



**ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB  
ST. ANNES ROAD & REGAL AVENUE (256-3623)  
JANUARY 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 2 RESULTS (Friday Mixed)**

Friday A (Hebert)	Friday B (Kusano)
Friday C (Dupasquier)	Friday D (Innes)

**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 2003**

This years New Years Eve Party was again a wonderful evening with a total of 60 people attending. Laurel Sidon and her staff prepared an excellent meal. The music by One Man Band was great and the dance floor was hopping and bopping all night long.

**NEW YEARS DAY OPEN HOUSE**

The Past President's Association put on another great event for the men's league members on New Years Day. Laurel Sidon once again provided an excellent spread of food for the occasion.

A large group of our distinguished past presidents were on hand to welcome members and to serve the food and the refreshments.

In light of the happenings to the last few presidents, President Bob's resting place was prepared for him on the first floor in the event he was unable to survive the events of the day.

There were the usual guest speakers from the City, the Province and the MCA who wished our club and members all the best.

Ed Pratschler piped President Bob Kirkland and Icemaker Andrew Atkinson onto the ice along with the other noted dignitaries. Larry Jones was the Master of Ceremonies. Lorne Cox and Howard Bloomfield provided the play-by-play commentary as well as the half time and post game reports. Marvin Chitek and Brian Pratschler handled the videotaping and still photography for the event.

Little Jimmie Pratschler was on hand to monitor President Bob's heart rate and provide immediate first aid if necessary. Past President Ken Stanley provided moral support for Icemaker Andrew although he didn't really need any.

**The Big Game**

Icemaker Andrew opened with a big 4 ender in the first end. It seemed that President Bob had a difficult time figuring out which way the rock would turn after banking off the boards. Andrew on the other hand was in true form.

Things were quite different in the second end though. President Bob got his act together and put some heavy pressure on Andrew (no Bob did not sit on Andrew). When the end was all said and done President Bob picked up a big 3 points to pull within 1 point.

Icemaker Andrew regained his composure, or did he just come back from taking a break in the second end, and picked up 2 giving him a 6 to 3 lead coming home. President Bob appeared to be relishing his big 3 and forgot about the 3<sup>rd</sup> end.

In the fourth end things got very interesting as once again President Bob found the bounce. Icemaker Andrew missed a couple of tough shots leaving President Bob with a chance to score 3 and tie the game. Well so much for fantasy, President Bob could not finish what he started and counted only 2.

**Final score was 6 – 5 for Icemaker Andrew.**

This year's game was one of the most exciting games in recent memory. President Bob performed very well, in fact better than expected, better than the odds and even better than history would have predicted. Icemaker Andrew played his usual strong game but uncharacteristically revealed a slight crack in his armour. It appears that the amount of pressure put on Andrew in these games is directly proportional to the weight of the president.

NOTE: Rumours surfaced just prior to the event that President Bob was seen at the club practicing his bank shots with 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jim Pratschler. It seems that maybe he should have been practicing with some of the past presidents. The practice may be somewhat of a benefit for Jim as he prepares to compete against Andrew next year.

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### **GIFT CERTIFICATES**

The club still has a few Sobeys Gift Certificates for sale. If you are interested in purchasing some, please contact Garry Shumka at 253-3626.

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### **ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB HISTOTY**

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.

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### **MCA CALCUTTA**

The Calcutta will be held on Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00PM in the lounge. Happy hour prices will be in effect and a light lunch will be served.

A draw will be made for a free team entry (\$ 275.00 value) into the MCA. To be eligible, 3 members of the rink must be present at the time of the draw.

Pratcshler Picks will be distributed prior to commencement of the bidding. All of the St. Vital entries will be paired up with a so-called "BIG NAME TEAM". Mr. Les Oliver will be the Auctioneer again this year. A total of 30 teams from St. Vital entered into the MCA this year.

For more information, contact Jim at 254-3105.

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### **BATTLE OF THE SEXES**

The competition will be held on Tuesday, February 17th and involves curlers from the Rental Leagues, the Men's League and Past Presidents. The men are heavily favoured to defeat the women again this year. All participants will be treated to a light lunch and refreshments.

For more information or to get involved, contact your league representative or Gord Kawecky @ 254-2121.

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### **TIP OF THE BROOM**

To Al Erickson, Lorne Cox, Roger Fontaine, Ken Stanley and Ralph Dooley for decorating the lounge for New Years Eve.

To Cheryl, Jeff, Julie and Ralph for cleaning up the curling club after the New Years Eve Party.

To Jim Pratcshler for organizing the Staff Christmas Party.

To the Tom Bellamy team for scoring a big 6 ender in a recent Monday night game. Tom did manage to win the game by the way. The 6<sup>th</sup> point was scored with the Lorne Cox # 8 rock.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Select City Zones	January 15 – 17
MCA Calcutta	January 21
MCA Bonspiel	January 22 – 28
Valentines Day	February 14
Battle of the Sexes	February 17
Credit Union Masters	Feb 26 – Mar 1

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### **STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY**

A staff Christmas party and appreciation night was held Monday, December 22, 2003. Members of the board of directors and guests played a fun curling games against Kitchen, Lounge and Icemaker staff and guests. The match featured several techniques of delivery and a creative scoring system. The staff won the match by a combined score of 107 to 92.

The gift exchange provided more entertainment as some of the gifts were stolen (exchanged) on numerous occasions.

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### **CREDIT UNION MASTERS**

St. Vital will be hosting the Provincial Men's Masters' Championships Feb 26th–Mar 1st, 2004. Greg Milloy and Dennis Lafreniere will be chairing the event.

Contact Greg (256-5237 or [gmlloy@shaw.ca](mailto:gmlloy@shaw.ca)) or Dennis (233-7987) to volunteer and for additional information.

Tickets prices are set at \$ 5.00 per day and \$ 15.00 for the entire event.

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### **CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS**

Member Early Bird Draw	Scott Murray
1 <sup>st</sup> prize -- \$ 500.00	John Deniset
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize -- \$ 400.00	George Sawatzky
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize -- \$ 300.00	Christy Campbell
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize -- \$ 200.00	Anne Tyoski
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize -- \$ 100.00	Henry Caners

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### **CLUB ROSTERS**

Please advise Richard Muntain (222-6765) or Lorne Cox (256-5254) of any errors or omissions.

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### **LOOSE HAIRS**

To have information placed in the newsletter, contact Ralph ([r.j.dooley@shaw.ca](mailto: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](http://www.stvitalcurling.ca)) – check it out.

The Game of the Night continues to make our regular curling just a little more interesting.

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