



Richmond Rocks 2015-16

Our Marvellous Masters!



Congratulations are due to **Shirley Reddick, Sue-ann Blakely, Brenda Moffitt, and Jennifer Langley** on their marvellous, magnificent and majestic performance at the Ontario Curling Association's Master's Provincial curling competition held in Midland, Ontario.

The Langley foursome finished round robin play tied for first with an impressive 5 wins and 2 losses record. This launched them into the Provincial final, giving them a shot at a berth to Nationals! The final match was a close one with Ann Dunn's foursome snatching the victory by a margin of 2 points.

OVCA Bonspiel Sussex Drive Trophy Winners!



Congratulations to **Malcolm Stubbs, Judy Middlemiss, Terry Hodgson, and Cathy Raven** on taking top honours in the senior mixed division in the annual Ottawa Valley Curling Association's bonspiel defeating the Steve Burke foursome from RCN Navy in the final.

Richmond CC was well represented in the OVCA Bonspiel with entries in the Colts, Seniors, and Open Divisions. J. King, B. Connelly, and G. St. Laurent skipped teams in each of the events.

Bantam Boys Compete at Regions

Jordan McNamara and squad advanced through Zone 3 play to represent Richmond Curling Club at Regionals in the Ontario Curling Association's Bantam Boys competition (for youth curlers under 16 years of age) held on January 23-24.

The boys had a great weekend of curling while playing in the Zones. Winning their first game by a large margin matched them up against Team Hahn from Almonte CC. The game was a close one but the Hahn team squeaked out 5-4 victory. In the B side qualifier game, Team McNamara played Team Barrie and came through with a 7-5 win ... and suddenly, it was on to Regions!



At Regions, Jordan and team squared up against Andrew Kelly of RCMP CC, W. Smith of Cataraqui Golf and Country Club, and Ryan Hahn of Almonte CC in competition and finished with a 1 win and 2 loss record. Notably, the Bantam Boys competed against the two teams who made it to the finals in the Regional.

A **GOOD SHOW** shout out goes to **Jordan, Brenden Laframboise, Alex Cousineau, and Lucas Houle!**

Richmond CC hosted OCA Senior Mixed Zone Playdowns

The Club was a buzz with curlers and activity on January 30-31 hosting the Ontario Curling Association's Senior Mixed Zones competition.

RCC was represented in the event by two teams. **Jennifer Langley, Fred Boyce, Shirley Reddick, and Jim Parker** put in strong showings in their games but unfortunately did not end up with victories.

John Wilson, Ronna Reddick, Herb O'Heron, and Heather Brophy began the competition with

an extra end loss against an entry from Huntley CC, but bounced back with decisive wins in the sequence of games that followed. Making it to the B-final, they were able to avenge the extra end loss by defeating the team they played game one. **Good luck at Regions, in Brighton, Wilson rink!**

Euchre Party and Tubman Sweethearts Spiel

The Club was a busy place in late January and early February. There was much talk in the change rooms about the fun had by all at the recent Euchre Card Party and the Tubman's Sweethearts' Bonspiel. It seems Maggie Armstrong knows how to place a bet, winning 3 out of the 4 rounds at the Tubman. Makes you wonder if that is why she had to leave Ireland so many years ago?

The Magic Eight!



The Tuesday Night Ladies' Draw Curling League had some excitement a few weeks back with an 8-ender being scored! A **Woot! Woot!** goes out to **Natalie, Carmel, Candace, and Maureen!**

The opposition did bounce back, narrowing the margin on the scoreboard to a difference of three points, before conceding in the 7th end.

The magic eight was scored in the second end of the game. I think it would be a good idea to pick blue stones the next time you play on Sheet 2, just sayin'.

Coming Events!

RCC Open Winter Cash Spiel-- Saturday March 5, 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. **Watch for Noah Ford and Tyler Reddick, Junior Stars with Team Newfoundland on March 6 for the 7:30 pm draw!**

Learn to Curl Program



The 10-week **Learn to Curl Program** was another success again this year, wrapping up the end of January. Twenty-eight of the individuals who participated in the Program decided to join the Club to participate in the Social Leagues that play on Friday night and Sunday afternoons. **Welcome to you all, enjoy the rest of the season!**

Thank you to Ken Vachon who coordinated the Program this year and the many volunteers with curling experience who participated to help coach and teach the basics of the game. **Way to rock it!**

The Rock of a Lifetime: What Curling Means to Me A Poem by Noah Ford

At the end of the sheet
With my foot in the hack
In my fingers the rock
There is no turning back

This rock has potential
To alter the game
To make the rock land
On the button is my aim
Sliding out of the hack
I still maintain control
The rock can go places
With its new granite sole

I finally let go
And set the rock free
In the direction of my choosing
At the proper degree

My rock races and curls
Over the sheet of ice
Grinding down the pebbles
It works hard to suffice

Approaching the hog line
My rock gently slows down
Having moved for a while
It is house-bound

It finally stops
On the button to rest
Marking its place
It has done its best

The shot had a voyage
Of a really great length
It represents hard work
Perseverance and strength