
AYR CURLING CLUB

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Open spiel CANCELLED

The Opening member spiel scheduled for October 29th has been cancelled because no one signed up to host the event.

This cancellation could be the first of others to come. We are a member-run curling club. We have just one part time employee – our club manager. It is up to us, all members – not just the board of directors, to organize the bonspiels, events and participate in committees to ensure we continue to be an active, financially-viable club with lots to offer to members and to the public.

We still need help with the:

- Fundraising committee
- Open Stick spiel on November 10th
- Dalrymple-Burns bonspiel on November 12th
- Business Ladies bonspiel on March 11th
- Wind-up spiel on April 6-8th

The board will organize volunteers and provide you with guidance on how to organize a bonspiel.

Organizing any bonspiel completes all your volunteer duties and on submission of the final report you will receive \$50.

Apologies needed

Many hands made the summertime insulation project go well. However, we missed giving credit to some of those who were instrumental to the successful completion.

Our sincere thanks (and apologies) go to Jason Cober, Wayne Davis, George Feddema, Jim Stirling and Gord Taylor.

Our volunteers are the best! Thanks guys!

Ice Plant Purchase Order Issued

Over the past several years the Strategic Planning Committee and then the Ice Plant replacement committee have been determining our ice plant needs for the coming decades.

A significant milestone was reached recently. The purchase order for the new ice plant was issued to Denaeyer Mechanical Inc. Denaeyer's design and bid were superior to the other bids received:

- Denaeyer's solution includes a split system chiller. What's that you ask? When extra chilling is required, like at start-up, the full system runs. However, when maintaining the ice temperature, only half of the system runs. This design should save on some of our electricity costs by being more efficient. Only Denaeyer's design included this feature.
- This solution was about 2/3rds of the cost of the highest bid and tens of thousands less costly than the next lowest bid.
- Since Denaeyer is local any maintenance costs start when they walk in the door vs a minimum of 2 hours maintenance before the service person walks in the door because the organization was not local and therefore travel time has to be paid.

The above are just a few of the benefits of Denaeyer's quote. Until the end of the season, Denayer will be sourcing the components. The work at the club will begin at the end of this curling season.

Although we're close to our total needs of just under \$140,000 we have a ways to go. If you have not yet contributed to the ice plant replacement fund, you still can. Just contact a member of the fundraising committee; Deb Middleton, Susan McDonald, Margaret Walker or Alicia Struke for a contribution form.

New white board

The white board in the hall outside the ladies change room was donated to the club by Bob Quick and Kathy Daley. Thank you Bob & Kathy.

New Fundraising Poster

You will see a new fundraising poster at the front door. Previously we were working with an estimate of \$170,000. Now that we have a signed purchase order we know we need \$139,600 plus a contingency. There are two areas included that show what we are **hoping** to raise this year:

- We have submitted an Ontario150 grant request for \$35,100.
- Over a season, we fundraise at least \$10,000. The poster reflects this estimate.

The Ontario 150 grant is not a given nor is the fundraising goal of \$10,000. We continue to need your help. If you're not in a position to donate some of your treasures (i.e. money) to the fundraising consider contributing through your time or talents.

You have no doubt signed up for your 2 volunteer duties. Consider doing just one more duty. Or attend one or more of our fundraising events. Bring some of your friends or family so that we're not always asking you for money.

One other way you can help is to tell your friends how much fun you have curling. We have room on Monday, Thursday and Friday night leagues. More members means more fees and all these things help ensure we have the funds we need to keep the club operating at its best.

And one last, really easy way to help out – stick around after your games and enjoy a beverage and/or snack.

Miss Manners Talks Curling

Curling has many rules as defined by the various international, country and provincial governing bodies.

There are also unwritten rules - more like good etiquette. In this and future issues, some of these etiquette expectations will be discussed.

This month...what to do or not do when the opposition is getting ready to throw their rock.

I've played a few games so far this season and in at least half of those games I've seen opposition players walking back from sweeping - sometimes side by side while a player was in the hack ready to throw.

Curling etiquette states that the team **not** throwing should be on either side of the sheet between the hog lines standing still.

The opposition skip and/or vice standing at the opposite end of the sheet should also be still.

Share your love of curling

Renting our ice is one way we generate revenue. To ensure renters stay safe and enjoy their on-ice experience, volunteers have helped by spending a couple of hours to give novice curlers some safety tips and some basic on-ice training.

You don't need to be an expert curler – just a good communicator and able to spot risky behaviour that may cause injury.

If you can spend a couple of hours to share your love of curling, the sign-up is on the bulletin board downstairs. You'll be called to see if you are available to help. There is also an instruction book to guide you through the off- and on-ice instruction

Your ego benefits from this volunteer duty, also. Whether you have 2 or 20 years of curling experience compared to a novice curler – you are a rock star!!!

Bar updates

Coming soon to the downstairs bar is a second draft tap. In addition to the Sleeman's on tap we will be adding Mill Street Organic. Why Mill Street Organic? Mill Street provided us with some help to make it happen. You should see the second tap shortly.

You may have noticed on some nights that someone else is behind the bar. Keith has other obligations – in particular later in the week – that prevent him from being at the club until later in the evening.

If you have your Smart Serve certification, we could use your help behind the bar until Keith arrives to take over. The days/times we need help vary. You can check the sign-up just outside the bar to see when help is needed.

If you don't yet have your Smart Serve certification, see the notice to the right.

Making curling ice

There is more to making curling ice than turning on the compressor and pouring a bunch of water into the rink. First, the sand is frozen and water added slowly over a few weeks. Floods add millimeters of water each time. Then there's painting, adding lines and ice signs and more flooding, nipping, and flooding again.

From the September long weekend until the ice was ready to play on, the ice team spent 168 hours to prep the ice. An additional 13 hours were put in by other volunteers for a total of 181 hours.

Your ice team is Jim Howley, Jeff Hambly, Jeff Ontonovich, Dave Roberts. Rick Totten, Jim Struke and our newest member Doug Hoegy.

Next time you see one of the guys – buy them a beverage and say "Thanks!".

A SmartServe course is scheduled for Sunday November 13th. Look for the sign-up sheet on the downstairs' bulletin board.

Who are you?

Tired of having to introduce yourself at the start of every game? You may want to get yourself a name tag.

We have a new style of name tags available. The new pins have our current logo with your name engraved on it.

Pictures of the new tags along with a sign-up is located in the hallway. Name tags are just \$10.

Tickets available for beer pairing.

As part of our fundraising initiatives, we are hosting another beer and food pairing on November 26th at 6pm. Mill St. Brewery products will be paired with a harvest-themed dinner. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at the bar or from Alicia Struke.

Please join us and help us fund the ice plant replacement.



Shout it from the rooftops!

Ok, maybe you don't need to shout about your love of the club from the roof tops, but you could take one of the club brochures and post it on your bulletin board at work, school or church. And if you're visiting another club, please take some of our business cards and give to other curlers.

Please do your part to bring more curlers into our club. Every little bit helps!

Home Hardware Bonspiel

Every year the local Home Hardware owners sponsor a bonspiel held at a number of clubs around the region. Clubs involved range as far north as Arthur, east to Guelph, west to Stratford and Ayr to the south. This year the bonspiel runs from Monday November 14th to Saturday the 19th.

For \$25 per person you will play a minimum of 2 games and likely 3 games. After the first two nights of curling, teams are seeded into four groups based on their win-loss record. From your 3rd game on, a win keeps you in the bonspiel,

If you make it to the last two days (Friday and Saturday) you are guaranteed a Home Hardware gift certificate. And if you play on Saturday, you are invited to join the banquet this year hosted by Galt Country Club.

The sign-up sheet is outside the downstairs bar and the deadline is November 4th. You don't need to be an expert curler. You will be seeded based on your skills into a group with comparable skills. The bonspiel is a great way to experience different ice conditions and visit different clubs. Find three friends and sign-up today!



Team Reimer (lead Paige Ghesquire on the far left) won the Brampton Junior Girls competition on the weekend of October 14-16. They finished 1st in the round-robin play and then defeated Team Auld in the championship game on Sunday afternoon.

The team is currently ranked second on the Ontario Junior Curling tour (OJCT) . Congratulations, Paige & team.