

September 2015 Newsletter

President's Welcome from Jim Mason

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all members to the 2015-16 curling season at one of the *best curling clubs* in Nova Scotia. As many of you are aware, 2014-15 was not one of our better fiscal years. Last winter, we constructed an extension to the bar that we hope will generate additional revenue going forward. During the upcoming 2015-16 curling season, we plan to introduce some exciting new programs to the Chester Curling Club.

We will be trying a new Volunteer Incentive Program for the bar. For each shift worked by a volunteer, a credit will be given on their membership dues; more details will follow in the weeks ahead. If this program is successful, we will look at extending it into other facets of the Club. Cathy Rafuse has graciously offered to introduce a line of curling apparel, which will include the CCC's logo, and resulting sales should produce some much needed revenue. We are also in the process of developing a new website for the Club. These are 3 of the ideas that we will put in place in the following months.

We are in negotiations for a new lease after last year's efforts did not produce one. We have met with the landlord and hopefully the issue will be resolved shortly. We will keep you posted.

Two new faces are on the Executive this year; Catherine Campbell as Secretary and Grant Astle as 2nd Vice. Our new Junior Chair is Beth Atherton. We also have the positions of Ice and Monday Junior Competitive Chairs open and are looking for members to fill these posts. Any one who is interested, please contact any member of the Executive. I want to express my appreciation to Beth and Harold for their work and dedication on the Executive and to Terry and Andrew for being the Ice and Monday Junior Competitive Chairs. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication!

We are a small club (130 members in 2014-15) and operate on a small budget, so our dependence on volunteers is significant and our members' involvement is the key to our success and survival. While our volunteers contribute a lot to our success, we still need more members to step up to ensure a more prosperous year.

I look forward to seeing you all on the ice for fun and socializing, which after all, is the primary goal for the Club!

Membership at Chester Curling Club

The adult membership rate for the 2015-16 season will be **\$290** (\$252.18 + HST) due October 15. As with last year, we are offering a reduced 2nd adult rate of **\$285** (\$247.83 + HST) and payment options such as email money transfers and an installment plan (details are outlined on the registration form).

Snowbird Memberships

For those curlers wishing to play from October to the end of December, memberships are available for **\$175** (\$152.17 + HST). From January to the beginning of April, the dues are **\$220** (\$191.30 + HST). This enables you to curl in any of the adult leagues during the chosen time period.

Social Memberships

Anyone who would be interested in curling on a more social basis (3 times per year) and having bar privileges can opt in for a social membership at **\$25** (\$21.74 + HST).

Please note, there will be NO league play permitted until membership has been paid in full or arrangements made for installments.

Payments will be accepted at the Curling Club on Tuesday, October 13th to Thursday, October 15th between 6:30-8:30pm. Last minute registration can be made during the Intro to Curling sessions on Wednesday, October 21st to Friday, October 23rd during the same hours.

Lockers...need a locker to keep your curling equipment in during the season? Sign up for one at \$25 (\$19.13 + HST) on the membership form. Save \$\$ by sharing with friends or teammates; we have more members than lockers!

Club 200... We continue to look 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.

Volunteers...urgently needed!

What a fun way to get involved with the Club and meet more fellow curlers! On the flip side of the membership form, you'll find a chart with numerous ways that you can help in making our Club run smoothly and successfully. We are appreciative & thankful for the support of all volunteers!

Please take a moment to tick off the areas that best suit your abilities, interests and time availability.



Learn to Curl with Amy Grapel and Paul Green

The Learn to Curl program, a 6 week course running from Oct 25-Dec 13, provides beginners and those wishing to brush up on their curling skills with the basic rules and techniques in a fun and safe atmosphere. Already in it's 4th year, it is a fantastic way to keep active during the winter and meet new people who want to share their love for this sport.

Many thanks to our volunteer coaches who commit their time & expertise to make this program so successful! If you know of anyone who would be keen to learn to curl, please let them know about this fabulous opportunity. Program details and registration can be found at www.chester.ca.

Intro to Curling Week October 21 to 23

Kick off the curling season from 7-9 each evening. Everyone is invited to stop by the Club, throw a few rocks and/or enjoy a drink and rekindle friendships in our lounge. Catherine will be on hand to take fees and forms for last minute registrations. Bring along friends as this is a wonderful chance to introduce them to curling. Stick curling instruction will be offered. New members are always welcome!

2015-16	Curling Calender
Oct 21-23	Intro to Curling/Meet & Greet
Oct 25	Learn to Curl starts
Oct 26	League play starts
Nov 6-8	Oak Island Junior Spiel
Nov 21	Ladies Gingerbread Spiel
Nov 27-28	Junior Zones
Dec 5-6	Teazer Light Junior Spiel
Dec (TBA)	Christmas Social
Jan (TBA)	Travellers Playdown
Jan (TBA)	Road Trip League
Jan 30	Jollybowl
Feb 13-14	Snowball
Feb 27	President's Cup
Mar (TBA)	Junior/Senior
Apr (TBA)	Closing Social

Looking good in your crested Chester Curling Club Clothing!!

After 5 years, we are pleased to once again offer crested clothing with the Chester Curling Club logo. The items, provided through Rofithe's in Bridgewater, include jackets, hoodies, dry fit T-shirts and hats for men and women. Hoodies will be available in Junior sizes. Prices will range from \$15 for the hats to \$80 for the jackets. An order will be placed in early November with items to be received in time for Christmas.

Look for flyers to be posted in the club and images of our clothing on our website next month.

Help Support our Juniors by purchasing these items at the Chester Curling Club...

DID YOU KNOW...you can get your equipment right at the Chester Curling Club, from brooms to grippers, helmets to mitts and gift certificates...ask your Executive for further details.

Used books...we're always on the look-out for your previously-read books, may they be romances, mysteries, historical fiction, non-fiction and/or children's books. Please take a moment to search your bookcase and boxes in the basement or attic...the Juniors appreciate your help! All books are priced at \$1...a great value!

The Junior Program...

a message from your new Chair, Beth Atherton

"This year will be an exciting year for the Junior program. I will be taking over as Junior Chair and am looking forward to continuing the wonderful tradition of this program. We will be adding a Saturday morning session to the Little Rocks program in the hopes of growing the program. We will also have the afternoon leagues and our competitive league. We will be hosting the U21 Southern Qualifier at the end of November, in addition to our long-standing events- the Oak Island Junior Cashspiel and the Teazer Light U13/U15 event. We are always looking for volunteers to help, so if you have an hour a week and would like to help the youth in the club, please contact me." - Beth Atherton.

Teazer Light U13 & U15 Spiel will happen on Dec 5 & 6th. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of new teams and returning ones also. If you would like to help with this event, contact Beth Atherton at beth-atherton@hotmail.com.

Oak Island- The 22nd Annual Oak Island Jr. Cash Spiel runs Friday, Nov 6 through Nov 8. Once again, some of the best teams in Atlantic Canada are coming to Chester, including 2015 Canada Games Silver Medallist, Mary Fay and 2015 M&M Meats National U21 Bronze Medallist, Rene Comeau. Want to help? Please contact Andrew Atherton, and if you can't help at least try to come out and watch some of the best curlers who will hit the ice in Chester this season.



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Your 2015-16 Executive Committee

President	Jim Mason	483-7440
1st Vice	Carla Rafuse	275-2084
2nd Vice	Grant Astle	541-0582
Treasurer	Danette Gray	531-2402
Secretary	Catherine Campbell	802-0784
Past president	Amy Grapel	273-2166

Your 2015-16 League Chairs

Morning Drop-in	Mary Raine	273-2085
	Doug Ross	275-4762
Monday Junior Competitive	vacant	
Tuesday Cash	Terry Atherton	275-3885
Wednesday Ladies	Tamara Rent	483-9086
	Cathy Rafuse	275-4844
Thursday Mens	Darrin Hatt	277-0493
Friday Mixed	Grant Astle	541-0582
	David Murray	464-0179

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

