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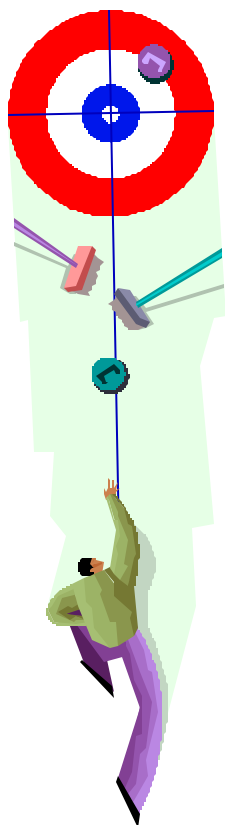


Where friendship is a tradition

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And Now the President...

Michele Eaton



Welcome to all of our new members and welcome back to all of our returning members. This curling season is shaping up to be another great one at Royals. Our annual fall membership drive was a success and our membership is strong again this year. There are still some vacancies so if you know anyone who wants to curl please put them in touch with Bill, or if you want to curl in a second league, speak to Bill and he'll help you to arrange that.

Our leagues are all in full swing now and we hope that you have a terrific season. If you have any suggestions for us, you may speak to Bill or to any member of The Board of Directors. Your Board is:

President	Michele Eaton
Vice President	Susan Gillespie
Treasurer	John Burness
Secretary	Don Bowman
Communications	Don MacLean
Social	Mark Snook

Many of the club's functions depend on volunteers for their success. We are always looking for volunteers for committees and events so if you have an interest in being involved in some of these we would be happy to hear from you. We are also always on the lookout for new ways to raise additional funds so we welcome your ideas.

Again, we are offering advertising in our club roster and in our ice arena. If your business or employer could benefit by advertising within the club, we can help you to prepare your advertisement and will have it ready in short order. Please contact Bill for more information.

We have lots of events planned for this season starting with the Annual Curling Clinic on October 14th and the Meet and Greet Bonspiel at the end of the month. I hope to see you at some of the club events throughout the year.

Have a fun-filled season.

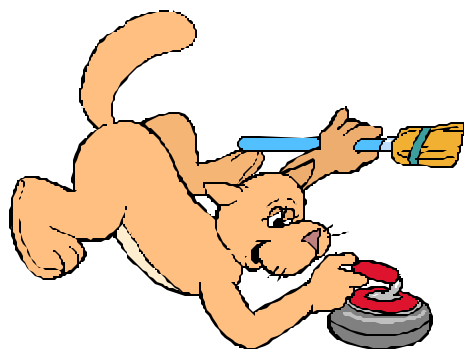
A Very Special Thank You

Wendy Turner Focuses Her Talents

During the past curling seasons Royal's has been fortunate to have **Wendy Turner** not only as a strong representative on the ice but as a representative of the membership on the Board of Directors. Recently, Wendy has taken up an opportunity as an entrepreneur and has had to curtail her activities around the club. As such she recently resigned from the board. Wendy will continue to show her curling ability on the ice. The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the past efforts and to wish her well in her new professional career.

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Thank Gosh Its Friday!

Glenn Galloway

It's one of the club's hottest party leagues and you're invited! Come down any Friday night to visit, but especially be sure to join us for our theme nights, which include Halloween, Valentine's Day and Mexican Night.

The most active social night just keeps getting better. There are two draws at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.. Our league focus is social, but with at least 22 games from October through April, your curling game is bound to improve. Our fabulous prize tables are club renowned. Proceeds from our weekly bottle draw finance spectacular dinners at Christmas and the season Finale.

Please accept our friendly welcome to both new and returning curlers.

Busy on Friday night ? Why not let us add you to our very prestigious spare list for an occasional night out at the Royals. Just call me, I'll make it so!

Welcome back and good curling to all

Men's Night Out

Jack Thompson



Men's League action is back in full swing Thursdays with a full slate of 24 teams taking to the ice. New faces and old faces in new places are the order of the day - with a host of unrecognizable names on the schedule (well, actually all of the names are recognizable, but only to their immediate families).

Starting with the defending regular season champs - that dominating foursome from last year headed by **M. Racette**: the foursome is still here, but you'll have to look at three different teams to find them! **Mark** and **Alan** have team **Adam Beck** moves up to skip a new team, wisely picking up three **Gords**.

That way when he yells out a teammate's name, he's got a decent chance of being right.

Paul Campbell returns from banishment to skip a team.....NO, not really! The new **Paul Campbell** is no relation to last year's model, as far as I can tell - but let's reserve judgment on this one. **Vic Friedin** inherited the old Campbell rink, but at least this year he gets a full season to see what he can do with it.

Gord Smith - could we have ANY MORE Gords? - moves to the far end of the sheet with his veteran squad, while last-minute returnee **Ed Swerhone** picks up a couple of ringers to start the season. And even **Les O'Reilly** gets into the skip act this year.

Nobody said we had high standards! Rookie skips include the aforementioned **Mr. Campbell**, **Terry Morrish** and **Craig Robertson** - time will tell where these rinks will fit in the overall scheme of things.

So that just leaves the rest of us - tried and true veterans one and all - **Burness, David, Doucette, Gardner, Harcourt, Henderson, MacKay, Moura, Racette, Russom, Shelton, Straume, Thompson and Whittaker** - all with pie-in-the-sky dreams of piloting our teams to the elusive Club Championship next April. How naive we all (well, most of us) are. Anyway - here's to trying, and here's to good curling. Let the rocks fall where they may!

Rosie's Restaurant

We are thrilled to be back for another season. This year we are offering delicious new menu ideas and would love to hear your suggestions for future meals.

Come and warm up in our beautiful new dining room. Wow! What a difference (no more green!) Rosie's is now also offering "Take-Out", to all those who lead busy on the go lifestyles. Take advantage of the kitchen, we are here for you. WE are here for you. We pride ourselves on homemade, healthy food. Come and join us.

Bon Appetite.





Many of you who are returning members may have noticed that the decor of the club has changed from past years. Over the summer your Board of Directors has been working hard to arrange to have the clubhouse ship shape for the beginning of the curling season. In September we installed new carpeting and decided that repainting was also in order. Bill and Mike rose to the challenge and repainted the whole club to match the carpet and give a clean fresh look to the lounge. Rosie's staff was energetic and quick to offer to repaint the dining room to give it some vibrancy. On behalf of the membership and the Board of Directors a special Thank you to Mike, Bill and the Kitchen staff for making our club an enjoyable place to spend the winter.

Let the Rocks Fly Tuesday

Mark Snook

Welcome Curlers! It is that time once again to dust off those comfy curling clothes and begin another fun filled season of mixed curling.

Last season's conquering heroes have had a slight line-up change but still should be in contention for the Tuesday night title. The **Guy Racette** rink won both the aggregate and playoff championship last season and will be returning this year sans Guy.

Stephen Caldwell has joined the team, which includes skip **Don Maclean**, **Paige MacKay**, and **Karen Heywood** after losing the final last year to this same group, Caldwell was heard saying "if ya can't beat 'em, join em!"

There are a few teams, which should be in contention for the trophy this year. **Gord Smith**, **Kevin Buckner** and **Al Donald** all have been knocking on the door the past few years, and combined with the departure of two-time champ **Scott Harcourt**, it should be an interesting race.

The Tuesday draw is a little smaller this year due most in part to the rash of babyitis that has been going around the club. The **Cordy's**, **Lytle's**, and **Witzke's** all have had or will be soon welcoming new additions to their families. (Ya gotta wonder what kind of parties these guys were going to last year)

We have also had several team changes with only two squads the same as they were last year. My team lost our vice after she decided to move back to Scotland, (guess we made one too many sheep jokes) so I guess we all will be making some new friends or discover new teams we can talk about when they're not around!

That's it for this month folk. Until next month have fun and good Curling!

Around the House

- **Karen Thomsen** and **David Barlow**, both of the Sunday league were married Aug 19th in a lovely ceremony" at Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club.
- **Dan Friar**, formerly of the Tuesday and Sunday night leagues married **Linda Li** on July 15th in Waterloo.
- **Susan Ward** and **David Ward** tied the knot during the off season.
- **Sue LaRose** and **Gary LaRose** also walked down the isle over the summer.
- **Andrea Nyhus** married **Gregg Nyhus** and started their new life in the curling capital of Canada – Winnipeg, Manitoba
- **Asha** (non-member, tsk) and **Jeff O'Shaughnessy** also decided to spend their lives together.
- **Lisa Marie McCormick** and **Greg Dunfield** were married on Sept. 16th.
- **Cynthia Head** and **Mal McKenna** are still waiting for that special day on November 4th when they will exchange vows.
- **Kathy** and **Ed Witzke** now have a beautiful baby girl named Claire to tell them what to do around the house.
- **Shawn** and **Maura Lytle** announced that they are expecting a second child to occupy Katherine, their first daughter, during their Tuesday Night Mixed games.
- **Gee** and **Caroline Virgo** are expecting their first child. Watch out guys, this kids gonna be shooting doubles in no time!
- **Jackson Grozelle** was born on June 13th to still proud and tired parents **Ron** and **Moir**
- **Steve Segal** has moved to the Maritimes - Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.
- **Jeff O'Shaughnessy** has moved to California and has probably given up curling in the mean time.

