



*"Obstacles" are those opposition rocks that become visible  
when we take our eyes off the broom....*

#### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

VP OPERATIONS UPDATE	2
CURLERS CORNER	2
EVENTS AND BONSPIELS	3
FROM THE HACK	3
SOCIAL LEAGUE UPDATE	4
LITTLE ROCKS	4
ETIQUETTE FOR CURLERS	4

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you read this message, the calendar tells us we are nearly half way through our first year in our new curling venue. How quickly time moves on.

I hope all are enjoying both the sport and the many friendships that come with it. When talking to people, there seems to be lots of excitement around the table and this is good for all of us.

We have already sent one team to Uxbridge for a fun filled Saturday bonspiel. More will be heading out in the New Year and if you're not on my list to receive the bonspiel information be sure to get your email address to me and join in a bonspiel or two.

As well, we have an exciting event occurring on Dec. 9-11 at our club with the Zone 9 Play downs for both the Provincial (Women's) Scotties and (Men's) Tankard Championships. Winners move on to Regionals, followed by Provincials, and finally to the National Ladies Tournament of Hearts and the Men's Tim Horton's Brier. King Curling Club is delighted to have two ladies and two men's teams competing. Come out and watch this competition, if you can, and witness some really good curling.

With Christmas just ahead, there will be many of us enjoying friends and family to celebrate this important holiday and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Enjoy it safely and good curling in the second half of the season.

All the best,

#### REGISTRATION UPDATE

The King Curling Club is proud to announce that membership now stands at 337 members in it's inaugural year! There is great interest in the Little Rocks and Youth/Bantam programs under the watchful eye of Jenny Frans and Torie Abbots. Little Rocks have 25 registered curlers and Youth/Bantam has 10.

There are four openings for curlers in the Tuesday Mixed Social League, and two curlers are needed for the Friday Mixed Social League.

King Curling Club will be participating in Schomberg Main St. Christmas parade with their curlers float on Dec.3. We encourage and welcome all curling members, and especially the young people, who would like to ride on the float. Contact Jack Campbell at 905-939-2992 for details.

Tuesday afternoons, and Thursday mornings welcomes those with a flexible schedule to come out and join the "Tag League". Each curler upon arrival places their name tag on the position they want to play. The conveners then make up the teams for everyone to play. This is a great way to meet people easily as a new team is made each week and an Off-ice social circle is enjoyed after every game. Those interested are asked to visit the website at [www.kingcurling.com](http://www.kingcurling.com) or send an email with your questions to [no@kingcurling.com](mailto:no@kingcurling.com)

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Zone 9 Play-downs
- Bonspiel Info
- Practice Ice
- Main St. Christmas Parade
- Competitive Teams

## KING CURLING CLUB

P.O Box 269

Schomberg, Ontario LOG 1T0

[www.kingcurling.com](http://www.kingcurling.com)

### VP OF OPERATIONS UPDATE

A lot has transpired since our last newsletter. What the members see every week, when they arrive for their game, represents hundreds of hours of volunteer work by KCC members. We are blessed to be part of an organization that has as many volunteers as we do. Thanks to all that have pitched in and helped in so many ways.

The former Schomberg and Nobleton curling stones have found a new home at Thompson Curling of Manitoba. The Nobleton stones will be cut up for inserts and the other rocks will likely be sold as sets. Our new rocks will have player/sheet identification markers on them soon.

Torie Abbotts and her team on the Coaching and Learn to Curl Clinics did an amazing job! The additional Adult Clinics were sold out and have had great reviews. Producing a dozen new coaching assistants and helping approximately 100 new curlers through the program has been a huge task that KCC members will benefit from with many years of curling ahead.

There is now a bulletin board in the change room hall. Check for general club information as well as the many Bonspiel possibilities.

Looking ahead; a broom rack, matting in the rock storage area, along with a TV signal in the lounge, are all on the list of things to do. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through our operational growth. - Bob Belcher

*"The King Curling Club has presented itself as very organized and professional. We've definitely gotten off on the right foot."*

*-Bob Belcher*

*Vice President Operations*

### CURLERS CORNER

The King Curling Club is very pleased to announce and welcome two Ladies Competitive Teams to the club. Team Reddick and Team Brown will be competing in this year's curling circuit working towards the Ontario Scotties Tournament of Hearts, with the King Curling Club backing their name.

Team Reddick; who have been playing together for only 1 year, are currently ranked 10th on the Ontario Curling Tour money list. Skip Julie Reddick is a full time Chartered Accountant for a firm in Toronto, while Carrie Lindner works full time for a company in Vaughan as a Lab Manager. Both Megan Balsdon and Laura Hickey are full time students currently working towards a Masters Degree.

Team Brown have been together for the past 3 years collecting a Championship win at the 2010 Kitchener-Waterloo Spiel and were runner-up in the 2010 OCT Oakville Spiel. Skip Kathy Brown has skipped numerous times to the Scotties Provincial Championships with Vice; Janet Langevin. Margie Hewitt with Abbie Darnley both played for team Canada in Karuizawa, Japan 2008.

Both teams have a very impressive list of player accomplishments with Provincial, National, International, and Pre-Post Olympic appearances. Abbie Darnley of Team Brown, also plays in KCC's Tuesday night's Mixed Competitive League for Team Belcher. See the bulletin board to read more about both of these highly skilled teams and their player accomplishments.

Having such high calibre curlers affiliated with our club is a great opportunity for wide spread exposure and introduce our club to the world of curling. We wish both teams great success for their 2011-12 curling season!



**Team Reddick**

Skip Julie Reddick, Vice; Carrie Lindner, 2nd; Megan Balsdon, and Lead Laura Hickey



**Team Brown**

Skip Kathy Brown, Vice; Janet Langevin, 2nd; Abbie Darnley and Lead Margie Hewitt

**KING CURLING CLUB**

The King Curling Club is extremely proud to have two Men's Competitive Teams participate, and represent our club, at the Zone 9 Play downs. All are current members that come with a wealth of curling knowledge and experience. We would like to wish them good curling and all the best in their first Play Downs event.

Team Gerrits consists of Skip; George Gerrits, Vice; Dan Steenhoek, Second; Karl Petersen, Lead Chris Welch and Alternate/Coach; Tim Gerrits.

Team Broad includes Skip Steve Broad, Vice; Scott Boynton, Second; Wilf Robinson, and Lead Doug Groombridge.

Watch the bulletin board for Team Schedule's and come help to cheer on our boys from King!

*Good Luck Team Gerrits and Team Broad!!*

**UPCOMING EVENTS—BONSPIELS****ELVES YEAR ENDER SPIEL**

Dec. 28, 2011

2 8-end games

Entry Fee \$40.00/person

Contact Karon Dalby

kdalby@sympatico.ca

905-775-5414

Or Dave Swackhammer

pottagepatch@rogers.com

905-939-2714

See bulletin board for details

**SHE'S THE BOSS SPIEL**

Sat. Feb. 4th, 2012

\*Skip Must be a Lady\*

Entry Fee \$160/ Team

3 6-end games, 2 draws

Contact Doug Groombridge

dgroombridge@routcom.com

or 905-859-0599

See bulletin board for details

**EMILY'S HOUSE BONSPIEL**

Saturday Feb. 11, 2012

Cost—\$40 per person

Fundraiser for the first

children's hospice in the GTA.

Includes 2 6-end games, lunch, snacks & prizes for everyone.

Contact Ann Gerrits

905-952-3856 or email at  
ann@birchon.ca

See bulletin board for details

**FROM THE HACK**

*“Now that you have been curling on real curling ice, what are if any, changes have you had to make with your own game?”*

- *“I have found it interesting to "find" my weight and not throw my rocks through to the parking lot as the ice is so much keener than hockey ice “*

- Barb Davis

- *“the possibilities for shot making and strategy, are so much greater on real curling ice.”*

- Jack Campbell

- *“curling ice has made my game easier with less effort in making the shot. I Love the facility!”*

-Rick Parcels

**NOTEABLE NOTES****ZONE 9 PLAYDOWNS**

Hosted by King Curling Club

Men's and Women's Draws

December 9-11

Mark the dates on your calendar and come out and enjoy some great curling.

Volunteers for this event should contact organizer Ann Gerrits at

416-616-4158

**PRACTICE ICE**

Sundays 1-3pm & 3-5pm

\$20 Per Sheet/hr. (sheet 1&4)

Mondays 9-11 pm

Thursdays 6-10 pm

\$32.10/hr. (prime-time rental)

Contact Maureen Richardson

info@kingcurling.com

**MAIN ST. CHRISTMAS**

Dec. 3, 2011

Interested members who would like to participate on the curlers float, should contact

Jack Campbell

905-939-2992



*“A Piece of the Button”*

## LEAGUE UPDATES

### SOCIAL LEAGUE

The social leagues are going well coming up to Christmas. The new curlers are having a good time and are really improving at an amazing rate. Thanks to all the curlers for their patience and their amazing snacks provided at each draw by the teams. The 50\50 draws are going well and will provide some prizes and food for the Christmas fun spiel. The new year will see new teams made up and maybe a playoff round for some leagues. Please be reminded that if you need a spare please contact your spare co-coordinator or skip so you can be replaced.

Any new curlers wanting to be on the spare list are asked let your League Convenor know. There is no additional cost if you are a club member.

If there are any questions feel free to ask your convenor or call me at 905-939-7505. Thanks everyone and Merry Christmas.

Peter Kamstra

Director

### LITTLE ROCKS

The first Little Rock Program at the King Curling Club is off to a great start! We currently have 24 motivated and enthusiastic members ranging from 6-13 years old. The members have been working (and playing) hard to learn all the basic skills to curl from sliding, to sweeping. We are now working on learning different types of shots that we can make in a game situation. In the new year we are hoping to put all these skills together to play some games! We are looking forward to our Christmas party on Wednesday December 21st where parents and guardians can join us out on the ice! Good curling!



Player Development Director, Torie Abbots assists one of the Little Rocks curlers with the basics of learning to balance.

## CURLING ETIQUETTE

A reminder to curlers that there are no referees, and the rules of the game are on the honor system. Good shots are admired by all, while missed shots are never cheered. The spirit of the game demands good sportsmanship, kindly feeling and honorable conduct. A few refresher tips to follow:

- Players should stand along the side lines when it's not your turn; allowing the next curler to quickly take their shot.
- "Be nice to the Ice". Try not to have warm body parts on the ice too long after delivery of your rock. Re: hands and knees—as they can burn marks in the ice that will affect rocks in play.
- Clean your brooms with the small brushes provided (sitting on the benches) at ice level so debris can go into the garage cans at the ends of each sheet.
- The boot cleaners have had trouble getting jammed and left running. Should you see this, please unplug the unit and notify one of the ice assistants. We do not want to burn the motor as the equipment is very costly.
- Any suggestions about the ice and operation of the rink should please be addressed to either Bob Belcher or John Frans, not the arena staff.
- Compliment any player on a good shot. Have fun and enjoy your game.