



ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB
ST. ANNES ROAD & REGAL AVENUE (256-3623)
September 2006 NEWSLETTER
PRESIDENT – Ralph Dooley

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.

New Beginnings

The club newsletter is published once a month during the curling season. Deadline for submissions is the 7th of each month. Email submissions to publicity@stvitalcurling.ca

You will notice some changes when you first enter the club for the start of the new season. A summer of renovations and construction has given the club a new look for the new season. Don't be shy; let us know what you think.

SVCC Board of Directors

Over the course of the season, I will be introducing you to the Board of Directors. The first of these are included in this month's newsletter.

Ralph Dooley – President

Ralph was born in 1954 in Boissevain, Manitoba and as a young boy lived in several small towns in rural Manitoba. He married Julie in 1978 and moved to Winnipeg. They have two children and currently reside in Island Lakes.

Ralph's first exposure to curling was in 1960 in Grand Marais where he took up jam pail curling. His first time on a real sheet of ice (natural) with regular rocks was in 1962 in Piney. In 1983, Ralph began curling at St. Vital. He curled with Murray Armstrong and Dennis Lafreniere before moving up to skip his own team. He took some time off between 1989 and 1991. Ralph was transferred with CN to Edmonton in 1996 where he only played in CN fun spiels.

In 1996 he returned to Winnipeg to work with Transport Canada and resumed curling at St. Vital (Monday Night), skipping his own team and playing with Ken Bewski.

Ralph joined the Board of Directors in 1998 and has served in the Juniors, Kitchen & Lounge, House and Entertainment & Publicity portfolios prior to moving up to 2nd Vice President & 1st Vice

Ralph – Cont'd

President. Ralph has also served on committees and volunteered on several major events hosted by the club.

Bill Stewart- 1st Vice President

Bill's interest in curling started at age twelve when he joined his dad on the 3 sheet curling club at Balmoral. He has been a member of the St. Vital Curling Club since 1992 and has served the board in various portfolios since 1999.

Bill also serves as President of the Manitoba Police Curling Association. As provincial coordinator he has attended Police Curling Championships in Summerside PEI, Hamilton, ON, Winnipeg, and most recently Calgary, AB. Bill is a Sergeant with 28 years service in the Winnipeg P.S., currently serving in the Major Crimes Unit.

Two years ago his team won the 8 Ender Broom Event in the MCA bonspiel and last year were runners-up for a zone spot.

Bill lives in Stonewall and has three children.

Bill says, "despite the fact I now live in Stonewall, I still travel to curl at St. Vital because of the core grassroots membership that is maintained here. Most curlers at St. Vital remain for a number of years and I believe it is because the venue, ice conditions and members area are all first rate."

Louis Sawkey - Treasurer

My name is Louis Sawkey, aka "Brother Lou". I was born and raised in the north end of Winnipeg and began curling in the old Olympic Arena. I took an early retirement from Manitoba Telephone System and am presently a term employee of Neepawa Income Tax....need help with taxes, give me a call.

Lou – Cont'd

I am also a part time funeral attendant with Alderwood Funeral Homes. However, don't call me for help on this one.

I am the treasurer for the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

I am married to Lesia, and together we raised three boys while residing in St. Vital. The oldest, Daren, under the guidance of Ed Pratschler, won the Christmas school tournament in 1987. I guess I should have taken lessons from Ed.

I still enjoy the game as long as the knees hold out. The last two years were very memorable as our Wednesday night men's team was the finalists in the Lafarge event in the MCA. That year, we were also "C" group champions at the club. One of the highlights of my curling career is curling in the MCA, especially against the Stoughton team.

I am looking forward to this upcoming year as your new treasurer.

2006-2007 Memberships

The fee structure for the 2006-2007 curling season is as follows:

One curler, one night	\$205.00
One curler, second night	\$160.00
Student	\$160.00
Fifth curler	\$60.00
Clubhouse or associate	\$60.00
Any questions please call Donald Smith @ 255-4399	

Membership applications can be downloaded from the club website at www.stvitalcurling.ca

Past President's Golf Tournament

The Past President's Golf Tournament started off well enough with an early morning bus trip to the Winkler Golf Course. Unfortunately, that was one of the few highlights of the day. Rain prevented the golfers and everyone else from taking to the course. After the steak dinner, the group loaded back on the bus for the trip home. A day that promised unbelievable drives, spectacular bunker shots and putts made from the fringe became a bus ride in the country. The rallying cry heard from the back of the bus was, "Next Year!!"

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2006 - 2007 Executive

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2nd Vice Pres	Lorne Cox	256-5254
Treasurer	Lou Sawkey	253-5533
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Kitchen and Lounge

Gord Kawecki – 254-2121

House

John Fenn – 941-1522

Ice Rental

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Marketing

Terry Moon – 255-0788

Membership

Donald Smith – 255-4399

Juniors

Mike Hebert – 255-2047

Fund Raising

Daryl Budnick - 231-2016

Ice and Draw

Cliff Kitchen – 291-0092

Publicity

Bryon Batchelor – 204-642-4318

Please contact any of the Executive or Directors with any concerns or questions.

The Last Word

The St. Vital Curling Club is one of the best clubs in the province. Our membership has provided untold hours of volunteer service to the club. The board of directors is constantly searching for members who have a few or many hours to assist at the club. Every year we require umpires for various events, staff for our hospitality room during the MCA bonspiel and various events that we may host throughout the season. Also, each year there are openings to be filled on the board. If you would like to become involved with the operation of the club, contact a board member. Help keep the St. Vital C.C. a vital and vibrant part of the community.

Get involved, speak up and be heard.