



## Annual Newsletter 2018-2019

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# Welcome Back!

### **A Message from the President**

Welcome to the start of the 2018-2019 season at the Deep River Curling and Squash Club.

I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed all their favourite 'off-season' activities that replace the fun times spent at the Curling Club during the fall and winter months.

Summer at the club was less hectic than last year, with the largest improvement being the replacement of the roof over the main lounge. Thanks to Irvcon Roofing of Pembroke we can dispense with the 'table of buckets' that we all became familiar with during last season.

**This year's season will start with a Wine and Cheese Registration and Open House on Friday, September 28th, at 6:30pm.**

Your Executive look forward to meeting new and prospective members, plus renewing friendships with our returning members. The Wine and Cheese evening also doubles as our Fall Annual Meeting and you will be introduced to your new Executive and hear an outline of what is planned for the upcoming season.

The instructors for the Adult Learn to Curl Program look forward to welcoming all new curlers and the Junior Curling Program welcomes back many of last year's Juniors who signed up for further lessons. I had discussions at the Community Registration night which hold promise for a possible Mackenzie Community School Curling Team!

So mark Friday, September 28th at 6:30pm on your calendar and come out for an enjoyable evening of socializing. Registration Form is attached to this newsletter, be sure to fill it in and bring it with you to the Open House.

See you there!

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## **Learn to Curl Program**

This will be the fourth 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 - 9:00 pm.

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

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## **Little Rocks and Junior Program**

We are ready to start our 5th Junior and Little Rock Curling season since we revived our youth curling program in 2014. Last year we had a total of 24 kids (age 7 to 15). The age 10 and older Juniors are playing with the Big Rocks. Those age 6 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.

For this year's program we hope to 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](mailto:knightcurler@hotmail.com) or 613-584-2888.

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## **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 Tom/Karen Doherty at [doherty\\_5@sympatico.ca](mailto:doherty_5@sympatico.ca).

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## **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Night Evening Curling**

Summer is slowing down and the sun is setting earlier each day. That can only mean the curling season will soon be upon us. This season, the Club will start the year operating evening leagues on Mondays, Tuesdays 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. Last season, the Monday League started the year with 16 teams for the first draw dropping to 12 teams once the Tuesday Night League was initiated.

Tuesday nights were also very successful, operating with 7 teams for most of the year. This season we are going to run a “balanced-team” league on Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday night will have different teams than Monday, so you would be able to play both Monday and Tuesday if you wish. Teams will play 8 ends games on Tuesday nights.

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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## Stick Curling

Last season, some of our ‘stick curlers’ played a few games using the Canadian Stick Curling Association rules and enjoyed their time on the ice. A team consists of 2 players, 1 at each end of the sheet, and the 2 delivering curlers alternate delivering 6 stones each while their teammates skip that end. Roles are then reversed for the next end and a game consists of 6 ends. No sweeping is allowed and a game usually takes 60 to 90 minutes. Each player delivers a total of 18 stones (compared to 16 in a regular 8 end game) and each player gets to skip for half of each game.

Daytime ice is available Monday through Friday (weekends also available for those members who still have to work!). If there is enough interest in this form of the game a league will be organized. Initially, ‘show up when and if you can’ games will be tried out. Stick curlers, those who anticipate it in their future, or anyone who is interested can contact Gord Howie at [gordh44@gmail.com](mailto:gordh44@gmail.com) or (613) 584-3590 for further information.

Copies of the C.S.C.A. rules [www.canadianstickcurling.ca](http://www.canadianstickcurling.ca) and a signup sheet for those who want to try it out will be on the notice board on Registration Night.

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## Squash

Squash Players Alert! We have 2 squash courts. We need a squash player volunteer to bring forward your requests to the executive.

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## Club Finances

A small increase in general membership fees of 3% for 2018-2019 have been included in the fee schedule again this year. This increase was necessary to meet rising operating costs and provide for routine maintenance of our aging Infrastructure.

At the end of the 2016/2017 fiscal year we were flush with cash and poised to begin the ambitious improvement project to refurbish the curling club ice plant. We had collected nearly \$150,000 in donations from club members and other community supporters. After all was said and done, at the end of the 2017/2018 fiscal year, the club improvements were completed and over \$44,000 remained in the Club Enhancement Fund.

We applied for an Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant to continue with the revitalization of our facility, specifically for the replacement of our main lounge roof. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in this grant application.

Nevertheless, the donations remaining in our Club Enhancement Fund has allowed us to proceed with the much needed roof replacement over the summer months. Unfortunately, the cost of the new roof will completely consume all the funds that had been set aside for both club enhancements and capital improvements, leaving limited funds available for discretionary spending (roofing contracts totaled \$47,306 + HST).

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## Volunteering

The success of our Club can be attributed to the high level of volunteer support that we always receive from our members. Our very existence is because of the volunteer efforts put forth by early members whose photos are mounted on our walls and those early members who worked relentlessly to build our Club.

Since 1997, when the Dave Hunter Volunteer of the Year Award Plaque was donated by the Hunter Family in memory of Dave Hunter, a most valued volunteer in our Club, the Executive have had a difficult time of choosing the member who they felt most deserved the award.

The first member to receive this Award was Lyall Smith, who for many years organized the Tuesday and Thursday morning social curling. Other recipients of the Award over the years, to name only a few, have been Chris Knight and Ray Walker who work tirelessly perfecting our ice; Leo Buckley who faithfully organizes our Open Bonspiel; Joe Kasaboski who designed and installed our ice cameras; Ken Deugau who organizes the Low Cup Inter-Club competitions, Reg McLeod who assists the Executive with any and every project for which they need help particularly "resident Bartender"; Rick Janzen who has stocked our Bar for many years to ensure that we are never thirsty, and of course the final recipient of the Dave Hunter Award, Della Janzen, who relentlessly keeps us supplied with other necessities. The Dave Hunter Volunteer of the Year Award was retired with the 2016 award to Della Janzen, because all the spaces were used up. A new Volunteer of the Year Award was created in memory of Ruth Harrison and in honour of Evans Harrison. Without their long years of dedicated volunteering our club would not be as successful.

The first recipient of the Ruth & Evans Harrison Volunteer of the Year Award was presented at our Spring AGM to Liz Harrison who for five years organized the lunches the monthly Bonspiels held for the Tuesday and Thursday Morning Curlers.

The new season is about to begin and more volunteer efforts are required. We still require members to help with ice installation and maintenance, general maintenance jobs inside and outside the Club, as well as bartending help for events, Bonspiel organizers and assistants, curling coaches and much more.

Anyone willing to lend his/her time and talents to the Club is always welcome. We hope that everyone will consider our appeal. Every little bit of help is appreciated. Just let us know that you are willing to help out! Remember – we are looking for this season’s Volunteer of the Year.

Please indicate on your registration form that you are willing to lend a hand. If you are unsure of what is needed, don’t hesitate to ask because every effort put into the Club helps make it more enjoyable for all of us.

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## Club Executive

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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.janicem@gmail.com](mailto:bunge.janicem@gmail.com)) for all club bookings.

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