



**ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB  
ST. ANNES ROAD & REGAL AVENUE (256-3623)  
MARCH 2003 NEWSLETTER  
PRESIDENT -- KEN STANLEY**



**FORD WORLDS**

**Raffle Tickets:**

The winner of the 2 tickets for all draws including the opening and closing ceremonies was Mr. William Blyth. Congratulations and enjoy.

A great big thanks to everyone who sold all those tickets.

**Draw to the Button Contest:**

The draw to the button contest was held week of February 24<sup>th</sup> with the finals being held on Saturday, March 1, 2003. There were a total of 313 entries and 100 curlers qualified for the playdowns by drawing the four-foot. A series of elimination rounds reduced to field down to the final four. Rick Smith drew to the button to win the competition.

Congratulations Rick and good luck at the World's.

*Your generous participation raised a phenomenal \$726.00 for the Sandra Schmirler Foundation.*

**Senior Women's:**

The World Senior Women's portion of the event will be held at St. Vital between April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>. Day passes are \$3.00 and event passes are \$10.00. The passes can also be used for the men's event, which is being held at the Heather Curling Club at the same time. This event is free for Ford World Curling Championship ticket holders.

Opening Ceremonies: Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 530PM

Draw times are as follows:

Wednesday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	(930AM, 2PM & 630PM),
Thursday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	(930AM, 2PM & 630PM),
Friday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	(9AM & 1PM)
Saturday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	(930AM) – Tie breakers (2PM)
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	(1030PM–semis & 4PM – finals)

Teams from Canada, Denmark, England, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland, Switzerland and the United States will be competing in this year's event.

**Volunteers:**

Volunteers are required to clean-up and freshen-up the Ladies Locker Rooms for the event. Please contact Al Erickson at 257-2676 if you can lend a hand.

**FROM THE BOARD**

Two new Directors are required for the 2003 / 2004 curling season. If you are interested getting involved with the operation of the club, or know someone who may be interested, please contact Howard Bloomfield at 256-0826.

Members of the all the MCA affiliated leagues are eligible to hold one of these positions.

**ANNUAL BANQUET & DANCE**

*Saturday, April 26, 2003*

*Tickets: \$ 20.00 per person.*

*Cocktails: 6:00 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM*

*Music By: One Man Band*

*Tickets from Ralph Dooley (253-5924) or at the bar.*

**Cut off date for tickets: Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

There will be various draws for special prizes throughout the evening. Donations for prizes would be appreciated. Contact Ralph to donate.

**PAST PRESIDENT'S GOLF TOURNAMENT**

<u>Date:</u>	Saturday, May 24, 2003
<u>Location:</u>	Warroad Estates Golf Course
<u>Cost:</u>	\$ 80.00 (Bus/Golf/Cart/Meal)

For more information, or to book a spot or foresome, please call Roger Fontaine (Fore Seasons Sales) at 256-6158 (work) or 255-9038 (home).

Donations of prizes will also be required for this event. If you can help out in anyway, please give Roger a call.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

World Senior Women's	April 2 - 6
Ford Worlds	April 5 - 13
Ford World's Fun Match	April 9
Big Guys Funspiel	April 12
Closing Stone	April 17
Awards Banquet	April 26
Annual Meeting	May (date TBA)



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### **ROUND 4 RESULTS**

Monday (Men's)	A (Cox) C (Galbraith)	B (Muntain) D (Perche)
Tuesday (Men's)	1 <sup>st</sup> Friesen	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Kusano)
Tuesday (Ladies)	A (Jenion)	B (Fargey)
Wednesday (Men's)	A (Walker) C (Batchelor)	B (Allard) D (Kjartanson)
Thursday (Men's)	A (Atkinson) C (Schmidt)	B (Muntain) D (Permitter)
Friday (Mixed)	A (Stanley) C (Pisiak)	B (Dupasquier) D (Lemoine)

Playoffs are now underway. Best of luck to all. Results will be printed in the April newsletter.

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### **ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

Recent attendance draw in the men's league were:

*Bud Foster & Glen Swanson.*

Please arrange to pick up your winnings at the bar.

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### **JUNIOR AWARDS & WIND-UP**

The Junior Curling banquets will be held on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM for the Saturday Curlers and at 1:30 for the Sunday Curlers.

*Mike Hebert (255-2047) has provided more information.*

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### **SUMMER WORK PROJECTS**

Volunteers will be required throughout the summer to assist in undertaking various types of routine ongoing maintenance as well as some minor improvements.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Bill Stewart at 222-2171.

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### **GARAGE SALE**

The Club is considering having a garage sale on the first weekend in May this year to raise funds to assist with undertaking improvements at the club.

If you are interested in helping out or have any item (s) to donate to the club, please call Bob Kirkland at 257-3294 or Jim Pratschler at 254-3105.

We will make arrangements to pick items up.

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### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

To have information or items placed in the newsletter, please contact Ralph Dooley (253-5924).

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### **LOOSE HAIRS**

A rare occurrence happened at the club during a recent Monday night men's league game. The Stewart rink scored (stole as a matter of fact) a 7 ender against the Alvestad rink. According to Rory, if he had been sweeping instead of Scot, they may have scored an 8 ender. On the other hand, if Bill had been sweeping, it would have only been 6. Congratulations to the Stewart team and sincere sympathies to the Alvestad team.

An even rarer also occurrence happened. An 8 ENDER was scored on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> during a regular Senior Mixed League game. Team members are, Peter Hientzsch (Skip), Myrna Love (3<sup>rd</sup>), Matt Bury (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Joyce Kendall (Lead). Has the talent in the Love family skipped a generation or does Shawn have to be a senior before he has his 15 minutes of fame.

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### **O'GRADY CHALLENGE**

The St. Vital Curling Club hosted the Miami (Manitoba that is) Curling Club on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Miami Teams:**

Gerald May (Skip), Garry Duncan (3<sup>rd</sup>), Dale Oakes (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Lindsay Burnett (Lead).

Warren Alexander (Skip), Glenn Duncan (3<sup>rd</sup>), Steve Livingston (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Brian Cox (Lead).

#### **St. Vital Teams:**

Lorne Cox (Skip), Bob Kirkland (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jim Pratschler (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Gord Kaweck (Lead).

Richard Muntain (Skip), Ken Stanley (3<sup>rd</sup>), Neil Denyer (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Howard Bloomfield (Lead).

We managed to pull off a victory so our teams will be going to Springfield (Dugald) on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The winner goes to Emerson. Best of luck guys.

Quote of the day from the one and only Lorne Cox to Jim Pratschler, "I made a mistake, I gave you the wrong ice."

Food and refreshments were served. Thanks to Laurel and her staff.

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### **TIP OF THE BROOM**

To everybody who purchased raffle tickets for the World Curling.

To Denis Lafreniere and Jerry Magnusson for their much appreciated time and input in various HOUSE projects around the club. Keep those tools handy guys, there might just be some more.

To Jerry Magnusson for constructing a new PODIUM for the club. It will be used proudly for many years to come at various club functions.

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