



The Sweep

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Leah DaCosta throws the official first rock to open the U20 Provincial Championships January 29 at RKCC. Sweeping are Grace Berry (left) and Copelynn Henderson-Boileau.

Photo by Jim Rayner

RKCC hosts U20 provincials

Congratulations to everyone involved in hosting the U20 provincial championships at RKCC January 29 to February 2, particularly to the organizing committee of Murray Matheson, Joanne Miller, Jan Ray, Deb Wilkin, Tom Sephton and Kathy Jackson and to all the volunteers who participated.

The winners of the women's event were Team Vivier from the Navan Curling Club, who defeated Team Frlan from the Huntley Curling Club in Sunday's final. Team Nicholls from the Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club won the men's championship over Team Garner from the Dixie Curling Club. All four teams will represent Ontario at the national championships March 22 – 30 in Summerside, PEI.



Volunteer extraordinaire Joanne Miller (red vest) with the U20 women's champions Team Vivier from the Navan Curling Club. From left are skip Dominique Vivier, second Scotia Maltman, third Brooklyn Ideson, lead Clara Dissanayake and coach Jim Wilson.

Photo by Jim Rayner.

See more photos - and a letter - on page 2.

Letter of thanks

Good morning!

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you all for not only hosting the 2025 U20 Provincials, but for your kind gesture to create the Adopt-a-Team program and the contribution to each team, including ours, of course. Please pass along our thanks to the club, the committee, Murray, Deb, Joanne, Janice, Kathy, Thomas and Rhonda.

As you know of course the curling season can be long and expensive, even more so as you succeed

😊. Funds like these always help us continue to chase the best of ourselves.

On behalf of the players and Coach Jay Fisher, big thanks!!

*Kevin Greenwood
Team Manager
Team Fisher Curling*



A volunteer doffs his cap to Celia Russell as she performs 'O Canada'.



Committee Chair Murray Matheson drinks a toast to the pipers and drummer, watched on by Town Crier Chris Whyman and RKCC president Keith Mitchell.



Photos by Jim Rayner

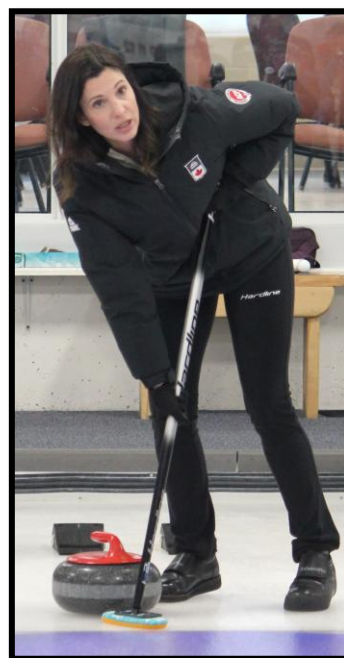


Lisa Weagle chats with junior curlers above and demonstrates a sweeping technique, right.

Photos by Martha Tanner

Lisa Weagle shows why she's one of curling's best on and off the ice.

This sold-out event was a fun-filled day! Lisa was amazing! On Saturday February 8, World Champion and Olympian Lisa Weagle attended the Royal Kingston Curling Club. The day started with her providing an on-ice session with nine junior curlers from area clubs including RKCC, Gananoque and Napanee. She did an incredible job of interacting and relating to these young athletes. Her patience, kindness and insightfulness were second to none.



The second session of the day commenced with Lisa providing a 45-minute off-ice seminar on team communication to 48 adult participants. This was followed by an on-ice session geared towards sweeping techniques and team communication. After lunch, Jay Gazeley did a fantastic job of moderating the discussion between Lisa and all the participants. She was informative, responsive and engaging. Her presentation was absolutely outstanding. Some of the highlights included Lisa speaking about her Training Academy, the Olympics, her love for and her participation in the upcoming Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Everyone who attended had a fantastic time, which was fuelled by Lisa's positive energy, excellent communication skills and her love for curling.

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Lisa Weagle, continued from page 3.

As one of the attendees stated, “she was truly inspiring. I would highly recommend any club thinking about hosting such an event to book Lisa as their on-ice instructor professional and guest speaker. She was fantastic!”

Another participant posted on Facebook: “On Saturday, Lisa Weagle presented a fantastic seminar on effective team communication and sweeping. We also learned about her passion for the game, competing and coaching. We will be cheering her on this week as she returns to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts as lead for Laurie St. Georges and Team Quebec! Many thanks to Lisa for sharing her vast knowledge, to the organizers, staff volunteers and the participants and especially those who traveled long distances to learn from one of curling’s best!”

The day was a huge success with participants attending from as far away as Winchester, Navan and Campbellford. This was directly attributable to the great job of our Communications team and manager Rhonda Jarvis for their relentless promotion of this event. It also raised over \$4,000 for RKCC.

A special thanks to on-ice coaches Kelly Johnson, Jay Gazeley, Ross Fabbro, Sarah Kay, Jason Boyce and Turner Gazeley.

We couldn’t have done it without the assistance of the wonderful women of the Social Committee: Deb Emerton, Francine Korczynski, Cathy Grant, Diane Carey, Laura Niles and Renee LeClair whose help was invaluable.

A great big thank you to Mike and Karen Schneider, who did a fantastic job cooking all the chicken breasts.

A special thank you to Martha Tanner for taking photographs that documented the events of the day. Finally, a thank you to our President, Keith Mitchell for his generous donation towards the meal.

Editor’s note: Thanks above all to Jennifer Robertson, our club vice-president and chair of the Marketing and Membership Committee, who invited Lisa Weagle to our club and who oversaw every detail of the event to ensure that Lisa and everyone who participated had a great time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The RKCC 2024-2025 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the RKCC Lounge. Agenda items should be sent to the Board Secretary at secretary@royalkingston.com by April 15, 2025.



Joan Roantree, left, presents her namesake trophy to the winning team of, from left, Mirelle Ringuette, Candace McConomy, Claudia Stevenson and Deby Levere.

Team Ringuette wins Joan Roantree Trophy

By France Kelly, DWC Convenor

The Day Women's Club league had a visit from Joan Roantree on February 11. She has been sponsoring a trophy in our league for the past 15 years and came to cheer on the winners of Draws One and Two. She then graciously presented the victors with her trophy.

The draw one team, consisting of skip Mirelle Ringuette, vice Candace McConomy, second Claudia Stevenson and lead Deby Levere, played the winners of the second draw: skip Sylvia Myers, vice Mary Kelly, second Tracy Wondrasek (Diane Carty sparing) and Marlene Joslin as lead.

It was a very close game with the score tied after seven ends.

Congratulations to Team Ringuette who scored in the last end.

Do you like to write? Take photos?

If you're interested in working on The Sweep newsletter next season, please contact Peter Coughlin, Communications Chair at communications@royalkingston.com.

Experience in compiling a newsletter would be helpful, but is not necessary. Photographers also needed. This is your chance to volunteer in a creative way for the club!

Stick League Update

Play-offs approaching soon

By Kathy Jackson, Stick League Convenor

Four-Person Stick League

The four-person stick league has just one more week of league play before the play-offs commence. With a view to maximizing the number of teams who participate in the play-offs, teams will play in a qualifying round prior to quarterfinals. Teams 5 through 12 will play in a seeded elimination bracket, while teams 1 through 4 will play for seeding.

At present teams Schneider, Townsend, Rayner and Matthews hold the top four spots based on the winter portion of the round robin and Townsend, Schneider, Pfeiffer and Rayner based on the full-year standings. It will be interesting to see what happens after the final week of league play.

Play-off Schedule

March 20: Qualifying Round (Elimination games & seeding games)

March 27: Quarterfinals

April 10: Semi-finals

April 12: Final (on Championship Saturday)

Sparing Rules in Play-offs

Players are reminded of the following rules regarding sparing in the play-offs:

- Teams must have **at least two** original team members present for each game.
- Spares must play in the position of the player that they are replacing.
- Any member who delivers their rocks with a stick may be booked as a spare.
- Members of teams eliminated from the play-offs may be booked as spares.
- If a spare starts the game, they must complete it. (i.e., a spare cannot start the game for someone who is going to be arriving late.)

Two-Person Stick League

The two-person stick league has three weeks of league play remaining in the third draw. At the end of the draw, there will be two weeks of play-off games. All teams in the 'A' division will advance to the quarterfinals. In the 'B' division, the top team in each division will advance to the quarterfinals, plus five additional teams with the next best records. Teams will maintain their seeding throughout the play-off round.

Play-off Schedule

April 2: 'A' Division Quarterfinals; 'B' Division Quarterfinals

April 9: 'A' Division Semi-finals; 'B' Division Semi-finals & 'B' Division Final

April 12: 'A' Division Final (on Championship Saturday)

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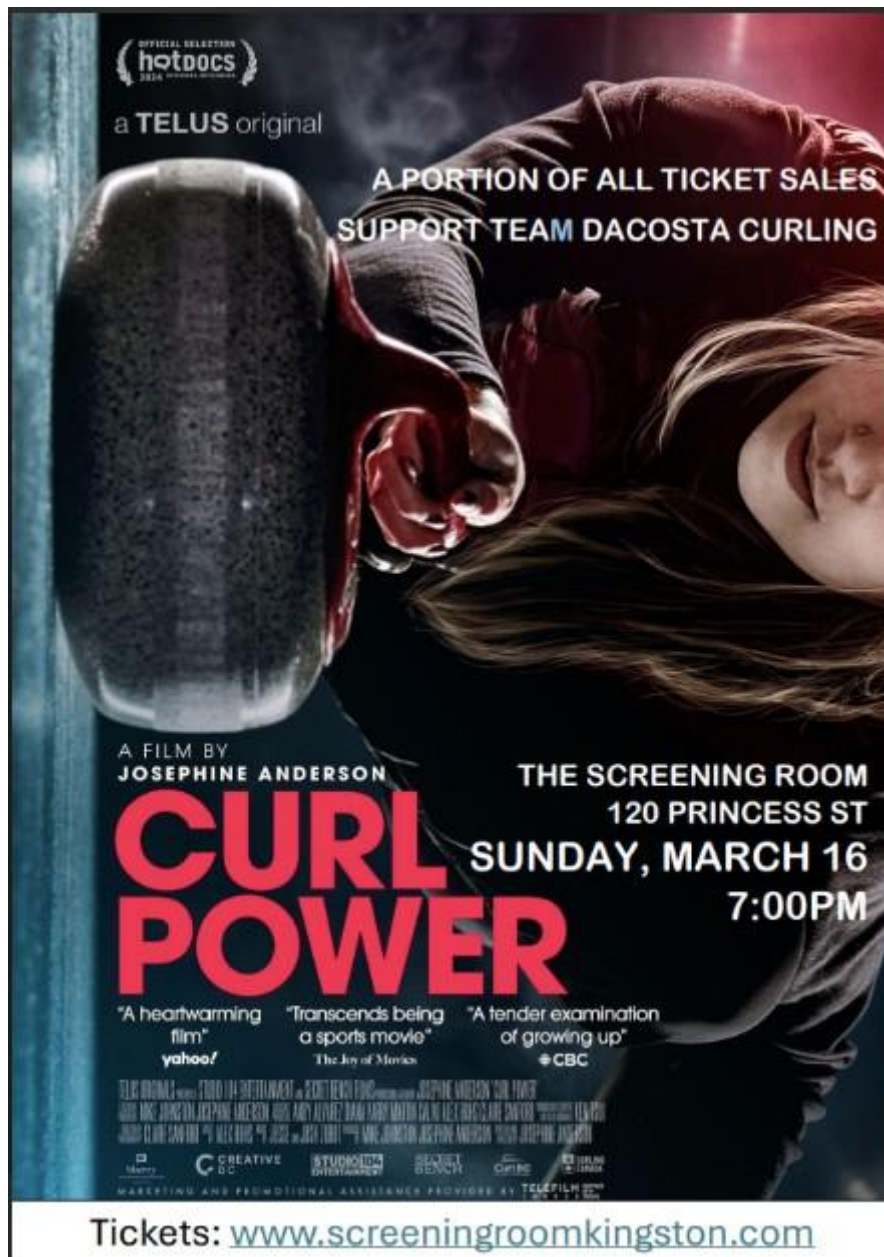
Players are reminded of the following rules regarding sparing in the play-offs:

- Teams must have **at least one** original member present for each game.
- Members of teams eliminated from the play-offs may be booked as spares. However, teams in the 'B' division may not book spares from 'A' division teams.
- Any member who delivers their rocks with a stick may be booked as a spare.
- If a spare starts the game, they must complete it. (i.e., a spare cannot start the game for someone who is going to be arriving late.)

Support RKCC's U18 women's Team DaCosta

Join us this Sunday, March 16th at 7pm at [The Screening Room](#) for the movie "Curl Power". This award-winning documentary follows a team of teenage girls from BC as they pursue their dream of competing in the Canadian Junior Curling Championship, and seek out their own paths amid the legacies of their world champion mothers.

Thanks to Wendy and [The Screening Room](#) for generously donating a portion of the ticket sales to Team DaCosta!





The Blue Ice Breakers,
from left:
Mike Flowers,
Anthony Hale,
Carole Rivington,
Colin Widdis,
Denise Mulville,
Marty VendenBroek,
Bev Townsend,
David Townsend,
Joe Waller,
Pierre Vanderhout,
Josée Dumas-Hurt,
Kimberly Barker.

Annual Open Doubles Mixer and Fun Night

Blue Ice Breakers squeak out a close one against Red Fast and Flurries

On Wednesday, February 19, the Open Doubles league held its always popular and fun Continental Cup. All league players are invited and those able to attend are randomly divided into two large teams: the Blue Ice Breakers and the Red Fast and Flurries.

The goal of the evening is to have fun and enjoy an opportunity to curl with another Doubles curler and build upon our league fellowship.

The first three ends are played by a newly created team of two blue vs two red curlers, and points are scored and the totals continue into the second part of the game. Some cheers of “Go Red” were heard echoing in the ice shed. After three ends, the teams are realigned and the Red vs Blue curling continues with the scoring from the first three ends, adding in new points.

Keyboard wizard Mike Flowers used his skills to calculate the total points after the six ends, with the Ice Breakers coming through with a two-point margin, 38 to 36, over the Red Fast and Flurries. Not your usual curling game score and not your usual Doubles game.

Curlers relaxed with refreshments and pizza from our club sponsor Mamma Mia Pizza, and draw prizes recruited by Melissa Wong. Random trophies were also available for presentation for any and all participants.

Watch for more fun events with Open Doubles, and it is not too soon to look ahead to your Wednesday evening curling plans for next season.

Thanks to Mike Flowers, Melissa Wong, Ian Gauthier, Peter Coughlin

Day Women 'steal' some hearts

The Day Women held their annual Valentine Funspiel on Thursday February 13, 2025. Our theme was "You 'Steal' My Heart". Despite the threat of some winter weather, the day turned out fine and 31 women came to have some fun! We served a delicious lunch at 1 p.m. followed by six ends of a fun curling game. Afterwards we had dessert and prizes were given out. We played a fun game passing around a heart at each table and the last person holding it won the centrepiece. Thank you to everyone for your support and participation, it was a great day!



1st place team with the highest score. L-R: Renee Leclair, Claudia Stevenson, Deby Levere



2nd place team with the lowest score: L-R: Pat Wideman, Sylvia Myers, Diane Fera



Best costume: Mary Kelly

Text and photos Cathy Fobert



Having a fun day! Left -right, Deb Emerton, Linda Shanks, April Welsh, Heather Proderick, Lindsey Foster, Diana Hopkins-Rosseel

Intro to Cardmaking Workshop

Featuring Handmade Greeting Cards by *kj designs*

Wednesday March 19

1:00 to 4:00pm

RKCC Lounge



Join Kathy for a Cardmaking Session.

Gather with your friends to make four all-occasion cards for your personal use. This will be a beginner level workshop.

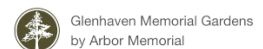
Cost: \$20.00 (all supplies and materials provided)

Register online at RKCC/Events by March 14, 2025.

Questions: contact Kathy Jackson or the "RKCC Social Club"

<rkccsocialclub@gmail.com>

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