



**ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB
ST. ANNES ROAD & REGAL AVENUE (256-3623)
FEBRUARY 2004 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.

ROUND 3 RESULTS

Monday A (Stewart)	Monday B (Elford)
Monday C (Bellamy)	Monday D (Dooley)
Tuesday Leaders (M)	Loreth
Tues. (L) A (Lang)	Tues. (L) B (Neilan)
Wed A (Chopek)	Wed B (Ouimet)
Wed C (Bloomfield)	Wed D (Walker)
Thursday A (Atkinson)	Thursday B (Keeler)
Thursday C (Kaneski)	Thurs D (Bellamy)

Friday – 3rd Round Not completed

MCA BONSPIEL REPORT

A total of 36 teams from St. Vital participated in the bonspiel this year. If all the other clubs in the City participated the way we do, the MCA would have no problem filling the bonspiel.

The Calcutta:

The Calcutta was held Wednesday, January 21st with refreshments and a light lunch being served. All teams were matched up with other so-called big names teams again this year.

The winner of the free entry into the MCA was the Sandy Watson Team. Sandy has to thank the **four (4)** other teams who were drawn before him but were either not there or did not have the required 3 members in attendance.

Pratcshler Picks were distributed to assist in the bidding process. Wagers this year were just under \$2,000.00. Bargain basement teams were Kaneski (\$21.00) and Dooley (\$25.00). The high priced teams were Werenich (\$165.00), Hays (\$145.00) and Hebert (\$140.00).

The Results:

Most Wins in the Majors (Dave Romano), Most Combined Wins (Mike Hebert with Jim Kirkness), Most overall Wins (Richard Muntain, Bill Stewart & Andrew Wickman), Least Wins (Lance Smith & Sandy Watson) and First Out (Russ Hayes, Rene Nolette, Ron Smith & Sandy Watson).

Rating Pratcshler's Picks:

Little Jimmy predicted that the St. Vital Teams would finish with a combined record of **208** wins and **180** losses. The actual record was **199** wins and **173** losses. Not bad job for a rookie.

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PREDICTION</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
Brian Batchelor	6 – 6	(6 – 5)
Tom Bellamy	3 – 5	(6 – 5)
Howard Bloomfield	2 – 6	(3 – 6)
Lionel Chartrand	9 – 5	(7 – 4)
Lorne Cox	6 – 5	(6 – 4)
Ralph Dooley	5 – 5	(8 – 6)
Neil Denyer	2 – 6	(4 – 5)
Russ Elford	6 – 4	(8 – 4)
Roger Fontaine	3 – 6	(5 – 6)
Russ Hays	13 – 3	(5 – 3)
Mike Hebert	12 – 5	(8 – 5)
Doug Hooper	6 – 6	(6 – 5)
Rory Kaneski	5 – 5	(5 – 5)
Jeff Keeler	5 – 5	(5 – 4)
Bob Kirkland	6 – 3	(3 – 6)
Don Kusano	7 – 5	(7 – 4)
Trevor Loreth	13 – 3	(7 – 3)
Murray Lushaw	7 – 4	(8 – 4)
Richard Muntain	5 – 6	(9 – 4)
Rene Nolette	1 – 7	(3 – 5)
Eric Ouimet	3 – 5	(5 – 5)
Mike Pyle	5 – 5	(5 – 4)
Robert Riffle	4 – 5	(4 – 6)
Dave Romano	14 – 3	(8 – 2)
Kevin Schmidt	2 – 6	(6 – 5)
Lance Smith	3 – 5	(2 – 7)
Ron Smith	4 – 4	(4 – 4)
Bill Stewart	6 – 5	(9 – 5)
Don Stott	7 – 5	(5 – 5)
Kelly Tarrant	1 – 7	(3 – 6)
Sandy Watson	1 – 7	(2 – 6)
Kyle Werenich	12 – 4	(7 – 3)
Joe Woitas	5 – 5	(4 – 5)
Andrew Wickman	14 – 3	(9 – 5)
Reed Winstone	1 – 7	(3 – 6)
Larry Weselake	4 – 4	(4 – 6)

Odds & Ends:

President Bob Kirkland was drawn against MCA Byes for his first 2 games. The MCA must have heard about his performance on New Years Day.

The Don Stott team was part of the Opening Ceremonies for the 116th MCA Men's Bonspiel which were held at the West Kildonan Curling Club

According to Bill, in response to the other teams having matching jackets – "They may have jackets but we have spunk".

The Bloomfield & Pratschler consortium purchased the Don Kusano team in the Calcutta. They went on to play Kusano back to back on the weekend. It appears that Howard and Ed may have thrown the games instead of their rocks to protect their investment. The ethics committee will be looking into the matter.

To Laurel and the Kitchen staff for the nice write up in the Free Press. The two smiling faces belonged to Tracy and Jill. Great job girls.

Umpires:

Thanks to Dennis Lafreniere, Mel Martin, Neil Pineau Gil Dambly and Larry Jones for umpiring. These volunteers once again helped to make the MCA Bonspiel at our club another successful event.

Hospitality Room:

Thanks to all the gracious hosts for providing great service for the curlers who dropped in. Winners of the draws and the list of donators were not available at time of printing. Further details will be included in the March issue of the newsletter.

PAST PRESIDENT'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date: Saturday, May 29, 2004
Location: Winkler Golf Club
Cost: \$ 85.00CDN (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. Call Roger if you can help out in any way.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

The competition will be held on Tuesday, February 17th. According to the men, they are *heavily* favoured to defeat the women again this year. Wonder if this has to do with pounds instead of skill.

Look for the results and the other side of the story in the March issue of the newsletter.

TIP OF THE BROOM

To Denis Lafreniere and Neil Pineau for umpiring the Safeway Select Zones.

To the Andrew Wickman team for qualifying for the Provincial Men's. The event will be held in Brandon from February 11th to 15th.

To the Richard Muntain team for making it all the way to the finals of a minor event in the MCA.

ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB HISTORY

Larry Jones is working on putting together a detailed history of the club from our humble beginnings in 1933 right through to the 21st century. If you have any information or memorabilia that may be useful, or would like to assist with this enormous task, please contact Larry at 253-5740.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Valentines Day	February 14
Battle of the Sexes	February 17
Credit Union Masters	Feb 26 – March 1
Men's Playoffs	March 22 – April 1
Siesta Bonspiel	April 4 – 8
Good Friday	April 9
Annual Windup/Banquet	April 24
Annual Meeting	May 12

CREDIT UNION MASTERS

St. Vital will be hosting the Provincial Men's Masters' Championships Feb 26th–Mar 1st, 2004. Contact Greg (256-5237 or gmilloy@shaw.ca) or Dennis (233-7987) to volunteer and for additional information.

LOOSE HAIRS

To have information placed in the newsletter, contact Ralph (r.j.dooley@shaw.ca or 253-5924).

If you require ice for practice or fun activities, please contact Gord at 254-2121.

Club Website (www.stvitalcurling.ca) – check it out. Please advise Richard Muntain (222-6765) or Lorne Cox (256-5254) of any errors or omissions in the club roster.

N.B. – MEN'S LOCKER ROOM

The men's locker room will be used for the Provincial Masters February 26th to March 1st. We have to provide locker space for the event. It would be appreciated if all curlers could clean out their lockers prior to the event.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.
