE BREAKER DRAWS						
Friday, Mar 12	7:30 PM	PP			Page Playoff	
Saturday, Mar 13	12:00 PM	PP			Page Playoff	
IF ONE (1) TIE BREAKER DRAW						
Friday, Mar 12	3:00 PM	TB1		TB1		
	7:30 PM	PP			Page Playoff	
Saturday, Mar 13	12:00 PM	PP			Page Playoff	
IF TWO (2) TIE BREAKER DRAWS						
Friday, Mar 12	10:30 AM	TB1		TB1		
	3:00 PM	TB2		TB2		
	7:30 PM	PP			Page Playoff	
Saturday, Mar 13	12:00 PM	PP			Page Playoff	
IF THREE (3) TIE BREAKER DRAWS						
Friday, Mar 12	10:30 AM	TB1		TB1		
	3:00 PM	TB2		TB2		
	7:30 PM	TB3 & PP		TB3	Page Playoff	
Saturday, Mar 13	12:00 PM	PP			Page Playoff	
SEMI FINAL						
Saturday, Mar 13	7:30 PM	SF			Semi Final	
FINAL						
Sunday, Mar 14	8:00 PM	FNL			Final	

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The Spirit of Curling Award

Club members are encouraged to bring forward nominations for the Spirit of Curling Award.

Annually, a "Spirit of Curling Award" is presented to one man and one woman for good sportsmanship and skill.

The Woman's award will be given in memory of Anne Shaw. The Man's award has been donated by Ken Koprowski.

All active members of London Curling Club, with the exception of the Board of Directors, shall be eligible for this award. The nominations must be received by March 26, 2010. A person may be recognized with this award once only.

Recipients will be determined by consideration of the following philosophy:

" 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, honorable conduct, and one who contributes to member's enjoyment of the sport."

Nomination forms are available in the main lounge and once completed can be placed in the Spirit of Curling award envelope at the bar.

Teasdale League

Round-robin play was completed on Feb. 18th .

With only 5 weeks of curling left, the top 6 teams will play for the championship while the rest of the teams will play for the glory of the "Roaring Game".

The top six teams are Team Lone, Team McLennan, Team Townsend, Team Weiler, Team Fitzpatrick, and Team Bancroft.

Good luck to all teams. The last day of curling is Mar. 25 and the trophy presentation and wine draw will take place to wrap up the 2009-2010 season.

Convenors-- Gord Sellery and Ron McLennan

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Michael Koenig	William Simpson
Ron Martindale Jr	Brenda Walton
Ian McIntosh	Michael Watson
Paul Panabaker	Mecheliena Wilson

Accountants with personality!

WOMEN'S DAYTIME SECTION NEWS

Skins Game – Tuesday, February 11th, 2010 (Sandy Ronson, Convenor & Pat Bell, Co-Convenor)
A total of 16 curlers participated and all the money was paid back to the curlers. Top money winners were members of the team of Marj Dudley, Marlene Suzuki, Sue Beckett and Donna Millar. Snacks were served after the game. Members enjoyed the challenge of the skins format. More promotion next year could attract additional curlers to this event.

BYOP – (Fay Weiler, Convenor & Joan Bidinosti, Co-Convenor)
To add some fun to this 3 day event, in a play on the letters of its name, one end each day was assigned a special challenge
-- B = no Brushing,
--Y = no Yelling or verbal signals
--O= Only rocks on remain.

For the Bring Your Own Prize aspect we did a "choose & swap" with the winning team "swapping" last. Also, to bring some spring to the event the curlers were asked to wear Blue, Yellow, Orange, Pink/purple on the 3rd day which turned out very colourful with the ultimate being Karen Shearer who wore some of each colour especially those orange capris. Lunch was stone soup for which each curler brought a cup of vegetables. Quite tasty.

The winning team was Joan Bidinosti, Barb Gordon, Carole Darowski, Sydney Davidson.

Curl For a Cause – (Sharon Sivak, Convenor & Fay Weiler, Co-Convenor)
Again this year the Unity Project was chosen as our cause. Silvia Langer brought updates of the project, which offers relief of homelessness in London. Gratitude was expressed for our interest and donations. Special guests were Kay Carr and her daughter Barbie.

The day consisted of two six-end curling games and lunch. Due to the generosity of our members 45 items were raffled. As well silent auction items were available.

Kay Carr presented the Curl for a Cause plaque to the winning team of Janet Stenson, Joyce Hetherington and Doreen Jones. A huge thank you to Kay Carr, our sponsor. Also thanks to those who worked in the kitchen and to all who donated items for the raffle or silent auction table or gave monetary donations. Thanks you to the curlers who supported this event. Together we raise \$934.00 for the Unity Project.

Special thank you to Sharon Sivak and Fay Weiler for convening this successful event.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WOMEN'S SECTION

Friday Competitive League – (Karen Shearer, Convenor & Joan Dickie, Co-Convenor)

On Friday, March 26th the final game of the season will be played. A potluck luncheon will follow and prizes will be awarded.

Closing Lunch and Meeting – Tuesday, April 6th, 2010 (Jean Cameron, Convenor)

Bar will open at 12:00 noon. The lunch, catered by Linda Arthur, Village Catering will be served at 12:30pm. The meeting will begin at 1:30pm. Tickets at \$15.00 will be available from Executive Committee Members. Please plan to attend as we will review the events of the past year and plan for another great year of curling.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S BONSPIEL January 30/2010.

Our 5th Annual Bonspiel was a great success again this year with Gaylea donating products for gift bags to all curlers.

Thank you Eric for making the trip to Guelph. Thank you to Heather Greenfield, Cindy Thom, Darlene Pfaff, Sheri Coleman and Tina Sturgeon for donations.

Winners of the event: First Place team from Dundas Granite Curling Club- Alex Mackay, Jane Sharpe, Michele Penfold and Debbie Gashford.

Second place Branford Curling Club, Skip Cheryl Wakefield.

Third Place London Curling club team of Darlene Pfaff, Sandy Bradford Zavitz, Sue Beckett and Sandra Williams.

Lunch was provided by "Cooking in your Kitchen".

Meat Prizes purchased from Western Meat and Deli, Hamilton Road.

Decadent desserts made by our volunteers were enjoyed after the second game.

Again we cannot plan these events without sponsors and volunteers, Thank you to everyone.

Jayne Broughton.



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UPCOMING EVENTS-

March-

March 6	Curl Mania Bonspiel
March 17	Malahide Spiel 2010
March 20	Elementary LCC Bonspiel
March 25	Sweeney Party
March 27	Mixed Playoffs

April-

April 1	Business Women's Party
April 2-5	Easter Club Closed
April 6	WDS Closing Meeting
April 7	Volunteer Mgrs Closing Mtg

PRO SHOPPE REPORT



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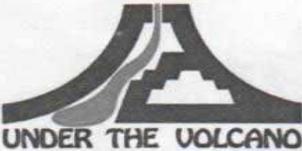
As this curling season rapidly approaches it's final weeks, many thanks go out to our members who have consistently supported the Pro Shoppe. The sales figures attained have been very encouraging and it is only through the support of our members and other area curlers that this has been possible.

This, of course, could not have been possible without the generous support of our volunteer Sales Associates, the Interim Managers, and Barb Colbourn, our Office Manager. Many, many thanks for your support and loyalty. It is, as always, very much appreciated.

Special thanks to Mary Cole who has worked closely with me throughout this curling season. Her efforts and advice have been most valued.

For the balance of the season, our display case will be stocked with "sale" items. These items have been reduced for quick sale.

Bob Davis,
Pro Shoppe mgr.



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**BRIER PARTY ...
You're invited!**

When the CCA's President, Greg StremLaw, visited with the London Bid Committee last year to discuss London hosting the 2011 Tim Hortons Brier, he suggested that we look at the possibility of "Brier partnerships" with Western, Fanshawe and London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC). This partnership idea was new, which meant there were no rules, precedents or bad habits to break -- only great possibilities to explore. Many of London Curling Club's members are employees, students and alumni of Western and Fanshawe, and employees of LHSC -- so we all have a special interest in making these partnerships work.

The first "warm-up" event is a 2010 Brier Party at UWO on Thursday, March 11 -- the final night of the Brier round-robin competition from Halifax. The site is The Spoke, a pub on campus at the University Community Centre. The party starts at 5:30 and the game will be televised on a movie-sized screen starting at 6:30. Food and drinks are available for purchase, so why not join us right after work?

There will be games, prizes and a talk on sweeping by Tom Jenkyn, a Western Engineering professor who has studied the science of sweeping as part of Canada's effort to win medals in the 2010 Olympics.

This is a "curler" function -- for both players and spectators. Admission is free. Parking is only \$4.00, and there will be lots of signs directing you to The Spoke.

The "Western Rocks" poster describes the event in greater detail. We look forward to seeing YOU there!!!!

Dave Shaw

2011 London Brier Partnerships Committee



Watch the 2010 Brier on the BIG SCREEN!

Thursday, March 11
Doors open - 5:30 pm
Game starts - 6:30 pm
FREE ADMISSION

- Wii Curling
- Games and prizes
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