

President's message: *Maureen Harris*

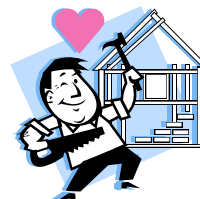
The season is now well under way, and it is time for your Board of Directors to evaluate what we are doing right, and what might need some changes. All members are encouraged to come out and make your views known at the upcoming **Semi-Annual General Meeting**.



This meeting is open to all curling members. It will be held at Navy on Sunday, **November 23, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.**

Some topics will be **membership fees, ice utilization, club events, our financial situation, and divisional reports.**

Curling clubs survive due to the invaluable contribution of volunteers. Many of you and your fellow curlers not only come to the club to enjoy their favourite passtime (curling of course, and ok, perhaps also partying and socializing) but also help to organize activities and support the sport of curling through special events, competitions and bonspiels. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have given their time and energy to help their fellow members to learn to curl, put together schedules, run events and bonspiels, repair toilets, replace furniture, and other countless jobs that require willing workers. I can't list the names as there are too many of you, and too little space. Just know that your efforts are known and appreciated.



Key Club Events

November / December



- November 22nd – *Bantam Invitational / Open Spiel*
- Nov 29th to Dec 2nd – *Senior Men's Invitational / Open Spiel*
- Dec 4th – *Grandma Spiel (members and non members event)*
- Dec 12th & 13th – *Xmas Club Event – Curling / Party*
- Dec 26th – *Family Spiel- non members are welcome to sign up*

Family Christmas Portraits

When: Sunday, Nov. 16, 1p.m. to 5p.m. Where: at the Club

You must be an RCNCC member to take advantage of this offer. There is no charge for this.

A pre-Christmas group portrait. By yourself, with your significant other, or the whole family, this portrait will be suitable to send with Christmas cards, give as a gift or to mount on the mantel.

You will be given a CD with all your pictures as you leave the photo session. You can then take the CD to your favourite store for printing as many copies as you like, at your expense.



To set up your appointment:

- Telephone Tom Alfoldi at 613-730-1324, or
- Send email to: talfoldi@magma.ca



XMAS MIXED and Party

December 12th & 13



**The sign up sheet will be posted on the kitchen door bulletin board.
You can sign up individually or as a couple or as a team.**

This is a club-wide fun event open to all Navy members, family, friends and rental league members. It's a great opportunity to meet members from all divisions, enjoy a dinner on Saturday evening, and dance the night. **There is a minimal cost to cover** the meal, prizes and entertainment or you can purchase just a dinner ticket as well if you just want to come out for the meal and entertainment.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OTTAWA NEEDS YOU

Special Olympics have 2 curling programs looking for new volunteer Assistant Coaches. Requirements – experienced curler with some time and energy to give.

**When: Friday 3:30pm to 5:15pm at City View CC, or
Sundays – 9:15am to 11am at Ottawa CC**



Their website is www.ottawaspecialolympics.org
If interested, contact Kellie Denny at 613 860-6184

Membership Status - As of Nov 11th - Ken Lichti

Total members = 453

(Male 263, Female 190)

Full members (multiple events) = 121	(Male 81, Female 40)
Evening 1 Event members = 99	(Male 66, Female 33)
Day only members = 98	(Male 70, Female 28)
Weekend Only members = 41	(Male 3, Female 28)
Introduction to Curling members = 26	(Male 10, Female 16)
Junior members = 39	(Male 13, Female 26)

NEW CURLERS LEAGUE 2008/09: Dan Acton

This year, Navy offered a new novice / recreational league and it has started with good success. There is currently 22 names on the list, and each week, additional players are showing up. The new members are keen and having a blast, we even have a bring a joke contest happening.

We started off with more talk and less curling, and moving towards less talk and more curling as the weeks go by. This seems to be a successful formula.

In this league, instructions are provided weekly. I'd like to thank Ken Waterman, Gord and Dawn Butler, Peter Trobridge, Rene Boucher and even our club President, Maureen Harris for volunteering as coaches to this point. However, I need more experienced curlers to come out and help. If you are willing to provide just a few hours on a Saturday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm, it would be appreciated. *Please give me a call if you are willing to help.*

As we progress week by week, these new curlers will be playing a different position in order to learn the game but experience each position on the team.

EVENING LADIES: Karlyn Gannon

Hello Ladies,

The Semi-Annual General meeting is schedule for Monday November 17, 2008 at 7:30pm. I hope you can all make it.

There will also be the get acquainted dinner before hand, starting at 7:00pm put on by the past President for \$10, which will consist of Lasagna and Caesar salad. Please let me know either by email me that you are interested in the dinner, or signing up at the club, on the ladies board down stairs.

New Business to be discussed: a) Future for Monday Night Draw, and b) Pins for Wednesday Night A & B Winners

Hope everyone has been having a good curling season this far.

Looking forward to seeing you all there. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

DAY LADIES: *Fran Prodger*



The *Executive Cup* draw on Tuesday mornings is well under way and will finish Jan. 6th. The Thursday morning draws of the *Cally Ross* and *Scotch Doubles* are also underway.

The *Friday Fixed* has 6 teams playing this fall with the teams of Diane Boisvert, Rae Donovan, Lois Graham, Sandy Paterson, Diane Russell, and Susan Wade participating.

The *Day Ladies curling clinic* was held Thursday Oct. 16th. Thanks to Ken Waterman, Susan Johnston and Rae Donovan and the 5 ladies who came out got lots of attention.

In the **WINNERS CIRCLE:**

1. Congratulations to the team of Lois Graham [S], Alex Pugh [3rd], Trudy Winterburn [2nd] and Mary Ellen Ward [L] for winning the **SWING n' SWEEP** Bonspiel at the Brockville Golf and Country Club on September 28, 2008.

2. The Navy Day Ladies teams won the **CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE** at the RCMP Curling Club on Thursday October 23, 2008 for the second year running. These teams have now been challenged by members of the RA Riverside Curling Club and that match will be held sometime in early 2009. Navy's teams were as follows:

*Lois Graham, Heather Lonsdale, Joy Dufour, Penny Rae-Keyes
Diane Russell, Dianne Fisher, Carolyn Murphy, Norma Moyle
Rae Donovan, Sandy Paterson, Connie Corbett, Celia Purver*

Congratulations ladies and good luck in 2009!



3. While their costumes of 'bags of fall leaves' failed to win them the costume prize, the team of Diane Russell, Sandy Paterson, Dianne Fisher and Carolyn Murphy did win the **RA Riverside Ladies Invitational Trophy** at that club's Halloween Bonspiel on Wednesday October 28, 2008.

The team of Lois Graham, Peggy MacPhail, Nancy Morris / Tyrie McGregor and Penny Rae-Keyes placed second in the event even without a costume!

Congratulations Ladies!



SENIOR MEN'S: *Tony Charbonneau*

The senior men's division got off to a flying start in October with 24 players participating in our opening bonspiel. The winning team was skipped by Orest Popovich and included Marty Byrd (3rd), Jack Brannen (2nd) and Gene Webber (lead). The runners-up were Gerry Goudie, Bud Roger and Dwight Barkley, skipped by Denis Paquette.

The senior men's division continues to offer a full range of curling activities. Every Monday, 92 curlers take to the ice on 23 fixed teams to establish their place in a competitive ladder during round one (of three) which lasts seven weeks, ending on November 24.

Dave Burnett has been busy organizing a series of "*Friendlylies*" with curling clubs throughout the Ottawa Valley; on Oct. 16, Navy hosted teams from Carleton Heights, followed by Smiths Falls on November 13, and Cumberland on November 20. Everyone is welcome to participate by signing up on one of the entry sheets posted on the senior bulletin board in the men's locker room.

One of the premier bonspiels at Navy is the annual **Senior Men's Invitational Bonspiel**, which will take place from Saturday, November 29th to Tuesday, December 2. This excellent bonspiel, under the direction of Gerry MacMillan, is also a *fund-raiser for the Perley Rideau Veterans' Health Centre*.

On November 2, Navy welcomed a touring group of **Scottish Police and Police Civil Service Association** in an afternoon of curling and fellowship. 32 Navy members and their Scottish counterparts enjoyed a wonderful curling experience put together by Senior President Don Wallingford. This was the second such visit of Scottish policemen; in 2004, Navy hosted a similar event. Souvenir banners are hanging on the wall near the glass by sheet 4.

In mid-December, the annual Christmas bonspiel will be held over two weeks for members of the senior men's division. Draws will be held on December 9-10, and then on December 16-17; a Christmas lunch will take place following play on December 17.

Results of Key Events held at the club

- *Opening Mixed* - Fri. Oct 3rd & Sat. Oct 4th



Special thanks to everyone that participated and all the volunteers that helped with the bonspiel this year: Karlyn Gannon, Marilyn Best, Jessica Gannon, Jen Allard, Christie Farquhar. The event was managed by the Evening Ladies Division.

In the **WINNERS CIRCLE** : *Bruce Coffin and his team of Marlene Chaine and Bill Brady* won the Opening Mixed.

Only 36 members out of 400 members played in this opening club bonspiel. Over the past 5 years, the number of participants has been decreasing each year. The club members will need to decide if they wish to continue this event in the future.

- ***CURLING CLINICS***

These events took place on Sunday Sept 28th, Thursday Oct 16th, and Sunday Oct 26th

Many thanks to the Club's Curl Canada instructors – Maureen Harris, Dawn and Gord Butler, Ken Waterman, Susan Johnston, Robin Blair, Peter Trobridge, BJ Wallace and Rae Donovan.

The clinics were well attended and were for new curlers and for others seeking technical improvements. Another clinic is planned for early January 2009. Sign up sheet will be posted on the kitchen door bulletin board in mid December. Coordinator is BJ Wallace.

- ***Halloween Party - Friday Oct 31st***

Many thanks to Rene Boucher who organized this event, and to Dave and Heather Mitchell, the DJs for the evening. While only a few members and guests attended, a good time was enjoyed by all.



- ***SuperJunior International Spiel - Oct 30th, Oct 31st and Nov. 1st***

This major International spiel is held at several city curling clubs. Navy provided ice time for the Pro/Am event on Thursday Oct 30th, and for 3 draws on Friday and Saturday. The curling was exceptional and the cost to watch was free. Teams were entered from Scotland, USA, Switzerland, Canadian Champions, other Canadian teams, and the best from the Ottawa Valley.

Thanks to the our club volunteers who timed games – Nancy Morris, Andre Paquette, Tony Charbonneau, Charlie Stanton, Peter Trobridge, Ralph Shlachter, George Weber and to Ken Waterman who officiated all 3 draws. We were missing 3 club volunteers. A member from the Ottawa CC helped out. Next year, we will need to do better.

20:15 Draw - Team	Points	Ca\$h	Position
Sullivan (Metcalfe)	475 points	\$440.00	1
Sheppard (RCN)	394 points	\$310.00	2
Chisholm (RCN)	368 points	\$250.00	3
Fujimoto (Rideau)	332 points	\$200.00	4

Ca\$hspiel funds raised Sept 2008.

**\$1,445.06 Curling , \$3,056.00 Beer, \$266.00 Liquor, \$274.00 Wine
Total Raised \$5,041.06**

In addition to the Bonsel, there was a closest to the button competition and a fund raiser for the (Military Families Fund) held on **October 1st**.

Closest to the Button payouts:

*Thanks to **Gannon Blackburn Electric Inc** for the sponsorship monies.*

Rene Boucher \$300.00,

Steve Lonsdale \$220.00,

David Badham \$220.00 – (Money donated back to the **Capital Improvement Fund**)

Thank-you Mr. Badham!

Military Families Fund (MFF) raiser (October 1st)

Thanks again go out to the Club members and Non-Club members who volunteered to make the event a success. Thank-you to the our bartenders for donating their time on October 1st. Thank-you to GAL Power for donating the Fire Truck (there is a story here) and all the propane used that day.

MFF Financials

\$1075.45 dollars raised at the Royal Canadian Navy Curling Club – ***Thank-you!!!!***

\$1075.45 dollars matched by the Government of Ontario

\$2150.90 (Military Families Fund) – In place to support the families of our “Fallen Brother and Sisters”

The funds are used as bursaries for the members of their families who are registering in a post secondary program at Algonquin (one of three campuses). Each student would receive \$1000.00 if they qualify...so far 58 applicants have applied...there has been enough to give out only 6 to date. The number of bursaries given out is before receiving our donation.

KH-Final notes:

It has been my pleasure to organize the above, plus I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with the super volunteers, of the above events and with the permission of the board of directors and the membership, I would gladly accept the responsibility again in 2009.

Ken Hannaberry