



**ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB  
ST. ANNES ROAD & REGAL AVENUE (256-3623)  
MARCH 2005 NEWSLETTER  
PRESIDENT – JIM PRATCSHLER**



**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.*

**JONES TEAM RECEPTION**

A lovely reception with a packed house was held for the Jennifer Jones Team at the club on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. MCA President Lorne Hamblin, MLA Nancy Allan and Lt. Governor John Harvard were among those in attendance to congratulate the team on their wonderful and exciting victory.

**WHAT A SHOT EH!**

**ANNUAL BANQUET & DANCE**

This year's event is being held on Saturday, April 23rd in the club lounge. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and must be purchased in advance. The cut-off date for tickets is Saturday, April 16th. Cocktails are at 6:00PM and dinner will be served at 7:00PM. Music will be performed by One Man Band.

Trophies will be presented to all of the group winners as well as the Club Champion, Grand Aggregate and Consolation Event winners. Special awards will also be presented during the evening. Come on out and enjoy the festivities. Tickets are available at the bar and from Ralph Dooley (253-5924).

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The annual general meeting is being held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 in the lounge. This year membership registration will be held immediately after the meeting. A light snack will be provided and refreshments will be available.

**PAST PRESIDENT'S GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The Past President's Golf Tournament is being held on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at the Winkler Golf Club. The cost is \$85.00 and includes transportation, (club to golf course return) golf, golf cart and meal.

Roger Fontaine and his committee will be at the Annual General Meeting to finalize details and to collect fees for the event. The committee is once again in need of a few more prizes, so if you can help out, call Roger at 256-6158 (Fore Seasons Sales) or 255-9038 (home).

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**SEND OFF PARTIES**

The sendoff for the Jennifer Jones team will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2005 at 700pm. No charge.

The Send off for the Sylvia Erickson team will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 730pm. The cost is \$ 5.00 per person.

**Come on out and wish our ladies all the best.**

**BATTLE OF THE SEXES**

The event was held on February 15<sup>th</sup> and the ever-popular skins format was once again used. The men slid all the way to a 24 - 16 victory over the women.

There were no official excuses this year but it looks like maybe the ladies received too much chocolate for Valentine's Day.

**JUNIOR CORNER**

Our very popular Junior Program is once again having A Spring Sign Up for all three leagues. There are significant waiting lists, so if you want to get in for the 2005-2006 season, please contact Mike Hebert **ASAP** @ 255-2047 or email him at [juniors@stvitalcurling.ca](mailto:juniors@stvitalcurling.ca).

The Juniors are selling Performance brushes as well as replacement pads as a fundraiser. They are available in a large variety of colours. Handles come in white or black and either 1" or the regular 1 1/8" sizes. We offer the best prices in the city at \$60 taxes included. Please contact Mike Hebert @ 255-2047 or Ken Stanley @ 981-7042.

**2004 - 2005 EXIT SURVEYS**

This year's Exit Surveys will be out shortly. The St. Vital Curling Club would appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the survey. The feedback from the survey will help us serve you the curler in a better way. Thanks in advance for your input.

There is also a **Suggestion Box** under the Main Draw Board. Comments and/or suggestions can be made at anytime.

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**MCA HOSPITALITY ROOM**

A very special thanks to Canadian Tire Southdale, Superstore Ste Annes, Safeway Southdale, Safeway Niakwa, Safeway St Vital Centre, Sobeys Bishop Grandin, Fore Seasons Sales (Roger Fontaine), Superior Asphalt (Howard Bloomfield), Labatt's, Molson's, Old Dutch, Fort Garry - Two Rivers, Maxxium, Sleemans, Diageo and Barcardi for making donations for the event.

Thanks to Jim Pratschler, Bob Kirkland, Randy Rummery, Lorne Cox, Bryon Batchelor, Ken Loney and Keith Fischer for setting up the Hospitality Room.

Thanks to Ty Aho, Monique Cameron, Jim Colman, Linda Colman, Nancy Cox, Bryan Davies, Julie Dooley, Al Erickson, Annette Giguire, Hank Lemoine, Wendy Loney, Dave Loucks, Jerry Magnusson, Claudette Pratschler, Jim Pratschler, Nick Rusnak and Ken Stanley for working in the Hospitality Room.

Thanks to Andrew Atkinson, Jim Colman and Al Erickson for taking down the Hospitality Room.

Congratulations to Gord Kaweck (Thursday), Terry Moon (Friday), Annette Lafreniere (Saturday) and Annette Giguire (Sunday) for winning the daily draws. Congratulations to Denis Lafreniere for winning the Fore Seasons Putter and to Roger Lambert for winning the St. Vital Curling Club Golf Shirt.

**UMPIRES**

Thanks to Dennis Lafreniere, Mel Martin and Larry Jones for serving as umpires for the City Zones.

Thanks to Dennis Lafreniere, Mel Martin, Larry Jones and Neil Pineau for serving as umpires for the MCA Bonspiel.

**TIP OF THE BROOM**

To Sylvia Erickson and her team of Joyce Magnusson, Donna Gobeil, Dorothy Assailly and Jean Pattyn for winning the Provincial Diamond Ladies event held in Portage La Prairie. They will be competing at the Canadian Championships in Brandon April 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>.

To Jennifer Jones and her team of Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer, Cathy Gauthier, Trish Eck and their Coach Larry Jones for winning the Canadian Scott Tournament of Hearts in St. John's, Newfoundland. They will be representing Canada and of course the St. Vital Curling Club at the

Women's World Championships March 19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> in Paisley, Scotland.

To the Ryan Fry team for making it all the way to the finals at the Men's Provincial Playdowns in Selkirk.

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**TV RAFFLE**

The **BIG SCREEN TV** closest to the bar is being raffled off this year. Tickets are available at the bar, and from Bob Kirkland or Al Erickson at a cost of \$2.00 each or 4 for \$5.00. The draw will be held at the club at 930pm on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**SIESTA BONSPIEL**

The Siesta Bonspiel is being held April 3rd to 7th this year. There will be 3 main events and a consolation event. A total of 24 teams will be accepted. The cost is \$ 120.00 per team. Enter at the club (sign up sheet on main floor) or by contacting Ralph Dooley at 253-5924.

**MEN'S MEMBERSHIP NIGHT**

Membership Night will be held on May 11th immediately after the Annual General Meeting. The applications are available at the club, from Lorne Cox (256-5254) and on the Web Site. To hold your spot, a team application must be filled out and fees for two members must be paid by Membership Night (May 11th). After that time, any remaining open spots will be given to teams on the waiting list who have met the above requirements.

Fees for this year are Regular 1 night (\$200.00), Regular 2<sup>nd</sup> night (\$155.00), Fifth (\$55.00), Student 1<sup>st</sup> night (\$155.00), Student 2<sup>nd</sup> night (\$155.00) and Associate or Clubhouse (\$55.00).

**AFTERNOON MASTER'S LEAGUE**

Plans are in place to start up another master's league on Wednesday afternoon next year. Please contact Lorne Cox at 256-5254 for more information.

**STICK LEAGUE**

A must is a new STICK LEAGUE. The league will start play on Friday afternoon 's next season. Ed Pratschler will be putting on lessons in the beginning of the year. For more information and to get involved with this new league, call Ed at 254-3211.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jennifer Jones Team Sendoff	March 13
O'Grady Challenge	March 19
Men's League Playoffs/Consolation	Mar 21- 24
Sylvia Erickson Team Sendoff	March 31
Juniors Bring A Buddy Spiel	April 3