



# BETWEEN THE SHEETS

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## Club News

Well, Labour Day, and most of the summer, is behind us and it's time to start thinking about curling again.

Pickle Ball will continue until later in September. It has been a very successful experiment bringing new people into the club and providing enough revenue to more than cover the costs of the club's utilities for the off season.

Plenty of maintenance activity at the club going on, including a total refit of the men's washroom, a new sump system for the basement and re-organization work in the machine room.

### Opening Week

Plans are in place for the ice to be installed and ready to go by the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>). That week will be dedicated to clinics, the opening session of the 3<sup>rd</sup> season of Learn to Curl Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, and an open house/registration night on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> that will include an opportunity to fit and try out equipment.

League play will start October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Gripper Replacement Initiative

One of the main challenges in keeping our ice clean and the rocks running true is keeping debris off the ice. One common culprit for leaving debris on the ice, that many don't think of, are the bits of rubber left by deteriorating grippers. Grippers really should be replaced annually, as both a safety (older grippers lose their elasticity and become more prone to slipping off at just the wrong moment) and cleanliness of the ice surface.

To encourage members to get in the habit of changing their grippers out annually, the club will be offering new grippers to all members at cost.



## Upcoming Events

### Swing & Sweep

The third annual **Swing and Sweep** will be held at Heritage Golf Course and the Curling Club on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for a cost of \$40. Start time is 9:30 AM and the day includes 9 holes of golf, and a 4-end game at the club. Carts are available at an additional cost. Lunch this year will be at the club.

Format for the golf is Best Ball. Winners will be awarded for best combined score, lowest golf score and largest winning margin for the curling game – as well as individual prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive. This has proven to be a popular way to start the season the last couple of years. Please see attached poster which is also on our Facebook page, our website, and posted at Heritage and the curling club. Bruce Andrews [bandrews2@cogeco.ca](mailto:bandrews2@cogeco.ca) and Bill Hughes [whughes22000@gmail.com](mailto:whughes22000@gmail.com) will be taking entries starting now. Just email either of them. The event is open to everyone and no membership is required, so please encourage family and friends to come out.

### Adult Learn to Curl

Our third season of the Adult Learn to Curl Program will kick off October 11<sup>th</sup> and will continue for 10 weeks on Wednesdays at 6:30. Cost is \$100 for the program, which can be applied to the cost of a full membership once the program is completed and the participants decide to continue playing. Once again Bernie Filiatreault and Patti McLeod will be leading the effort.

The program has been oversubscribed the last couple of years, so, if you know anyone who is interested have them contact Bernie or Patti ASAP to avoid disappointment as numbers are capped at 16 participants. Please see attached poster which is also on our Facebook page, and our website.



## Your 2017-2018 Board of Directors

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## We need you!

### Call for Volunteers

The success of the club is built on the backs of our volunteers. We can always use more help to avoid burning out our most eager helpers.

**Junior Curling** will continue on Sundays this year with James Doonan in charge. James is looking for volunteers to help with the program. New volunteers will be offered the opportunity to take the OCA level 1 coaching clinics in return for a commitment to help coach for this year and next. Once again spaces in the program are limited, so contact James as soon as you can to reserve a spot. The information poster will be on Facebook, our web site and posted at the club.

### Coaches and Assistants

In addition to help with the junior program Bernie and Patti often need help with the Learn to Curl program. In both these programs you not only get to support the club with your volunteer hours, but also get the chance to polish your technical skills as you learn along with the participants!

### Registration Desk

Membership registration is another area where we can use some help. Elaine Warden puts in long hours every year chasing down forms and cheques. Everyone can help out by completing the registration form and submitting their membership fees prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>. ***We need to make sure our database is fully up to date by November 1<sup>st</sup>.*** A late fee of \$25 will be enforced this year if we do not receive your fees by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Members who have not submitted their fees one week prior to the start of the second draw, will not be scheduled to play until membership fees are received.

This year we encourage prompt payment by having a registration desk open daily for each draw. We need volunteers to do this. If you would be willing to contribute 30 minutes before you go onto the ice to help ensure registration forms get completed, please contact Elaine Warden [elainewarden@hotmail.com](mailto:elainewarden@hotmail.com).

### Williamstown Fair

Elaine Warden wishes to thank all members who helped at the perch lunches with either set up, food, helped serve or gave donations. She also wishes to thank Blair Bell from Hybrid Marine for supplying the Hand Wash Station. It is a very successful fundraiser raising close to \$4,000 for the club.

Special thanks to Elaine Warden for convening such a great fundraiser!

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-DEANN HOLLIS

## Other Tidbits

**Bartenders** - Lillian Klazinga has agreed to take on managing the staffing of the bar this year and we hope we have your help.

We have many members that received Smart Serve training. We have a need for bartenders for roughly 35 hours a week for the regular draws. It is not a heavy workload for a regular draw, but it does require opening and closing the bar. For regular draws, we need to have an adequate number of qualified folks (Smart Serve Certified) that will do the following:

- Run upstairs before their draw starts, to make sure the ice machine is on, the cash opened and the cabinets unlocked. It's not necessary to schedule specific individuals for this as it's a 5-minute task and if we all get in the habit of running up to check it will look after itself.
- Restocking the beer fridge from the storeroom as supplies diminish. It is not a big job if each draw does a bit of it. *(It is a big job if someone has to come in on a Sunday to replenish a near empty beer fridge)*
- For closing; if you are Smart Serve certified, make sure you know the process for closing up. If you have opened the bar before your game and are leaving for the evening after your game but before the bar is closed, please ensure there is someone Smart Serve certified left in charge and that they are aware of bar closing procedures. The Bar Closing Manual is found just to the right of the cash register.

We should be diligent in our procedures and we must have only Smart Serve Certified individuals behind the bar. Inspectors have dropped in on us in the past and we can't afford to have an inspector show up unannounced and find someone behind the bar without Smart Serve qualifications. Thanks for your cooperation and assistance.



**Bar Captains** - Lillian will be looking for volunteers to act as Bar Captains for special events, including bonspiels. The Bar captain's role will be to arrange qualified staffing for their particular event, including opening, closing and keeping things stocked up. If we can get an adequate number of Captains, then each Captain may only have one or two events to staff for the season! Please let us know if you will be a captain.

## Other Tidbits Continued

### Kitchen

Linda Sinfield has volunteered to take over the day to day monitoring of supplies for the kitchen as well as the bar food portion. This covers sundry items like butter, popcorn, chips, pickles etc., but does not include supplies for Bonspiels and special events.

### Kitchen Captains

We are looking for volunteers to manage the meals for the bonspiels and special events. This includes working with the event convenor on meal decision, and then arranging the purchasing, staffing and food preparation for the event. You are not expected to do all the work, rather manage the assignment of duties for the events. Please contact Elaine Pye at [elaine.pye21@icloud.com](mailto:elaine.pye21@icloud.com) if you can help or co-manage with someone else.

### Hockey Pool

Speaking of volunteers, **John Peters** has approached the board with a plan for a weekly hockey pool that he will manage. Thanks to John for stepping up with this offer. This is a go and John will be providing the details and will be looking for helpers to take entries from each draw. Stay tuned!



We know there is a lot of information to absorb and we hope we hear from you with offers to help. Also, if you have suggestions or ideas that can benefit our club or streamline the workload, please let us know. You can contact us through [curlingclubsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:curlingclubsecretary@gmail.com)

Don't forget to "like" and follow our Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/LancasterCurling/>



Also to follow our website at <http://www.lancastercurling.ca/> During the curling season, most draws will be posted on our website, so you can have access should you misplace your schedule.

See you at the rink everyone!