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2024-2025 News!

President’s Welcome from Andrew... *It was just couple of weeks ago I had the privilege of informing you that we will have a curling season, and now I get to share even more exciting news!*

I would like to thank the Nova Scotia Recreation Department for a grant of \$5000 towards our new ice scraper that is arriving just in time to begin our ice install. We hope to be ready to start curling last week of October. Four new pebbling heads have been purchased; and nipper blades have been sharpened. Our Ice tech, Randy Cocks, will be tuning up the new gear and providing us with, what I feel will be fantastic Ice this coming year! Nova Scotia Curling Association will be holding an Ice Installation Clinic during our ice install, with fellow club ice technicians attending.

It has been recognized that our current membership levels have been in decline and change is needed. At our AGM, a League and Dues Committee was formed to make suggestions and recommendations for the upcoming season. The committee presented their ideas to the BOD, all league chairs were then consulted, and changes will be implemented. Evening leagues will change formats with the intention of attracting new members, hoping former members will return, and offer all members more options of play.

Day Curling, Stick Curling and Tuesday Drop-in League will remain the same format as last year. A Junior League is returning on Monday evenings. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening leagues will change to all Open-League entries, any combination of 4 players can enter.

Also new, we will be offering 3 seven-week terms for the curling season, change the lineup, change the night you play, choose to not to play in a term, or play in all three. We now have a 1-league full season membership at a reduced rate. (Check out all options included in a summary of this newsletter and find full details on our website.)

We understand change is tough; however, this is exactly what our approach to this year must be. This will be a trial year for all of us, and a learning curve for Legue Chairs. There is something for everyone! Steps are underway to prepare for online registration to include the new options. Please help spread the news, share this among friends and family! We look forward to a great curling season and seeing you back in the club!

Sincerely, Andrew, President CCC. president@chestercurlingclub.ca

Important dates:

Date	Event
Ice Install	Oct 8 -21
On-site Registration Club OPEN	Oct 21-22 7PM
League Play Begins	Oct 28 th
Turning Point Clinics	Nov 2
Teazer Light U15	Nov 22-23
Teazer Light U13	Dec 13 – 15
Pride Spiel	Jan 4-5
Snowball	Feb 15-16
Jolly bowl	Mar 8

Junior Program:

Our Instruction Program will run on most Mondays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. On selected Saturdays, we will offer games and drills. Monday, October 28th, will be the first day for our junior curlers to come to the club and get the year started. We are also excited to announce a new Junior League on Monday evenings starting at 7:00 p.m. Ages 11 to 18 are welcome to join in as a team or if you are an individual, reach out to us, and we will do our best to get you involved in some play. As always, if you are a parent, coach or curler, we would welcome any help for the Junior Program. Contact Tammy Rent, Junior Chairperson at rent.tamara@gmail.ca or 902-483-9086 for any additional information.

Stick League:

Stick Curling continues to attract more members and support active living. We are continuing drop-in program on Wednesday afternoon starting at 12:45 PM to 3:15 PM and Friday mornings at 9:30 AM to noon. Home and away games will be scheduled 10:am to 1PM. Please contact Terry Atherton at tandjatherton@gmail.com for more information.

Looking to purchase new curling equipment? Grippers, shoes, brooms, pants, mitts, stopwatches and more, contact Tammy Rent at 902-483-9086 or juniors@chestercurlingclub.ca. Prices are very competitive, and all profits go to support the Junior Program.

Club 200...We ask for your support for the Club 200 fundraiser initiative. The price is \$20 per ticket; just add payment for your ticket (s) with your registration. Club 200 tickets are available to anyone, not just to curlers. Email info@chestercurlingclub.ca and we will ensure appropriate payment and ticket delivery arrangements.

Registration:

Membership will be at the club for registration Monday, October 21st and Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM for registration. The exciting new structures for fees and leagues have required significant modifications to our online registration process and we are still making the final tweaks to ensure that the process is as easy to use and to understand as possible. We will notify everyone as soon as the registration portal is open with comprehensive instructions on how to register for the upcoming season. Please check you email regularly.

Membership Types and Fees 2024 / 2025 SHORT DESCRIPTION

NOTE: This is an abbreviated description of fees and membership types. Please refer to the full description for a complete understanding of privileges and responsibilities associated with each category at www.chestercurlingclub.com If there is a discrepancy, the full description prevails. (Approved by Board of Directors - September 24, 2024)

Adult Membership Adult (\$450 annually; \$410 for 2nd adult in same household) Eligible to play in any or all adult leagues and any social / fun spiels. One League Adult (\$300 annually) Eligible to play in Stick Curling League, Tuesday Social League or any one of the open evening leagues and any social / fun spiels. This fee does not apply to Day Curling. One Term Adult (\$160 per term) The curling season is divided into three terms of approximately seven weeks). Eligible to play in any or all adult leagues and any social / fun spiels for that seven-week term. A One Term Adult member may register for any one or two or all terms during a given curling season. One Term One League Adult (\$110 per seven-week term) Eligible to play in Stick Curling League, Tuesday Social League or any of the evening open leagues and any social / fun spiels for that seven-week term. A One Term One League Adult member may register for more than one term during a given curling season.
Student Membership Full-Time Post-Secondary Student (\$250 annually) A student in full-time attendance at a post-secondary institution is eligible to play in any or all adult leagues and social / fun spiels.
Junior 8 to 12 (\$130 annually OR \$70 annually) An individual who is at least age 8 to age 12 years of age as of June 30/24 is eligible to participate in fun and active sessions for learning the basics of curling and improving their skills, practices and bonspiels for their age group will pay a membership fee of \$130 annually. OR An individual who is at least age 8 to age 12 years of age as of June 30/ 24 who has registered and paid for the Monday Night Junior League (\$200 league fee) will pay a reduced membership fee of \$70 (rather than \$130).
Junior 12 to 21 (\$190 annually OR \$100 annually) An individual who is at least age 12 to age 21 years of age or under on June 30/24 is eligible to participate in fun and active sessions for learning the basics of curling and improving their skills, practices and bonspiels for their age group, will pay a membership fee of \$190 annually OR An individual who is at least age 12 to age 21 years of age or under on June 30 / 24 who has registered and paid for the Monday Night Junior League (\$200 league fee) will pay a membership fee of \$100 (rather than \$190). Junior aged 11 to 18 - MONDAY JUNIOR LEAGUE ONLY for the WHOLE SEASON: FEE is \$200. Junior aged 11 to 18 - MONDAY JUNIOR LEAGUE ONLY for ONE TERM: FEE is \$75. We will consider special requests for the Junior League. Please reach out to juniors@chestercurlingclub.ca
Juniors New to Curling (\$70 annually) Any individual who is under 21 years of age on June 30 / 24 and has never been a member of any curling club is eligible to participate in fun and active sessions for learning the basics of curling and improving their skills, practices and bonspiels for their age group.
SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP Social (\$75 annually) A social member is eligible to curl in three regular league games and participate in club social events. This status also includes a free Club 200 ticket.
NON-MEMBER PRIVILEGE TYPES Individuals who have not paid an annual fee to become a member of the club may enjoy several types of limited privileges at the club including:
Guests (no cost) Visitors to the Municipality, sponsored by any member in good standing, may be accorded the use of the lounge, viewing areas and change rooms
Spares (\$20 each occasion) A curler who is not a member of the club or has not paid the appropriate membership fee to take part in a league and wishes to participate in a regular league game. A One League Adult member may spare in a league other than the one in which they are registered by paying the sparing fee.
Practice Status (\$250 annually) A curler who is not a member of the club and not eligible to play in any regular leagues, may book practice ice under the same conditions and schedule as are made available to members of the club.
Coach Status (no cost) All active volunteer coaches must register for Coach Status. An individual with this status is not necessarily a member of the club.
MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES A current member who recruits a new member receives a \$25 rebate in membership fee.