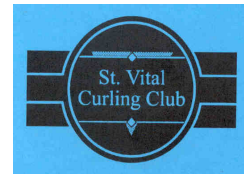


THE NEWS -- DECEMBER 2007
ST. VITAL CURLING CLUB (stvitalcurling.ca)
ST. ANNES ROAD & REGAL AVENUE (256-3623)
PRESIDENT – BILL STEWART



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.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BILL STEWART

On behalf of the St.Vital Curling club board of directors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Je vous souhaite un Joyeux Noël et bonne année.

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

The draw was held on December 14th. The winners were:

1st prize Winner (\$500)	John Scott
2nd prize Winner (\$400)	Frank Talbot
3rd prize Winner (\$300)	Rob Gray
4th prize Winner (\$200)	Mark Horne
5th prize Winner (\$100)	Deidre Irvine Scott.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

2008 BRIER

When purchasing tickets for the BRIER, please remember to QUOTE the St. Vital Code (STVITL).

March 8th - 16th, 2008 - MTS Center

75TH ANNIVERSARY

The committee held it 1st official meeting on December 4th. Preliminary plans were made for various types of events and functions. The club will be holding a 75th Anniversary Bonspiel, Banquet and Golf Tournament.

We are also designing a new club logo to celebrate the anniversary. Other items include special club decorations, history displays and anniversary club apparel.

Committee members are Greg Milloy, Roger Fontaine, Bob Kirkland, Tom Bellamy, Jerry Magnusson, Neil Denyer, Mike Hebert, Cliff Kitchen, Bill Stewart and Ralph Dooley. Cliff Kitchen has volunteered to chair this event.

If you have any suggestions or would to help out in anyway, contact any one of the committee members.

JUNIOR NEWS

Wildewood Junior Spiel

The Wildewood Junior Spiel was held on November 23rd and our Junior program was pleased to see the mighty Kyle Thiessen team come up big and win the B event! It's significant to note that Kyle along with Third Ryan Lemoine and Lead man David Enns are only 10 while Justin (the Juice) Chamberland is 11; and they did it in a 14 and under event! FYI - They already have 15 years of curling experience between them and are great examples of what our Junior program can do! We were also very pleased to see team Jackie Hebert, team Lisa Reid, and team Taylor Mitchell out playing hard and taking part in this excellent and very popular kid spiel.

Junior City Zone Playdowns

St.Vital was pleased to have the Blaine Funk and Cadin Dupasquier teams represent us in the Junior Men's City Zones. Cadin's team took home a couple silver medals. Blaine's team faired well going 2-2, losing a tough B final to Coleman.

In the Junior Women's city zones we were well represented by the Briane Meilleur and Jackie Hebert teams who each won a game. Both teams played well and enjoyed their first zone experience against the big girls. They'll be back.....

5:10 Competitive League Skins Game -

We are pleased to offer a new CASH SKINS game to the curlers this year. It was only made possible by Ed Pratschler surprising us and being lured from his announced retirement due to a very high demand for his most excellent adult coaching lessons.

Our 160 fortunate St.Vital Juniors would like to extend 160 giant bouquets to Ed for his amazing dedication and support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Closed

Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26
New Years Day	January 1
MCA Calcutta	January 16
MCA Bonspiel	January 17 – 20
Battle of the Sexes	February 13
Tim Horton's Brier	March 8 – 16
Men's Worlds (Grand Forks)	April 5 - 13

CCA CARDS

CCA Cards for Men's (\$35.00), Ladies (\$35.00), Mixed (\$35.00), Senior's (\$35.00), Masters (\$15.00) are available at the club.

These cards can be purchased from Lorne Cox or any of the club board of directors.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES:

This years event is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 13th, 2008**. Please clear your schedule and come out and have a ball. This is an event where the 'men' are pitted against the 'women' and is a fun filled evening with food, drink and plenty of laughter... All rental leagues are invited to attend.

Please call Annette Giguere at 255-7753 to register.

LOOSE HAIRS

ICE RENTAL: If you require, or are interested in booking ice for practice or fun activities, please contact Annette Giguere at 255-7753.

ROCK THE RALPH 2008: The 2008 World Men's Curling Championship will be held in Grand Forks, North Dakota April 5th to 13th, 2008. There is a link for this event on our club Website.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: If you are interested in becoming a member of the club board of directors or know someone who may be, please contact Ralph Dooley at 253-5924 or by email (rjdooley@mts.net).

WEBSITE: If you have any questions about the Website or want to have something posted on it, please contact Mr. Lorne Cox at 256-5254.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION: To have information placed in the newsletter, contact Ralph Dooley by email (rjdooley@mts.net), by phone (253-5924) or leave it at the club.

SAFEWAY & SOBEYS GIFT CARDS: They can be purchased from Neil Denyer, Al Erickson, Bob Kirkland, Daryl Budnick, and Mike Hebert.

2008 MCA BONSPIEL

The **MCA** runs from January 17th to 23rd. The entry fee this year is \$280.00.

A sign up sheet is posted at the club. If you sign up at the club please make your cheques payable to the **St. Vital Curling Club**. If you sign up on line or directly with the MCA, please advise the club so your team can be entered into the Calcutta.

The **MCA Calcutta** will be held at the club at **730PM** on **Wednesday, January 16th** in the lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend and buy any one of the teams. A light snack will be provided later in the evening and refreshments will be available.

Come on out and enjoy the antics of our soon to be famous Auctioneer (AKA. **Cliff Kitchen**) and the ramblings of **Bill's Bull Sheet**.

A free entry fee into the MCA will be awarded to one of the teams at the CALCUTTA.

Contact Lorne Cox at 256-5254 for more information.

ROUND 2 WINNERS

The 2nd round has just finished up. Results will be posted in the January Newsletter.

TIP OF THE BROOM

To all of the curlers who sold and turned in their raffle tickets.

To the **Kaileigh Strath Team** for qualifying for the **Target Junior Women's Provincial Championship** in Stonewall (January 2 – 7, 2008).

To the **Janice Haugen Team** for reaching the finals of the **Chicken Chef Masters Women's Bonspiel**.

To the **Elaine Jones and Sylvia Erickson Teams** for qualifying for the **Provincial Ladies Masters** in Swan Lake (March 19 – 23, 2008).

To **Jennifer Jones and Calleen Neufeld Teams** for qualifying for the **Provincial Ladies Scotties** in Gimli (January 23 - 27, 2008).

To **Ed Pratschler** for his amazing dedication and continued support to the Junior Curling Program.

To **Cliff Kitchen** for volunteering to Chair the **75th Anniversary Committee**.

To the **Leonard Sidon Team** for getting into the win column.

To **Mr. Lorne Cox** for his many years of dedicated service to the **Board of Directors** and the **St. Vital Curling Club**.
