



**ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB
ST. ANNES ROAD & REGAL AVENUE (256-3623)
OCTOBER 2003 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.

CLUB IMPROVEMENTS

A considerable amount of improvements have been made to the facilities over the summer or are in the process of being completed. The most obvious changes are the carpet and the painting. Other changes include a new dumb waiter; new seats in the ice area; a new big screen TV in the lounge; repairs to the foundation, ice shed roof, metal exterior of the ice shed and chimney; minor landscaping, new exterior signage, a walkway from the locker rooms to the ice area.

The pool table has been removed from the lounge and has since been disposed of. This was done because the pool table was not used very much and that the space could be used more effectively for additional seating.

SEMI ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual was held on Wednesday, September 24th, 2003. Individual portfolio reports and the annual financial report and were presented. Old business was reviewed and new business was discussed. A light lunch and refreshments were served after the meeting.

CCA CARDS

CCA Cards for Men's (\$20.00), Ladies (\$20.00), Mixed (\$20.00), Senior's (\$20.00), Masters (\$10.00) and Diamond Ladies (\$10.00) are presently available at the club. Signs are also posted at the club. Please contact Jim Pratschler at 254-3105 for additional information.

FOUR (4) ROCK RULE

Following the lead of the MCA, the St. Vital Curling Club has adopted the "4 ROCK FREE GUARD ZONE" rule effective the beginning of the 2003 / 2004 season.

This should make for more interesting play until all teams have become accustomed to the change in the style of play.

CLUB WEBSITE (www.stvitalcurling.ca)

The St. Vital Curling Club website is up and running but is still under construction.

Check it out and keep a look out for many new and interesting items.

If you have any comments or feedback, you can provide them directly through the website, or by contacting Brad Humphreys at 478-7282.

RAFFLE TICKETS

All members of the men's league and rental leagues should have received the Christmas Cash Raffle tickets by now. The draw will be held on Friday, December 19th in the lounge. Men's league members are to return sold books complete with payment to Garry Shumka or drop them off at the bar by December 10th. The deadline to be eligible for the members early bird draw is November 14th.

Rentals Leagues should return their tickets directly to Garry.

Note: If you need more books, please contact Garry at 253-3626.

ATTENDANCE DRAW

All members of the men's curling league are eligible for an attendance draw. The "CAN" as it is called, is located in the lounge. A members name (number) is drawn after curling Monday through Thursday. The member drawn will receive 100% of the proceeds IF signed in. To be eligible, place 25 cents in the CAN and sign your name in the book. Members are eligible for the draw on any night, not just the night(s) curled.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

To have information placed in the newsletter, contact Ralph Dooley by email: r.j.dooley@shaw.ca by phone (253-5924), or leave it at the club. The newsletters will be posted on the club website. Last year's newsletters have also been posted on the web.

NO SMOKING

The St. Vital Curling Club is a *NON-SMOKING* facility and smoking is not permitted anywhere within the curling club. An ashtray is located just outside the front door for your convenience. Please place your butts in the ashtray.

Thanks for your cooperation and support.

ICE RENTAL

If you require, or are interested in booking ice for practice or fun activities, please contact Gord Kawecki at 254-2121.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 70 Plus Bonspiel | November 4 & 5 |
| Remembrance Day | November 11 |
| Past President's Banquet | November 23 |
| Scott Ladies Zones | December 4 – 7 |
| Christmas Cash Raffle | December 19 |
| Christmas Day | December 25 |
| Boxing Day | December 26 |
| Junior Christmas Spiel | December 27 – 30 |
| New Years Eve | December 31 |

TIP OF THE BROOM

To Lorne Cox and Al Erickson for all the time and effort they put in replacing the Dumb Waiter.

To Larry Balak, Bob Kirkland and the many work crews who undertook numerous projects around the club over the summer.

To Walter Cowan for being our Club Pastor this year.

To Gord Steeves for being our Club Patron this year.

To Gerry Magnusson for refurbishing bulletin boards on the main floor.

2003 – 2004 EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTORS

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| President | Bob Kirkland (257-3294) |
| Past President | Ken Stanley (981-7042) |
| 1 st Vice President | Jim Pratschler (254-3105) |
| 2 nd Vice President | Richard Muntain (222-6765) |
| Secretary | Al Erickson (257-2676) |
| Treasurer | Dennis Wiebe (257-7769) |
| Ent. & Publicity | Ralph Dooley (253-5924) |
| Ice Rental | Gord Kawecki (254-2121) |
| Juniors | Mike Hebert (255-2047) |
| Technical/Website | Brad Humphreys (478-7282) |
| House | Larry Balak (255-0852) |
| Membership | Lorne Cox (256-5254) |
| Fundraising | Garry Shumka (253-3626) |
| Kitchen & Lounge | Randy Rummery (257-9686) |
| Ice & Draw | Don Kusano (253-9008) |

KITCHEN FACILITIES

Laurel Sidon will be having daily meal specials throughout the curling season again this year. Specials for the upcoming week will be posted on the main floor and in the lounge.

Laurel may also be looking for part time help in the kitchen throughout the year. If you are interested, please see Laurel at the club or call her at 474-0563 or 256-3623.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members of the men's league should forward any change in address, phone numbers, etc. to Lorne Cox.

Members of the Rental Leagues should provide any updated information to their respective league representatives.

LOOSE HAIRS

We would like to welcome Greg Milloy back to the men's league. Best of luck Greg, even though you don't need it.

As most of you have noticed, the carpet was not completely replaced prior to the beginning of the season. Please accept our apologies for any inconveniences.

The Krista Novotny team is now 2-0 in C Group on Monday Night. (Victim No. 1 – Brad Humphreys, Victim No. 2 – Jim Colman). Looks like "Best Of Luck" should be directed to the men's teams.

Entry Forms for upcoming MCA events are located on the main floor under the Draw Board.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

The New Years Eve Dinner and Dance will be held on Wednesday, December 31, 2003 in the club lounge.

Cocktails: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:30 PM

Recorded Music by: One Man Band

Tickets: \$ 35.00 per person

CASH BAR

Tickets should be available November 1st and can be purchased at the bar or from Ralph Dooley (253-5924). *NOTE: Tables can be reserved in advance.*

There will be special prizes awarded throughout the evening again this year. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Ralph. For more information, or if you are interested in helping with the decorating before the event or the clean up after the function, contact Ralph.
