

# CURLSASK

**April 27, 2013 – CURLSASK Awards Reception - Ramada Hotel, Saskatoon**



In recognition of the late Scotty Richardson's contribution as Secretary-Treasurer of the SCA for 20 years, the Scotty Richardson Memorial Award is presented each year to members of the curling community who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of curling. This year's recipient is **Ray Robinson** of the **Saskatoon CN Curling Club**.

There isn't too much that Ray hasn't done as a club volunteer and volunteer for the sport of curling itself. He served as SCA Region 13 Coordinator for 4 years and was a member of Curl Saskatoon for 7.

Ray Robinson has been a member of the CN Curling Club since the early 1970's. He served on the Board for 10 years and was President of the Club from 1989 to 1993. It was during his tenure on the Board that the club was able to secure enough financial position to be able to hire its first "paid" front desk employee. Prior to this the club was run totally by volunteers. In fact in 1964 it was built by volunteers most being employees of the CN Railway, hence the name...CN Curling Club.

Ray worked tirelessly in the club to pick up any slack, whether it was at start up, mid season or off season. One summer Ray was unable to get enough volunteers to paint the double color on the ice side walls. Over a weekend Ray went to work himself and painted the entire length of both sides of the rink walls in the ice area.

In 1987 Ray organized and ran the Grandfather's bonspiel doing the draw, securing sponsors and spent 12 hour days answering the phone and posting the draw. He took all the team photos, compiled a photo album and the "horse race" draw and presented all the prizes. The Grandfather's Spiel continues today.

Quote from Ray's resume submitted by the CN Curling Club – *"Ray has always and continues to promote the club. He has always worked with the club's best interest at heart. At any time, if we are having difficulty with a draw due to times or number of teams, Ray can always be found to tweak what we have to make it work. If we need a desk person to cover and answer the phones, Ray is always available."*

Besides being a dedicated club volunteer Ray enjoyed playing the game for many years until back surgery forced him to sit behind the glass for awhile. We are told, however, that he intends to take up curling again with his "curling cue".