



September 2017 Newsletter

President's Welcome from Carla Stevens

Here it is, that time of the year again to start stretching those curling muscles and get the gear in shape.

Our club had a very busy year last season. For those of you who could not attend the AGM, our treasurer, Danette Gray was happy to report that our year-end financial situation was better than expected. Reports from the AGM are available on the member's homepage on our website; login with your username and password to view them.

We hosted four provincial spiels last season: the Fire Fighters Provincial Curling, Stick Curlers Provincials, the U21 Provincial Women's qualifiers, and the U11 Provincials. They all proved to be very successful in many ways, promoting our curling club as a great place to curl, with friendly members and great curling ice. We are also well known for our wonderful hospitality here in Chester. We know this is not possible without our volunteers, so I thank you all for the time you give to our club.

This season we will be hosting the Maritime Stick Curling Championship and the U11 Provincials (second year in a row), both in March. Our Executive is hoping to have more in-house fun spiels, and to increase advertising avenues to continue to create income in order for the club to exist. We know that our members give up treasured ice time so we can host these provincials that are so important to the club, and we thank you for the continued cooperation.

I would like to challenge all members to bring to the club this season a friend who has never tried curling before. I am sure they would enjoy the social atmosphere of meeting our wonderful members. Ask them: "Hey have you tried Stick Curling yet, or Doubles Curling?" These new leagues are a great opportunity for anyone to get involved and stay active and meet new people.

We will be calling on members to help support in various ways this year, such as ice maintenance, advertising committee, and helping members enjoy what our club has to offer. How would you like to help? Maybe you have a business and would like to advertise? Check out our new options. As much as we love our club, we cannot be there all of the time but would love to hear from our members about any ideas you may have. Drop us a note, or email or call an Executive member.

2017-18	Curling Calendar
Oct 19-20	7 to 9 pm... registration, practice curling, and open bar
Oct 21	Club Opening, Hallowe'en Party, and Canada 150 Celebration
Oct 23-27	League play starts
Nov 4	Coaching Course
Nov 10-12	Oak Island Junior Spiel
Nov 18	Ladies Gingerbread Spiel
Nov 24-26	Teazer Light Junior Spiel
Jan 13-14	Travellers Playdown
Jan 14	Semi-AGM
Jan 27	Jolly Bowl Funspiel – 48 th Annual
Feb 16-17	Snowball
Feb 18	Curling Day in Nova Scotia
Mar 9-10	Provincial U11 Light Rocks
Mar 23-25	Maritime Stick Curling Championship
TBD	Junior/Senior
TBD	Club Closing

I am happy to report that two members of our club have joined the board of the Park Trustees for the complex. Thank you to members David Murdoch and Chad Stevens for your valued contribution.

We look forward to the upcoming season with you and hope to see you and a friend at the club this season. Let's promote and enjoy our amazing club together!

Carla Stevens, President
 CCC, Bringing families and friends together since 1969!
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Membership Fees – 2017-18 Season... The regular adult membership fee is \$305 including HST, with a reduced fee of \$300 for the second adult in a household. The fee for Stick Curling (Wednesday afternoons) and Doubles Curling (every other Monday evening) is \$220 and \$120, respectively. Stick and Doubles Curlers are not permitted to play or spare in other adult leagues. The fee for Pre-Juniors and Juniors is \$85 and \$125, respectively. Payment options are indicated on the registration form on our website.

Early Bird and Late Bird Memberships... For those adults wishing to curl from October to the end of December only, membership fees are \$185 including HST. For those wishing to curl from January to the end of the season, the fees are \$230. Either of these arrangements allows you to curl in any of the adult leagues during the chosen time period.

Social Memberships... Anyone interested in curling on a more social basis (3 times within the season) and having full bar privileges can opt for a social membership of \$50.

Registration... The easiest and fastest way to register this year is online through our website with payments made via e-transfer directly from your bank to ours! To pay in person, drop by the Open House (October 19 and 20, 6:30-8:30 pm) where Danette and Catherine will be accepting completed forms, cheques and cash. They'll also be at the Club 1/2 hour before the start of the first league games (October 23-27) for last minute registrations. The absolute last day for payment of fees is October 31!

Please note that NO league play is permitted until a player is registered and fees paid in full, or until arrangements are made for payment by installments.

**** Chance for 50% Fee Rebate ****... All members who register online before October 15 and whose fees are received by the Club before Friday, October 20 at 9:00 pm will have their names entered into a draw. One lucky member will have their membership fee rebated by 50%.

Open House - October 19 and 20... Kick off the curling season from 700 to 900 pm on each or both of these evenings. Everyone is invited to stop by the Club, throw a few rocks, and/or enjoy a drink and rekindle friendships in our lounge. Bring along friends as this is a wonderful chance to introduce them to curling, stick curling and doubles curling. New members are always welcome!

Club Opening, Hallowe'en Party, and Canada 150 Celebration – October 21... This will be our official Club Opening, combined with a Hallowe'en Party and a celebration of Canada's 150th birthday! We will have some fun curling as part of this, as well as snack food and prizes for the best Hallowe'en costumes, and the draw for the 50% membership fee rebate. This is for all members and their families, and prospective curlers as well.

Lockers... Need a locker to keep your curling equipment in during the season? Sign up on the membership form for one at \$25 including HST. Save \$\$ by sharing with friends or teammates; we have more members than lockers!

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. A maximum of 4 tickets can be purchased. **Please note: Club 200 tickets are available to anyone, not just to curlers.** You can call the Club at 902-275-4965, or just come to the Club on any weeknight that curling is taking place, which is usually Tuesday to Friday, and sometimes on Monday. Club 200 tickets make great Christmas stocking stuffers!

Email Issues... It appears that emails from the Club are not always reaching all members, which we suspect may be related to your email security settings. If you think this may be happening to you, please check your spam folders and junk mail, and change your security settings accordingly.

Ice Installation... We need Help... Our Ice Master Terry Atherton begins installing the ice at the Club on October 2, which involves sealing the floor, multiple stages of flooding, and placing of lines, advertising signage and pennies. Terry needs help with the process, which will take place over a period of several days. Please contact Terry at 275-3885, or at tandjatherton@gmail.com. Even a couple hours of your time will be much appreciated. On-the-job training will be provided.

Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!... Chester Curling Club has no paid staff of any sort. The entire operation is run by volunteers. And in order to continue to be such a successful club, we need your help. Not the person next to you. Not your husband or wife (unless with you). Not your neighbour or the person you know at your workplace. **We need YOU!**

Volunteering is satisfying stuff. It is fun. It provides the opportunity to meet new people, or to get to know people better. It need not be a time-consuming responsibility. No specific skills are required. Just your interest in helping out in any number of different ways to help us get things done or done better. Please consider volunteering. Call us at 902-275-4965. Email us at info@chestercurlingclub.ca. Or contact one of the Executive or the League Chairs listed at the end of this Newsletter.

We also specifically need more Ice Helpers this season, and like last season, we will be scheduling a training session in October. To sign up, please contact our Ice Chair, Terry Atherton, at 275-3885, or at tandjatherton@gmail.com.

As a reward to some of our more active volunteers, we have developed a Volunteer Incentive Program. For each shift worked by a volunteer working the bar or helping with the ice, a credit will be given on their membership dues.

Daytime Curling... Daytime Curling is open to all adult members of the Curling Club. There is no commitment, just come when you can. We start at 9:15 am on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and are finished by noon. We curl eight ends with a break for refreshments after four ends. It's a great time to learn to curl or work on your curling skills ... and have fun.

Stick Curling League... Depending upon interest, we may also have a Stick Curling League this season, on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

Check out our Chester Curling Club Clothing Lines!... We are pleased to again offer clothing which is crested with our Club logo. The clothing lines are provided through Rofihe's in Bridgewater, and include jackets, fleeces, hoodies, dry-fit T-shirts, and hats, for men, women and young curlers. Prices range from \$15 for the hats to \$80 for the jackets. An order will be placed in November with items to be received in time for Christmas. Your deadline to order for Christmas is November 15, 2017.

Images of the clothing, the order form, and related info are available on our website, and will be posted at the Club at the start of the season. Orders may be submitted at the bar or to Cathy Rafuse at 902-527-4259 cell or at cathyarafuse@gmail.com.

Equipment... If you are looking to purchase new curling equipment including shoes, brooms, pants, mitts, bags, and stopwatches, please see Terry Atherton. Prices are very competitive and all profits go to support the Junior Curling Program.

Our Junior Program... a Message from the Chair, Beth Atherton... I am very excited for the 2017/18 junior curling season. Like always we will be hosting multiple Junior Spiels this year. Up first is the 24rd annual Oak Island Spiel, where the best junior curling teams in the Atlantic region come to Chester, followed by the 10th annual Teazer Light Spiel for Under 13 and Under 15 athletes. We will also be hosting the Under 11 Jamboree.

This year we continue to offer two days for young curlers to start to learn this great sport: Mondays at 200 pm and/or Saturdays at 930 am. These sessions are aimed at pre-juniors, and offer kids a chance to learn the basics of the game, generally starting with little rocks and possibly moving up to regular rocks as the season unfolds. New this year, we have a pre junior league. This will give the kids an opportunity to play games and further develop their skills and love for the game.

We also continue to offer a junior league but have moved it to Thursdays after school, along with practice time on Tuesdays after school. Please check with me for more information.

As always, we are in need of volunteer coaches to help run our programs and coach our younger curlers as they form teams. We will be hosting an NSCA Youth Club Curling coaching course on November 4th. No coaching experience is required. The program will help you along the way with tips and access to certification programs.

Beth Atherton, Junior Curling Chair (chesterjuniorcurling@hotmail.com)

Your 2017-18 League Chairs

Your 2017-18 Executive

President	Carla Stevens	275-8064
1st Vice	Jeff Mordeen	228-2700
2nd Vice	Heather Swinimer	279-0330
Treasurer	Danette Gray	531-2402
Secretary	John Sheppard	488-0142
Past President	Jim Mason	483-7440

Day Curling	Mary Raine	273-2085
	Doug Ross	275-4762
Doubles Curling	TBD	
Tuesday Cash	Terry Atherton	275-3885
Stick Curling	Jim Mason	483-7440
Wednesday Ladies	Tamara Rent	483-9086
	Cathy Rafuse	527-4259
Thursday Men	Darrin Hatt	277-0493
Friday Mixed	TBD	
Junior	Beth Atherton	275-2084

We look forward to seeing you this curling season at the Chester Curling Club!!