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CLUB ENHANCEMENTS

- New Cupboards
- New Painting
- Ice Scraper
- New Stones!
- New Temperature Control

“Convenors need time to prepare for the first draw”

Greetings from your President

We are only a few weeks away from our new curling season. Time to start stretching and doing a few yoga poses to get our golfing and lounging bodies ready to go! We had so many helping hands around the club this summer and I want to send a collective thank you to those amazing volunteers who gave the club a fresh, clean look.

Our Williamstown Fair perch lunches were a huge success with sellouts both days adding over \$1,900 in profit to our accounts! A huge thank you to Elaine Warden for coordinating this and to all her helpers and donations of any kind. I look forward to working with the Board Directors and all of you. Here’s to a good year and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Open House! Thank you,

Rose MacCulloch, President LDCC

New – Invoicing System

You may have noticed that you received an invoice for your 2018-2019 membership fees. We apologize that we neglected to send a letter of explanation prior to sending the invoice. Convenors need time to prepare the first draw; therefore, it was decided that September 30th was an appropriate deadline because the ice is being installed starting October 10th. Each year, approximately 10% of members curl in the draws and pay as late as January. This results in extra work for the volunteers such as the Membership Chair, the Treasurer and the Convenors. The Club is in the process of setting up e-transfer and will notify you with that information as it becomes available. Please understand that it is increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers and the new method provides a more efficient process. The Board did check what some others do for registration and felt this was an appropriate and efficient practice. With any new method, there can be growing pains. We appreciate your patience, so we can continue to enhance our registration process.

Adult Learn to Curl 2018

We are pleased to run the 4th annual “Adult Learn to Curl Program” which will start the week of October 10th. The past 2 years we were at full capacity mostly by word of mouth. If you know anyone who is interested in this program, please have them contact our L2C Coordinator Bernie Filiatreault at bernief@planterra.ca as soon as possible to secure their spot.



Open House – Friday, September 21st, 2018

We are excited for our 2018 Open House! It will be held on Friday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. Rurban Brewery will be present to provide “tasters” of some of the numerous selections they have. We will also have some premium wine to sample. While in attendance at the Open House, we hope you enjoy the many improvements to the club since last season. A huge thank you goes out to so many hard-working volunteers for hours of painting, cleaning and construction! If you haven’t already registered, you can complete your registration at the Open House. This is a free event.

“Rurban Brewery provides tasters.”

From House/Ice Chair – Bruce Andrews

It’s been a busy off season. We received our new stones at the end of August. The new engraved handles were attached to the stones making them ready for a new season of curling. Once the season starts, please be gentle to the new stones as they will have a great deal more action when hit. Much less force will be required in removing stones from the house. We purchased a refurbished battery-operated ice scraper equipped with a 5-foot blade. This will help prepare more consistent ice conditions by providing better coverage across the sheet. The “Icemakers Mistress” control system was just installed to our ice plant. The purpose is to improve the ice playing surface by reducing temperature fluctuations, which in turn produces a more consistent playing condition. Also, this system will reduce our electrical operating costs by 25%. There are ice temperature sensors half way between the Tee Line and Hog Line near the boards at both ends of Sheet # 2. Please do not stand on the sensors, as it will affect the temperature readings used by the control system to maintain our ice. Come out on September 21st to see these new additions.

“The new stones have arrived.”

“Please replace or clean your gripper.”



Lastly, for the 2018/2019 season, please maintain your grippers. Either purchase new grippers or clean your existing ones with a good wash with soap and water. This is a good practice as debris left behind from grippers can be a nightmare. The little bits of debris or rubber that come off a gripper can cause rocks to pick and leave the ice looking dirty. Have a good season.

Smart Serve Training

A Smart Serve training session is being organized for early October. If you are interested in assisting behind the bar occasionally, and are not “Smart Serve” certified, please contact Bill Hughes and he will add you to the list for the training. whughes22000@gmail.com



We want to inform you of a few bar price changes. A 6 oz glass of wine will now be poured instead of a 5 oz glass, at a price of \$5.25. Also, to keep a wider variety of beer in stock and to reflect current price increases, bottled beer will now be priced at \$4.25/bottle.

Swing & Sweep October 13th, 2018



The annual Swing & Sweep on October 13th will take you out of the golf season and into the curling season all in one day! The Swing & Sweep has been a huge success the last few years so don't wait to sign up to secure your spot! Sign up as a team, a double or an individual. Please see the attached poster for more details on the event! Contacts for this event are:

Bill Hughes whughes22000@gmail.com

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2018/2019 Board of Directors

President -	Rose MacCulloch
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Advertising-	Elizabeth McCormick
Communication -	Colleen MacCulloch
Curling Development -	James Doonan

"New Board of Directors are excited for the 2018/2019 Curling Season."



We try to keep our members and interested individuals from the public aware of our club activities through our Facebook page. Please visit our page and "like" it and you receive notifications of our events and stories. It is a great way to promote our club in the community! <https://www.facebook.com/LancasterCurling/>



As we begin thinking about our curling season we recognize that we have some members experiencing difficulty from either illness, injury or the loss of a loved one. For all of those members and families, we want you to know that your curling club family is thinking of you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time and always.