

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the one Hundred and fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Curling Association held at the Delta Meadowvale Inn, Mississauga, on Saturday, May 9, 1987, starting at 3:00 p.m.

Robert Heartwell, President of the Association, chaired the meeting and Eric Wiffen acted as Secretary.

The President welcomed the delegates and guests, the meeting having been preceded by a reception and luncheon.

A motion was proposed, seconded and approved "that the Minutes of the 1986 Annual General Meeting as circulated, be taken as read".

40 Clubs were represented. 9 Past presidents and 30 members of the Executive Committee, together with 19 alternate delegates and 78 guests were present, for a total attendance of 176.

Clubs represented:

Annandale	Guelph
Avonlea	Hamilton Thistle
Bancroft	Harriston
Barrie	K-W Granite
Bayview	Lambton
Boulevard	Leaside
Brampton	London
Brant	Maxville
Burlington	Meaford
Burlington Golf	Milton
CFB Trenton	Orangeville
Chinguacousy	Oshawa
Dundas Granite	Penetanguishene
Elmira	Peterborough
Galt	Simcoe
Galt Country	Sydenham
Glanford	Tam Heather
Glendale	Uxbridge
Granite	Welland
Grimsby	Woodstock

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee has had a reasonably successful year with our three year plan drawing to a close.

- Newly designed name plates for the Executive Committee were distributed.
- New ties are being sourced and will be available for the Executive. Upon delivery they will be available to ensure uniformity.
- Only one style and colour of blazer crest will be available - tan background and oval in shape.
- Officials' parkas were provided to the Development Committee who have been providing the officiating this year. They were worn at all Provincial Finals.
- Clothing is now available and has been since late 1986 - pullover sweaters, turtle neck sweaters, golf shirts in 3 colours and golf style caps. Items have been selling much faster than anticipated. John McCrae has been re-ordering some styles and sizes.
- Tote bags and broom bags, suitably lettered, are being presented to all Provincial winners and have been well received.
- It is contemplated having jackets available next year; these will also be lettered "Ontario Curling Association" with the embroidered O.C.A. crest on the chest.
- Neale Cole and Ken Windrem, a Sub-Committee to the Promotions Committee, have been working over the past few months preparing an O.C.A. Annual. It is several years since the last one was printed and distributed. Our objective is to have this issue available for the Fall of this year. More will be reported at a later date.
- Our monthly newsletter has again been distributed to member clubs this year and appears to have been well received.
- The Seagram's Five Star Award is also continuing with the recipient's name being published in the newsletter.
- Other sponsors are being actively sought with several close to coming on board. Our ultimate goal is to have a sponsor for each O.C.A. event.
- The display table and stand are still popular at our Provincial Playdowns and I thank John McCrae for his input in making this happen.

Norman Johnson, Chairman of the Promotions Committee, presented this report and the adoption of the report was moved, seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This past curling season has been a most interesting and satisfying experience for myself and my Committee of David Irvine, Fred Temple and Ron Clark.

Our goal this year was to make our member clubs aware that the O.C.A. was not just for "competitions". All our member clubs were contacted offering assistance with any club operational problems, for example, novice and intermediate clinics, ice problems, club management, membership drives, bar operations, draws and bonspiels. This was received with good response.

A small group of qualified people was formed to work with club members and assist them with various problems. This was very rewarding personally and, in order to meet the demand of all clubs, more qualified people will be needed for the upcoming season.

Joint meetings with the Promotions Committee were continued and this proved to be most beneficial to both groups owing to the fine line between Development and Promotions.

The officiating program in Ontario for which this Committee is responsible improved again this year. The decision was made to add the Seagram's Five Star Mixed Final to the officiating program as well as the Blue Light Tankard and Pepsi Junior Men's Finals.

Our goals for next year are as follows:

- a) continue to assist clubs with problems they might encounter;
- b) continue to find more qualified people to join the team to assist clubs;
- c) continue to upgrade the officiating program;
- d) continue to work with the O.C.F. with junior and bantam programs;
- e) reactivate our regional co-ordinators' role to 16 zone co-ordinators to assist in the demand for novice clinics;
- f) hold rules and officiating seminars for club and zone representatives across the province to enable them to be better prepared in their role at zone and regional playoffs.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking my Committee members for their many hours of hard work and dedication. I would like to thank Bob Heartwell, John Scott and Eric Wiffen for their guidance and support throughout the year. Also Shorty Jenkins, Marcel Dewitt and Bob Heartwell for their expert advice to the clubs who encountered ice problems, and to the many volunteers who worked as officials at finals, who, without their assistance our officiating program would not have been. For their many hours in instructing new curlers at novice clinics, I would like to thank John Jefferson, Dave Irvine and Fred Temple. And, last but not least, thanks to Promotions Director, John McCrae, for his tremendous assistance and overwhelming dedication to the Association and the game of curling.

This report was presented by Verne Kean, Chairman of the Development Committee, and its adoption was moved, seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION, CONSTITUTION AND RULES COMMITTEE

During the 1986/87 season there were relatively few controversies pertaining to rules interpretation. However, as a result of continuing suggestions from club and zone representatives and as a result of our experience in interpreting the rules, there were a few suggestions made to the Canadian Curling Association with respect to the Rules of the Game and there are a few suggested changes to the O.C.A. Rules to be effective for the 1987/88 season.

A. C.C.A. Rules of the Game

1. The C.C.A. continued to recommend additional refinements of the brushing rule which, in effect, were to require the head of the brush to be parallel to the direction of the rock and the broom handle to be at right angles to that direction. It was our feeling that these refinements were not necessary and that the present rule was adequate and has virtually eliminated controversial brushing techniques in Southern Ontario.

Of greater consequence, we felt, was the increasing tendency of players to switch brooms and brushes during the course of a game to deliberately alter the playing surface. We do not feel that this is in accordance with the spirit of the game and accordingly have suggested to the C.C.A. that Rule 19 of the Rules of the Game be amplified to prevent this.

2. It was suggested to the C.C.A. that Rule 8(4) be clarified as to the circumstances in which a stone may be redelivered. It was also suggested that Rule 5(3) should be clarified as to the ability to substitute during the course of a game and the restrictions, if any, as to what position such substitute may play.

B. O.C.A. Rules for Competitions

The following revisions have been proposed for next season:

1. Umpires - Rule 3(6) - To clarify the current practice that the Umpire may make rulings not in accordance with the O.C.A. rules or Rules of the Game, if in his opinion, it is necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of the game.

2. Eligibility - Rule 5 - To make it clear that a person who plays at any level of an O.C.A. competition is ineligible to represent any other club in the same competition.

3. Substitution - Rules 6 and 7 - To provide that -

(i) A substitute cannot be someone who has played on another team at the same level of the competition.

(ii) If a player is unable to continue during a game he may be replaced by an eligible substitute who may play any position consistent with the rules of the competition.

4. Notice of Entry - Rule 10 - To permit clubs in a zone to lengthen the usual seven day notice period for entering an O.C.A. competition to not more than fourteen days.

5. Amendment to O.C.A. Rules for Competitions - New Rule 26 - There is no current provision in the Rules to provide for their amendment. The practice has been in the past that no new rules have been implemented without approval of the Executive Committee or the Representative Body. The amendment will make this explicit.

6. Blue Light Challenge Round - To modify the rule relating to the situation where a Canadian champion from the previous year gains direct access to the Provincial Final of the Blue Light Tankard. In such event, only one winner is declared from the Challenge Round. The amendment will provide the O.C.A. Executive with flexibility so that it will be able to determine from time to time the method by which the one winner will be determined, e.g., 2 out of 3 playdowns; single knockout; 32 team double knockout.

7. O.C.A. Junior Mixed - To require a team competing at the Provincial level to be accompanied by a coach over 21 who is not a member of the team.

8. Five Star Colts Competition - Persons who have won certain competitions in Ontario and other provinces are not eligible for this event. The revision also makes ineligible persons who have won similar competitions in other countries.

9. Pepsi Junior Men's Championship - To require participating teams to be accompanied by a coach over 21 who holds a Curl Canada Level I Instructor or Coaching Certification.

C. O.C.A. Constitution

The Constitution provides for the appointment of an Executive Director of the Association and prescribes his duties. It also provides for a number of administrative functions to be handled by him. In view of the current administration situation where both Eric Wiffen and John McCrae are performing various administrative functions and the current inflexibility of making changes without amending the Constitution, it is proposed that amendments be made to the Constitution:

1. Eliminating from the Constitution the position and responsibilities of the Executive Director;

2. Permitting the Management Committee to appoint a Secretary and such other administrative officers as are necessary to carry out the day-to-day administration and promotion of the Association and to determine their responsibilities;

3. Where the current Constitution provides for the Executive Director to perform various secretarial functions to replace the words "Executive Director" with the word "Secretary".

D. Revised Rule Book

The Ontario Curling Association Handbook was last revised in October 1984. During the intervening years there have been several changes to both the C.C.A. Rules of the Game and the O.C.A. Rules for Competitions. It is therefore proposed to print a revised Rule Book this summer with a view to having it in the hands of the club and zone representatives by the beginning of next curling season.

Discussions are taking place with the Southern Ontario Ladies Curling Association and the Eastern Ontario Ladies Curling Association concerning the possibility of publishing a joint Rule Book and it is therefore possible that the revised Handbook will also encompass the rules and constitutions of these associations.

I would like to thank the other members of the Committee - Jack Kyle, Ian MacNabb, Randy Garland and Randy Scott - for their assistance during the past year. We would be happy to have your suggestions as to matters we should consider during the coming year so that the rules will continue to reflect the wishes of the members of the Association.

Jim Sharples, Chairman of the Organization, Constitution and Rules Committee, presented this report.

Two further amendments to the Rules were proposed:

Item 7 - Junior Mixed Competition:

A person 21 years of age or over must accompany a team at all levels of this competition.

Item 9 - Pepsi Junior Men's Championship

A person 21 years of age or over must accompany a team at all levels of this competition and at the Finals of this competition, this person must hold a Level I Instructor or Coaching Certification.

The adoption of the Organization, Constitution and Rules Committee Report was moved, seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

Another season of competitions has come to an end and I am pleased to submit this report for 1986/87. Our year began in September with our annual workshop, held in Sarnia. Our Committee of 20 met to discuss various competition matters, including scheduling, rules, fees, eligibility and so on. Representation from across the Province makes this a worthwhile and successful meeting.

One of our more significant decisions made at this workshop was the elimination of the C.C.A. Participant's Card at club level. This loss of revenue was offset by increasing the various entry fees for National events. We also discussed the problem of communication at club and zone level. While improvement is evident, I am still not satisfied our communication is the best it can be. Changes will be forthcoming.

The season was highlighted by Russ Howard's capturing of the Blue Light Tankard in Chatham and the Labatt Brier in Edmonton. The association is extremely proud of Russ, Glenn, Tim and Kent for their outstanding achievement and gentlemanly conduct. As a result of a new rule passed at the 1986 A.G.M., Russ and his team now receive an automatic bye into next year's Tankard Final in Ottawa. So, instead of two Challenge Round winners going to the Final, only one will receive a berth in Ottawa.

At the time this report is being written, Russ and his rink are competing at the World Championships in Vancouver. No matter what the results are, I know our team will be worthy representatives of Ontario and Canada.

Congratulations goes out to all our Provincial Champions, as well as to all Provincial Finalists. You should all be very proud of your accomplishments. (A complete list of our Provincial winners is attached to this report.) The total number of entries has increased over last season and the O.C.A. would like to thank all curlers for their enthusiastic support of our events. This is our reward for the efforts we give to the game.

I wish to personally thank all our sponsors without whose financial and moral support our competitions would most likely fail.

No season passes without some criticism and we can only improve with advice from our members. This year was no exception, as we received numerous "comments" from competitors throughout Ontario. However, I believe some curlers chose the wrong opportunity and took the wrong tack with their complaints. This matter will have to be discussed at length, if our various volunteers are to continue administering O.C.A. events with the same dedication they have shown in the past.

A successful season does not happen without the efforts of many people. Firstly, I must thank all the member clubs that hosted our events, from zones to Provincial Finals. Your hard work and dedication to curling is most appreciated. Requests to host Finals continue to come in and that makes my job a lot easier.

I would like to acknowledge the support and assistance of Bob Heartwell, John McCrae and Eric Wiffen. These gentlemen were always ready and willing to offer their advice when approached by our Committee.

I cannot forget Verne Kean, a man who has taken much criticism the past few years as our Chief Umpire. Verne has committed himself to this position and has done an excellent job. The few individuals who have chosen to unjustly abuse Verne must realize that the vast majority of curlers asked for strict umpiring and respect Verne for his ability to carry out this task. On behalf of my Committee I heartily thank Verne and hope that he will continue for years to come.

Finally, to my Committee, including my two Vice-Chairmen (Peter DeKoning and Paul Savage) and the 16 zone representatives, I thank you for your hours of hard work and support of the Association. There is no question that without you, there is no Association. For those zone representatives completing their terms I wish you all future success. For the others returning next year, I look forward to another rewarding season in 1987/88.

This report was presented by George Wright, Chairman of the Competitions Committee and its adoption was moved, seconded and carried.

O.C.A. COMPETITION WINNERS 1987

BLUE LIGHT TANKARD	Russ Howard	Penetanguishene C.C.
FIVE STAR MIXED	Scott McPherson	Bayview Country Club
SENIORS MIXED	Lefty McDonald	Kingston C.C.
MINARD'S LINIMENT SENIORS	Mac White	Burlington Golf & C.C.
PEPSI JUNIOR MENS	Wayne Middaugh	Brampton C.C.
FIVE STAR COLTS	Dave Simpson	R.C.M.P. C.C. Ottawa
MASTERS	Andy Allen	Sarnia Golf & C.C.
FIVE STAR INTERMEDIATES	Ron Cameron	Whitby C.C.
JUNIOR MIXED	Peter Corner	Tam Heather Country Club
SILVER TANKARD	Wayne Tallon) Rick Bachand)	R.C. Navy C.C., Ottawa
GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S	Paul Smithson) Al Rotherham)	Simcoe C.C.
SCHOOLBOY	Scott Patterson	Fellowes H.S., Pembroke

ENTRIES ZONE PLAYDOWNS

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
BLUE LIGHT TANKARD	255	245	234
FIVE STAR MIXED	215	153	161
SENIORS MIXED	84	69	62
MINARD'S LINIMENT SENIORS	172	153	158
PEPSI JUNIOR MENS	109	108	135
FIVE STAR COLTS	211	207	201
MASTERS	117	115	116
FIVE STAR INTERMEDIATES	187	170	178
JUNIOR MIXED	114	96	104
SILVER TANKARD	71	77	84
GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S	103	96	111
SCHOOLBOY	198	171	179

O.C.A. FINALS 1988

BLUE LIGHT TANKARD	Ottawa	February 9/14
FIVE STAR MIXED)	Oshawa C.C.	February 24/27
SENIORS MIXED)		
MINARD'S LINIMENT SENIORS	Orangeville C.C.	February 17/20
PEPSI JUNIOR MENS	London C.C.	March 2/5
FIVE STAR COLTS)	Woodstock C.C.	March 23/26
MASTERS)		
FIVE STAR INTERMEDIATES)	Gravenhurst C.C.	March 16/19
JUNIOR MIXED)		
SILVER TANKARD)	Guelph C.C.	April 10
GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S)		
SCHOOLBOY	?	?
CHALLENGE ROUND	Orillia Champlain	January 29/February 1
EAST & WEST	C.C.	

REPORT OF THE ONTARIO SCHOOL CURLING COMMITTEE

The Ontario School Curling Committee held two meetings this past year, the first in Cambridge on September 27, 1986 at the Gore Mutual Insurance Building, and the second on February 21, 1987 at the Provincial Finals in London. John McCrae and Dave Irvine of the O.C.A. attended the September meeting at Cambridge. The Committee would like to thank both gentlemen for their assistance. In addition, special thanks should go to John McCrae for his valued assistance throughout this curling season.

The Provincial Final was hosted by the London Highland Curling Club and chaired by Mr. Paul Tite. The educational component of the Finals included a visit to the London Free Press. The Committee would like to thank Walter Costello who represented the O.C.A. at the Final.

In curling, the Provincial champion was Fellowes High School from Pembroke. The team was composed of Scott Patterson (skip), Phil Loevenmark, Shawn Patterson, Scott Henneberry and was coached by Don Patterson. Runner-up in the Finals was Loyalist C.V.I. from Kingston - Rob Brewer (skip), Kevin McDonald, Richard Polk, Noel Herron and Jim Chapman (coach). Chinguacousy H.S. of Bramalea won the second event while Thornlea S.S. of Thornhill took the third event.

On behalf of the Committee and the curlers, I would like to extend thanks to Paul Tite for organizing the Finals and to the people of London for their support of school curling in Ontario.

In Provincial playdowns to the Finals, a total of 198 teams were entered. This represents an increase of 27 teams from last year. It is our hope that we can maintain this level of interest in school curling as many will become future adult members of O.C.A. clubs.

The Ontario School Curling Committee is grateful for the financial support we are receiving from our sponsor, GORE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY. The grant from our sponsor this year was \$4,000.00. The entry fee at the zone level was \$25.00 of which \$7.50 was the O.C.A. fee. Our major expenses include travel and accommodation to meetings and the Finals, as well as trophies for five of the eight finalist teams. We would also like to thank the O.C.A. for their financial support at the London Finals.

The Ontario School Curling Committee recommends:

- a) the investigation of the re-establishment of a National Championship;
- b) that the O.C.A. fee remain at \$7.50 per entry.

This report was presented by Robert Dargavel, Chairman of the Ontario School Curling Committee, and its adoption was moved, seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The report of the financial position of your Association as of March 31, 1987 along with the attached audited statement is respectfully submitted by the Finance Committee. Peter Dekoning (Chatham), Ian MacNabb (Toronto), Jim Sharples (Toronto), John Scott, V.P. (Gravenhurst) and myself, as Chairman, were members of this Committee for the past year.

Last Spring your Committee prepared a budget which anticipated a small surplus during the past year and although revenue was up by approximately \$19,000, expenditures were up by some \$40,000. As a result, a deficit was incurred of \$2,493. Fees payable to the Canadian Curling Association accounted for approximately \$47,000 of both revenue and expenditures, an increase of \$15,000 over the previous year. This amount was raised by increasing the ice assessment to \$28 per sheet of ice (an increase of \$3.00) and by raising the cost of participants cards for all events which led to a National Final.

If these two amounts were eliminated from the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure, the actual revenue derived by the O.C.A. would be up only \$4,000 to approximately \$263,000, while expenditures would be up by \$25,000 to \$268,000 or slightly more than 10%. Increases in revenue came through an increase in our membership fees of \$3,300 (776 new members), \$3,900 from more entries in our various competitions, \$2,500 from our share of Blue Light Tankard ticket sales and an increase from one of our sponsors, The Gore Mutual Insurance Company. Offsetting these increases was a reduction of \$2,000 from Pepsi-Cola.

It is indeed gratifying to note the rather significant increase in our total membership and the more active interest in our various competitions. In this regard I would also like to thank our sponsors for their continuing financial support and other assistance over the past year. It is indeed greatly appreciated. They are Labatt's, Seagram's, Minard's, Gore Mutual Insurance Company, Pepsi-Cola and Wintario.

Turning to the expenditure side of the Statement, you will note that expenses were up in virtually every category. The primary reasons for these increases was a result of increased activity by the various Committees and a general rise in the cost of doing business. As noted earlier, direct expenses of your Association were up by approximately \$25,000 over the previous year.

Next year your Executive is planning a number of projects which will require additional funding. Some of these were postponed from last year due to the lack of funds while others are continuing activities which are growing in importance. Included among these various projects are: three management courses, a number of officiating and instructional courses, a new Rulebook and an O.C.A. Annual. In addition, your Committee will be budgeting for a further increase in overall expenses including those fees payable to the O.C.A.

In addition to all of this, your Committee continues to recommend a strengthening in our capital surplus position over the next few years and is targeting for a total of \$150,000.

To accomplish all of the above and to ensure a self-sufficient, stronger organization, your Executive is recommending an increase in the membership fees to \$5.00 for the year 1987/88. This represents an increase of \$1.00 per member and is the first since 1984 when the fees were increased by 75¢.

Your Finance Committee recommends the appointment of Coopers & Lybrand as auditors for the 1987/88 fiscal year.

In moving the adoption of this report, I wish to again thank the members of my Committee and, most of all, our Executive Director, Eric Wiffen, who has been a great help to me during this first year as your Chairman.

John Glenn, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented this report which, together with the financial statement attached, was approved after its adoption was moved, seconded and carried.

ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

1986 - 87

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

APRIL 1/86 to MARCH 31/87

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>1986/87</u>	<u>1985/86</u>
	\$	\$
Membership Fees	89,396	86,060
O.V.C.A.	16,340	15,780
Schoolboy	1,485	1,283
Rental & U.S. Clubs	1,250	1,500
Competition Entry Fees	99,925	96,060
Wintario Grants	12,260	17,477
Sponsorship - Labatts	14,000	14,000
- Seagrams	9,000	9,000
- Pepsi	2,500	4,500
- Minards	3,500	3,500
- Gore	4,000	3,000
Portion Ticket Sales (Tankard Finals)	3,500	1,500
Interest Earned	6,473	5,830
C.C.A. Fees	26,124	22,375
C.C.A. Participants Cards	21,000	9,550
	<u>310,753</u>	<u>291,415</u>

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>1986/87</u>	<u>1985/86</u>
	\$	\$
Competitions	101,602	93,697
Officiating at Finals	2,331	-
Grant to Tankard	7,000	7,000
Grant to Schoolboy	3,376	3,000
Grant to O.V.C.A.	3,268	3,166
Travel General	3,572	4,216
Travel to National Finals	13,702	10,409
Annual & Directors Meetings	10,256	14,759
1987 A.G.M.	10,000	10,000
Zone Meetings - Spring	4,393	2,478
- Fall	4,095	3,321
Workshop	13,694	10,480
Zone Reps Expenses	6,055	2,562
O.C.F. Annual Fees	1,300	1,080
Audit	1,000	1,000
Office	52,236	49,249
Miscellaneous	1,887	249
Promotion	15,509	15,732
Management Courses	2,822	-
Development	8,024	10,003
C.C.A. Fees	26,124	22,375
C.C.A. Participants Cards	21,000	9,550
	<u>313,246</u>	<u>274,326</u>

Revenue	310,753
Expenditures	<u>313,246</u>
Deficit	<u>(2,493)</u>

ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1987

ASSETS

Cash, Short term deposits and investments	99,233
Inventory (merchandise at cost)	8,064
Accounts receivable	38,467
	<u>145,764</u>

LIABILITIES

Grand National Fund	7,411
Accounts payable	52,322
	<u>59,733</u>
Capital surplus March 31/86	88,524
Deficit 1986/87	(2,493)
Capital Surplus Total March 31/87	<u>86,031</u>

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TO THE ONTARIO
CURLING FEDERATION

The following reports were accepted upon presentation by the delegates listed:

- (i) Representative to the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Curling Association.
- (ii) Representative to the Canadian Senior Men's Championship.
- (iii) Representative to the Pepsi Junior Mens Championship.
- (iv) Representative to the Canadian Mixed Championship.
- (v) Representative to the Ontario Curling Federation.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CANADIAN CURLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING

Ontario was successful in winning the LABATT BRIER in Edmonton, March 8-15, 1987. Russ Howard and his team of Glenn Howard, Tim Belcourt, Kent Carstairs plus fifth man Larry Merkley, all from the Penetanguishene Curling Club, were successful in winning the bye to the finals with a 9 - 2 record.

The final game against Bernie Sparkes of B.C. was not decided until the last end. This game was one of great shot making ability on both sides. The Ontario team was the winner and will represent Canada in the World Championship in Vancouver, March 30 to April 5, 1987.

During the week of the Brier, many meetings were held. Discussions were forwarded and all cards laid on the table at the President's Meeting. Items discussed are as follows:

1. Handling of the selection of the Olympic teams
2. Position of Curl Canada - majority of provinces believe that the interpretation of the authority of Mr. Warren Hanson and Dr. Garry DeBlonde has to be clarified
3. Issuance of rules by Mr. Hanson must cease and come from and be cleared by Rules Committee
4. No decision reached on Pepsi contract. Possibility of lower funding and Ontario will no longer receive the previous amount of sponsorship funding. This will be reduced from \$3,500 to \$1,000.
5. Rules - The Province of B.C. discussed rule on type of brooms used and action that they had taken, i.e., if the players start the game with a certain type of broom, that same type of broom is to be used for the entire game.

Coaching Rule - Whereas the Junior coaching rule read "A Level II certified coach would be required", the word "preferably" will be inserted and to read "Preferably a Level II certified coach would be required".

6. From the President of the C.C.A. - a proposal to reduce expenditure of funds by some \$48,000 per annum. This to be done by eliminating chairmen of events. The sections to be designated to the hired help and under strict supervision of the President and the V.P.'s. Concern was expressed that this could be an overload on the V.P.'s but was accepted. If this does not prove to be successful, the Associations and Territories could run a separate slate of C.C.A. officers for the 1987-88 year or change back to the old system. All voting members agreed that it deserved a trial.

The President agreed to a change in dates of meetings. Provincial and Territorial Presidents meeting will take place on the Friday preceding the A.G.M. to insure that policy and general input will be available for the A.G.M.

It was very apparent that greater communications will take place during the following years.

Of much concern to our Association is the possibility that the revenue will not be of sufficient nature to meet the proposed revenue budget and all Provinces and Territories could be asked for a general assessment based on curling per capita. This comment is made on the assumption of shortfalls from the Vancouver Worlds, reduction in Pepsi-Cola sponsorship and override on Olympic Trial expenses and could amount to approximately \$125,000. The assessment for the O.C.A. could be 20% or \$25,000.

Presently, the O.C.A. surplus could look after this portion of our assessment. I do not believe it is large enough at the present time and should be built up. The only means of accomplishing this is by stricter budget control or increase in dues.

R.J. Heartwell
President, O.C.A.

REPORT ON THE CANADIAN SENIOR MENS CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

A very successful Seniors Finals was held at the R.C.N. Curling Club, Ottawa, hosted once again by Minard's Liniment.

In an exciting final game to the 8-team Round Robin Mac White's foursome from the Burlington Golf & Country Club defeated the defending Canadian champions, the Earle Hushagen team.

Mac White played in his fourth Canadian final, having previously won the Provincial Championship in 1980, 1981 and 1982.

In the Canadian finals at Prince George, B.C., Ontario was represented by the Burlington Golf & Country Club team - Mac White, Skip, Norm Pyper, Nino Novacco and John Bryant.

The title was taken by Manitoba, represented by the Norm Houck team from Winnipeg who defeated Bayne Secord of Saskatchewan in a deciding game.

Ontario finished in the middle of the pack with a 5 and 6 record.

John Scott
President Elect

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE PEPSI JUNIOR MEN'S CANADIAN CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ontario Curling Association was represented by the Brampton Curling Club team, skipped by Wayne Middaugh, with Third, Peter Corner, Second, Dave Hannon, and Lead, Todd Macklin, along with Coach, Fred Temple.

During the week-long competition, this team compiled a round robin record of 7 wins and 4 losses. At the end of the round robin competition,, the teams from Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario were tied. The New Brunswick team gained a bye to the Final by compiling a round robin record of 9 and 2. As British Columbia had defeated both Ontario and Alberta in the round robin competition, a tie breaker game took place between Alberta and Ontario. Ontario succeeded in winning this game by a score of 7 to 5. In the semi-final, Ontario defeated British Columbia by a score of 6 to 5.

The final between Ontario and New Brunswick was televised nationally by CBC and on last rock, New Brunswick beat Ontario by a score of 6 to 4.

This was the first year that the Pepsi Junior Women's and Pepsi Junior Men's Competitions were held at the same site at the same time. The Junior Women's Competition was won by the team from B.C. while the Ontario Junior Women's entry was from the Sarnia Golf & Curling Club and consisted of Skip, Janet Omand, Third, Audra Smith, Second, Margaret Corey, Lead, Tracey Jackson and Coach, Eleanor Butscher. The Ontario girls narrowly missed going to the final on a last rock measure.

The Pepsi Junior Men's and Junior Women's Championships were a complete success. A great round of applause is due the hard-working Committee from the Prince Albert Golf & Curling Club headed by General Chairman, Terry Arnold. Paid attendance through the week of the competition was in excess of 15,000 people.

I was proud to have the opportunity to coach the Ontario Junior Men's team and wish to compliment the Brampton Curling Club on their fine representative and, in addition, I wish to compliment the team on their excellent play and gentlemanly behaviour. I am proud to be associated with them.

For the 1986-87 curling season, it was not necessary that teams in Ontario proceeding to a Provincial Final be accompanied by a Level One Certified Coach. As coaching in curling will continue to be upgraded, it would be my recommendation that we amend the coaching qualifications in the Rule Book to make it mandatory that teams playing at a Provincial Final Level be accompanied by a Level One certified coach/instructor.

Fred Temple, O.C.A. Delegate
to the Pepsi Junior Men's Championship

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE 1987 CANADIAN MIXED CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Silver Fox Curling and Yacht Club in Summerside, P.E.I., hosted the National Mixed Championship this year. The competition was held from March 22 to 28 under the guidance of Chairman, Freeman Miles and his able Committee.

The facilities were excellent for such an event with six sheets of ice and an ample banquet area.

All curlers were very complimentary of the ice conditions, the rocks and the officials. Only two hog line violations were called and minor sweeping infractions were drawn to the attention of the participants.

The social activities in the club as well as the Wednesday trip to Charlottetown to visit the Legislative Building and Government House were well received by curlers and guests.

The curling standards and shot making abilities were the highest I have seen in the three years that I have observed this competition. The ladies were much stronger than in past years. The Ontario Rink from the Bayview Golf and Country Club, Thornhill, were worthy representatives of our Association. Although they finished out of the playoffs with a 4-7 record, they could very well have been higher in the final standings as they lost two extra end games and three others were losses by one rock.

The Rink was made up of brother and sister, Scott and Cheryl McPherson as skip and vice. Stewart Garner and Kristine Holman played front end.

The event was won by Peter Gallant and his P.E.I. Rink - very rewarding for the host Province as well as C.C.A. President, Jerry Musika whose home is Charlottetown.

The final standings were as follows:

P.E.I.	10-1	Quebec	4-7
Northern Ontario	9-2	Nova Scotia	4-7
Manitoba	9-2	Ontario	4-7
Saskatchewan	8-3	Newfoundland	4-7
Alberta	6-5	British Columbia	3-8
New Brunswick	5-6	Northwest Territories	1-10

Northern Ontario defeated Manitoba in the semi-final.

The Allstar team -	Peter Gallant, P.E.I.	- Skip
	Janice Baleja, Manitoba	- vice
	Drew Eloranta, Northern Ont.	- second
	Simone Mackenzie, P.E.I.	- lead

The award for Miss Congeniality went to New Brunswick lead, Leslie Moore, and Mr. Personality was awarded to Orlo Coverett, the Saskatchewan skip. Both were very worthy recipients and were selected by their fellow curlers.

At one of the representatives meetings, Don MacLeod, second Vice President of the C.C.A. advised the group that the Association, in its wisdom, had removed the position of Mixed Chairman from future competitions. A unanimous decision by the twelve Provincial and Territorial representatives was made that all would send delegates to next year's Mixed Nationals in North Bay, Ontario.

Eleven of twelve representative bodies have appointed delegates for three years. Manitoba, whose appointment is for two years, have agreed to comply with the majority.

It was a unanimous decision that the representatives were needed at the competition to assist their teams and to act as Managers, but also to assist the Chairman, who next year will be Don MacLeod.

Dot MacRae, President-Elect of the Canadian Ladies Curling Association was present for the entire competition and sat in as an observer at two of our meetings. She stated that she had gained a great deal of knowledge as to the operations of the Mixed and also approved of the role the representatives play at the event, both for the teams and the input toward the event and its operation. She did state that as the Mixed was now 50% financed by the C.L.C.A. that she did anticipate attendance by representatives of the Ladies Association in the future. All agreed that a mix of representatives was desirable.

Each representative prepared an outline of the duties he performed for the team and his Association prior, during and after the competition. They also spelled out what their Associations and the clubs did for the teams. These facts were correlated, packaged and distributed to all representatives, Dick Boyce, Dot MacRae and Don MacLeod. This was considered an excellent package not only for present representatives but for their successors.

The package is available and in my possession. The question of sponsors was tabled and, as in previous years, Don MacLeod advised that a sponsor was very close and only very minor details had to be agreed prior to signing.

I would like to thank the O.C.A. for allowing me the opportunity to act as the Mixed Championship representative. The experience has been rewarding and I am sure I have been some help to our teams at the Mixed National competition.

Norman Johnson, Representative
to the C.C.A. National Mixed Championship

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE ONTARIO CURLING FEDERATION

The Officers of the O.C.F. Management Committee for the year 1986/87 were:

Chairman	- Don McLeod
1st Vice Chairman	- Liz Armstrong
2nd Vice Chairman	- John Scott
Executive Director	- Mort Cooper

The Federation has three basic functions:

- 1) To liaise with the Provincial Government on all matters relating to curling on behalf of the 8 Associations
- 2) To co-ordinate instructional programmes throughout the Province, and
- 3) To assist with the promotion of the game within the Province.

During the past season seven instructor training Level I courses were held in O.C.A. jurisdiction attended by 168 people, one Level 2 course with 19 people and one Level 3 with 6 people. In addition, there was one Level I Technical programme attended by 42 people (the highest ever). From this programme, 10 people signed up for the Level 2 pilot project. Two officiating courses were held with a total of 38 people attending.

Coaching - Level I Segment

The Level I coaching specific to curling has now been amalgamated into the Level I instructor training programme. Those individuals who have already taken their Level I and wish to sit in on the coaching segment may do so. Those who have taken previous Level I courses are being grandfathered and still retain their qualification, however, several persons have chosen to take the coaching segment.

One highlight of the O.C.F. operation for the past season was the completion of the Junior Manual entitled "Ontario's Curling Future". It includes an introduction and 17 chapters covering all aspects of junior curling. This manual is a "must" for all curling clubs interested in increasing their membership in the future.

Other programmes that are being used beneficially by many clubs are the "Best Ever", "Skill Awards" and the introduction of "Bantam Curling" (under 16 years). This new junior event will be operated by the individual Associations working together.

Through the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, the Federation secures funding to support all its programmes. I would like to express the thanks of the O.C.A. to the Ministry's Sports Consultants for their interest and valuable assistance in these programmes.

Also, a special thanks to Executive Director, Mort Cooper, who makes the system function.

John A. Scott
Delegate to O.C.F.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1987/88

HONORARY PRESIDENTS

The Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander, P.C., K.St.J., Q.C., B.A.
The Honourable George A. Gale, C.C., Q.C., LL.D.
PAST PRESIDENT — Robert Heartwell, Sarnia

PRESIDENT

John Scott, Gravenhurst

PRESIDENT ELECT

John M. Kyle, Toronto

VICE PRESIDENTS

Norman Johnson, Scarborough
Verne Kean, Innerkip

CHAPLAIN

Rev. Robert McNaught, Scarborough

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The immediate Past-President, the President, the President Elect, the two Vice-Presidents, the sixteen Zone Representatives and a minimum of eight Members-at-Large.

Zone 1	<u>Ted Root, Gananoque</u>	Zone 9	<u>David Irvine, Brampton</u>
2	<u>Phil Hodgins, Ottawa</u>	10	<u>Mel Sanders, Cookstown</u>
3	<u>Earl Jesse, Trenton</u>	11	<u>Randy Thompson, Woodstock</u>
4	<u>Harold Peltzer, Peterborough</u>	12	<u>Bill Grady, Burlington</u>
5	<u>Randy Scott, Port Perry</u>	13	<u>Ed Rhodes, Owen Sound</u>
6	<u>Ian MacNabb, Agincourt</u>	14	<u>John Jefferson, Fergus</u>
7	<u>David Reid, Don Mills</u>	15	<u>Bob Leatham, London</u>
8	<u>Gord Wallace, Islington</u>	16	<u>Bill McCart, Sarnia</u>

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

The Promotions Committee has undertaken a tremendous task and the opportunity of presenting a Conference on Marketing and Management for curlers and curling clubs to be held April 22 to 24 at the Meadowvale Delta Inn. An internal committee, chaired by Michael Wagner, and consisting of Neale Cole, David Irvine, Norman Johnson, John McCrae, David Reid and John Jefferson was established and has been working diligently for success in all areas of the Conference. This Conference should provide answers and solve problems for Ontario curling clubs and, as a result, the game of curling should reap handsome rewards!

The clothing (sweaters, hats, turtlenecks and golf shirts) has been available at all O.C.A. events and has been received very well by the members and the public.

New banners and flags for provincial events were purchased and certainly add colour to our competitions.

"Touch the Rock" brochures have been reproduced to be distributed to clubs and curlers.

We are continuing our participation with the Ontario Curling Report and our Newsletter continues to be well received.

The Seagram's Five Star Award Program is also being continued after much success in past years.

I would like to thank our sponsors - Labatt's, Seagram's, Pepsi-Cola, Gore Mutual - and to welcome three new sponsors - BASF, L.B. Green & Sons Ltd. and Hargraft Wood Fleming. As you know, it is only with these fine companies' support that curlers better enjoy the game and its competitions.

So with this reminder to support our sponsors, and with John McCrae's excellent promotional work, we will all enjoy more "good curling".

Respectfully submitted,

John Jefferson, Chairman
Promotions Committee

Report of The Development Committee

Our goals this year were to expand our assistance to clubs with any problems they might encounter, continue to work with the O.C.F. on Junior and Bantam curling programs and re-activate Regional and Zone co-ordinators to assist in organizing clinics.

In working towards these objectives, a letter was sent on September 14, 1987 to all club reps outlining the areas of assistance offered. The response was excellent with the Regional and Zone Co-ordinators organizing twelve curling clinics. Numerous calls were also received for ice related problems.

We attempted to conduct an advanced Junior curling clinic but unfortunately this was cancelled as a poor response of only three teams was received.

Goals For Next Year

- 1) Continue to offer assistance to clubs with any problems they may encounter.
- 2) Increase the number of qualified people to assist in our programs.
- 3) Continue our work with the O.C.F. to improve Junior and Bantam curling.
- 4) Implement an Arena Curling Ice Technician Development Program.
- 5) In co-operation with the Competitions Committee we will continue to develop the O.C.A. Officiating Clinic Program through to zone level.

As Development chairman, I had the pleasure of attending both the Schoolboy and Junior Mixed Provincial Finals. I would like to congratulate both The Welland Curling Club and Chairman Rick Clift (Schoolboys) as well as the Gravenhurst Curling Club and Chairman Doug Hanna (Junior Mixed) for the excellent jobs they and their committees did.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of my committee, Glen Rowlandson, Randy Thompson, Mel Saunders and Bob Dargavel for their many hours of hard work and dedication.

Also, as this was my first year as Development Chairman, I also wish to thank President John Scott, Vice-Presidents Norm Johnson and Verne Kean, Executive Secretary Eric Wiffen and General Manager John McCrae for their guidance and support this past year.

David S. Irvine
Development Chairman

**REPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION, CONSTITUTION
AND RULES COMMITTEE - 1988**

The major focus of our Committee during the past year was the publication of a revised Rules and Constitution Handbook as a joint effort with the Southern Ontario Ladies' Curling Association. It is hoped that when the Handbook is republished in two or three years' time, the rules and constitution of the Eastern Ontario Ladies' Curling Association can also be included.

As a result of amendments passed in March at the annual meeting of the Canadian Curling Association, there will be several rule changes to the Rules of the Game which will automatically apply in Ontario next year. Among the most significant amendments is a further modification to the sweeping rule in order to better clarify it and a provision that a curler must declare before the game which broom or brush he will be using for sweeping purposes and may only replace it with the same type of broom if the original is broken during play.

During the 1987-88 season, there were relatively few controversies pertaining to rules interpretation. However, as a result of the continuing dialogue between members of our Committee and curlers, as well as a number of suggestions which were introduced and discussed at the September meeting of the O.C.A. zone representatives, we are putting forward the suggested changes outlined below to the O.C.A. Rules for competitions. If they are passed at the annual meeting, they will be effective for the 1988-89 season.

1. **Rule 10(4) - Direct Entry Into Zone Playdowns**

At the present time, the provincial winner of the Tankard obtains a bye into the zone playdowns in the following year if the skip and at least two other members of his rink remain on the team.

It is proposed to add new Rule 10(4) to provide that such rule will apply to all O.C.A. competitions and that it will apply if any three members remain on the team. Consequently, Rule 3 of the rules relating to the Blue Light Tankard would be deleted.

2. **Rule 11(4) - The Draw**

This rule provides that, except in double team competitions, a double knock-out format shall apply at zone and regional level playdowns. In order to avoid inconsistency and possible unfairness, it is proposed to add a provision that the double knock-out format will be in accordance with the draw published by the O.C.A.

3. Rule 15 - Seniors' Competition

This rule provides that, except where opposing skips agree, no teams shall play more than two games in any one day in the Masters or Senior Mixed Competitions. It is proposed to extend this rule to the O.C.A. Seniors' Competition.

4. Rule 20 - Substitution - Mixed Competitions

It is proposed to modify the rules relating to mixed competitions to make it clear that, except for Rules 19(1) and 19(4), the general substitution rules which are found in Rule 19, also apply to Mixed Competitions.

5. Rule 2 - Blue Light Tankard Championship

Rule 2 provides an automatic entry into the following year's provincial championship for any team winning the Canadian Championship for the Labatt Brier Tankard. It is proposed to amend this rule to conform to Rule 10(4) above. Currently, the rule requires that the skip and at least two other members remain on the team and this would be changed to any three members of the team.

I would like to thank the other members of the Committee, Jack Kyle, Ian McNabb, Randy Garland and Randy Scott, for their assistance during the past year. We would be happy to have your suggestions as to matters we should consider during the coming year so that the rules will continue to reflect the wishes of the members of the Association.

Jim Sharples, Chairman
Organization, Constitution and
Rules Committee, 1987-88

REPORT OF THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

This Annual General Meeting marks the end of another season of curling for the O.C.A. and a successful 5 months of competitions. The Competitions Committee began its year with the Annual Workshop in Orillia this past September, attended by most members of this Committee and the Executive Committee. These few days helped us solve numerous problems that developed over the past few years. It also served as an initiation for the new committee members who might have felt somewhat unsure of their responsibilities.

One of the innovations that came out of that Workshop was the disappearance of the coin flip at the start of a game in the Tankard Final. The use of a coin flip to determine byes in any tie-breakers was also eliminated and replaced by a "shoot-out". While a coin flip was used in the first round robin game at the Tankard, the first rock advantage was pre-determined for the remaining eight games, divided equally at four & four. This disappearance of the coin flip was well received by both curlers & fans.

For the most part, the year went well, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the 16 zone representatives and the various O.C.A. club reps. These people are the heart & soul of our organization and without their hours of hard work, our competitions would not exist. Similarly, we owe our gratitude to all the clubs that hosted zone & regional playdowns and Provincial Finals. It is sometimes very difficult for clubs to give up members' ice time for use by outside curlers. While it is obvious that we cannot operate our competitions without this cooperation, we do appreciate this assistance very much.

While all competitions are important, the Labatt Tankard is our premier event and I would personally like to thank Bruce Neill of the Ottawa Navy Curling Club for the fine Blue Light Tankard Final that he and his committee staged at the Nepean Sportsplex. The crowds were large and the hospitality warm. Thanks in part to the excellent ice prepared by Shorty Jenkins, the curling was of Brier calibre all week, concluded by one of the best Finals ever witnessed. The match between Paul Savage and Russ Howard was exciting to the finish, highlighted by Paul's last rock draw to the four-foot to win. Thanks Navy, a superb effort!

Congratulations goes out to all our Provincial Champions, as well as to all Finalists. You should be very proud of your accomplishments. (A complete list of our Provincial Winners is attached to this report.) The total number of entries is up by about 3% over 1987 and 12% over 1985. The O.C.A. would like to thank all curlers for their enthusiastic support of our events. This is our reward for the efforts we give to the game.

I wish to personally thank all our sponsors, without whose financial and moral support our competitions would most likely not succeed.

If our Association has failed anywhere this year, it is in the area of communications. We must look for a great improvement next year. We must not assume that our members know the rules of the game and of the competition fully. At the same time, we will not shoulder all of the blame ourselves. Several members seem to think that they can ignore the rules and then complain bitterly when we try to apply the appropriate penalties. Next year's Committee must put communications at the top of the list.

One of the areas of Competitions that receives much attention is the officiating. I extend my deepest gratitude to our Head Official, Verne Kean, and his group of officials that travelled from Final to Final. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by this Association and the curlers.

A special welcome to BASF as sponsors of the Provincial Farmers' Championships. This event proved to be an enjoyable addition to our calendar of events and promises to expand in the future.

I would like to acknowledge the support and assistance of John Scott, John McCrae and Eric Wiffen. These gentlemen were always ready and willing to offer their advice when approached by this Committee.

Over the past several years, we have been attempting to combine some of our efforts with the ladies, specifically the S.O.L.C.A. and E.O.L.C.A. For the first time, we held combined Provincial Finals for the Senior Men & Ladies, as well as the Junior Men & Ladies. While some aspects still need smoothing out, these events were very successful and I thank the ladies for their assistance.

To the zone representatives completing their terms on this Committee, I thank you sincerely for your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm over the past years. The O.C.A. relied on you and you came through. My best wishes to you for the future.

This report is presented by George Wright, Chairman of the Competitions Committee.

25/03/88.

<u>ENTRIES ZONE PLAYDOWNS</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
BLUE LIGHT TANKARD	260	255	245	234
FIVE STAR MIXED	226	215	153	161
L.B. GREEN & SONS SENIORS MIXED	72	84	69	62
SENIORS	167	172	153	158
PEPSI JUNIOR MENS	124	109	108	135
FIVE STAR COLTS	227	211	207	201
FIVE STAR MASTERS	127	117	115	116
FIVE STAR INTERMEDIATES	203	187	170	178
JUNIOR MIXED	97	114	96	104
SILVER TANKARD	?	71	77	84
GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S	?	103	96	111
SCHOOLBOY	189	198	171	179

O.C.A. FINALS 1989

BLUE LIGHT TANKARD	Trenton
FIVE STAR MIXED)	Rideau C.C., Ottawa
L.B. GREEN & SONS SENIORS MIXED)	Ennismore C.C.
SENIORS	Cataraqui Golf & C.C., Kingston
PEPSI JUNIOR MENS	Dundas Valley Golf & C.C.
FIVE STAR COLTS)	Quinte C.C., Belleville
FIVE STAR MASTERS)	Oshawa C.C.
FIVE STAR INTERMEDIATES)	Renfrew C.C.
JUNIOR MIXED)	Avonlea C.C., Don Mills
SILVER TANKARD)	
GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S)	
SCHOOLBOY	
CHALLENGE ROUND EAST & WEST	

O.C.A. COMPETITION WINNERS 1988

BLUE LIGHT TANKARD	Paul Savage	Avonlea C.C.
FIVE STAR MIXED	Brian DeRooy	Chatham Granite Club
L.B. GREEN & SONS SENIORS MIXED	Sam McBride	Highland Country Club, London
SENIORS	Howie Montone	R.C.M.P. C.C., Ottawa
PEPSI JUNIOR MENS	Daryl Morrell	Morrisburg C.C.
FIVE STAR COLTS	Nick Rizzo	Highland Country Club, London
FIVE STAR MASTERS	Jack Bryans	Brampton C.C.
JUNIOR MIXED	Peter Corner	Tam Heather Country Club
FIVE STAR INTERMEDIATES	Glenn Christie	Chinguacousy C.C.
SILVER TANKARD		
GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S		
SCHOOLBOY	Robert Carter	Newmarket H.S.
BASF FARMERS	Doug Glover	Sydenham C.C., Wallaceburg

ONTARIO SCHOOL CURLING COMMITTEE

Report of the Ontario School Curling Committee to the Ontario Curling Association Annual Meeting, April 30, 1988.

The Ontario School Curling Committee held two meetings this past year, the first in Cambridge on September 26, 1987 at the GORE MUTUAL INSURANCE building, and the second on February 27, 1988 at the Provincial Finals in Welland. Mr. John McCrae represented the O.C.A. at the September meeting. Mr. Jack Kyle and Mr. Dave Irvine attended in Welland. The Committee would like to thank these gentlemen for their assistance this past year.

The provincial final was hosted by the Welland Curling Club and chaired by Mr. Rick Clift. The educational component of the finals included a visit to the John Deere plant in Welland.

In curling, the provincial champion was Newmarket High School from Newmarket. The team was composed of Robert Carter (skip), Greg Downer, Darren McIlwraith, Jeff Ferrin and was coached by Mr. Harry Carter. Runner-up in the finals was Loyalist C.V.I. from Kingston: Rob Brewer (skip), Noel Heron, Richard Polk, Scott McDonald, and Jim Chapman (coach). St. Clair S.S. of Sarnia won the second event while F. E. Madill S.S. of Wingham took the third event.

On behalf of the Committee and the curlers, I would like to extend thanks to Rick Clift for organizing the finals and to the people of Welland for their support of school curling in Ontario.

In provincial playdowns to the finals, a total of one hundred and eighty-nine teams were entered. This represents a slight decline from last year. It is our hope that we can maintain this level of interest in school curling as many will become future adult members of O.C.A. clubs.

The Ontario School Curling Committee is grateful for the financial support we are receiving from our sponsor, the GORE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY. The grant from our sponsor this year was \$4 000.00. The entry fee at the zone level was \$25.00, of which \$7.50 was the O.C.A. fee. Our major expenses include travel and accommodation to meetings and the finals, as well as trophies for five of the eight finalist teams. We would also like to thank the O.C.A. for their financial support at the Welland Finals.

On behalf of the O.C.A., a questionnaire, regarding the re-establishment of a National Schoolboy Curling Final, was sent to each curling association in Canada. Replies were generally positive.

- The Ontario School Curling Committee recommends:
- a) the continued pursuit of a National Final;
 - b) that the O.C.A. fee remain at \$7.50 per entry.
 - c) that the O.C.A. and the O.S.C. committee work together to 1) establish mutually beneficial playdown dates; 2) get curling information into the schools.

This report is respectfully submitted by Bob Dargavel,
Chairman - Ontario School Curling.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The report of the financial position of your Association as of March 31, 1988, along with the attached audited statement is respectfully submitted by the Finance Committee. Peter Dekoning (Chatham), Ian MacNabb (Toronto), Jim Sharples (Toronto), John Kyle, V.P. (Toronto) and myself, as Chairman, were members of this Committee for the past year.

At our last Annual Meeting you will recall that a resolution was passed increasing the annual membership fee from \$4.00 to \$5.00 for the current year. As a result of this increase, total membership fees were \$135,000, an increase of \$25,000 or \$6,000 more than the budget estimate. A slight drop in member clubs occurred from 223 to 220 and in individual curlers from 27,100 to 26,600. Total revenues were up by approximately \$59,000 over last year or \$20,000 over our budget. As a result, I am pleased to report that a surplus of some \$9,000 arose and that our balance in the surplus account now totals \$95,000. This compares to a loss of \$2,500 last year and a corresponding reduction in surplus.

Two other sources of revenue increased during the past year. These were competition entry fees and our Wintario grant. Although we experienced a slight drop in membership, it is gratifying to note the continuing increase in our various competitions. In this regard, I would like to thank our various sponsors for their financial and other support during the past year. It is indeed greatly appreciated. They are Labatt's, Seagram's, Pepsi-Cola, Gore Mutual Insurance Co., BASF, L.B. Green and Sons and Hargraft, Wood, Fleming. The last three are new sponsors this year and we are delighted to have their support. Unfortunately, we lost the support of one sponsor, Minard's Liniment, and we are sorry to see them go.

Turning to the expenditure side of the statement, I am pleased to report that virtually all expenditures were within budget and I thank my fellow Committee Chairmen for their diligence in this regard. In essence, total expenditures exceeded our budget by \$9,400 or 3% and were up approximately \$69,000 over last year. Most of this increase was anticipated and arose from increases in competition expenses and the reorganization and realignment of management responsibilities.

In addition to all of the above, the O.C.A. also collects fees on behalf of the Canadian Curling Association. These come from two sources - an ice assessment of \$30.00 per sheet against each sheet operated by our member clubs and from the cost of participants cards for all events leading to a National Final. This year, the amount paid over to the C.C.A. increased to \$48,450 from \$47,000 last year. Most of this increase came from the increase in ice assessment from \$28.00 to \$30.00.

Once again, your Executive has experienced a very active year. As reported, a number of things were accomplished and we are anticipating further developments during the coming year.

Your Finance Committee recommends the appointment of Coopers & Lybrand as auditors for the 1988/89 fiscal year.

In moving the adoption of this Report, I wish to once again thank the members of my Committee for their assistance, and our Executive Secretary, Eric Wiffen, for his help and advice during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

John Glenn, Chairman
Finance Committee

ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

APRIL 1/87 TO MARCH 31/88

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>1987/88</u>	<u>1986/87</u>
	\$	\$
Membership Fees	114,160	89,396
Membership Fees - Rental & U.S. Clubs	1,000	1,250
- O.V.C.A.	18,755	16,340
- Schoolboy	1,418	1,485
Competition Entry Fees - 86/87	4,245	-
- 87/88	100,595	99,925
Wintario Grants - 86/87	7,016	-
- 87/88	23,000	12,260
Sponsorship - Labatts	14,000	14,000
- Seagrams	12,000	9,000
- Pepsi Cola - 86/87	1,000	-
- 87/88	1,000	2,500
- Gore	4,000	4,000
- Minards	-	3,500
- BASF	5,000	-
- Hargraft, Wood Fleming	1,000	-
Portion Ticket Sale Tankard Finals	5,000	3,500
S.O.L.C.A. Portion Handbook	2,000	-
Clinic Fees	1,600	-
Sale of Merchandise	1,507	-
Interest Earned	3,933	6,473
C.C.A. Fees	27,030	26,124
C.C.A. Participants Cards	21,000	21,000
	<u>370,259</u>	<u>310,753</u>

EXPENDITURES

	<u>1987/88</u>	<u>1986/87</u>
	\$	\$
Competitions - 86/87	10,448	-
- 87/88	108,837	101,602
Grant to Tankard Finals	3,000	7,000
Grant to Schoolboy	4,000	3,376
Grant to Canadian Seniors	1,000	-
Officiating at Finals	2,746	2,331
Travel etc. National Finals	12,427	13,702
Zone Meetings - Spring	4,359	4,393
- Fall	3,237	4,095
Workshop	11,457	13,694
Zone Reps Expenses	7,359	6,055
Directors Meetings	10,173	10,256
Annual Meeting - 1987	2,867	-
- 1988	14,000	10,000
Handbook 1988	7,179	-
Year Book 1989	4,000	-
Promotion	11,166	15,509
Development	3,529	8,024
Management Courses	4,150	2,822
Administration	69,954	52,236
Travel General	3,192	3,572
Leased Vehicle	3,864	-
Grant to O.V.C.A.	3,751	3,268
O.C.F. Fees	1,300	1,300
Audit	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	3,896	1,887
C.C.A. Fees	27,450	26,124
C.C.A. Participants Cards	21,000	21,000
	<u>361,341</u>	<u>313,246</u>
REVENUE	\$ 370,259	
EXPENDITURES	<u>361,341</u>	
SURPLUS	<u>\$ 8,918</u>	

ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1988

ASSETS

Cash, Short term deposits and investments	\$ 79,141
Inventory (merchandise at cost)	14,296
Accounts receivable	85,906
	<u>\$ 179,343</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 84,392
	<u>\$ 84,392</u>
Capital surplus March 31/87	\$ 86,031
Surplus 87/88	8,920
	<u>94,951</u>

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN
CURLING ASSOCIATION

The Ontario rink skipped by Paul Savage with Ed Werenich at third, Graeme McCarrel second and Neil Harrison lead, plus the fifth man, John Kawaja, represented our province in the Labatt Brier at Chicoutimi-Jonquiere, March 6 to 13, 1988. This team represented the province very well, finishing in 3rd place with an 8-3 record in round-robin play and losing in the semi-final, finishing as bronze medalists, while Pat Ryan's foursome prevailed as Brier titlists in the final over Saskatchewan by an 8-7 score.

Two O.C.A. curlers were honoured at the A.G.M. by being inducted into the Curling Hall of Fame in the category of curler. They were Paul Savage and Ed Werenich. Both of these players took part in their 7th Brier this year. This is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a player and to be elected while still participating is even more significant. I congratulate them both on their achievement.

During the week of the Brier, many meetings were held and many discussions took place on all aspects of our game. The Association Presidents and delegates met on March 4 and agenda items for presentation to the C.C.A. Management Committee were:

1. All Associations are concerned that coaching qualifications are proceeding faster than the ability of some Associations to qualify their people. In many parts of the country such courses are not readily available.
2. The Associations are unified with regard to the competitive curlers dealing with their own Associations and not bypassing these bodies to have direct representation to the C.C.A. The Associations are willing to make representation on behalf of the players to the Rules Committee and were unanimous in feeling most strongly on this subject.
3. Concern was expressed about the C.C.A.'s inability to obtain sponsorship.
4. The matter of sending representatives to National Finals and their value at these events was discussed. We are looking for direction from the National body.
5. The O.C.A. explained its involvement with BASF and encouraged the other provinces to participate with this fine company.
6. Concern was expressed regarding the present Pepsi-Cola situation at the Provincial level.
7. Our Association invited the other provinces to take part in the Marketing and Management Conference and will send the other Provinces a comprehensive report after the event.

President's Meeting with the C.C.A. Officers

The C.C.A. advised that Curl Canada qualifications will remain the same for 1988/89. Future qualifications must proceed upward and improve coaching standards. The Associations advised there is no support for the player's

organization except through their own Associations and this was accepted by C.C.A. Management. There was no objection to the players having a representative to the championship of their own choosing which is more desirable than having C.C.A. appoint one of their own choice. Discussion took place on whether the Associations should send representatives to the National Championships excluding the Brier. Nothing was decided and the Associations were advised to use their own judgement. In our opinion, no leadership was received from the National body on this issue. Our concerns were expressed regarding sponsorship and requests made that C.C.A. improve their efforts in this direction.

I must say I was immensely impressed with the tremendous co-operation and understanding of the Associations with each other's problems. This has not always been the case. The spirit of these meetings was very positive and bodes well for the future.

In my opinion, the C.C.A. has made significant progress in their efforts to improve its financial position and the general streamlining spearheaded by President Harvey Mazinke should be applauded.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Scott
President



April 5, 1988

REPORT TO ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION

RE: National Mixed Competition
BY: Norm W. Johnson - Vice President
National Mixed Rep Ontario Curling Association

The competition was held in North Bay Ontario, March 20-26 at the North Bay Granite Curling Club. The event was ably presided over by chairman Mike Poupore and his committee. The Ontario Curling Association was represented by - Skip - Brian DeRooy - Vice Bev DeKoning - Second Peter DeKoning and Lead - Eileen DeRooy from the Chatham Granite Curling Club.

Ontario finished in a tie for fourth place with a 6 & 5 won-lost record, just out of the playoffs, Manitoba finished the round Robin with a 9 & 2 record. In second place were British Columbia and Alberta with 8 & 3. Alberta played Manitoba in the final with Manitoba's youthful rink being the winner. Jeff Stoughton skip - twin sisters Karen Fallis & Lynn Morrow vice and lead respectively & Rob Meakin second.

Don McLeod second Vice President Canadian Curling Association and Marilyn Bearaclough President elect - CLCA acted as co-chairpersons. Last year was the last year for a mixed chairman, under the new Canadian Curling Association Committee organization.

All provinces including the territories were represented with exception of Prince Edward Island. Several reps meeting were held both alone and with Don McLeod and Marilyn Bearaclough in attendance. It was evident that the reps were not recognized as a mixed committee by the Canadian Curling Association, but considered us team managers only, with no voice into the operation of the competition. All reps did state that the reason their respective associations did underwrite the expenses, was in the interest of mixed curling both provincially and nationally.

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The minutes of our meetings are being prepared by the recording secretary - Bob MacMillan - N.S. and will be mailed to all reps.

All provincial and territorial associations are requested to write to the Canadian Curling Association requesting that the mixed reps, be recommend as a committee to act as an advisory body to the Canadian Curling Association and CLCA on the mixed competition. Don and Marilyn both approved of that type of action and promised to table the requests at their respective A.G.M's. The topic will be discussed further at the A.G.M. by the delegates and Association's Presidents meetings.

The All Star Team, chosen by the curlers was the entire Manitoba rink. The best sportsman award, combining curling ability and congeniality was won by our Bev DeKoning, also chosen by the curlers.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE ONTARIO CURLING FEDERATION

The Officers of the O.C.F. Management Committee for the year 1987/88 were:

Chairperson	Liz Armstrong
Past Chairman	Don McLeod
1st Vice Chairman	John A. Scott
2nd Vice Chairman	Clyde Opaleychuk

The Federation has three basic functions:

1. To liaise with the Provincial Government on all matters relating to curling on behalf of the 8 Associations;
2. To co-ordinate instructional programmes throughout the Province, and
3. To assist with the promotion of the game within the Province.

The most significant activity from the Federation viewpoint this year is the proposed restructure of the organization to increase input from the Associations. Proposed changes to the constitution will allow additional management positions to ease the workload on the office staff by offering additional support.

The Federation has employed Douglas Maxwell as its new Executive Director and Doug brings with him a wealth of knowledge of our sport and I expect the promotional aspect of the Federation should improve dramatically and our Association wishes him well in his new responsibilities.

Mort Cooper's activities will shift to the administration of the technical programme.

Courses held for the year 1987/88:

Level 1 instructor training	- 10 courses	- 242 participants
Level 2	" "	- 3 courses - 44 participants
Level 3	" "	- 1 course - 9 participants
Officiating Level 1	- 4 courses	- 76 participants
Officiating Level 2	- 1 course	- 11 participants
held Dariem, Conn., U.S.A.		
Ice Technicians course	- 3 courses	- 79 participants

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Scott, President
Ontario Curling Association

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1988/89

HONORARY PRESIDENTS

The Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander, P.C., K.St.J., Q.C., B.A.

The Honourable George A. Gale, C.C., Q.C., LL.D.

PAST PRESIDENT

John A. Scott, Gravenhurst

PRESIDENT

John M. Kyle, Toronto

PRESIDENT ELECT

Norman Johnson, Orillia

VICE PRESIDENTS

Verne Kean, Innerkip

George Wright, Ottawa

CHAPLAIN

Rev. Robert McNaught, Scarborough

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The immediate Past-President, the President, the President Elect, the two Vice Presidents, the sixteen Zone Representatives and a minimum of eight Members-at-Large.

Zone 1	Ted Root, Gananoque	Zone 9	Glen Corner, Brampton
2	John Doolan, Smiths Falls	10	Mel Sanders, Cookstown
3	Mark McDonald, Kingston	11	Randy Thompson, Woodstock
4	Harold Peltzer, Peterborough	12	Rick Clift, Welland
5	Scott Howey, Port Perry	13	James Chapman, Exeter
6	Ian MacNabb, Agincourt	14	John Lawrie, Kitchener
7	David Reid, Don Mills	15	Robert Leatham, London
8	Larry Snow, Islington	16	James Gamble, Wallaceburg

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

1	Gord Creelman, O.V.C.A.	7	David Irvine, Brampton
2	Robert Dargavel, Schoolboy	8	John Jefferson, Fergus
3	Rosaire Cartier,Wallaceburg	9	C.W.(Shorty) Jenkins,Trenton
4	Neale Cole, Orillia	10	Paul Savage, Markham
5	Peter DeKoning, Chatham	11	James Sharples, Willowdale
6	John Glenn, Willowdale	12	Michael Wagner, Kitchener

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMPETITIONS

Chairman: Peter Dekoning

FINANCE

Chairman: John Glenn

ORGANIZATION, CONSTITUTION & RULES

Chairman: Jim Sharples

DEVELOPMENT

Chairman: David Irvine

PROMOTIONS

Chairman: John Jefferson

REPRESENTATIVE TO CANADIAN CURLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Delegate: John Kyle

Alternate Delegate: Norman Johnson

ONTARIO CURLING FEDERATION DELEGATES

John Scott David Irvine

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS (See Separate Sheet)

AUDITORS Coopers & Lybrand

Revised April 29, 1988

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

A matter of some concern has been the situation regarding Honorary Life Membership and the status of Past Presidents of the Association.

Past Presidents retain voting privileges for life but are not considered Life Members unless elected. The O.C.A. Constitution does not limit the number of Life Members that may be elected within the organization in any one year. For the goodwill which would be generated, it is suggested that all living Past Presidents should be made Life Members.

To accomplish this, it is recommended that the following Past Presidents be awarded Honorary Life Membership at the 1988 Annual Meeting:

✓ D. Brainerd Carlyle	1964	
A. Ross Tarlton	1967	X
W.J.R. Bennett	1969	X
D.E. Lavalley	1970	X
D.H. Anderson	1971	X
R.B. Allen	1973	X
W.A. Meyer	1975	X
✓ B.M. Hewitt	1976	
✓ M.T. Bell	1977	
G.R. Metcalfe	1978	X
E.G. Wimperis	1979	X
G.E. Parkes	1980	X
Donald Campbell	1981	X
A.G. Farnell	1982	X
✓ John McCrae	1983	
✓ John Doty	1985	
✓ W.J. Costello	1986	

Now, most Associations only run competitions leading to Nationals and scheduling is not a great problem. Our Association on the other hand has made life complicated for itself in Ontario because we attempt to run competitions for curlers of every age group and skill level, from bantam to master curlers, and many of these curlers want to play in several different events. This makes scheduling often most difficult. Should we make life easy for ourselves? I don't believe so as it is my opinion that our diverse programs have made curling in Ontario the most exciting place to play. It is also my belief that by continuing to present these events for our members our profile remains high in our jurisdiction and certainly the success of our teams in National and International events indicates that something is being done right.

It is, however, essential that we communicate with our competitors because many of the positive changes in the game originate with the players and, after all, it is they for whom the events take place.

2. The second mandate is every bit as important as the first, because if this area is neglected there will not be places for these events to take place. That is our Member Clubs.

Many club members think of the O.C.A. as an organization that takes their membership dues and does nothing of note for them. I beg of you people today to help us change that image, for it cannot be accomplished without your help. The average club curler thinks that ice assessments are levied by our body, but that's not true, we are merely a collector for the National body, no more, no less. You may ask what do we really do for our Member Clubs?

Several years ago we developed a course for ice technicians which is still immensely popular and well attended. Our icemakers in Ontario are second to none anywhere, e.g., Shorty Jenkins, Marcel De Witt as arena ice-makers; Dave Padgett, Russ Howard, Dave Carruthers, Dave Merklinger, to name a few, are fine club ice-makers. This program was so successful, the C.C.A has adopted it as the bible in its field.

The development program originated by gentlemen like Hart Waldon and Bob Lilly was immensely successful with hundreds of clinics introducing new curlers, young and old alike, to the game and is being reintroduced once again.

Umpiring Courses are now being run to increase people's understanding of the game and are well attended.

We are offering assistance to clubs on request in any area of club operations and, in addition, are running each year three Management Courses at staggered sites at no cost to all our member clubs and providing them with a free comprehensive manual and an instructional curling tape just for attending. Not only is it free, each club may bring as many people as they choose.

However, despite these efforts I am often amazed that club executives never seem to be aware of these initiatives or do not take advantage of them. We need the assistance of our club representatives to ensure that presentations are made on our behalf to your clubs if we are to be successful.

A number of years ago, prior to these programmes, sponsorship was not of critical importance to our survival, but we could not begin to carry these programmes without them today and we have been blessed with great corporate sponsors in our Province. If our clubs are healthy so will be our sponsors.

In conclusion you might glean from my remarks that I think of the Association as a near perfect organization, but of course, I don't. Any volunteer organization has its faults, the secret is to recognize them when they occur. Our body is often slow to respond to situations because we meet infrequently and that has, on occasion, caused me personally some distress. But on assessing the situation later, on many occasions it has been a blessing in disguise because it allows us time to make rational decisions based on thought rather than frustration and sometimes temper.

Your Association under my guidance will continue to strive for improvement with its public relations, sponsors, competitions and member clubs and in our dealings with the C.C.A.

I believe your elected Executive to be most devoted and request your support which we need to be successful in promoting the game we all love.

Thank you."