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September 2019 Newsletter

President's Message from Jeff Lamb

Welcome to the 2019-20 season at the Chester Curling Club! It promises to be a very special season for us and for the other organizations that use the facilities at Church Memorial Park as it has been 50 years since the opening of the Eleanor Pew Morris Memorial Rink Complex. The curling club will be celebrating this milestone throughout the season through a special edition of our club pins, as well as special events such as the Day of Curling on October 26 and the Park Anniversary Celebration on Heritage Day, February 17, 2020. Be sure to mark those on your calendar, along with all of the other exciting events listed below.

2019-20	Curling Calendar
Oct 22-25	League Play Starts / Onsite Registration
Oct 26	50 th Anniversary Club Opening / Day of Curling
Nov 1-3	Oak Island Invitational
Nov 4	Learn to Curl Program Begins
Nov 16	Ladies Gingerbread Spiel
Nov 22-24	Teazer Light Under 13
Dec 6-8	Teazer Light Under 15
Jan 30-Feb 2	NSCA Junior Mixed Doubles
Feb 14-17	50 th Anniversary Church Memorial Park Celebrations
Feb 14-15	Snowball Bonspiel
Mar 13-15	NSCA Under 11 Provincials
TBD	Jolly Bowl
Apr 6	Club Closing

Last season was a successful one for the operation of the Chester Curling Club. Overall membership numbers increased by about 10% to 221, advertising revenues increased by approximately 20% to over \$4400 and our net bar revenues increased by 46% to \$8900. These improvements helped us to overcome rising operating costs and we ended the year with a modest budget surplus of \$1800. In the upcoming season you will see some new in-ice advertising on display and our Bar Chairs have been thinking up some more theme events to complement the regular offerings at the bar, so our auxiliary revenues should remain healthy and help us to balance the books once again.

In terms of member recruitment, we will begin our 50th season with a celebratory Day of Curling where we will recognize the competitive accomplishments of Chester curlers last year and provide demonstration curling events to familiarize members of the local community with all of our on-ice activities.

We will also offer our popular Learn to Curl program beginning on November 4 and running for 6 weeks at a cost of only \$45. Check out the Chester Rec Department guide for details and registration.

To give our newer curlers a chance to polish their skills and to give working folks the opportunity to enjoy a drop-in curling experience similar to our Day Curling group, we will also be continuing the Tuesday Night league that started last year as a Novice League. We are, however, renaming it the Tuesday Social League to emphasize the focus on fun in

this drop-in, developmental league. Newcomers and experienced curlers looking for extra time on the ice are all welcome.

Our other curling offerings include the following:

Day Curling	8 end drop-in curling group	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 AM
Stick Curling	Stick curling league with teams of 2	Wednesdays at 1:00 PM
Ladies League	Competitive women's curling with teams of 4	Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Men's League	Competitive men's curling with teams of 4	Thursdays at 7:00 and 9:00 PM
Mixed League	Fun curling with mixed gender teams of 4	Fridays at 7:00 and 9:00 PM

We are also exploring possible special events for Mixed Doubles and for Wheelchair curling over the course of the season. Keep track of developments in these areas on our Facebook page and website.

I look forward to another successful Chester Curling Club season, especially as we celebrate our 50th anniversary year!

Sincerely,
Jeff Lamb, President

Category	Cost
Adult	330.00
Early Bird	155.00
Late Bird	230.00
Stick Only	240.00
Doubles Only	165.00
Student	175.00
Jr over 12	135.00
Jr under 12	95.00
Social (3games)	50.00
Locker	25.00
200 Club	20.00

Membership Fees – 2019-20 Season

The membership fees and costs of lockers and Club 200 tickets are provided in the table to the left. The fees and costs include HST where applicable. Stick and Doubles Curlers are not permitted to play or spare in other adult leagues unless they pay the full fee. Fees for both Early Bird and Late Bird include for all adult leagues. Payment options are indicated on the registration form on our website under Curling>Membership>Types and Fees.

Referral Credit... Any member who refers a new member to the Club will receive a \$10 refund on their fees when the new member registers and pays. Anyone missing their refund from 2018-19 please notify Danette Gray.

Registration... The easiest and fastest way to register is online through our website with payments made via e-transfer. If you register online before October 21, you will receive a \$5 reduction on your fees. You may also register and pay in person on Tues to Fri Oct 22 to 25 - 7 to 9 pm at the Curling Club. Please bring completed forms, cheques or cash.

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

Lockers... Annual cost is \$25. We have more members than lockers, so save \$\$ by sharing with friends or teammates.

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. This year marks our 50th anniversary – keep a look out for other fun things we have planned for prize opportunities this year.

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!

Our Junior Program... a Message from the Chair, Beth Atherton...

We will have another very busy year in the Junior Program in 2019-20. On the competitive front, we will be hosting a number of bonspiels this year at the Chester Curling Club. Up first is the 26th annual Oak Island Spiel – for U21 teams, followed by the 12th annual Teazer Light Spiel for Under 13 and Under 15 athletes. We will also be hosting the NSCA Under 11 Jamboree, where a lot of curlers attend their first NSCA event and the NSCA Junior Mixed Doubles Championship, which is a growing segment of the sport.

On the development side of the program, we continue to offer two days a week for young curlers to start to learn this great sport: Mondays at 2:00 pm and/or Saturdays at 9:30 am. In addition, we will start a parent and junior league at 10:30 on Saturdays. This league will give parents a chance to try our great sport or veteran curlers a chance to get on the ice with their children. Returning this year will be a junior league on Sunday afternoons from 3-5pm and instruction on Thursday 3-4pm and Saturday 9:30-10:30am.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact us at chesterjuniorcurling@hotmail.com. Here's to a great year!

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 Program.

<u>Your 2019-20 Executive</u>		
President	Jeff Lamb	452-6315
1st Vice	Linda Townsend	273-2475
2nd Vice	Kim Croft	980-0284
Treasurer	Danette Gray	531-2402
Secretary	John Sheppard	488-0142
Past President	Carla Stevens	275-8064

<u>Your 2019-20 League Chairs</u>		
Day Curling	Mary Raine	273-2085
	Doug Ross	275-4762
Stick Curling	Jim Mason	483-7440
Tuesday Social	Jeff Lamb	452-6315
Wednesday Ladies	Tamara Rent	483-9086
	Cathy Rafuse	527-4259
Thursday Men	Darrin Hatt	277-0493
Friday Mixed	Charles Walker	277-1565
	Gary Clark	299-0467

Volunteers Needed!

As you can see from the list above, we do have a full slate of officers on the Executive and of chairs for our leagues. We have to emphasize, however, that our club is run entirely by volunteers and we always need more assistance to lighten the workload on those who have assumed operational roles in the club. These include ice preparation, bar tending, event planning and support, and coaching or otherwise assisting in the Junior Program. To find out how you can help or to get more info on what each of these entails, please contact the following folks who manage these responsibilities:

Ice preparation and rentals	Ken Johnston	541-7567
Events	Dan Sutherland	877-3512
Bar	Charles Williams	401-7209
	Dean Durnford	980-0237
Junior Program	Beth Atherton	275-2084

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. If you are interested in helping out, please contact us at info@chestercurlingclub.ca or contact one of the Executive or applicable chairpersons.