



UPCOMING EVENTS:

**FREE
LEARN TO CURL**
Sep. 14, 21, 28
Oct. 1
7 to 9 pm

OPEN HOUSE
Sep. 14
7 to 9:30 pm

**MEMBER'S
PRACTICE ICE**
(click 'news'
on website)

**SHAREHOLDER'S
GENERAL
MEETING**
Sep. 17
7 pm

**CURL FOR
CANCER SPIEL**
Sep. 26

**ADULT NOVICE
CLINIC**
Thursdays starting
Oct. 16
6 to 8 pm

**FIND IT
ALL
AT
www.curl.ca**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Curling season is fast approaching. There are a number of events in September that we want to bring to your attention. But first, we need to pass on some news. Long-time Head Ice Technician, Darrin Sinclair, has accepted a position with the Highland Country Club in London. Our Board and the club members are sorry to see Darrin leave the Club after almost 30 years of making and maintaining quality curling ice in this Club. We are sure that members will join the Board in wishing Darrin every success in his new position in London. We are sure to see him at bonspiels, either curling or making ice, in the future. Darrin, thank you for your contributions to the Club and to curling, you will be missed.

We have contracted Audra Lindsey as our Head Ice Technician on an interim basis while we go through a selection and hiring process for a new Ice Technician. The position as been posted on a number of key curling websites; applications are expected through August with interviews and a selection to follow. Audra is a Level 3 Ice Technician; she has worked most recently at the Fergus and Ayr Curling Clubs. We are very fortunate to have Audra join us and we are sure that you will welcome Audra to the Club.

The Board of Directors continues to implement the Club's Strategic Plan and follow-up on the results of last year's member survey. Both encouraged increased use of volunteers in the Club. A number of members have already indicated interest in specific volunteer activities through the survey (thank you - we will be in touch). There is already considerable volunteer activity at the Club, and the member response to a call for help with the Grand Slam event scheduled for January 2010 was tremendous.

Please indicate your interest to be a volunteer by emailing the club at curling@guelphcurling.com or by phoning (519) 822-6171. We would appreciate it if you would sign up in one or more of the following areas: 1) Learn to Curl; 2) Marketing and Promotion; 3) Bonspiels and Functions; 4) Bar; 5) Ice Maintenance; 6) Repairs/Building Maintenance; 7) New Member Support; 8) Junior Program. If you know of other ways that you could help the club, please indicate those also. A mem-

ber of the Club staff or the Board of Directors will be following up with you.

The amount of time that will be needed for each volunteer activity will depend on the activity and will be arranged to fit with individual member availability. For example, for Learn to Curl, you could help out at one session or volunteer for all of them. Similarly, members can sign up to help at one bonspiel or function, or several. As part of our Marketing and Promotion, we plan to have a table in the Stone Road Mall on August 28, 29 and 30 to promote the free Learn to Curl sessions, the 25% discount for new members and the Grand Slam event. We need volunteers to help with this marketing effort.

If you volunteer for Ice Maintenance or the Bar, you might have one or two shifts (an afternoon or an evening) per month, but this will depend on the total number of volunteers interested and committed. The Club will provide training for volunteers on ice maintenance and bar procedures. Building maintenance volunteers could help out on a project basis, for example painting or repairing the floor/walkway in the ice area, or several projects.

Several of you suggested through the Member Survey that we develop mentoring for new members; volunteers are needed for this program. Mentoring involves making contact with new members to make them feel welcomed, providing information on the Club, introducing the new member to other members and tips on things a current member takes for granted (like "How do I enter a Bonspiel?", "When can I practice, is there anyone available to instruct?") Our Junior Curlers would appreciate volunteers assisting with the Junior Program and the time commitment could be flexible.

If you are interested in the many volunteer opportunities the Club offers, please contact Kathy Brown at the Club by e-mail or phone. Thank you in advance for your support.

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COMING EVENTS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

Upcoming Events

We have 4 *Learn to Curl* sessions coming up - **September 14, 21, 28 and October 1**. Please spread the word to people you know that might be interested in giving curling a try. Anyone interested in these sessions should call or e-mail the Club to register so we know how many to expect. **September 14th** will also be our **Open House** night. Please stop by and say hello. You will be able to pay your registration fee for the year (including a credit card option), buy any new equipment you might need, and most importantly, get together with friends for a drink and some catching up.

The other night to mark on your calendar is Thursday, **September 17th** for a **General Shareholders Meeting**. On June 24th, we did not have a quorum (175 shareholders or proxies) at our Annual General Meeting. We were able to provide information to those present and we had a good discussion about the Club, but we were not able to carry out business, including the election of the Board of Directors. To ensure that we could continue to operate effectively the Board took steps to maintain continuity and this was reported to the Shareholders earlier this month. Dan Lawson, Bob Beaupre and Mary Pat Garton have been appointed to the Board to fill 3 vacancies. Helen Donaldson, David Robertson, Jim Wheeler and Roger Meyer have been appointed to the Board to fill 4 vacancies until the next meeting of the Shareholders on September 17; they will stand for election at that time. The Board members are listed opposite and the committee(s) each are engaged in are also noted. If you have an interest in any of the committees, please contact the respective Board member.

If you are a shareholder, please plan to attend or return your completed proxy as soon as you receive it in the mail or by email. The form of proxy will be included in the next Notice of Meeting.

Over the coming weeks we will also be sending out an invitation to current members, past members and last year's Learn to Curl participants to join the Guelph Curling Club or participate in a pay-as-you-play league. You can register at any time as the registration forms are available on the Club website.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year. With the Grand Slam Event coming to Guelph in January and the Olympics following that, we have a great opportunity - as our Vision Statement says - for "Sharing the passion of curling."

See you at the Club!

Jim MacKenzie, President &

George McCaw, Past President

Board of Directors

Jim MacKenzie—President

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Roger Meyer—Finance

David Robertson—Planning, Finance

Jim Wheeler—Bonspiels/Functions, House/Property



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UPCOMING CLINIC

Adult Novice Clinic, Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 October 15th to November 19th, 2009

This is a six-week course that will take you from a non-curler or beginner curler to someone who, with practice and experience, has all the tools required to have fun, be safe, and enjoy the sport of curling. We will meet for two hours, once per week at the Guelph Curling Club, you will also be expected to do some work on your own.

You will learn about the equipment required to play the game, the facilities the game is played in, and most importantly, the skills required to enjoy the game. We will also cover safety, the etiquette of the game and game strategy.

To participate, you will need: a pair of clean running shoes or curling shoes, warm loose fit or flexible clothing that allows you to bend and move freely. Wearing layers of clothing is recommended, including a t-shirt, sweater and polar fleece. Gloves and warm hats are encouraged for those who feel the cold quickly. The other equipment you'll need is supplied at the club i.e. sliding tape and a brush for sweeping your team's rocks, and for stability when walking on the ice and delivering a rock.

Tentative Schedule (6 pm to 8 pm)

Week One – 1.5 hours off ice, 0.5 hours on ice

Introductions, Safety, Etiquette, Team Positions, Game Play, Facility Tour, Warm ups, On Ice Orientation, Scoring and Delivery Demonstration.

Week Two – 0.25 hours off ice, 1.75 hours on ice

Review and Warm Ups, Delivery - Parts One, Delivery Part Two and Delivery Part Three.

Week Three – 0.5 hours off ice, 1.5 hours on ice

Review and Warm Ups, Delivery Review and Practice, Line of Delivery Visualization, and Sweeping Basics.

Week Four – 0.75 hour off ice, 1.25 hour on ice

Strategy, (Preventing, Probing and Pursuing), FESRAIN analysis and a 4 end game.

Week Five – 0.5 hours off ice, 1.5 hours on ice

Review Delivery, Sweeping Drills and 2 ends of play based set game scenarios.

Week Six – 0.5 hours off ice, 1.5 hours on ice

Equipment Discussion - Shoes, Brushes and why you might want to upgrade at some point, followed by a coached 6 end game.

Cost: \$20 for current members, \$60 for non-members (\$40 of which may be applied to new memberships)

Registration: To register, contact the Guelph Curling Club at curling@guelphcurlingclub.com or call 519-822-6171.

Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

Curling Experience:

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY.....

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SEASON
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SHOE
SPECIALS
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BEGINNERS TO
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A new curler is someone who has not curled at the GCC in the past 2 seasons

.....OTHERS DID PLAY !

On May 2nd, the *Blue Jean Gala* was a great success with over 100 members and guests dancing and partying to the music of DJ Brad Howell. Hopefully this is the first of many to come.

On May 28th, the *Slash & Hack Golf Tournament* was rained out on the golf course, but not back at the club. 80 members and guests enjoyed a great meal prepared by our new caterer and prizes were easier to win—no skill required, just a lucky draw out of the hat.

The *Sticks & Stones Summer Spiel* was held August 7th, 8th & 9th. 3 games of curling and a round of golf kept everyone active, and the action continued with dancing to the Neil Murray Band on Saturday night.

11th Annual Curl for Cancer FUNSPIEL

Saturday, September 26th, 2009

At the Guelph Curling Club

**Any Combination of Players—No Experience Necessary
Men, Women, Seniors, Juniors**

\$130 per 4 Person Team
2 – 6 End Games

Draw #1 - 1st game 10:00 am, lunch at 11:30 am, 2nd game 2:00 pm
Draw #2 - 1st game 12:00 noon, lunch at 11:30 a.m. 2nd game 4:00 pm

GIANT SILENT AUCTION

(donations welcome)

Questions?

Please contact Bruce Folkard at (519) 821-4879.
or e-mail bruce.folkard@rogers.com or Craig Martin at craignemec@aol.com

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