



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

PROVINCIAL MASTERS REPORT

The 2004 Provincial Masters (Men's) Championship was held at the St. Vital Curling Club from Thursday, February 26th to Monday, March 1st.

Results:

<u>BLACK DIVISION ROUND ROBIN</u>		
<u>TEAM</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
BAILEY	Heather	6 – 1
USACKIS	Lac Bu Bonnet	5 – 2
GARDINER	Clearwater	5 – 2
GUDZ	Brandon	4 – 3
GITZEL	Elm Creek	3 – 4
HAUGEN	St. Vital	3 – 4
MCLAUHLIN	Virden	1 – 6
MCCRACKEN	Neepawa	1 – 6

<u>RED DIVISION ROUND ROBIN</u>		
<u>TEAM</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
ROSS	Heather	5 – 2
SUCHY	Gimli	5 – 2
SADLER	Portage	5 – 2
WILSON	Dauphin	5 – 2
HAMILTON	Fort Garry	4 – 3
GORDON	Russell	2 – 5
EFFLER	Fort Garry	2 – 5
CHARTRAND	Willow Park	0 – 7

There were a total of three (3) tiebreakers on Sunday, February 29th to determine which teams would qualify for the playoffs. In the Black Division, John Usackis defeated Ken Gardiner. In the Red Division, Dave Suchy defeated Barry Sadler and Gary Ross defeated Ralph Wilson.

In the crossover semi-finals held on Monday, March 1st, Martin Bailey defeated Dave Suchy and John Usackis defeated Gary Ross.

Martin Bailey and his team of John Helston, Brian Taylor and Gary Smith from the Heather Curling Club defeated John Usackis and his team of Orest Meleschuk, Bob Lesko and Richard Schroeder from Lac Du Bonnet in Monday's final.

Volunteers:

Co chairs, Greg Milloy and Dennis Lafreniere along with their committee of Larry Jones, Lorne Cox, Bob Kirkland, Jim Pratschler and Ralph Dooley and of course, all of the volunteers put on a wonderful event.

A big thanks to Ty Aho, Dick Balog Marj Bone, John Brown, Judy Brown, Morley Campbell, Larry Clarke, Mike Culley, Gil Dambly, Brian Davies, Morris Deveson, Dennis Dugas, Al Erickson, Sylvia Erickson, Rob Finnen, Earle Floyde, Annette Giguere, Donna Gobeil, Tom Grant, Bill Hanysh, Bill Henderson, Rick Jacques, Bob James, Wayne Jones, Don Kylie, Claudette Mangin, Pauline Marnock, Mel Martin, Jerry Mackie, Rodger Miller, Ron Munro, Neil Pineau, Mary Ann Pratschler, Nancy Rummery, Rob Rummery, Bill Salon, Phil Sedona, Art St. Amant, Ken Stanley and Gord Wilson for their much appreciated help with the Opening Ceremonies, working at the Door, working as Timekeepers and Observers and of course selling the 50-50 tickets.

Without all of you this event would not have been the great success that it was. Thanks Again!!!!

Odds & Ends:

Augie Haugen of St. Vital and his team of Al Sharpe, Ken McDonald and Dan Barlow handed Martin Bailey his only loss in the their last game of the round robin on February 29th.

The shot making displayed during the entire event was outstanding to say the least. These fine young gentlemen could easily curl in A Group at any club.

FROM THE BOARD

New Directors are required for the 2004 / 2005 curling season. If you are interested in getting involved with the operation of the club, or know someone who may be interested, please contact Past President Ken Stanley at 981-7042.

Members of the MCA affiliated leagues are eligible to hold one of these positions.

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 skins format was used for the event again this year. The men were definitely heavier than the women, but weight isn't everything. This year's event was the closest in recent memory and was definitely, the best performance put on by the women.

After 4 ends, the men had won 12 skins to the women's 11 with 1 skin carried over. After 6 ends, the ladies were leading 18 skins to 17 skins with one carried over. After it was all said and done, the **men won 25 skins to the ladies 23 skins**. The ladies had a chance to tie the match with a most difficult last shot but just rubbed the guard and had to settle for second place. Great job ladies. The men better watch out next year.

Excuses for the close match this year:

- According to the men. "The men are getting older and the women are getting better."
- According to the ladies. "The men are getting older and the women are getting younger."

All participants were once again treated to an enjoyable light snack and refreshments.

ROUND 3 RESULTS (FRIDAY)

Friday A (Stanley) Fri B (Dupasquier)
Friday C (Carlson) Friday D (Kerbert)

Round 4 Not completed – Results in next newsletter.

TIP OF THE BROOM

To Elaine Jones and her team of Diane MacIver, Ruth Wiebe and Ina Light for winning the Provincial Diamond Ladies event held in Altona February 26th to March 1st, 2004. They will be competing at the Canadian Championships in Kelowna later this month.

To Annette Lafreniere for being the 5th in Altona for Elaine Jones.

To the men for emptying out their lockers for the Provincial Masters Competition.

ANNUAL BANQUET & DANCE

Saturday, April 24, 2004
Tickets: \$ 20.00 per person.
Cocktails: 6:00 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM
Music By: One Man Band

Tickets from Ralph Dooley (253-5924) or at the bar.

Cut off date for tickets: Saturday, April 17th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Playoffs	March 22 – April 1
Big Guys Bonspiel	April 3
Siesta Bonspiel	April 4 – 8
Junior Bring A Buddy Spiel	April 10
Annual Windup/Banquet	April 24
Annual Meeting	May 12
Membership Night	May 12
Garage Sale	May 15
Past Presidents Golf	May 29

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.

Contact Larry Jones at 253-5740 with details regarding history of the St. Vital Club Curling Club.

PARKING LOT SALE

The Club is will be having a parking lot sale on Saturday, May 15, 2004 from 9AM to 6PM. The intent of the sale is to raise funds to assist with undertaking various improvements at the club. If you have any item (s) to donate to the club or if you are interested in helping out, please call Garry Shumka at 253-3626 or Bob Kirkland @ 257-3294.

Members of the volunteer committee will make arrangements to pick items up if you are unable to deliver them to the club.

MEMBERSHIP NIGHT

Membership Night will be held on May 12th immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

Membership applications will be available at the club, from Lorne Cox (256-5254) and on the Web Site.

Please note that we have a substantial waiting list from the CFB Curling Club as the club is closing at the end of the season. To hold your spot, a team application must be filled out and fees for two members must be paid by membership night. After May 12th, open spots will be given to teams on the waiting list who have met the above requirements.
