



Annual Newsletter 2017-2018

Welcome Back!

A Message from the President

Welcome to the official start to the 2017/2018 Season of the Deep River Curling and Squash Club. I expect that the response that I will get to that remark would be that the 2016-2017 season never ended because most of us have spent many hours this summer performing tasks which we thought were totally unrelated to Curling or Squash.

This year's season will start with a **Wine and Cheese Registration and Open House on Friday, September 29th, starting at 6:30 pm.**

Thanks are due to the entire membership for their support, both financially and through hours of volunteer labour given to make this season a reality.

Come out and join us in congratulating the two members who have worked hardest at making this evening possible. Bill Shorter and Chris Knight have worked tirelessly all summer at recruiting volunteer labour, and scheduling work parties to ensure that we were ready for the professionals from A/C Mechanical to do their part, so that our Summer Floor Restoration Project was completed in time for another great year of curling.

We look forward to meeting new and prospective members plus renewing friendships with returning members. Come out for an enjoyable evening of socializing. The Registration form is on the last page of this newsletter. Be sure to bring it with you to the Open House.

See you there!
Janice

Floor Restoration Project

In April, the club members approved a proposal to refurbish the curling club ice plant. The existing brine piping was end of life and leaks were becoming more frequent. The brine chiller

was also at or past end of its expected life. With generous donations from members and others, the required funds (~\$150,000) were raised to allow the project to proceed.

Through the months of May, June, July and August, the ice area was prepared for the new piping using volunteers. This required:

- o Removing the walkways and side boards to access the brine piping.
- o Draining the brine from the piping and storing for re-use.
- o Removing the ice piping (3 miles of polyethylene pipe) and the supply and return headers.
- o Removing the sand covering the Styrofoam insulation under the rink floor.
- o Removing the Styrofoam insulation (~1000 - 2'x 8' sheets) and storing for reuse.
- o Carefully re-levelling sand base.
- o Reinstalling the insulation was reinstalled and installing a thick plastic membrane on top of the insulation.
- o Rebuilding and painting the side boards.
- o Painting the side walls.

In August, the old brine chiller was removed and the new brine chiller moved into the ice plant room by our refrigeration contractor, AC Mechanical. In early September, AC Mechanical began installation of the new brine piping and chiller.



Bill Hunter Volunteer of the Year Award

This past year, the Bill Hunter Volunteer of the Year award went to Della Janzen for her tireless efforts at the club.

The Bill Hunter award has now been retired, Della being its last recipient. Moving forward, the Volunteer of the Year Award will be known as the Ruth

and Evans Harrison Volunteer of the Year Award. The Harrison family has shown us great generosity through hard work, dedication to the club and countless hours of volunteering.

Learn to Curl Program

This will be the third year of our very successful Learn to Curl program! Learn to Curl is a 12 week program designed to teach adults with little to no curling experience all about the game. The Learn to Curl program will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 9:00pm.

Members are encouraged to talk the program up to friends and co-workers.

Little Rocks and Junior Program

We are ready to start our 4th Junior and Little Rock Curling season since we revived our youth curling program in 2014. Last year we had a total of 22 kids (age 7 to 13). The age 10 and older Juniors are playing with the Big Rocks. Those age 7 to 9 are the little rockers (who play with the half size 20 lb little rocks). The emphasis of the program is on learning the skills and etiquette of curling, and having fun. The program takes place on Tuesdays after school from 4:00- 5:15 pm with coaching and supervision provided. Depending on numbers, we may need more supervision help (you need not be a curler to supervise) so if you are interested, please let us know.

This year's program will be highlighted by a field trip to the Olympic Trials in Ottawa for those who wish and also hope to also start some interclub games on the occasional Sunday.

The coaching team will be led by Head Coach, Chris Knight, with assistance of Leo Buckley, Jim Nichols and Connie Robinson and if you have any questions about the program please contact Chris at knightcurler@hotmail.com or 613-584-2888.

Tuesday & Thursday Morning Social Curling

We will once again be offering Tuesday and Thursday morning games for any adult members who wish to attend. The games will commence at 9:00am and teams will be arranged each morning by drawing numbers from a hat. All games are 8 ends with a coffee and chat break after 4 ends.

We will also organize fun bonspiels during the year. Sign-up sheets for each bonspiel will be posted on the bulletin board near the beginning of each month. Each bonspiel will include lunch and prizes for a nominal entry fee.

If you require additional information, contact Terry Arthur at tarthur@magma.ca or 613-584-4162.

Monday & Thursday Night Leagues

After a summer of hard work by the membership, we are getting close to reaping the benefits of all that labour when the ice goes in and the play begins for the 2017-18 season. This season, the Club will start the year operating evening leagues on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Monday League will consist of balanced teams drafted by the skips. New teams will be drafted on 2 or 3 occasions over the course of the season to promote social interaction between members. Teams will play 6 end games on Monday.

During the 2016/17 season, the Monday League peaked at 18 teams once the Learn-to-Curl program graduates started league play. This season we are proposing to run and "balanced-team" league on Tuesday evenings, if the membership expresses sufficient interest.

Tuesday night would have different teams than Monday, so you would be able to play both Monday and Tuesday if you wish. We will post a sign up sheet at the Club and initiate Tuesday curling in early to mid November if enough members to form 4-6 teams express an interest the Tuesday evening option.

For the Thursday League, members will be able to enter a set team (or partial team) at the start of the year. If you wish to enter a team, please list your team members on your membership form. Please note that team entries will only be accepted after the start of the season if it can be done without disrupting the league. Members are also able to sign up individually for the Thursday League and will be placed on a team. Last season, the Club had 10 teams playing on Thursday nights.

On Fridays, a Social Curling League operates on a drop-in basis where teams are drawn each evening. It is open to both members and non-members. The Friday League is free for curling members and only costs \$15 for non-members. This is a great opportunity for club members to introduce their friends to the sport of curling.

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Squash

Stay tuned! We will be giving out more information at the registration night about upcoming leagues and clinics.

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Club Finances

In order to meet rising costs and provide for routine maintenance, membership fees for 2017-2018 have been increased by 3% (excluding Junior fees, that remain the same). We are attempting to meet operating expenses without depending upon club donations (something we are not typically successful with). That way, donations can be used for club improvements rather than routine operations.

Much of the current financial picture for the club is dominated by the generous donations of the members. Nearly \$150,000 was donated by club members and other community supporters that have allowed the curling club improvement project to proceed. The donations of these funds, along with significant commitment of members to assist with labour, have truly enabled our project to succeed. Congratulations one and all!

Current emphasis is a comprehensive review of our financials by the Chartered Accountant Welch LP (Notice-to-Reader). This is prerequisite to the grant application process for the Ontario Trillium Foundation. We plan to apply for a Capital Grant to continue with the revitalization of our facility (roof replacement).

Once again, the key to the continued viability and success of the club is membership. All members can play a part in growing the club by bringing your friends and neighbours to the club or encouraging your colleagues to join our Learn to Curl program.

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Volunteering

This past summer, members of our Club have demonstrated how important volunteering is to the continued success of our organization. Everyone who helped, either financially or with hours of labour, with The Floor Restoration Project is to be commended for his/her dedication and commitment to curling or squash in Deep River.

However, our volunteer efforts are not completed. We still require members to help with general maintenance jobs inside and outside of the Club over the course of the next season. Other areas requiring help include bartending for events, ice making and maintenance, bonspiel organizers and assistants, coaches and much more.

Anyone willing to lend his/her time and talents to the Club is always welcome. Just let us know that you are willing to help out!

Please indicate on your registration form that you are willing to lend a hand. Every effort put into the Club helps make it more enjoyable for all of us.

The Executive thanks everyone who has helped in the past and look forward to working with new volunteers this season. Thanks to everyone and let's start on another great season of our chosen sport!

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External Bookings for Ice or Hall Rentals

Janice Bunge is taking club bookings and events for club hall rentals. Please contact Janice (584-2347; bunge@magma.ca) for all club bookings.

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