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Lancaster & District Curling Club News

November 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

Nov. 20	Ladies Invitational-Lancaster
Nov 30/Dec 1	Turkey Bonspiel
Dec. 4	Men's Interclub
Dec. 7	Glen News Spiel
Dec. 8	Club Rental
Dec. 15	L2C Fun Spiel
Dec. 24	Club Rental
Dec. 27-29	Ice Maintenance
Jan. 4-5	Alexandria Mixed
Jan. 19 th	Club Fun Spiel
Feb. 2	Donnie Blaney Memorial-Maxville
Feb. 7-9	Business Bonspiel
Feb. 7	Senior Men's (daytime)
Feb. 15	Parnell Bonspiel (daytime)
Feb. 16	Valentine's Club Bonspiel
Mar. 1-2	Cash Spiel
Mar. 13	Ladies Invitational Alexandria
Mar.15-16	Men's Moose Spiel-Alexandria
Mar. 16	St. Patrick's Club Spiel
Mar.23-24	Agri Spiel
Mar. 30	Glengarry Cup – Maxville
Apr. 6	Closing Club Spiel



DID YOU KNOW?

That your help is needed for many of the club events this season and we encourage you to offer your services. Please take the lead in this collective attempt to relieve volunteer time on the same participants. Help is needed with bonspiels, kitchen and bar. Thanks in advance for your contribution! When it comes to volunteering we love the words of Lily Tomlin....

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was that somebody.

Please be that somebody.



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SOME CLUB NEWS



You will notice that the long bulletin board along the west wall has all the leagues posted. On the far left of that board, there is posted events and news, so please stop by to view any bonspiels posted etc.

Also, when you enter the club, take notice of a smaller bulletin board on the east wall. Please see events and news from the Ottawa Valley Curling Association (OVCA) and CurlOn. These boards will be updated as new information comes to us.

Mixed Invitational – Please note that the Kirsty MacLeod Mixed Invitational has been postponed until next season. There were too many conflicts for other clubs to attend.

Turkey Bonspiel - The sign-up sheet for the Turkey Bonspiel is up, so please sign up as soon as possible to secure your spot. Thanks to Elizabeth McCormick for taking on this bonspiel as convenor. It is Friday November 30 and Saturday December 1st.

Practice Time - A special thanks to Bernie for leading two open ice time practice sessions. They were well received and will be periodically held throughout the year. They are a great time to practice fundamentals. A thank you to everyone who came out and made a donation to the junior program. We have raised almost \$50 on the two sessions.

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Our 4th annual Adult Learn to Curl Program is half way through their program. We are so pleased that interest keeps growing in this program. There are approximately 30 participants so the program is split into 2 sessions. One on Wednesday evenings and one on Sunday mornings. The participants are progressing very well and look forward to joining our club curling. Please welcome them as they integrate into the various leagues after Christmas. Special thanks to Bernie Filiatreault, Coordinator of the program and all of his committed volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has continued to grow over the past few years and Elaine Warden, Membership Chair, reports that there are 192 members. All of the leagues have very healthy numbers as a result of the strong membership base. As the season progresses, and you wish to sign up, spare or remove yourself from any of the leagues/draws, there is a form on the west bulletin board to indicate your wishes. This form really helps the convenors when they are planning prior to each draw.

EQUIPMENT – BOUTIQUE NEWS

The equipment boutique is back up and running again this year. We have added a Goldline catalogue to our offerings in addition to the equipment that we offer from Performance. Our on-hand equipment will be from Performance, but we will order for you from Goldline if you wish. Pricing will be on the same basis as the Performance products. We sell at the advertised retail price, but absorb the HST. Contact Bill, Bernie, Bruce or Dan if you need anything in the way of equipment. Catalogues for both will be posted.

We have also been asked about offering club jackets, and we would be glad to do so if there is enough interest. We are considering the "Lillehammer" line from Goldline in Black, blue and white - similar in colour pattern to the current jackets but in a tightly woven knit material.



FROM ICE CHAIR – BRUCE ANDREWS

The ice was installed and ready for the start of another curling season on Oct 10th, just in time for the new L2C group to start training. Special thanks go to Taff Pye, for installing the ice and passing on his knowledge to Blair Bell and myself.

On October 11th, the new Icemakers Mistress was switched to auto mode, this will stop and start the chiller, brine pump and rink heaters as scheduled.

Since the switch (26 days ago), we have used 5759.16 kWh's of power. For the same period last year, we used 9781.88 kWh's of power. That's 4022.72 kWh saved or a 41.1% reduction in power used. That relates to \$304.40 so far (that is only power used, doesn't include delivery), this year, so the 25% saving I stated last month was very conservative.

Ice cleanliness: once again I would like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping the ice surface clean. Please remember to use the boot-boy and sticky mat every time you enter the ice area. Inspect the inside of your gripper for dirt and rubber build up and clean as required. Also check the outside of the gripper. Old grippers will start to deteriorate and begin to fall apart leaving bits of rubber on the ice. Please replace your gripper at this point.

Brooms – It is important to keep your broom clean. There are two reasons; **1st** - Debris that you have picked up while sweeping can fall off in front of the next stone while sweeping. **2nd** - A dirty broom is inefficient, you must sweep harder to get the same effect as with a clean one. Also, a good practice is to store your broom head upwards off the floor.

Below is a broom that was put away dirty, a quick clean with the brush and it looks new again.



Above, I attempted to clean the broom on the left, but only some of the dirt could be removed, in this case, the broom/head should be replaced with a new one. I can't imagine that this broom is very effective. In all these cases, debris on the ice can cause a perfectly thrown stone to pick, and the shot is lost. Thanks for your help.

Rules of the Game



Although curling is a social sport, it also possesses a list of various conventional rules that should be applied to each and every game that you play.

- ✓ Please be at your game on time. If you can't make it to your game, it is your responsibility to get a spare and inform your skip. Never be a ``no show`` without notice.
- ✓ Shake hands with opponents before the game.
- ✓ When a person is delivering their rock, all players on the opposite team should not be near the player while throwing. They should be located around the hog line. Opposition players should not be moving while the rock is being delivered.
- ✓ Be aware of what is going on during the game. If your opponent is about to deliver their rock, never walk across the ice to the other side. If you need to move across the ice, wait until the rock is delivered and has gone past you.
- ✓ Each player should be ready to deliver their rock when their skip puts down the broom. Rock cleaning should take place while the other team's rock is in motion.
- ✓ Only the skips and the thirds should be in the rings. Seconds and leads should only be in the rings if called upon from their skips.
- ✓ Stand between the hog lines during play unless you are skipping, or unless you are delivering or about to deliver.
- ✓ If you are waiting to deliver your rock, stand on the end boards behind the house and hack.
- ✓ Pay attention to what is going on in the game. Use the opportunity to learn when a rock needs sweeping or to learn game strategy.
- ✓ If you touch a moving rock while you are sweeping, tell your skip immediately but do not stop the rock, unless told to by your skip.
- ✓ Compliment any player on a good shot. Do not show frustration at an opponent's lucky shot or a team mate's poor shot.
- ✓ Shake hands with opponents after the game.

Following these few etiquette rules makes the game much more enjoyable for everyone.

