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## Chester Curling Club 2023-2024 News!

### Welcome from Andrew Milburn—Our new President

**Hello everyone, welcome back to another curling season!** As the cooler weather approaches, we reflect on this past summer with the fires and floods, many of you were affected. I wish you all the best as you get things back in order.

I joined the Chester Curling Club last year and had a wonderful time. I grew up in a curling family in Moncton, NB and my home club was the Beaver Curling Club. I have been in NS for 32 years now and curled out of other clubs. I believe Chester has the same feel and dynamics of the Beaver, great folks! I look forward to meeting everyone that I did not have the pleasure of meeting last year.

Our Board has been very busy. In June, Jeff Lamb and Scott Milner attended a two-day Curling Canada Business of Curling Symposium at Mount A University. Lots of exciting information was presented. The Board hosted a series of meetings with some members to help us pinpoint our needs and items to implement. These SWOT meetings focused on our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Thank you to all members who were involved, and to Jeff and Scott for all their hard work. I look forward to talking more with all members on this aspect.

A few notables to mention, our lease value has been raised by the CMP management and insurance rates are increasing. Our annual furnace service revealed that a burner replacement was required, and this has been completed. Our aging oil tank requires replacement once the existing fuel is depleted. We are adding a Google Nest Thermostat so our ice technician can adjust the heating times of the furnace remotely. The ice plant was turned on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> and installation will be completed for our opening week of October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Good news, we have a new sponsor for Ice 4, welcome “Hickory Dickory Decks”. The Owner, Mr. Greg Obrien, was happy to sponsor and has a connection to Team Blades.

Curling Canada has announced a new discipline called “Triples” curling. It’s very exciting and has some great dynamics. We will be giving this a test run on Tuesday evenings during the drop-in league and all are welcome! Also, be aware of the new “NO-Tick Shot Rule” has been adopted by NS Curling Association. More information can be found at [nscurl.com](http://nscurl.com).

We look forward to seeing you again this year for good curling, good fun and reacquainting friendships. Please feel free to reach out to me. You can simply send a note to [president@chestercurlingclub.ca](mailto:president@chestercurlingclub.ca). Sincerely, Andrew, President CCC.

Important upcoming dates!	
ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN	
Oct 16-20	ONSITE REGISTRATION/OPEN HOUSE 7:15 TO 9PM
OCT 23-27	LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS
OCT 30	FIRST MONDAY JUNIOR
NOV 2	FIRST THURSDAY JUNIOR
NOV 6-DEC 7	LEARN TO CURL MONDAYS 7PM TO 8:30 PM
NOV 17-19	TEAZER U15
DEC 1-3	TEAZER U13
JAN 6 & 7	PRIDE SPIEL

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023/2024	
PRESIDENT	ANDREW MILBURN
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DIRECTOR	SCOTT MILNER
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**Volunteers Needed:** To help get our season up and running, we are still in need of a Bar Chair and bartenders, and Membership Chair. If you can support the club in one of these roles, please email the club at [info@chestercurlingclub.ca](mailto:info@chestercurlingclub.ca). We are happy to announce Randy Cocks will be staying on as ice technician. He will require assistance with maintenance throughout the season. Please reach out to Randy: [ice@chestercurlingclub.ca](mailto:ice@chestercurlingclub.ca).

**Equipment for Sale:** 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](mailto:juniors@chestercurlingclub.ca). Prices are very competitive, and all profits go to support the Junior Program.

**Stick League:** Stick Curling continues to attract more members and support active living. We are continuing drop-in program on Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm and Friday mornings at 9:30 am. Home and away games will be scheduled with Bridgewater, Liverpool and Lunenburg throughout the season.

**Junior Program:** More Games! More Fun! Our Instruction Programs will run on Mondays from 2:00-3:00 pm, Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00-11:00 am. Saturday, October 28th will be the first day for our junior curlers to come to the club and get the year started off. Monday, October 30th will be our first Monday session and November 2nd will be our first Thursday session. Parents, coaches and curlers, we know you can help the Junior Program in some way! Even little contributions can make for a wonderful curling season for our juniors. Let's get our kids active in this wonderful sport and make new friends and memories. Please let us know if you can pitch in. Contact Tammy Rent, Junior Chairperson at rent.tamara@gmail.ca or 902-483-9086 for any additional information."

League				CONTACT
DAY CURLING	DROP IN ALL WELCOME	MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY	9:30 AM	SHIRLY MCCA W & TERRY FERGUSON
SOCIAL LEAGUE	DROP IN DEVELOPMENT ALL WELCOME	TUESDAYS	7:00 PM	PAM AND DAVE ADAMS
STICK CURLING	MEMBERS AND DROP-IN GUESTS	WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	1:00 PM 9:30 AM	TERRY ATHERTON
LADIES LEAGUE	SCHEDULED LEAGUE PLAY	WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	MAKAYLA DAUPHINEE
MEN’S LEAGUE	SCHEDULED LEAGUE PLAY	THURSDAY	7:00 PM	DARIN HATT
FRIDAY MIXED	SOCIAL MIXED LEAGUE PLAY	FRIDAY	7:00 PM	GARY CLARK
JUNIOR	INSTRUCTION	MONDAY/THURSDAY/ SATURDAY		TAMMY RENT

REGISTRATION

Category	Cost (inc HST)
Adult	\$418
2nd Adult in household	\$378
Early Bird	\$215
Late Bird	\$286
Stick League Only	\$225
FT Post-Sec Student	\$220
Junior over 12	\$175
Junior 12 & under	\$120
Practice	\$190
Social (includes free 200 Club Ticket)	\$75
200 Club Ticket	\$20

The best way to register for the 2023-24 season is online at [www.chestercurlingclub.ca](http://www.chestercurlingclub.ca) (under Curling>Membership>Registration Process). The membership and other fees are provided in the table to the left and a detailed description of each category is available on the website under the Curling>Membership tab. If you register online before October 20, you will be placed in a draw for a chance to win a rebate of 50% of your membership fee.

Last year we introduced the ability to pay for your membership fee using **VISA or Mastercard** as part of the online registration process and it is being continued this year as it was very popular with members. If you do not use this option, then etransfer, cheque and cash will be available as in previous years.

If you are unable to use the online system for any reason, you may also register and pay in person on Mon-Fri Oct 16-20 – 7:15 to 9 pm at the Curling Club or during the first week of league play during the following week. The ice will be ready so bring along your equipment to try it out while you’re there.

Another feature that was introduced last year was that you will no longer be required to submit a signed paper copy of the waiver form at registration. When you register online you will be asked to acknowledge that you have read and agree to all the terms and conditions on the waiver form stored on the website. Due to the security features of the website, this will have the same legal standing of the paper forms.

Please note that NO league play is permitted until a player is registered, all waivers are acknowledged, and fees are paid in full.

**Lockers...**Lockers will be available this year and members are encouraged to pay their locker fee as part of the registration process.

**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. **Please note: Club 200 tickets are available to anyone, not just to curlers.** Please email [info@chestercurlingclub.ca](mailto:info@chestercurlingclub.ca) and we will ensure appropriate payment and ticket delivery arrangements.

CONGRATUALTIONS to the Lunenburg, Queens Special Olympics team, out of our own Chester Rink. They will be representing TEAM Nova Scotia at Nationals in Calgary February 2024. We look forward to helping them prepare for their national competition.

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