

AYR CURLING CLUB

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WIND-UP SILENT AUCTION REQUEST

Our profit from last year's silent auction at our wind-up spiel was approximately \$2,000. We are hoping to beat that amount this year with your help! Get your imagination flowing---last year's contributions were: golfing passes, tickets to events, baking, gardening hours, home entertainment, cottage rental, a winter get-away, new clothing, re-gifted unused items, hand crafted items, sewing lessons, goodie baskets.....just to name a few!

Do you work for a company that could supply us with promotional items? Do you have a special craft or skill? Do you have a great recipe that you can make and share? Would you offer a babysitting evening? Do you make homemade wine/beer? **THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!** Susan McDonald is collecting now. Email her with your contribution at smcdcurl@me.com or bring in your items to Connie or Susan at the club.

This year's auction will be available to all club members commencing April 4th and will close on April 9th at 2 p.m. If you have been unable to contribute to our ice-plant fund-raising with cash, this is your chance to help.

Year-end banquet

Following the wind-up spiel, is our year-end banquet. This is your chance to enjoy a meal and drink with fellow curlers and discuss your plans for the summer – maybe set up a golfing game or plan a get-together.

The banquet, catered by Grand Valley Golf & Country, will include two meats, vegetables, salad and dessert. Following dinner we will draw for the winner of the membership raffle (see the fundraising update on the next page. After dinner, you will have an opportunity to discover the hidden vocal talents of your fellow members—perhaps even in yourself—while enjoying karaoke. 😊

All this food and fun is yours for the low price of \$25 per person. Tickets are available at the bar.

Olympics coming to Ayr CC

April 7-9th is our annual Wind-up spiel. This is our last event before we let the ice melt (sigh). Since it is an Olympic year, we will have our own take on the Olympics. You can sign-up individually or as a team as your favourite country. Your entry fee of \$40/person entitles you to an 8-end game and two 6-end games plus snacks, lunch and an opportunity to win "valuable" prizes.

There will be a prize for the best costume. You could dress as a curler from your team country or in traditional country dress. Let your imagination run wild.

There will be additional surprise Olympic contests that will challenge all!!

Remember to bring your quarters and loonies with you to participate in lots of fun games.

It would help us immensely if you could pre-pay your entry. If you pre-pay by March 24th, you will be entered into a draw for a personalized Ayr Curling Club duffle bag valued at \$35.



Garage Sale Sign-up

Saturday May 14th is the date of the annual Ayr community garage sale. Each year, the club runs a bake table, book sale and BBQ. The garage sale nets the club around \$1000. We can't run this event without you.

The sign-up for the various roles is located downstairs outside the women's change rooms. This is a great volunteer opportunity as there are a variety of ways to contribute; you could bake, BBQ breakfast or lunch or you could sell some baking, books or breakfast.

Fundraising Update

Membership Raffle

Each year we raffle off a membership for the following season. We're doing it again. For \$10 a ticket or 3 for \$25 you have a chance to curl next year for a very low price.

Tickets are available at the bar.

Scotch Tasting

We are still in the early planning stages, but wanted to give you a heads-up that we have *tentatively* scheduled April 30th for a scotch tasting event.

Tickets will be \$75 and will include tasting 5 different quality scotches plus appetizers to go with each. If your significant other is not a scotch drinker, tickets are available for \$40 that exclude the scotch.

Tickets will become available once we have finalized the date. Confirming the date hinges on the availability of a speaker.

WANTED: Help to review statements

We're looking for someone to examine the revenue and expenditures of the curling club to ensure that the books are in order and truly reflect the financial situation as at April 30, 2016. Accounting skills are an asset but not mandatory.

If you have the time and interest, please contact Brenda Totten.

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Member News

The Monday afternoon group honoured Frank Gill for his wedding. Frank and his new bride, Margret, went on a cruise for their honeymoon.



RSVP Winner

Congratulations to Kathy Daley who received a \$25 gift card to Foodland to recognize her volunteer work at the club during the fall draw.

Recognizing Special Volunteer Program (RSVP) is our way of thanking our volunteers who contributed to the club. The more a person volunteers, the greater the chance of winning the draw.

There will be another prize available for the spring draw. And all volunteers from the entire year will have their name entered in a year-end draw for \$100 off of their 2016/2017 membership fee.

Golf Basket Raffle

Congratulations to Bonnie Brown, one of our day time curlers.

The raffle added \$285 to our fundraising totals. Thank you very much, Tuesday Night Ladies League for putting together the basket full of golfing goodies.

HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENT

DURING THE OFF-SEASON, THE CLUB IS AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR BIRTHDAY PARTIES, ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSES AND BRIDAL AND BABY SHOWERS.

AS A CLUB MEMBER YOU WOULD RECEIVE A DISCOUNT. CONTACT CONNIE FOR DETAILS.



They are on their way to the Provincial Junior Mixed championship!

Team Marshall, curling out of the Ayr Curling Club, will be representing our region at the provincial championship in London, April 6-9th. They won three games in convincing style to earn their way into the championship.

On the left (L-R) Mike Kean (coach), Nathan Marshall (skip), Chelsey Reimer (vice), Xander Elmes (second) and Paige Ghesquire (lead). Xander's parents are members Susan and Keith Elmes and anyone who curls Tuesdays or Thursdays knows Paige and her mom, Janet Redman.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY MAY 26TH

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT. EACH DIRECTOR WILL PRESENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM THEIR PORTFOLIOS.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES RELATED TO DEBENTURES WILL BE VOTED ON.

THE MEETING STARTS AT 7:30PM AT THE CURLING CLUB.

Influence the club direction

Each year four board members retire and we vote in four new board members. This year, we are looking for six board members as we have had a few directors step away because of changes in their work life. New board members mean we get new ideas to continue to improve the club. The club could use you and your ideas. Please talk to an existing board member about being a board member.

Your club needs you!

Red Spiel Results

The in-house bonspiel was held Sat. Feb. 13th from 4:00 pm - 10:30. There were 24 curlers and 5 guests for dinner. A big thank you to Gayle Salter-Kennedy, Lindsey Lichty and Susan McDonald for hosting the enjoyable event.

The event winners were Team Candy Apple: Jim Howley, Helen Scutt, Wayne Bourne & Sharon Reidl. Second Prize went to Team Cerise: Pasquale Mongillo, Deb Thomas, Kevin & Jenny Schmidt And third Prize was won by team Ruby: Mike & Sue Faw, Dennis & Cathy Charrette. Wiping up the rear and winning toilet paper went to: Team Raspberry: Doug & MD Hoegy, Greg Hoegy & Kali Greene.

Remember, if your information is incorrect in the club roster, please e-mail [Dat Attridge](#) and copy [Lindsey Lichty](#).