

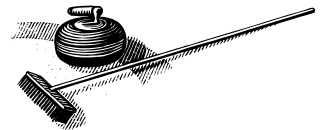
# ROCK TALK

Newsletter of the London Curling Club

October 2010

## WELCOME BACK!!!!

YOUR  
EXECUTIVE  
FOR 2010-2011



L-r...John Fraser, Gwen Crossman,  
Mary Cole, Roger Moyer, Pat Bell,  
Connie Weir, Don Agnew  
Peter Askey, Larry Round, Paul Pergau.  
Absent...Al: McLachlan

## SPIRIT OF CURLING AWARDS

In 2010, three "Spirit of Curling" awards were presented. Joyce Hetherington was recognized for her enthusiasm, willingness to try new curling techniques and for her leadership in a number of club committees. Dan McInnes was recognized for his willingness to assist those new to curling, his sportsmanship and for being a positive ambassador for the LCC when curling at other rinks. Marg Sirna's posthumous award was presented on April 6, 2010 at the WDS General Closing Meeting Harry Sirna and his daughter-in-law attended the luncheon to accept the award. Marg Sirna gave willingly of her time to the club, was a skilful problem solver and demonstrated a cheerful nature to all.



### UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2010-2011

Southwestern Ontario Women's  
Charity Cashspiel  
October 15-18, 2010  
The Sifton  
November 30-December 1

City of London Cashspiel 2011  
January 8-9, 2011  
Women's Daytime Section  
Sheila Betkus Two-Day Bonspiel  
February 28- March 1

THE BRIER!!!!!!  
MARCH 5-13, 2011

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

The 2010-2011 season is about to begin, and on behalf of the Board, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all LCC members. A few weeks ago I'm sure the last thing on your minds was curling, but as the days get shorter and the nights get cooler, you are hopefully ready to haul out your brooms, grippers and curling shoes for another enjoyable season of curling.

This summer has been another busy one in terms of physical improvements to the club facility. As I write this message, the upstairs lounge renovations are nearing completion, and I'm sure that all of you will appreciate the new look. The four windows added to the outside east wall bring in a lot of welcome light during the daytime hours. The new ceiling and light fixtures also brighten up the room, along with the new carpeting and paint. Outside the front doors, we now have concrete steps leading down to the sidewalk. A new digital clock with a timer has been purchased for the west end of the arena, so there should be no more disputes involving the 10-minute rule.

As you all know, the upcoming season is going to be a busy one. Co-hosting a major event like the Brier requires a huge commitment of volunteer hours for many people, including a number of our club members. But as I said in my remarks at the AGM, it will also be a very exciting year. Without question, last year's Winter Olympics generated a renewed interest in the sport of curling, and hopefully we can use the Brier to strengthen that interest even more.

The effort to promote the sport of curling among young people is a very important one, which is why the Board is working with the Student Recreation program at Western to establish a UWO student league on Sunday afternoons this year. We are going to be looking at other ideas, too, for growing and strengthening our membership, such as ways to use the new brochure to promote the club. We plan to have another "Bring-a-Friend" month after the new year. Members should also remember that non-members can spare for a \$20 fee, not much to pay for 2 hours of fun.

An organization like ours is only as strong as its membership. This club has always been fortunate in having a large number of willing volunteers, and I hope that this tradition continues. If you were at the AGM, you will know that we had not been successful in finding anyone to fill the position of VP. We still have not found anyone.

I know that many of you have other time-consuming commitments both within and outside this club, but I am asking those of you who could find some extra time, to consider volunteering. At this point, we are not asking anyone to take on the VP position, but we would like to find one additional person to fill the last Board vacancy. There are also a number of important club committees that need some additional volunteers. While I don't wish to put unfair pressure on anyone, I would like to reaffirm what I said at the AGM, that this club belongs to all of its members, and all of its members are ultimately responsible for whatever success it achieves.

--Connie Weir, LCC President



On September 18 and 19, the club participated as one of 50 host sites for the Doors Open London project. Doors Open London provides people the opportunity to visit historically or culturally significant buildings in the city. We had fourteen club members provide a 20 minute guided tour of the club to outline how the game is played, to hear how the building has changed since it was opened in the late 1920's, and to see some of the memorabilia that has been collected over the years. We had 86 visitors and are hopeful that we have recruited a number of new members.


Appreciation is extended to our tour guides: John Rudell, Connie Weir, Jennifer Cuddie, Shirley Vaile, Bruce Cooper, Fay Weiler, Doug Petch, Andrea Holstein, Pat Bell, Marj Dudley, Don Agnew, Joan Cuthbert, Marnie Sherritt and Peter Askey.



## THANK YOU CARDS

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A warm way to acknowledge and thank our many LCC sponsors, advertisers and curling boosters

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## Southwestern Ontario Women's Charity Cashspiel

Highland Country Club  
Ilderton Curling Club

London Curling Club  
St. Thomas Curling Club

*October 15-18, 2010*

The Southwestern Ontario Women's Charity Cashspiel has been selected as a qualifier for the 2010 Canada Cup. The winner of this bonspiel will receive an invitation to the Canada Cup in Medicine Hat, December 1-5, 2010.

London and St. Thomas Curling Clubs will be hosting the games October 15-18, with the finals taking place at London CC on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Draw times at LCC are as follows:

- 9 am and 1:30 pm on Friday;
- 9 am, 1 pm, 5 pm and 9 pm on Saturday;
- 9 am, 1pm and 6 pm on Sunday; and,
- the semi-finals and finals will be at 9 am and 1 pm respectively on Monday.

The Southwestern Ontario Women's Charity Cashspiel is a premier curling event which showcases world class women's curling while supporting local initiatives in breast cancer research and care. Now in its fourteenth year, the Cashspiel has raised \$191,915 for local breast cancer research and care. As part of the fundraising a 50/50 draw will be held daily at the club with the prize money being awarded at the end of each day.

Our major fund raiser this year will be a Celebrity Funspiel on Friday evening at Highland. This is a chance to curl with some of the best female curlers in Canada. The cost for this event is \$50 (tax receipt provided for a portion of the entry fee). Only the first 48 curlers will be guaranteed a spot. A reception will immediately follow the Funspiel to allow all participants a chance to mingle with our Celebrity curlers. If you are interested in participating please visit our website <http://sowcc.isp.ca/current/default.htm> and complete an entry form.

Anna Sloan (Scotland) will join a strong contingent of Canadian Rinks, Melissa Adams (NB), Mary-Anne Arsenault (NS), Kerri Flett (MB), Marie-France Larouche (QC), Shelley Nichols (NL), Kathy O'Rourke (PEI), Cissi Oslund (MB), Heather Strong (NL), along with the following rinks from Ontario: Kirsten Wall, Brit O'Neill, Katie Morrissey, Sherry Middaugh, Carrie Lindner, Kerry Lackie, Tracy Horgan, Rachel Homan, Julie Hastings, Jacqueline Harrison, Alison Goring, Lisa Farnell, Janet MacGhee, Denna Bagshaw, and Cathy Auld.

You can follow the cashspiel on the internet and game scores will be available at the completion of each end or better yet – be a volunteer or a spectator. We need several volunteers during the weekend and if you wish to volunteer your services please contact one of the representatives listed below. Spectators are welcome at all clubs. There is no admission fee to the cashspiel but a donation to our charity, *The London Regional Cancer Program*, will be gratefully received.

Marnie Dickout, Wendy Foster  
Rhonda Persichilli & Deb Pullen  
LCC Cashspiel Representatives



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## PRESIDENT'S LEAGUE...

The 2009-2010 President's League Champions were:

- Skip - Don Rawlings
- Vice - Dave Mann
- Second - Chris Sherman
- Lead - Bruce Thom

I'd like to welcome everyone back for another season of President's League curling with a special welcome to new curlers to the league. The format will be the same as in previous years. Two flights will play a round-robin schedule before and after Christmas and the teams will be reseeded at the Christmas break with the bottom four teams in Flight A moving down to Flight B and the top four teams in Flight B moving up to Flight A. All the information you need to know about the President's League can be found on the bulletin board just around the corner from the pro shop display case. Please post your win or loss weekly. Please obtain your spares from the spare list when you can. Remember that two original members of your team must be present to avoid defaulting the game. The new time clock has a "10 minute buzzer". When you hear the buzzer you may complete the end you are curling but you may not start a new end (the first rock of the end must be delivered prior to the buzzer). If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the President's League, please let me know. I want to wish everyone a safe and successful curling season.

Cheers, Roger Moyer, Convenor.

## TEASDALE LEAGUE...



L-R\_Jim Russell, Jim Lone, Kevin Teasdale, Mrs. Pat Teasdale, Paul Pergau and Rob Arnett.

This league is named after Butch Teasdale who was a long time member and past president. It is a team entry men's competitive league of members over 50 and spares are always welcome to add their name to the list.

We play Thursday afternoons at 1:30 and can accommodate up to 16 teams with some play on Thursday AM. We start Thursday October 14th this year. The winner is presented with a plaque at the season's end by Butch Teasdale's family.

Last years winner was the team of Jim Lone (skip), Jim Russell, Paul Pergau and Rob Arnett. We are looking forward to a fun year ahead.

Gord Sellery Convenor

## WINEXPERT LEAGUE

We curl Monday afternoons at 1:00PM. The league is organized on a flight system with 3 draws throughout the season. This may change depending on the number of entries. If there are more than 12 teams entered some games will have to be played at 10AM. During the 2009/10 season we had 14 teams and so one game was on the early time slot each week.

We are fortunate to have Winexpert as our sponsors and at the final luncheon everyone receives a bottle of fine wine and a good time. If you are able to, why not come and enjoy good competitive daytime curling.

The repeat winners of this league (the Ron McLennan team of Ron, Bruce Cooper, Chuck Townsend, and Ron Scheidel) have their names on the plaque for 4 consecutive years and are ripe to be knocked off the pedestal. Why not put a team in and accept the challenge?

## MORE TIME TO CURL????

If you have more time to curl please contact the following convenors:

### Thames Valley League---

Please contact Marshall Myers (519-455-7447) [myers57@sympatico.ca](mailto:myers57@sympatico.ca) or Randy McNaught (519-681-3536) [rw.mcnaught@hotmail.com](mailto:rw.mcnaught@hotmail.com)

### Friday Nite Mixed---


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## THAMES VALLEY CURLING LEAGUE

Another successful year was wrapped up on Sunday, 28 Mar 2010 for TVCL. After 21 weeks of curling, TEAM WALKER (Terry Walker, Skip; Jaison Larocque, Vice and Jonathon Zettler) clinched Flight "A". Team CASON (Pete Cason, Skip; Mike Conlon, Vice; Tony Francolini, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Will Francolini (Bantam) Lead) staved off their opponents and won Flight "B". The league ran through a seeding run; then a 5 week schedule and a 6 week schedule for placement on the final day. All teams overcame player shortages due to sickness and holidays for their members. Cash prizes and gift cards were awarded to all teams.

The league had 11 teams this year. We are hoping for at least a full draw of 12 teams for the 2010-2011 season. We currently hold 1 draw at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. The league is prepared to expand to a second draw at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday if there is sufficient interest.

The TVCL hosted a bonspiel on 27 Feb 10. The date for next year is 26 Feb 2011. We also hosted a TVCL Golf Tournament at The Fox GG on 05 Jun 10.

On behalf of my co-convenor, Marshall Myers we look forward to seeing everyone in October.

Randy McNaught, Co-convenor



Team Cason



Team Walker

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## CITY OF LONDON CASHSPIEL

After an amazing eight years as convenor of the City of London Cashspiel, Greg Lewis is not longer able to continue. He saw it through to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cashspiel.

We now need a convenor for this great event. Greg is willing to work with a new convenor to make a successful transition.

If you can help, please contact the club manager.

## OCA CURLING INSTRUCTORS COURSE....

I am still looking for another 2 or 3 people who would be prepared to take the OCA curling instructors course in Chatham on October 16 and 17. The club will cover the registration fee and up to \$100 for travel expenses.

Interested members should contact Peter Askey at [peter.askey@rogers.com](mailto:peter.askey@rogers.com) or at 519-691-1299.

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## Women's Daytime Section News

**Closing General Meeting-** We concluded our 2009-2010 curling season with a catered lunch, lively conversation and a short business meeting. There were approximately sixty members were in attendance. Jean offered a special welcome to Harry Sirna and his daughter-in-law Rhonda. Linda Peeling, Lil Richardson, Doreen Jones and Karen Lowry each spoke about their friend Marg Sirna. Jean presented an engraved miniature crystal curling rock to Harry, who recognized the love and caring that typifies WDS and how it was valued by Marg. Garry Thompson talked about the 2011 Brier ticket packages as well as the volunteer aspect of the Brier. Everyone is excited about the upper lounge renovations that will take place during the summer. Joyce Hetherington presented Jean Cameron with the Chair's pin in recognition of her role as Chair for the 2009-2010 year. Jean filled this role with great commitment, passion and creativity.

### Incoming Executive:

Past Chair: Jean Cameron  
 Chair: Linda Round  
 Vice Chair: Linda Peeling  
 Secretary: Mary Lois Cooper  
 Games: Marianne LaRose, Karen Shearer (Assistant)  
 Games Committee: Mary McGuigan, Mardi McLachlan, Marilyn Brown  
 Photographer/Historian: Penny Brown, Jan Murray (Assistant)  
 Trophies: Marg Fliss  
 Advisory Committee: Sheila Novlan, Lil Richardson, Ruth Prentice



**Subway** – Sarnia Rd. & Western Rd. – Marilynne Van Buskirk, Convenor & Beth Parker, Co-convenor  
 The Subway Event was the last Thursday six week event of the season. We had six fun teams with lots of competition. Winners of the Subway Event were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Doreen Stacey, Mardi McLachlan, Marilynne Van Buskirk and Donna Millar
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ruth Prentice, Sandy Ronson, Beth Parker and Carole Dorowski
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dianne McKenna, Cathy Townsend, Holly Cox and Marnie Sherritt

**Nash:** Holly Cox, Convenor & Penny Brown, Co-convenor

For the last 55 years Nash has been a most generous sponsor of the WDS event held on Tuesdays. This event began on February 9, for six weeks ending on March 30. The forty curlers were treated to Chinese snacks sweet bars afterwards. Unfortunately Deb Laing of Nash fame was unable to be present to award the fantastic prizes. The first place team of Joan Bidinosti, Carolyn Petley, Jean Cameron and Marnie Sherritt received pearl necklaces in a leather case. Second place went to Sheila Novlan, Jan Murray, Sue Beckett Carole Darowski who received sterling necklace with a curling stone pendant engraved with the year and LCC. Third place went to Pat Bell, Deanne Fitzpatrick, Fay Weiler and Holly Cox who received a sterling necklace with a Tiffany Key. Many kudos to my very able co-convenor Penny Brown – could not have succeeded without her by my side.

**Friday Competitive League:** Karen Shearer, Convenor & Joan Dickie, Co-convenor

The Women's Competitive League began on October 16, 2009 and ended on March 26, 2010. Thirteen teams were divided into Flight A and Flight B, curling 3 draws of 7 games. Prizes were given to winners of each draw in Flight A and Flight B; Overall winners in Flight A (trophy winner) and Flight B; Flight A and Flight B runner-ups. The final game on March 26 was followed with a delicious pot lunch and presentation of the prizes.

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Help keep our ice clean and exchange your gripper before the season starts. Bring us your old gripper and we will cut it up and get you a new one.

## Let's Keep Our Ice Clean!

Last spring members were asked to complete a survey on the quality of the ice surface for the 2009-10 season. In terms of speed, amount of curl and consistency, the ratings were generally quite favourable. In terms of cleanliness, however, the rating was a resounding "POOR".

The survey results were presented to the Ice Maintenance Committee last April, and the committee members provided feedback on the causes of the lack of cleanliness, as well as ideas for how to address the problem.


Since part of the responsibility for clean ice must lie with us, as members, it seems appropriate to share this part of the committee's report, as we get set to begin a new season of curling.

### PROPOSED 2010-11 CURL CLEAN EPECTATIONS FOR ALL LCC CURLERS

- Make it a priority to do your part to help keep our ice surface clean.**
- Use the boot cleaner every time you enter the club.**
- Inspect condition and cleanliness of curling footwear, especially grippers. Remove loose rubber or replace worn grippers appropriately.**
- Inspect and clean your broom after a game or prior to the start of a draw. Use the broom cleaning depots. Purchase extra broom head to make cleaning easier between games.**
- Brush & clean your broom over garbage containers when on the ice surface.**
- Do not hand brush your broom on ice surface or brush clean your broom on the carpet.**
- Keep knee off ice when cleaning rock. Push debris away from hack.**
- Front end players inspect for debris around hacks and remove to garbage containers.**
- Take full advantage of early pre season gripper sales promotion.**

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS LCC OPERATIONS

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Revenue</b>					
Membership dues (703)	195,500	194,900	156,000	161,600	161,400
Bar Sales	90,200	97,800	93,400	103,600	100,300
Gross Margin	56%	52%	55%	51%	50%
Pro Shop Sales	16,400	23,400	16,900	16,000	11,200
Gross Margin	25%	25%	23%	26%	10%
Bonspiels	32,600	30,800	30,500	21,000	24,200
Ice Rentals	19,900	14,800	62,600	63,000	37,900
50/50 Draws	4,100	3,500	3,300	3,000	3,000
<b>Expenses</b>					
Utilities	49,900	47,900	52,000	39,000	34,600
Maint, Repairs, Supp	26,400	57,500	46,500	31,000	41,000
Payroll & Contract Serv	130,200	129,800	131,800	126,000	135,000
Insurance	5,700	5,700	7,500	9,400	10,100
Depreciation	48,200	39,700	38,000	34,000	32,600
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