



**ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB
ST. ANNES ROAD & REGAL AVENUE (256-3623)
NOVEMBER 2003 NEWSLETTER
PRESIDENT – BOB KIRKLAND**



ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Vital Curling Club is a family orientated facility proudly dedicated to promoting affordable recreational and competitive curling in a friendly traditional environment.

O'GRADY CHALLENGE

Our St. Vital teams successfully defended the O'Grady Challenge on November 1st with a strong showing against the Glenboro Curling Club.

The teams, with a couple of replacements had a long hard road trip to Dauphin the following week where they ran into a tough Dauphin contingent. The game went to extra ends, Richard Muntain's shoulders gave out and he could not continue to carry the load thus we lost the challenge.

ROUND 1 RESULTS (Monday to Friday)

Monday A	Bill Stewart (5-0)
Monday B	Jeff Keeler (5-0)
Monday C	Lance Smith (4-1)
Monday D	Sandy Watson (4-1)
Tuesday Leaders (M)	Trevor Loreth Kyle Werenich
Tuesday A (L)	Karen Young (5-0)
Tuesday B (L)	Lisa Fargey (5-0)
Wednesday A	Roger Fontaine (4-1)
Wednesday B	Paul Chopek (4-1)
Wednesday C	Ron Smith (5-0)
Wednesday D	Mark Dram (4-1)
Thursday A	Doug Hooper (4-1)
Thursday B	Russ Elford (4-1)
Thursday C	Dwight Penny (4-1)
Thursday D	Gerald Vermette (4-1)
Friday A	Mike Hebert (5-0)
Friday B	Roger Fontaine (4-1)
Friday C	Terry Moon (5-0)
Friday D	Jim Pratschler (5-0)

Congratulations to all of the winners and best of luck to everybody in the upcoming rounds.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

To have information placed in the newsletter, contact Ralph Dooley by email; r.j.dooley@shaw.ca, by phone (253-5924), or leave it at the club.

RAFFLE TICKETS

The draw will be held on Friday, December 19th in the lounge. Men's league members are to return sold books complete with payment to Garry Shumka or drop them off at the bar. Rental Leagues should return their tickets directly to Garry. For additional tickets, call Gary at 256.3626.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING TICKETS IS DEC 10TH.

MCA

CCA Cards are available at the club or from Jim Pratschler. Jim can be reached at 254-3105.

The sign up sheet for the MCA Bonspiel has been posted at the club. Entry Forms are located on the main floor under the Draw Board along with those for other MCA events. Contact Jim for more details.

CLUB WEBSITE (www.stvitalcurling.ca)

Check out our website for more information about the club and what has been happening. Feedback can be provided them directly through the website, or by contacting Brad at 478-7282.

JUNIORS

Help support the St. Vital Junior Program and save dollars doing it.

The Junior's are offering the Transformer plus Broom, with the new black eight (8) inch head, for the super low price of \$ 70.00 including taxes. (Other local curling stores sell them for \$ 74.95 plus taxes.) Limited replacement heads are available for \$ 35.00 including taxes. To purchase any of this equipment, or for more information, contact Mike Hebert (255-2047) or Ken Stanley (981-7042).

ICE RENTAL

If you require, or are interested in booking ice for practice or fun activities, please contact Gord Kaweck at 254-2121.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Past President's Banquet	November 23
Scott Ladies Zones	December 4 – 7
Christmas Cash Raffle	December 19
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26
Junior Christmas Spiel	December 27 – 30
New Years Eve	December 31
Select City Zones	January 15 – 17
MCA Calcutta	January 21
MCA Bonspiel	January 22 – 28
Battle of the Sexes	February 17
Credit Union Masters	Feb 26 – Mar 1

TIP OF THE BROOM

To the Russ Hayes team for being the runner up in the Valour Road Cash Spiel.

To the Murray Lushaw team for winning the B event in the West Kildonan Cash Spiel.

To the Krista Novotny team for hanging around until the last day of the JVC Skins at the Fort Rouge Curling Club. They also put in a good performance at the Valour Road Cash Spiel.

To Lorne Cox, Jim Colman, Gerry Magnusson, Al Erickson, Bob Kirkland, Jim Pratschler, Ed Pratschler, Ken Stanley, Lionel Chartrand, and Richard Muntain for representing the curling club in the O'Grady Challenge.

70 + MENS BONSPIEL

The 70+ men's Bonspiel hosted by the St. Vital Curling Club on Tuesday, November 4th and Wednesday, November 5th was a huge success. A total of twelve teams (six local and 6 visiting) participated in the event.

A point scoring system was used with all rinks playing four eight-end games. After play was completed, the Dennis Lafreniere and Morris Deveson rinks from St. Vital tied for first and split the 1st and 2nd place prizes. The Jack Thomson rink from Rossmere was 3rd, the Ray Sigurdson rink from Gimli was 4th and the Bill Mehmel rink from Fort Rouge finished 5th.

This first 70+ spiel was considered a success and all who participated would like to see another spiel again next year, when a full slate of 24 rinks would be expected to participate.

GAME OF THE NITE

Coming soon to the St. Vital Curling Club. Keep an eye out for postings at the club as well as information in upcoming newsletters and on the website.

CREDIT UNION MASTERS

St. Vital will be hosting the Provincial Men's Masters' Championships February 26 – March 1, 2004. Greg Milloy will be the chairperson for the event.

Volunteers will be required for various functions and duties. If you would like to volunteer for this event, or require additional information, please contact Greg Milloy (256-5237 or gamilloy@shaw.ca) or Dennis Lafreniere (233-7987).

Tickets prices are set at \$ 5.00 per day and \$ 15.00 for the entire event.

Additional information is available on the website and will be included in upcoming newsletters.

LOOSE HAIRS

The Rory Kaneski Team (Thursday's) has apparently modified the four-rock free guard zone rule into an 8-rock free guard zone. Contact Rory for more details.

The walkway from the locker rooms to the ice surface is now open for use.

The Lorne Cox Team is presently experiencing a problem with space in their locker. If anyone is interested in sub-letting locker space, please contact Lorne. (Rumour has it that Lorne is storing some of his clubs in the locker and that he may be also living out of the locker).

Our St. Vital teams apparently suffered from some type of jet lag on their journey to Dauphin. See Jim Colman for more details.

Bookmakers in Las Vegas are currently working out the odds for the New Years Day bank board challenge between the icemaker and the president.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

The New Years Eve Dinner and Dance will be held on Wednesday, December 31, 2003 in the club lounge.

Cocktails: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:30 PM

Recorded Music by: One Man Band

Tickets: \$ 35.00 per person

CASH BAR

Tickets should be available November 1st and can be purchased at the bar or from Ralph Dooley (253-5924). *NOTE: Tables can be reserved in advance.*

There will be special prizes awarded throughout the evening again this year. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Ralph. For more information, or if you are interested in helping with the decorating before the event or the clean up after the function, contact Ralph.
