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September 2012 Newsletter

Welcome from Paul Avery - President

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all members of the Chester Curling Club for the 2012/13 season.

Our club will operate much the same as in the past with a few notable exceptions. Our executive committee has agreed to introduce a "Snowbird" component to our membership and we will be offering a comprehensive 'Learn to Curl' program running on Sunday evenings. Prudent planning has necessitated a nominal increase in membership fees. Our club will be hosting the Provincial Mixed and Under 21's and Under 18's, so feel free to lend a hand to make these events successful. Remember, this is your club and we welcome constructive comments, suggestions, and assistance.

Membership

The adult membership rate for 2011/12 season will be \$260 including HST. This rate is still significantly lower than other curling clubs in our area. **This year, membership payment is due Wednesday, October 10.** This early date has been chosen to allow sufficient time to make up teams and determine game schedules. Please help us plan for a smooth season by getting your registration in on time!

Registration forms are enclosed with this newsletter and you are urged to complete and forward the form along with your payment by mail. **Please note, there will be NO league play permitted until membership has been paid in full. Payments will also be accepted at the Curling Club on Wed. Oct. 9 and Thurs. Oct. 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Snowbird Membership

For many years, there have been requests for a half year rate...and this year, the executive is pleased to introduce one! Memberships can be purchased from October through to end of December for \$150. It will permit curling in any of our adult leagues during that time frame.

Social Membership

For those interested in bar privileges and curling on a social basis, 3 times during the season, a separate social membership (\$20) is available.

Learn to Curl - Sunday Evenings

A new 7 week Learn to Curl program will be offered on Sunday evenings from 7-8:30 for new curlers beginning October 28th. The Chester Recreation Dept will be handling the registration for this program. Look for details in their Explore Life Program. The fee is \$100 (incl. HST) with instructors on hand each week to assist with the techniques and strategies of curling. This is a great opportunity to learn about the game. We give thanks to Amy Grapel for heading up this new program.

Club 200

We continue to look for your support for the Club 200 Fundraiser initiative. This year, members will have the opportunity to purchase their tickets with their membership registration. Tick off the Club 200 box on the form and add payment for your ticket(s) with your registration. A maximum of 4 tickets can be purchased. Your support is welcomed.

Lockers

Your registration form can also be used to secure a locker. Just add the \$20 fee to your payment. As we have fewer lockers than members, please try to share a locker with a friend or teammate.



Volunteers

Interested in helping out!! On the flip side of the registration form, there are lots of ways you can give assistance in making our club run smoothly and successfully. Tick off the areas that fit best for you...we welcome your help!

Try Curling Week - Oct 17-19

Kick off curling the season from 7-9 each evening. Everyone is invited to stop by the club to 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 the game of curling. New members are welcome.

Members and Guests Social - Oct 20

On Saturday, Oct 20th, new and returning adult curlers aged 19 or over are invited to a social evening of curling and fun starting at 6:30PM. This will be a great opportunity to try stick curling and mixed doubles in addition to traditional curling. Nova Scotia is the first province to announce a provincial Mixed Doubles Championship, to be held in Windsor in the new year. Watch your Inbox early in October for more info about this evening.

Annual General Meeting

Approximately 20 members attended the AGM in early June. The bylaws of the club were updated into two documents...one for the bylaws and the other, the regulations. Also, the new executive positions for the 2012/13 season were filled.

Executive are....

Paul Avery - President..... 273-4793
Ron Ternoway - Treasurer..... 275-3249
Beth Bleasdale -1st Vice.....275-3411
Carla Rafuse- 2nd Vice.....275-8064
Wendy Sheppard - Secretary 273-2106

The Committee Chairs are....

Bar - Cathy Rafuse..... 275-4844
Draws/Match - Andrew Atherton275-2084
Membership-Wendy Sheppard..... 273-2106
Ice and Junior Program
Terry Atherton..... 275-3885
Website - Paul Green..... 826-1854

The curling calendar! A busy season!

Oct 10- Registration and payment due date
Oct 9/10 Payments accepted at CCC (6:30-8:30PM)

Oct 17-19 - Try Curling Week (7-9pm each evening)

Oct 20 - Drop-In Kick- Off Curling and Social 6:30 for 7PM

Oct 21- League Chair Meeting -7PM
Oct 22- Day Curling League Begins
Oct 24 - League Curling Exhibition Week
Oct 28 to Dec16 - Learn to Curl-7 week New Curlers Program
Oct 29 - League Curling Begins (Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri Leagues)
Nov 10-12- Oak Island Junior Cash spiel
Nov 17 - The Village Ladies' Spiel- 10th Anniversary
Dec1/2 - Teazer Light Junior Spiel
Dec 8- Special 'O' Invitational (daytime)
Dec 8- Christmas Party
Dec 27-31- NSCA Under 21 Junior Provincial
Jan 11- Scottish Curling Team visits our club
Jan/Feb -Playdowns for Dominion Men's and Women's Representatives and Mixed Representatives (dates TBA)
Feb 8-10-Snowball (no mixed curling on Feb 8)
Feb 22-25- NSCA Under 18 Provincial
Mar 8-11 NSCA Mixed Provincial
Mar - Junior/Senior Spiel (date TBA)
Mar 23 - Jollybowl
April 6 - Closing Banquet

The Junior Program

Junior Registration for Grades six and up will be Oct16 & 17 at the Club between 4 - 5 pm. This age group will be on ice Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Light Rock Registration will be on the same dates with this group taking to the ice on Mondays after school. Program begins Nov 19th.

Oak Island - The 19th Annual Oak Island Jr. Cash Spiel runs Saturday, Nov.10 through Nov 12. Once again, the best teams in Atlantic Canada are coming to Chester. Want to help? Please contact Andrew Atherton.

Teazer Light U/15 & U/13 Spiel, Dec.1 /2. Sara Baker is our Chair and would love your help.

NSCA U/21 Junior Championship - The Chester Junior Program is very excited to be hosting the Junior Provincials on Dec.27 through Dec. 31. We will host the best eight Jr. Men's and Women's teams in NS. Come on out and watch the action or better yet, volunteer. If interested please contact Beth at beth-atherton@hotmail.com

Books - The Junior Program is borrowing a page from many other Maritime clubs and will be selling used books as a fundraiser this season. Two dollars a book, all profits to support our young curlers. All members are encouraged to donate any used books no longer required. This will give you some extra space and help our youth at the same time.

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

.....Curling and Golf Weekend.....

It is with deep regret, the Curl Golf Weekend scheduled for October 20 and 21 has been cancelled. It is unfortunate that only 10 teams out of a possible 16 had entered, thus making it difficult for it to be a worthwhile fundraiser.

Chester Curling Club Pins

We are pleased to announce the arrival of our new Club pins, updated to reflect our current logo (the one at the top of this newsletter). They are bright and beautiful, and available for \$5 including HST.

Until October 31, buy one Chester Curling Club pin for \$5 and get one free. Or, purchase two 200 Club tickets with your membership renewal, and a pin is yours for free!

--We look forward to a fantastic curling season at Chester Curling Club!--