



Guelph Curling Club

## Membership Form

available at

[www.curl.ca](http://www.curl.ca)

**New Curler Rate\***  
**25% Off**  
**Regular Rate**

\*A new curler is someone who has not curled at GCC in the past 2 season

## Tell Your Friends & Co-Workers about Free Learn to Curl

**Monday, Sep. 12**  
**Monday, Sep. 19**  
**Monday, Sep. 26**  
**Thursday, Sep. 29**

**7 pm to 9 pm**

**Call 519-822-6171**  
**to register**

### Open House

**Monday, Sep. 12**  
**7 pm to 9:30 pm**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Following the June Annual Meeting, I was elected by the Board to the position of President of the Guelph Curling Club for the next year (or two). Over my 17 years as a Guelph Curling Club member I have had the privilege of meeting and curling with many of you, but for those who I have not met, a little background. I am retired from a career with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, first curled Friday Night Social for two years and then joined other leagues, most recently Monday and Tuesday evenings and Thursday (Men's Social). I am not much of a curler, but I enjoy myself at the Club.

I consider it a great honour to join the ranks of those who have led the Club over the years and look forward to working with a dedicated Board, our skilled and highly effective staff, the many energetic volunteers and our members to provide a top quality curling experience for all. The primary challenges going forward continue to be increasing membership, financial security and development of the Club property.

Throughout this and future newsletters, most of the reporting from the Board will be done by Chairs of Board Committees and staff. I encourage you to read their updates and messages to stay current with the affairs of your club. There is one item I

must report on in this newsletter and that is the major header replacement and ice area renovation that took place while the ice was out. Firstly, the scope of the undertaking was massive and the work involved could have been daunting to a club with a less qualified ice technician or a less enthusiastic group of volunteers. Secondly, in terms of paying for the project, it is no surprise that Club members and others are very generously contributing through the various avenues being provided. By doing so, you are demonstrating the value you place on the curling and social benefits that accrue from the Guelph Curling Club. Bravo to all who have made donations and to all who are still determining how you wish to participate financially. To learn more about the header project and the fundraising opportunities, please refer to those sections in this newsletter.

In my working days I was told by my staff that I was unapproachable, but they were wrong. The Board and I will welcome your concerns and look forward even more to hearing your solutions. Awaiting another great curling year,

Jim Wheeler, President



**OLD HEADER**



**NEW HEADER**



**GUELPH CURLING CLUB**

Established 1838

*"A Royal Experience"*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Aug. 14 to 26**  
Trillium Junior  
Curling Camps  
&  
High Performance  
Camp

**Mon. Aug. 29**  
Practice Ice Starts

**Wed. Aug. 31**  
Summer  
Major League Starts

**Sat. Sep. 24**  
A Night in Old  
Hollywood Gala

**Thurs. Sep. 29**  
Business Women's  
Open Social

**Sep. 30 to Oct. 2**  
Team  
Glenn Howard  
Fantasy  
Curling Camp  
teamglennhoward.com

**Oct. 21 to 23**  
Richard Armstrong  
Memorial Open  
Bonspiel  
(Asham Cup Series)

**Sat. Oct. 29**  
Curl for Choice  
dyingwithdignity.ca

**Watch**  
for details at the  
club and on the  
website



No Header, No Ice.

**Guelph Curling Club Presents...**

# **A Night In Old HOLLYWOOD**

**Join us for a fabulous Gala evening on  
Saturday September 24, featuring a Fund  
Raising Goods & Services Auction!**

*All Welcome to Join us in Supporting Curling in our Community!*

*Proceeds will go towards our 'Header' Replacement, Kiwanis Club of Guelph  
and Children's Foundation of Guelph & Wellington for Junior Curling.*

**Tickets \$75**

**Tables of Eight Available for Reservation.**

**Cocktails 6:00 • Dinner 7:00 • Auction &  
Dance to Follow**



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**The Organizing Committee is looking for items to be  
Donated for the 'Header' fund raising auction.**

**Your donations would be welcomed and appreciated !!!**

*Do you have a Cottage, Timeshare or Boat? Trade or Service? Artisan Craft Item?  
Bottle of Wine to contribute to the 'Wheel Barrel of Wine'?*

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*Interested in Volunteering? We are still looking for interested individuals to assist with the preparations!*

## HOUSE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The first of June brought thoughts of holidays, warm weather, beaches and fun in the sun. For a group of approximately 25 members, June brought hours upon hours of work, on the hottest days of the month.

Outside Earl Gagnon & Doug Lane dug up and trimmed the garden and shrubs at the front of the building. The bushes and shrubs now look well manicured and the club is again a nice place to look at, when you walk in the front door.

Once inside you will notice the ice surface area is brighter. Since the first week of June the brine pipes (that lay in sand under the ice) have been drained and removed. The boards all around the ice were removed. This let Cimco Ltd, the company who were replacing the header, begin their work. In two days the old header was gone. They said it was one of the easiest removal jobs ever by them, because of the work done before they got to the headers.

After the headers were gone, the volunteers again took over. All the boards were removed, the walls, lights & beams were washed, the "Low E" insulation was removed from the beams. This left us with a concrete floor and nothing else in the ice area. Cimco came in and installed the new header. By June 24, one week ahead of schedule we had our new header. The volunteers again took over building new frame work for the walkway on all four sides. By July 1 we had a walk way at the home end and all the frame work and boards cut for the other sides. Another warm day saw the reinstallation of the pipes to the ice surface. Believe it or not there is 9.5 miles of pipe out there (one pipe running across sheet 1 to 8 every 4", the length of the ice (145 ft), the pipes were then reconnected to the header. Two days and 60 tonnes of sand later the ice area was level and ready to have the refrigeration plant turned on. With very few leaks found the project was almost completed. New arena board around the ice surface helped brighten the area and the ice was on its way. With a deadline of August 13, the work of the volunteers was almost done. All the boards were installed and painted. New carpet was laid at the near & far ends. Rick had about 7 days to paint the circles and have usable ice. On Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> the ice was ready to be used.

The work on the ice was done in most part with volunteers. However, without the expert guidance of our ice maker Rick Hutchinson, wife Jennifer and the family, this project would have taken many more hours and dollars to complete. The Board of Directors approved a budget of \$50 K. With the generous donations of a skid steer and scissor lift from CRS Equipment Rentals, and over 700 volunteer hours, the cost should be close to budget.

Also when you enter the club and go to your respective locker rooms, you will see new carpet has been installed in the lower lounge. The ladies locker room also has new carpet. This new carpeting was done because of a power failure in May, which shut down our sump pump. The storm that caused the power outage continued and the water drained in to the basement and with no pump working, we had 1 1/2" of water in the basement. New carpet & cabinetry was a result of the water damage and the work has almost been completed.

A lot of work has been done during these warm days of summer by a number of members. When you talk to them, say THANK YOU.

Fred Osburn, House & Property Chair

### Business Women's Opening Social

*Join us for a night of retail therapy!*

Renew old friendships and make new ones while experiencing one of life's greatest pleasures....SHOPPING!

The curling club lounge will be transformed into every women's dream shopping extravaganza with jewellery from the **Pretty Chic Boutique**, purses and bags from **Bagbiz** and fashion compliments of **Dressings**.

Leisurely shop while sampling delectable nibbles and sipping fantastic wine.

**Date:** September 29, 2011  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2011-2012

**Jim Wheeler—President**  
**Jim MacKenzie—Past President**  
**Margaret Bancroft—Secretary**  
**Ferne Kelly—Treasurer, Finance**  
**Hazel Smith—Ladies' President**  
**Karen McRae—Business Women's President**  
**Cliff Arcand—Membership**  
**Bob Beaupre—Membership**  
**Amanda Gebhardt—Bonspiels & Functions**  
**Mary Pat Garton—Bonspiels & Functions, Finance**  
**Roger Meyer—Finance**  
**David Robertson—Finance, Volunteers**  
**Fred Osburn—House & Property**  
**Boyd Bell—House & Property, Membership**

### PRACTICE ICE

Practice Ice is available to members at no charge.  
Check out available times on the website or call the office to reserve your time.



**AUCTION ITEMS  
DONATED  
(SO FAR) TO  
A NIGHT IN OLD  
HOLLYWOOD  
GALA**

Condo in Quebec  
(1 week)

Florida Home  
(1 week)

Curling Lessons

Home Landscape  
Design

"With the Grain"  
Gift Package

Round of Golf for 4  
at Cutten Club

Artwork (Prints)

CD Holder

Cottage at Colpoys Bay

Dinner for 6 at Cutten  
Club's Chef's Table

Year Supply of  
Hagen Daz Ice Cream

Knitting Kit

Coffee Tasting &  
Coffee for 12 at  
Planet Bean

Golf Package

**What is your talent?  
Think about  
donating an item or  
your expertise to  
the Auction.**

Keep watching the  
website for updates

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE HEADER

**THE HEADER HAS BEEN INSTALLED  
THE FUNDRAISING CONTINUES  
TARGET = \$50,000**

### 3 WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

#### **#1—Header Sponsorship**

**Funds Raised to Date = \$8,200**

##### **Sheet Sponsor at \$1000 per sheet**

There are eight opportunities to sponsor at this level.

The company, group or individual will receive:

- ◆ Large recognition on a custom-designed plaque installed at the Club in a prominent location
- ◆ Link on Club website for two years
- ◆ Logo/Name on Club playing area wall or ice for two years

##### **Contributors**

David Halls—Royal LePage Royal City Realty, Ladies' Curling Section,  
Jerry Lassaline, Marlene & Rod Stork, Boyd & Lynn Bell, Bernie Austin

##### **End Sponsor at \$500 per end**

There are ten opportunities to sponsor at this level.

The company, group or individual will receive:

- ◆ Recognition on a custom-designed plaque installed at the Club in a prominent location.
- ◆ Link on Club website for one year
- ◆ Logo/Name on Club playing area wall or on the ice for one year

##### **Contributors**

Bruce Folkard & In Memory of Judy Folkard, Ross & Carol McKinnell, Jim Wheeler

##### **House Sponsor at \$200 per house**

We have sixteen sponsor opportunities at this level.

The sixteen sponsors will be recognized on a custom-designed plaque installed in the Club Lounge.

##### **Contributors**

Cam Davidson, Bruce McIntosh

##### **Member Sponsor at \$50.**

Members can also support the fundraising with a \$50 contribution. Members who participate will be recognized on a custom-designed plaque installed in the Club Lounge.

##### **Contributors**

John Steele, Hugh Lehman, Ken Inch, Laura Davis-Cook, David Murray,  
Ed Green, Patrick Kyba, Cliff Acton, Gini Bourner, Herman Deboer

#### **#2—Rock Handle**

**Funds Raised to Date = \$9,150**

**Have your name placed on a Rock Handle for \$150**

#### **#3—A Night in Old Hollywood Gala—September 24, 2011**

Including Silent & Live Auctions  
(partial list of items on left side of this page)

Information Poster on Page 2 of this newsletter

**Make your donation through Kiwanis Club of Guelph and receive a charitable tax receipt. Call the club (519) 822-6171 for details.**