

**ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB
ST. ANNES ROAD & REGAL AVENUE (256-3623)
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The St. Vital Curling Club is a family orientated facility proudly dedicated to promoting affordable recreational and competitive curling in a friendly traditional environment.

SOMETHING SPECIAL AT ST.VITAL

There must be something special at St. Vital Curling Club. We are sending teams to Provincial Championships like never before.

SCOTT PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kristy Jenion and Jennifer Jones won their zones and represented the St. Vital Curling Club in Sourris.

Kristy won her pool and the page system one and two play off earning a spot in the final.

Jennifer Jones came through the tie breakers and battled her way into the finals, setting up an all St. Vital final in the Scott Provincial Championship.

The final gave us a display of shot making that had everyone in awe with Jennifer and her squad winning on last rock and representing Manitoba and the St. vital Curling Club at the Scott Tournament of Hearts in St. Johns Newfoundland the February.

SAFeway SELECT

St. Vital Curling Club will have four teams in the Safeway select in Selkirk this year. Richard Muntain, Doug Harrison, Doug Riach and Ryan Fry. Richard (now like to be known as **PATCH**) Muntain and Doug Harrison won their zones.

Doug Harrison defeated Kerry Burtnyk twice in winning their zone and Richard won the A-B final. Doug Riach and his squad came through the grind of the MCA bonspiel to capture their berth and Ryan Fry earned his berth last year by winning the MCT Championship.

DIAMOND LADIES

St. Vital Curling Club had high expectations and hope with the defending Provincial Champs, Elaine Jones representing the Club going into the Diamond Ladies Zones along with a strong representation in all of the three zones.

All three of the Diamond Ladies zones were won by St. Vital teams. Congratulations go out to the Elaine Jones, Angela Trudeau and Sylvia Erickson rinks.

They will be heading to Portage wearing the St. Vital Curling Clubs colours in February.

MCA EVENTS STILL TO COME

With the Men's Seniors and Masters events still to come and the way the season is going for teams representing the of St. Vital Curling Club expectations of more teams heading to the Provincial Championships are high. Good luck to you guys.

MCA & CALCUTTA

The big MCA bonspiel has just come and gone and everyone involved in the BIG SPIEL has another year of memories.

The Calcutta was a huge success and a big thanks go out to Cliff Kitchen for doing a great job as the auctioneer and getting the pot up for good pay outs.

Thanks go out to Jim Coleman and all the volunteers for operating and organizing the Hospitality Room along with Denis Lafrenier and the crew of umpires.

The big winners of the Calcutta were still to be determined at the time of publish due to the fact that the Randy Dutaime rink was in both major finals and had to play the Safeway Select final at a date to be determined later.

SEND OFF FOR JENNIFER JONE TEAM

COME ONE AND ALL TO WISH OUR SCOTT PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS LUCK IN THE SCOTT TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS IN St. JOHNS NEWFOUNDLAND.

A celebration reception and send off for Jennifer Jones and her team of Cathy Overton-Clapham, Jill Officer and Cathy Gauthier will be held on Sunday February 13, 2005 at the St. Vital Curling Club.

Tickets are only \$5.00 with a silent auction and 50/50 draw happening and available at the club or contact Larry Jones 253-5740, Al Erickson 257-2676 and Jim Prat 254-3105.

If you have or know of anyone with donations for the silent auction please get in contact with Larry Jones or Jim Prat at the above phone numbers.

EXIT SURVEYS

Exit Surveys will be going out soon so please look for them in the near future and fill them out. Only with your input and opinions we can make the Club what you want and need to be.

Thank you for your time and comments.

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SIESTA BONSPIEL

The annual Mixed Siesta Bonspiel is coming up in April and the sign up sheet to be going out soon so get your teams ready to sign up soon.

The format will be a minimum of one person of the opposite gender playing third or if you have two people of the opposite gender you can play any positions.

Contact Ralph Dooley for more information at 253-5924 and registration.

New Years Eve Party

The annual New Years Eve party was a huge success with over 70 people dancing the night away.

Music by The One-Man-Band was great and we may have found the new St. Vital Idol after the Kareokee singing of Darlene Mc Donald belted out songs and displayed her singing skills

Big thanks to Laurel and her staff for providing everyone with great food and Ralph Dooley and his crew for the decorations.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND GAIN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

With the 2005 – 2006 season rapidly approaching and planning for the new curling season upon us soon, the St. Vital Curling Club is looking for a "**FEW GOOD PEOPLE**" to come on the Board of Directors next year.

If you have computer or web skills, marketing and advertising skills, trade skills or just want to be part of a great Board of Directors and have the time to commit to a great organization and tradition we need you.

Volunteering is a great and rewarding way to network and gain professional skill and pad your resume for job opportunities for the future.

To be a member of the Board of Directors you must me a member of the Men's League or a member of a league affiliated with the Manitoba Curling Association.

Contact Bob Kirkland at 257-3294 if you are interested.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

Once again Gord Kawekci is organizing the battle of the Sexes that will take place here at the St. Vital Curling Club Tuesday February 15th, 2005.

This is an annual event that pits the Ladies against the Men in a fun curling match that has representation from all the leagues in the club getting to know each other and have some fun. If you are interested in playing in this fun event talk to your league representative.

MUST BE A FULL MOON OUT

Some of the Luck of St. Vital Curing Club must be rubbing off on Terry Moon. He won the largest pot in the can draw of over \$290.00, the Friday night 50/50 Draw and learned how to scrape the ice and is now affectionately know as the ICE KING and has a hat to match.

TIP OF THE BROOM

To Annette Giguere, Monique Cameron, Nancy Cox, Denis Dugas, Claudette Pratschler, Ty Aho, Jim and Linda Coleman, Bryan Davies, Ken Stanley and Hank Lemoine for working the hospitality room during the MCA Bonspiel.