



# **ST. ALBERT CURLING CLUB**

## **"BETWEEN THE SHEETS"**

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### **News from the President**

The Christmas season is already upon us and that can only mean one thing, we're half way through the curling year; where does the time go?

Let's take a quick look back on club activities:

- Jackie-Rae Greening resigned from the board; Jackie was appointed the chair for the Olympic Trials as well as the Canadian Country Music Association and found herself stretched a little thin. We were sad to see her go but wish her all the best!
- Our open spot was not open long as Doug Andersen stepped up and joined our team.
- Our league membership is up over last year which is fantastic. This is partly due to a number of former prospect and intermediate curlers in both men's and mixed leagues. Good on you!
- The ice has been consistently keener than past years thanks to the new plant. Some of the "intricacies" have been ironed out and we look forward to fabulous ice in the New Year.
- We experimented with opening the bar earlier to

offset the concession closure. To date we really haven't seen any marked difference and will re-evaluate during the Xmas closure.

- The Men's bonspiel was a tremendous success with a full slate of 32 teams. A huge thank you to the organizing committee and our two main sponsors; DKC Sparklean and Garry's Heating.
- Our TV Raffle was exceptionally well received with close to a sell out of the 400 tickets printed. Congratulations to Rick Charter, Emilie Keane and Mike Howes for taking home the hardware. Thank you to all who participated; the proceeds from the raffle will assist the club in maintaining a quality curling experience while still boasting the least expensive league fees in the EACC.

January is shaping up to be a busy month around the Club. We kick things off with the Senior Men's City zone play-downs from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> followed by our Merchant/Prospect Mixed bonspiel from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. Look for the sign up sheets in the Club lobby and get your entry in early. The Mixed spiel has

always been a well attended event and this year the timing is perfect to combat those January doldrums.

We've also been awarded a casino for June 20-21. As you know casinos are a significant source of revenue for the Club and they require a number of volunteers in order to operate successfully. Look ahead, sign up and help your Club out!

Also, stay tuned for word on our Club wind-up this year. We have Buddy and Mike looking into a golf tourney, should be a great time.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, management and staff of the St. Albert Curling Club we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2009!

Doug McLennan  
President  
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