
AYR CURLING CLUB

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From the President's Desk

The Ayr Curling Club has a rich tradition as being a volunteer club that we don't want to lose. Our Club Motto is "Everyone Sweeps in Our House". This motto, to me, states that every member will do their part to ensure that the existence of this club will continue to remain a viable and affordable venue to the community and for the sport of curling. The volunteerism from the members of this club throughout the years has helped us achieve these goals. However, we need to address a concern we have witnessed over the past few years. As some members of the club are stepping back from their leadership rolls to assist us in the governance and operation of this club, there has not been others willing to take up the torch to replace that leadership. This year is proving to be a challenge for your Board of Directors because of this circumstance. We are currently using seven (7) persons to fill 12 positions on your Board of Directors. Asking them to do more is not reasonable. We realize the commitment to governing the club or hosting events may be considered too much of an onerous commitment by our members. I know I thought as much when I started here many years ago. But now I have the satisfaction of knowing I have made a difference and received recognition for volunteering my time and talents to make this a better place. It is now your chance to make a difference, Think about ways to support this organization and how you can use your various skills to continue to make our club a fun and vibrant place to curl or provide that joy to others who may visit our house.

Bonspiels, other events and rentals that are held in this facility to generate income is used to help pay for the operation of your club. Revenue generated through bonspiels, other events, and rentals is approximately 25% of our annual revenue. This does not include the additional revenue generated through the sale of food and beverages at these events.

You may have noticed signs around the club asking for volunteers for the Dalrymple Bonspiel. The story behind this is the original scheduled date of the event was November 12th. No one volunteered to host the event so we had to reschedule the event to January 21st. We still do not have a host for this event and we hope we may be able make the responsibility of hosting the event less daunting by sharing the tasks of a Bonspiel Host to a number of individuals rather than one person. On the poster we have broken down the Bonspiel Host's responsibilities into different parts hoping that if running an entire bonspiel is too much of a commitment to our member volunteers, then maybe smaller individual tasks may be more attractive a duty to more individuals. Have a look!

Without revenue generated through bonspiels it will be difficult to meet our annual financial commitments. To remain a solvent club, we will need to find other ways to replace this revenue if we do not operate these events using volunteers. You, the members of the Ayr Curling Club, will have to help your club to be successful.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please sign up to ensure the Dalrymple Bonspiel happens in January.

Rick Tobben

President & Maintenance Chair
Ayr Curling Club

Health & Safety Policies Approved

Thanks to the involvement of our Health & Safety Committee (Jane Hale-McDonald, Janet Redman, Connie Awde, Rick Totten & Alicia Struke) the club now has an extensive set of Health & Safety policies.

The policies were reviewed and approved by your board.

These policies cover amongst other topics Child Protection and Workplace Violence Harrassment Protection. The policies are located downstairs on the Health & Safety white board. (The board is located just across from the entrance to the ladies changerooms.)

Please familiarize yourself with the policies, in particular what to do in an emergency. If you can't answer the following questions, please ask:

- Where is the defibrillator located?
- Where is the closest phone to the ice?
- Where is the first aid kit?
- Where are the blankets?

Hit the button for \$100,000

Yes, you read that correctly. This is NOT a club initiative, but a sweepstake offered by Tirecraft. If you visit the website <http://www.hitthebuttonwithtirecraft.com/> and enter some contact information you are entered into a contest to throw a rock to see if you can hit the button.

Contest details are on the website as well as the ability to opt out of any Tirecraft communications. The winner's club will receive \$2,500 towards any projects they might have – like replacing their ice plant!



Team Reimer wins 'C' Event

Paige Ghesquire, member and daughter of Janet Redman, is the lead for Team Reimer. They won the 'C' Event at the KW Junior Women's Curling Classic (aka Junior Home Hardware. They played 8 games in 3 days. Oh to be young!

Congratulations, Paige.

Fundraising Update

Recently, we were asked for financial information from the Ontario Trillium Foundation about our Ontario150 grant request. Although we've not received a "yea" or "nay" yet, the request for additional information is encouraging – we're not out of the running. Keep your fingers crossed!

Starting later this month, we will be selling tickets on a Christmas raffle. There will be three prizes available. All have a value of \$40-\$50

- A basket of coffees, teas and associated treats.
- A collection of scratch and win tickets. Approximate value \$xx worth of tickets, but could be worth so much more if you win!
- A basket of Christmas entertaining necessities.

Tickets will be \$2 for one or \$5 for 3 and can be purchased at the bar or for day-time curlers from one of the board members.

We will be selling packaged nuts again this year. The nuts are great for gift exchanges, teacher gifts or a hostess gift. There will be two choices; a box with 6 different nuts and a round box including chocolate covered almonds.

We sold out last year – so don't hesitate! Buy them early so you won't be disappointed.

Planning has started on our New Year's eve celebration. Like years gone by, you can ring in the new year with a game of curling, a sumptuous dinner, dancing with DJ Ben, champagne at midnight and late night snacks.

Look for posters around the club once the tickets become available.

Thanks to everyone who spread the word about the Mill St. Brewery food & beer pairing. We sold out!



Help us promote the club

We were approached by the Cambridge Memorial Hospital foundation / North Dumfries Campaign to help with their upcoming fundraiser "Moonlight & Mistletoe" dinner and dance to be held Friday November 25th . They had a group lined up to tend bar but unfortunately now can no longer fulfill that commitment.

We would like to help them out and at the same time, it will be a good way to promote our club. Connie has five people signed up for the 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. shift and is looking for a few more people to help from 9:30 – midnight. They require 2 drink ticket sellers and 3 behind the bar. You will require a smart serve certificate. If you can volunteer for a few hours while enjoying the music of a 6 piece band give Connie a call at the club or email as soon as possible.

Tim Hortons Ayr store sponsored our Junior / Bantam Cash Bonspiel which was held in October. Lidija Halovanic, the owner, has booked the club for her staff party which will involve curling and catered dinner. The date is Sunday December 11th 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. following the Little Rock league. Connie is looking for members to help with on ice instruction and stay out and help the non-curlers while on the ice. Ideally 8 members are required 2 per sheet. If you can help please sign your name to the sheet posted on the bulletin board. It is important to our club that we make this event memorable for this group as we certainly want to keep them as sponsors in the future.

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Miss Manners Talks Curling

This article is a continuation of the unwritten etiquette of curling.

After you have thrown your rock, get all your body parts off the ice (except your feet, of course!) Hands and knees, even with gloves or pants covering them will melt the ice and those little divots can affect the slide path a rock quite noticeably.

The only exception to this is if there is a fall and your head hits the ice. You may want to get up, but we need to ensure you are OK. (See our Health & Safety policies.) We may call an ambulance depending on what has happened.

This next one is something I didn't know when I first started curling – so think it is crucial to share. The winning team members buy their counterpart on the opposition team their first drink. The winners, even if they are not staying around, should at least offer their counterpart a drink. And the losing team members should also then reciprocate the offer for the second drink. Curling is first and foremost a social sport – so let's get social!

Facebook & Twitter

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Just search for Ayr Curling Club. We also have a Twitter handle @ayrcurlingclub. And if you forget these they are always in the masthead of the newsletter.

We like to use social media to keep you aware of what's happening at the club and news about members of the club.

By liking us on Facebook or following us on Twitter, you can help us advertise our club and attract new members. Also, if you share event info or retweet it, we're able to broaden the reach of our advertising.

If you have news to share, please contact Steven Jakobsen (vemnign@gmail.com) or Tricia McEwan (triciakuntz@yahoo.com).

Home Hardware Results

Ayr entered 12 teams into the Home Hardware bonspiel. This was the third-most teams from any one club. It meant we got more games at our club. It did mean some folks missed out on a game or two. The upside is that more curlers visited our club and experienced our hospitality. We also have higher bar revenues.

The format of the bonspiel is the first two games slots the teams into one of 4 categories based on their win/loss record:

- The teams skipped by Steve Conrad and Joy Wright were in the Trophy division (two wins in the first two games).
- The teams of Pete Sangers, Rick Totten and Peter VanStrien were in the Trophy Consolation division (won their first game and lost the second).
- The teams skipped by Chris Lynar and Scott Shannon were in the Cup division (lost their first game and won their second game).
- The teams of Ben Graham, Jim Howley, Kelly Murphy, Bob Nessner and Kevin Schmidt were in the Cup Consolation division (lost first two games).

After Tuesday night's games, a loss meant you were done. The teams of Jim Howley, Chris Lynar, Kelly Murphy, Pete Sangers, Kevin Schmidt, Scott Shannon and Rick Totten won their game on Wednesday.

Jim Howley's team was the only team to play on Saturday. Congratulations, Jim, Mike Paling, Pasquale Mongillo and Dianne Staats on playing through until Saturday.

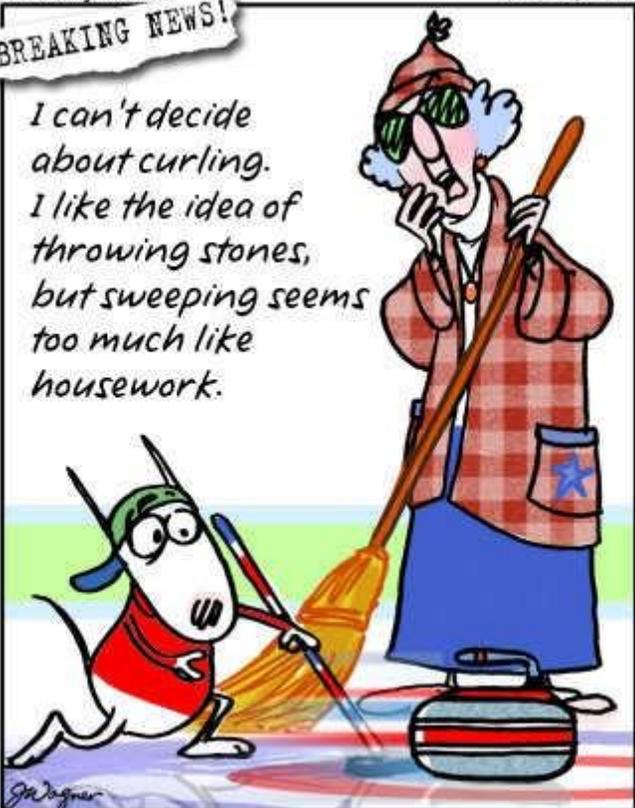
Thanks go to Glenn Thomson for ensuring visiting curlers knew which sheet they were playing on and reporting results to the bonspiel organizers. Thank you to Peggy McLeod, Jean Nessner, Pat Attridge, Mary Diane Hoegy and Joanne Riley for providing the hospitality to our visitors. Finally, thanks to Dave Roberts and Jeff Hambly for prepping the ice.

Crabby Road

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about curling.
I like the idea of
throwing stones,
but sweeping seems
too much like
housework.*



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