



Richmond Rocks 2015-16

A new season is upon us

A warm welcome to new members to the Richmond Curling Club and a welcome back to returning members.

We hope those individuals joining us in the *Learn to Curl Program* enjoy the weekly instruction and learn about the sport of curling -- there is both an on ice and off ice experience to be enjoyed!

Catching up from the end of last season

Two Ontario Curling Association Provincial Championship banners were presented at the Club over the summer months.

The first to the winning team of the **Tim Hortons Timbits Provincial Championship** – the province's elementary school curling competition.



Congratulations are due to **Lucas Houle, Jordan McNamara, Adrienne Belliveau, and Julia Brennan**. All four curlers began their curling at our Club in the Little Rocks Program.

We also have a Bantam boys team to be extremely proud of! **Michael Morra, Sean Armstrong, Grant Fraser and Matthew Morra** snagged a banner by winning the **OCA Bantam Boys Provincial Championships**.



After posting a 2-2 record in early Round Robin play, the Morra rink won three straight games. The win streak enabled them to finish round-robin play at 5-2 and in a three-way tie for first place in the round-robin standings. The tiebreaker system forced the Morra rink

into a semi-final showdown against Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club's Sam Mooibroek, a 6-4 triumph in seven ends. In the championship game, the topped Troy Stoner's rink from Whitby 6-4.

Travelers' Curling Club Championship Zone 3 Playdowns

Our 2014/15 season Ladies' and Mens' Club Championship teams made the trek down the 401 Highway to the Quinte Curling Club in Belleville, Ontario on October 24-25 to compete in the Travelers' Championship Zone Playdowns.

Alison Cousineau, Kylie Orchard (replacing Stacey Craig), **Denise Ludington**, and **Charlene Smith** put in a strong performance making it to semi-final play before being eliminated.

The Cousineau squad squeaked out a victory in their first game defeating Margaret Williams, Garrison C.C. holding the Garrison squad to one in the eighth end. In Game 2, the Richmond ladies faced Carole Rivington's team from the Royal Kingston C.C. Cousineau and team notched victory number two by cracking a three in the eighth to tie and snatching a single in the extra to win. These two victories resulted in a berth to semi-final play. Our ladies foursome faced the familiar Garrison squad and this time Williams came out the victor.

On the mens' side of play, **John Wilson, Andy Lawton, Ken Wilson, and Gerry Moore** represented Richmond Curling Club. In their first match, the Wilson squad were defeated nine to five by the Mitchell squad from Royal Kingston C.C. The Wilson quartet bounced back with a victory in Game 2 scoring a deuce in the eighth to defeat Paul Cormier's team from Carleton Heights C.C. Game three saw the Richmond men face Billy Woods from Dalhousie Lake C.C. Wilson and rink cracked a four and stole three to win nine to five over Woods. Like our ladies, the men made to semi-finals, matched up against the Mitchell rink once again. The semi-final was a very tight match with the Mitchell rink claiming victory in an extra end.

Congratulations to both rinks on your great performance at the Zone playdowns!



RCC's own Amazing Race

This opening social event made a return this season and by all counts served up another fun-filled adventure for members and friends.

Participants competed in teams of 3 or 4 people. Each team traveled the back roads of Goulbourn Township, following clues, collecting items, solving puzzles, performing challenges, getting lost. Full of roadblocks, detours, and laughs the event is a great way to kick off a return to the Club.

Corporate sponsors and advertisers at the RCC

RCC recognizes corporate sponsors and advertisers through a variety of means. "Billboards" are placed on the walls of the ice surface for advertisers. Sponsors are also important supporters of our community, sport and facility and contribute prizes for the many leagues and events.

Please consider supporting their businesses and saying thank you. For information regarding advertising or sponsorship, contact **Ron Dullemond** at red@magma.ca. Members receive a 25% discount on advertising rates.

RCC exhibits at Richmond Fair

Once again volunteers from the Richmond Curling Club were giving it their all to help support the Club and attract members by manning an exhibit booth during the Richmond Fair.



Improvements to RCC facilities

Over the 2014-15 season and during summer 2015, a number of small to medium sized repair projects were undertaken at the Club.

Among the improvements to the facilities are new steel exit doors in the ice shed, new exterior lighting fixtures to improve security, repaired striking bands on some of the rocks, while touch-ups on the running surfaces of all the curling rocks have been completed to enhance member enjoyment. Parking lot repairs were completed fixing pot holes that were developing. The closed-circuit TV monitors are a hit enhancing the

spectators' experience by helping show stone position in the away end house.

Thank you to the members who helped to complete these projects by volunteering their time, brawn and expertise.

Langley rink placing notches in the win column



Congratulations to **Patricia Bouvier, Shirley Reddick, Sue-ann Blakely, Brenda Moffitt, and Jennifer Langley** who topped all others entries at the Rideau Curling Club's Senior Ladies' Spiel to claim top honours!

Good luck the rest of the season ladies, we look forward to reading more about your winning ways!

Coming Events!

Christmas in the Valley Day Ladies Invitational Bonspiel -- Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Stick Curlers' Clinic -- Thursday November 12, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Intermediate Clinic -- Saturday, November 14 from 9 am to 3 pm

Curling Equipment Sale and Club Fundraiser – Sunday, November 15, 2015 from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Get some great deals on Goldline Curling Gear!

Earl MacMillan Memorial Invitational Senior Mens' Bonspiel – Saturday, November 21, 2015

Ottawa Valley Curling Association's Annual Mixed Bonspiel -- January 14 - 17, 2016

5th Annual Ends for an End to Cancer Fundraiser Bonspiel – Saturday, April 2, 2016. In 2015, we raised over \$22,600 for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation. What will 2016 bring?

Canadian Men's Curling Championship – The Brier, scheduled for March 5-13, 2016 at TD Place in Ottawa. Ticket packages on sale.