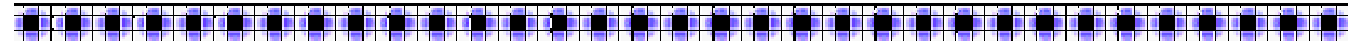




**ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB**  
**ST. ANNES ROAD & REGAL AVENUE (256-3623)**  
**FEBRUARY 2003 NEWSLETTER**  
**PRESIDENT -- KEN STANLEY**



**MCA REPORT**

A total of 35 rinks from the St. Vital Curling Club entered and performed at various levels during this year's MCA Bonspiel.

**The Calcutta:**

All teams were matched up with other so-called big names teams of the purchaser's choice. A new but very interesting concept.

Wagers this year were just over \$ 2,000.00. Bargain basement teams were the Alvestead (\$ 20.00) and Kirkland (\$ 20.00) Teams. The high priced teams included Hayes (\$ 140.00), Hicks (\$ 160.00), Loreth (\$ 110.00) and Romano (\$ 135.00). Ed Pratschler purchased the Ouimet Team for 203 quarters.

The winning teams were; Most Wins in the Majors (Romano), Most Wins (Hebert), Last Out (Hebert), First Out (Batchelor, Bloomfield, Colman, Hays, Nicholls, Sawatzky and Wickman) and Least Wins (Bloomfield).

**Rating the Perfesser's Picks:**

The Perfesser predicted that the St. Vital Teams would finish with a combined record of 171 wins and 163 losses. The actual record was 183 wins and 171 losses. Overall, the Perfesser's prediction was as good as it gets. He did however; have a few big blunders that actually balanced things out.

Team predictions and results (actual) as follows:

Alvestead 5-4 (4-4)	Batchelor 3-5 (4-4)
Bewski 2-6 (3-7)	Bloomfield 3-5 (1-7)
Chartrand 5-4 (7-4)	Colman 4-5 (2-6)
Cox 7-4 (6-6)	Denyer 1-7 (2-6)
Fontaine 5-4 (4-7) (5-4)	Galbraith 4-5
Haugen 5-4 (7-3)	<u>Hayes 7-4 (4-4)</u>
<u>Hebert 6-4 (14-5)</u>	<u>Hicks 10-2 (7-3)</u>
<u>Kaneski 3-5 (8-3)</u>	<u>Keeler 8-4 (5-4)</u>
Kirkland 3-5 (4-5)	Kusano 6-5 (8-4)
Loreth 10-4 (10-5)	Turner 3-5 (3-6)
Lushaw 6-4 (8-4)	Muntain 7-4 (6-6)
Murray 1-7 (3-5)	<u>Nicholls 7-4 (4-4)</u>
Nolette 1-7 (3-6)	Ouimet 4-5 (4-4)
Romano 8-3 (10-2)	<u>Sawatzky 7-5 (4-4)</u>
Schmidt 5-3 (7-4)	Smith 2-6 (4-7)

Stewart 5-4 (7-5)  
Wickman 10-2 (5-3)  
Winstone 3-5 (5-7)

Watson 1-7 (3-6)  
Wingate 2-6 (2-7)

Based on these results, the Perfesser does not have to go to summer school. It is suggested however, that he iron out a few of the wrinkles and sharpen his pencil before next year.

**Comments and Quotes:**

According to Bill: "Hack weight is just enough to touch the hack without knocking over the glass of rum."

There were no instances of breath mints being stolen from any of the clubs this year. It appears that Lorne's rehabilitation was successful after all.

Roger Fontaine's high level of security on his van almost left the team stranded at the CLUB. Alternate transportation was almost required.

**Hospitality Room:**

Thanks to Claudette Mangin, Hank Lemoine, Ty Aho, Ed Turrene, Monique Cameron, Alice Kirkland, Annette Giguire and Betty Anne Pratschler for being gracious hosts and providing great service for the curlers who dropped in.

Draw and contests winners were Dennis Lafreniere, D. Priestley, Bob Kirkland, James Campbell, Howard Bloomfield, Terry Moon, Brant Bishop, Alice Kirkland, Claudette Mangin, Danny Sweridlyk and Neil Hogue.

Donations were provided by Preferred Meats, Mcelhos & Duffy, Coke, Two Rivers, Fort Garry, Molsons, Labatts, Maxum Sales, Barcardi, Fore Seasons Sales, Any Occasion Catering, Asham Curling Supplies and Safeway (Alpine).

**Umpires:**

Thanks to Dennis Lafreniere, Mel Martin, Neil Pineau and Larry Jones for umpiring. It is people like these who help to make this event a great time for everyone.

**PAST PRESIDENT'S GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Date: Saturday, May 24, 2003  
Location: Warroad Estates Golf Course  
Cost: \$ 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 the event. If you can help out in anyway, please call Roger.

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### **ROUND 3 RESULTS**

Monday (Men's)	A (Recksiedler) C (Chopek)	B (Fontaine) D (Wingate)
Tuesday (Men's)	1 <sup>st</sup> – Kusano	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 way tie
Tuesday (Ladies)	A (Fargey)	B (Jenion)
Wednesday (Men's)	A (Lushaw) C (Chopek) (Carruthers)	B (Allard) D
Thursday (Men's)	A (Hebert) C (Cann)	B (Hlatkey) D
(Talbot)		
Friday (Mixed)	A (TBA) C (Kusano)	B (Walker) D (Innes)

The Playoffs will start on Green Beer Day (Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.)

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### **TIP OF THE BROOM**

To the Mike Hebert Team for winning the Double B Paving Event in the MCA. Too bad they all didn't have their cards.

To the Jennifer Jones Team for reaching the final of the Women's Provincial Championship.

To the Perfesser (a.k.a. Mike Ducharme) for an excellent job on his MCA picks.

To everyone who helped set-up and take down the hospitality room for the MCA. Many thanks for moving the television, tables, chairs, coolers, etc, etc, etc.

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### **BATTLE OF THE SEXES**

The competition was held on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> with about 90 participants from the St. Vital Business Girls, St. Boniface Curling Club, St. Boniface Teachers, Glenbrier Ladies, Sunday Afternoon Mixed, Tuesday Night Ladies, Curlettes, Odd Couples, Past Presidents, St. Vital Retired Men and the Board.

A skins format was used again this year. There were a few misunderstandings but everything worked out despite the confusion.

The match was tied at 12 points each after 4 ends. The men were able to squeak out a 26 to 22 victory when it was all said and done. Of the 6 matches played, 3 were tied, the men won 2 and the ladies were victorious in 1.

A light lunch and refreshments were served.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

MNP Mixed

February 20 – 23

O'Grady Challenge	March 15
St. Patrick's Day	March 17
World Senior Women's	April 3 - 6
Ford Worlds	April 5 - 13
Ford World's Fun Match	April 9
Big Guys Funspiel	April 12
Awards Banquet	April 26
Annual Meeting	May (date TBA)

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### **FORD WORLDS**

#### **Raffle Tickets:**

The club has purchased 2 tickets for all draws including the opening and closing ceremonies. Tickets are available at the bar or from board members and can be purchased for \$ 2.00 each or 3 for \$ 5.00.

#### **Ticket Packages:**

Purchase a "Full Event" or "Mini Pak" and help support the St. Vital curling club. Tell the Ticket Agent you curl at the St. Vital Curling Club when purchasing your ticket(s).

#### **Senior Women's:**

The World Senior Women's portion of the event will be held at St. Vital. Look for more information in the March Newsletter.

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### **JUNIOR REPORT**

Mike Hebert and the juniors received excellent coverage in the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **From Mike Hebert:**

I would like to give a HUGE THANKS to that core group of on-ice junior volunteers for coming out week after week to help out the kids. You know who you are! (There are just too many to mention). You people are the ones who make the difference in making my program the success that it is. I am personally very proud to say we have a team of four 8 and 9 year girls currently in first place on Saturday who ALL slide and throw with complete balance and have decent releases after a mere 14 weeks. It's obviously working!!!

Also, another big thanks to Ed Pratschler for coming through big time for the juniors. Thanks to Kenny and the executive for backing me 100%.

Finally, thanks to my wife Pauline for not changing the locks on the doors while I spend my weekends at the rink.

#### **Excellent job everybody!**

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### **LOOSE HAIRS**

Congratulations to 8 year old Haleigh Muntain and her team for doing something her Dad Richard Muntain, never does. She actually went from "B" Group *UP INTO THE "A" GROUP* in the Saturday Junior draw instead of following in

her fathers usual footsteps the other way. Good job  
Haleigh.

In the late 1940's, the curling rink was expanded from 3  
sheets to 4 sheets. By 1950, curling in the area became  
very popular and the rink was expanded to 6 sheets of ice.

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**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

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