

Welcome Back!

Since last season, there have been a number of upgrades to the club. Recently completed upgrades are the new carpet in the viewing area of the club as well as the new paint on the walls. The lights in the ice shed have also been upgraded to bring the lighting level to a more acceptable standard.

Other changes still in progress are the conversion of the small room next to the men's change room into a wheelchair accessible washroom. There are also changes in the men's change room to make the area wheelchair accessible. These changes are in anticipation of the 2009 wheelchair championships we are hosting at the club.

New Members

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome all new members to the Lakeshore Curling Club. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to approach your league reps, any of the board members, or Andrea in the office.

Don't forget to leave your name at the office so we can order your free name tag!

Fee Payments

Just a reminder fees are due for all curlers. You can make your payments payable over 2 installments, one by the end of September and the second by the end of October. Many thanks!

Four Foot Lines?

Just what are those two red lines between the top of the house and the hog line? No, Brian didn't measure four foot lines improperly! Those lines are in place for the 2009 wheelchair championships. Due to a recent rule change, wheelchair curlers are required to place their stones within those 2 lines when delivering:

"...stone position for delivery will include two (2) additional lines, 18 inches (45.72 cm) either side of the centre line to facilitate a range of stone placement options..."

Bell System

During our annual AGM in the spring, there was a motion from the floor favoring the use of a bell, or buzzer, system in place to time limit league play in the upcoming season. This is to be used in situations when back to back draws are scheduled.

After much feedback from board members and league reps, the majority wish to see the buzzer sound at 1 hour 50 minutes into the draw, allowing 10 minutes to complete the end and the game.

The bottom line will be that everyone must be off the ice by 8:20 (which allows for tie breaking draws).



2009 TSX Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships

Volunteers are needed now for the Wheelchair Championships in March 2009. Please consider getting involved to make this event a great success. Contact Erin Edmundson or Trenal Hubley-Bolivar at: cwcc-2009@hotmail.com or contact the office at 869-CURL. Many thanks!



Upcoming Events

We now have a calendar of events linked from the main page of the club website, listing all the events planned for the upcoming season. Check this link frequently for updates.

We have planned our Christmas Social earlier this year to avoid the seasonal rush. You may want to mark the Nov 29th date on your calendar now to join us for the Christmas Social. Who knows, you may win a turkey!

Online Login and Account Management

Did you know you can manage many of the options in your online account yourself? Once you log in to the members area on the website, there are several options from which you can choose:

-My Account allows you to view your personal information. Please check your email address to make sure it is correct. You can also change your password here!

-Spares List lets you view the spares who like to spare in your league.

-Leagues lets you view the league of your choice and check the standings and schedule for the season.

-Directory is a listing of all the curlers who are actively registered in the club along with current contact information.

If you have forgotten your login details, you can click the **'Forgot your Login Details'** link on the main page and have your username and password emailed to your registered email account.

Opening on the Board

The Board of Directors has a Member at Large position opening for the upcoming season. Bruce Lohnes will be leaving the board as he is not returning to the club. Many thanks to Bruce for his contributions to the Lakeshore Curling Club. We wish him all the best.

This board position will be mainly involved with membership development.

Junior Curling Registration for 2008-09

Registration for the junior curling program will take place Tuesday, Oct 14th to Thursday, Oct 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 at the club. Registration forms are available on the website.

There is also a **free** "Learn to Curl" clinic Oct 18th, 10-2pm for interested junior curlers. If you are 12 or under, you must wear a helmet.

Adult Rental Information

Another way to access our facility is through our Curling Rentals Program, where a sheet of ice can be rented for a 2-hour session. Basic equipment will be provided as part of your rental fee. For more information please contact Andrea at 869-CURL (2875).

Scramble Curling for Members and Guests

Scramble Curling takes place virtually every Sunday 12:30pm - 2:30pm except during special events. On weekends when bonspiels occur, all cancellations will be posted on our website.

Non-Members can also take part by purchasing a 1-Scramble Pass (\$10.00), a 5-Scramble Pass (\$40.00), or a 10-Scramble Pass (\$70.00). These Passes are available to those 20 years and older, and are all subject to HST.

School Activity Program

The Curling Centre is also available to School Groups (12-18 years) at a cost of \$5.00 plus HST per student for a session of up to 2 hours. We will supply certified instructors along with basic equipment. For more information please contact Andrea at 869-CURL (2875).

Curling Tips: Safety First

Warm-up properly before a game of curling, as this greatly reduces the risk of strain or stretch injury. Wear shoes with soft rubber soles for maximum grip and be very careful when you move over the ice.

Do not step over stones and always step onto the ice with your gripper foot first. After delivering a stone, wait until you have stopped sliding forward before attempting to stand up, and then rise on your gripper foot – not your slider foot.

League Reps

MMO & WMO: Doug Gray
TMO & ThMO: Dennis Grant
MNW: Marilyn van Eden
MNM: vacant
TNO: John Clahane
TNC: vacant
WNO: Keith McMaster
ThSM: Brian Hausman
ThFM: vacant
FNC: vacant

The new leagues for the 2008-09 season, will also need reps. If you are interested please leave your name at the office, or contact President Les Macey.

Angus Ross

Shortly before publishing this newsletter, we learned of the passing of Angus Ross, "The Real Angus", as Alf Gillis would say.

He will be greatly missed on the ice and around the club! Our sincerest condolences go out to his family.

Staff Updates

Please join us in welcoming Denise Penwell to the staff of the Lakeshore Curling Club. Denise will become a very familiar face to the morning curlers as she will be opening the club and working from 8:30 to 12:30 during the morning draws.

NS Curling Association News

The NSCA is looking for a volunteer Secretary for their Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact the NSCA at nscurl.com

Curling Terminology?



Tough shot: Anything the Skip misses.
Blanked end: Nobody had draw weight.
Double: What you order at the bar when you lose.
Draw weight: ...What's that?

Club Executive

Les Macey, President
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Janet Munholland, Secretary
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