

Six - Sheet Curling Rink Planned At Rossmere Golf and Country Club

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Construction of a palatial six - sheet curling rink in East Kildonan is expected to get underway by May 1st.

Officials of the Rossmere Golf and Country Club announced Wednesday that plans have been finalized for the building of a rink that will cost approximately \$125,000. It is expected that work on the building will be completed in time to commence curling November 1st.

A two - storey addition to the existing clubhouse will also be built at the same time, providing lounge and recreational facilities, coffee shop and reception area, with additional locker room space in the basement.

This new addition will be glassed entirely along one wall on the main and second floors, overlooking the curling ice and the east and south walls will be glassed to provide an exceptional view of the golf course.

The upstairs lounge will hold approximately 300 for banquets.

The main floor will consist of a pro shop, a men's lounge and a lunch counter, while the basement will have the heating unit and ice plant, and also allow for about 350 lockers. The curling rink will be used for golf club and cart storage in the summer months.

Rossmere, which last year completed construction of a new championship 18-hole golf course, thus becomes, with the addition of the curling rink, the only combined golf course and curling club in Western Canada. It will now provide full year-round social and recreational facilities for its membership.

Rossmere is continuing its fabulous improvement program which began in 1957 with \$50,000

being provided for a new clubhouse.

In 1958 the new championship 18-hole golf course, designed and supervised by Norman Woods of Vancouver, recognized as Canada's leading golf architect, was completed at a cost of \$230,000.

When the curling rink is completed next fall a total of more than \$400,000 will have been spent on the club facilities in the past three years.

Interest in Rossmere has naturally reached an all-time high and the club is anxious to accommodate as many new members as possible. However, the number of curlers that can be accommodated will be limited and it urges anyone who may be interested to contact the club secretary as quickly as possible for any details or information they may wish.

The secretary is Fraser Campbell, and all enquiries should be directed to him or Mr. Conn, the club man-

ager, care of Rossmere Golf and Country Club (ED 14786), Leighton and Watt, East Kildonan.

EK Parks Board Approves Budget

The Parks Board of East Kildonan approved its budget of \$18,750 for 1959 at its regular monthly meeting held Feb. 3rd. The budget will be submitted to Council for approval.

The budget is broken down as follows:

Parks and Property	\$9,000
Park Development	4,300
Community Clubs	2,150
Equipment and Operating Expense	1,400
Rinks	1,200
Administration	400
Miscellaneous	300

Hon. E. F. Willis To Open Rossmere's Fine New Curling Club Saturday

At exactly 3.05 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, His Honour The Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, The Hon. Errick F. Willis, will throw the first rock to the broom of His Worship, Mayor Suttie of East Kildonan, to officially open Rossmere's magnificent new curling rink.

Among the many guests present will be the executive of the Manitoba Curling Association, the presidents of the associated rinks of Greater Winnipeg and past presidents of Rossmere itself. President Jim Cartlidge of Rossmere expects to get things under way at 2.30 p.m. in welcoming His Honour and club guests to the premises where refreshments will be served in the upper lounge.

The construction of the Rossmere Curling Rink represents a further step in the building of a social and sporting centre for the people of East Kildonan and is of Cantilever design with a hipped roof built on 12 laminated beams, 96 feet long, hinged at the apex extending over the side walls and anchored to a cement base by a heavy steel cable with turn buckle adjustment, this extension being enclosed within vertical V-joint frames. The walls and ends of the rink are of large cement blocks with fire-proof asphalt shingles covering a roof completely decked with four car loads of 4x6 timbers, three large ventilating fans are cut into this decking to ensure a frost free interior.

Moving inside, it is evident that several features of construction are unique in curling circles. Mercury are lamps spaced with incandescent lights give a completely shadow-free surface to the six sheets of gleaming ice that show the club

colours in the green and white circles, and an emerald tinge to the area between the hog lines.

Underneath this ice lie 8½ miles of piping full of the modern freezing liquid "Frion", resting on a floating slab of concrete eight inches thick and 18 inches above ground level — seated on 84 cardboard-tipped reinforced concrete piles that go down to bed rock, some to a depth of 63 feet. No longer is it necessary to "throw an inturn to a rock in an out-turn position."

Rossmere members have not been forgotten — a new annex joining the new rink to the present clubhouse is now completed and every modern appliance has been installed to ensure the comfort of the devotees of the "roarin' game".

A basement capable of holding up to 300 lockers, and a main floor with coffee bar, luncheon tables, and solid walls of floor-length glass

give a clear view of the playing surface from any angle.

Plans are under way to create a parking area, treed and hard-topped, that will accommodate up to 250 cars.

With a new 18-hole championship golf course to open in the spring, new clubhouse annex and curling rink, Rossmere has indeed come a long way from its shoe-string beginning in a tent on Roche — less than a decade ago.

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HON. ERRICK F. WILLIS



J. A. CARTLIDGE



DAY'S RECEIPTS GO TO MARCH OF DIMES

Mike Kindyball, who owns the Lockport Riverbend Haven toboggan slides, will donate his "take" of Sunday, Jan. 31st, to the March of Dimes. There

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Here is Your ROSSMERE CURLING APPLICATION

I Hereby Apply for Membership as Indicated:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (Nov. 1, 1964, to Oct. 31, 1965)

	Shldr	Assoc	Total
Includes Husband, Wife and Children under 21 at Nov. 1, 1964. (Those whose membership expires March 31, 1965, need not apply).			
For Non-Golfers and Non-Curlers	\$35.00	\$40.00	
For Curling Members (covers all sections)	20.00	25.00	

CURLING FEES (Must have annual membership)

Men (Banquet included)	38.50	40.00	
Ladies (Banquet Included)	19.00	24.00	
Business Girls (Banquet Included)	14.00	18.00	
Mixed — Each (Banquet Included)	15.00	19.00	
Junior Boys (Banquet Included)	11.00	13.50	
Junior Girls (Banquet Included)	11.00	13.50	
Locker to March 31, 1965 — Single	3.00		
Shared with	1.75		

Curlers swept up by Rossmere celebrations

East Kildonan

BY SIMON FULLER

STAFF REPORTER

In terms of the calibre of community members involved in the local curling scene, Tom Jackson sure has some stones.

Or rocks, to be precise, because the North Kildonan resident has been curling at Rossmere Curling Club since 1965.

So it's fitting that Jackson is a key organizer in the club's 50th anniversary celebrations, which will be continued at the club, located at 925 Watt St. in East Kildonan, on March 6.

The curling rink forms part of the Rossmere Country Club, which includes a popular 18-hole golf course, but the birthday cake is solely reserved for the curling crowd this year.

Jackson, who is the chair of the 50th anniversary committee, said guests at the anniversary dinner can expect an outstanding meal, a great evening, a flood of memories and the chance to celebrate a half-century of curling at RCC.

"We've taken our old annual trophies out of storage and polished them up for the occasion. Some people have also brought in their curling pin collection for

display," Jackson said.

Maybe the most notable pieces of nostalgia that will be showcased will be a gold medal and sweater from a member of the Manitoba team that represented the province at the 1971 Canada Winter Games.

The anniversary dinner comes on the heels of a celebratory Sunday Tea, which was held at RCC on Feb. 21.

Among the guests that day was local curling celebrity Jill Officer, who honed her skills on the club's ice as an upcoming young curler.

Also present was Oak Bluff resident Brent Poole, who has curled at the club, and with Jackson, for more than 30 years.

"With most of my family and friends being based near the club, it's given me a chance to stay socially connected with them during the winters, even though I live at the opposite end of the city," Poole said.

Poole, an avid curler whose affiliation with RCC dates back to 1973, is director of the international student program for Pembina Trails School Division, located in Whyte Ridge.

Poole said that the nostalgia generated by the celebrations comes with the acceptance that the popularity of the sport in Manitoba has dwindled through the generations.

"When I was a junior, there were two draws on a Saturday and two on a Sunday. When I moved into the men's leagues, there were two draws five nights a week and more than 50 teams," he said.

"I actually gave up hockey at 15 to concentrate on curling. Now I have two sons who both play hockey and don't curl."

Regardless, Poole recognizes the impact RCC has had on him during his

life.

"As young men, a lot of us used to work there, either at functions or on the ice. So it was both a place of enjoyment and employment. I'm very appreciative that the club has been able to keep its door open all these years."

The anniversary dinner is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. on March 6. Tickets are \$30. For more info call Glen at 988-1530.