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September 2014 Newsletter

President's Welcome from Jim Mason

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Hi" to all our great members who have made our club one of the Best. It's your participation that has made Chester Curling Club a place to have fun and learn. I would also like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all of our volunteers who make our Leagues and Events a success.

We have a number of ideas for this year, one of which is to construct a Kitchen, attach it to the side of the Bar which will improve our ability to run events.

Another is to have at least One member of each of our Thursday & Friday night teams trained to prepare the ice primarily for the 9:00 draw. This will ensure we have quality ice for both draws. Terry Atherton has graciously agreed to provide the training.

Many of our members are full of ideas and opinions on what is best for our Club so we will be introducing a Suggestion/Solution Box. If you want to suggest something that will help the Club or you see a problem and can offer a viable solution this is your opportunity to do so. You have my assurance we will act on all comments whether they be signed or anonymous. We will post the best comments on a White Board for all members to see.

We have hired a Bar Manager. Her name is Satrina Swinemar, many of you will know her from the Golf Club. Satrina comes to us with a wealth of experience and many creative ideas.

We are currently in negotiations over our new Lease. We have been informed that there will be a 'Bump' this year although no specific amount has been indicated. We will keep you abreast of any developments.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club this year and remember, Our club will only be a success if everyone gets involved.



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. Also tickets can be purchased through Kempton Allen.

Membership

The adult membership rate for 2014/15 season will be \$275 including HST **due October 31**.

New Membership Details:

If there are two adults in a household joining the club, the first members fee is \$275 and the second is \$270.

E-mail money transfers-you can now conveniently pay your membership by e-mail (find details on the registration form)

Membership installment option - to help ease financial burdens, memberships can be paid in two installments (find details on the registration form)

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 or arrangements are made for installments. Payments will also be accepted at the Curling Club on Wed. Oct. 22, Thurs. Oct. 23 and Sat. Oct.24 social**

Snowbird Membership

Memberships can be purchased from October through to end of December for \$150 and from January through to March for \$210. 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 -

Hello fellow curlers! It's time for our 2014/15 curling season, and we want to share this great sport with some new curlers, therefore the learn-to-curl program is being offered again this season.

This will be the third year the program has run, with great turn outs and success in the past. Thanks go out to our volunteer coaches who committed their time and made the program so successful! Please spread the word to anyone you know interested in learning to curl.

Program details and registration can be found on www.chester.ca/recreation/recreation-and-parks-department.html

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.

Special events planned for the upcoming season are listed in our calendar, so check them out. As always, it is the time and support of volunteers who help run these events, like the Snowball and make the Chester Curling Club a place to be. Please watch for updates on our website, emails and Facebook page. We are proud to be hosting many junior events for which Chester Curling Club is well known for including the provincial mixed Juniors in March 2015.

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!

Intro Curling Week - Oct 22 & 23

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. Membership committee will be on hand to take fees and forms. Bring along friends as this is a wonderful chance to introduce them to the game of curling. Stick Curling instruction will also be offered. New members are welcome.

The curling calendar! A busy season!

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| Ice should be in by Saturday, October 20 | |
| Oct 22 & 23 | Intro to Curl/ Meet & Greet |
| Oct 24 | League Play Starts |
| Oct 25 | Social |
| Nov 7-9 | Oak Island Junior Spiel |
| Nov 22 | Ladies Gingerbread Spiel |
| Nov 28-30 | Teazer Light Junior Spiel |
| Dec | Christmas Social |
| Dec 20-22 | Last Chance-U21 Spiel |
| Jan 31 | Jollybowl |
| Feb 13-15 | Snowball |
| March 20-22 | Junior Mixed |
| March | Closing Social |

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.

Executive are....

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| Jim Mason | President | 483-7440 |
| Danette Gray | Treasurer | 531-2402 |
| Carla Rafuse | 1st Vice | 275-8064 |
| Harold Britten | 2nd Vice | 858-2100 |
| Beth Atherton | Secretary | 275-2084 |

Amy Grapel Past President 273-0405

The Committee Chairs are....

Bar Manager - Satrina Swinemar

Ice and Junior Program

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| | Terry Atherton | 275-3885 |
| Draws/Match - | Andrew Atherton | 275-2084 |
| Membership- | Beth Atherton | 275-2084 |
| Website - | Paul Green | 826-1854 |

League Chairs

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| Day | Doug Ross | 275-4762 |
| | Mary Raine | 273-2085 |
| Monday Night | Randy Cocks | 858-2283 |
| Tuesday Night | Terry Atherton | 275-3885 |
| Wednesday Night | Tammy Rent/ Beth Atherton | 431-5854 275-2084 |
| Thursday Night | Darrin Hatt | 277-0493 |
| Friday Night | TBA | |

Leagues Begin Friday, October 24th

The Junior Program

Junior curling will continue to be a big part of our club this coming season. We will be running our normal junior spiels - Oak Island and Teazer Light, plus two events for the NSCA this season. In addition to regular practice sessions most weekdays, we will continue to offer a Monday night junior league and our competitive athletes will once again help ensure we have a healthy Tuesday cash league.

We are planning a push at the elementary school level this year to start to re-populate our program and as always adults are needed to help coach in this program. No coaching experience is necessary, just bring some enthusiasm for the sport we all love and Terry and Renata will help guide you in coaching the future of our club.

Oak Island - The 22nd Annual Oak Island Jr. Cash Spiel runs Friday, Nov. 7 through Nov 9. 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, will happen on November 28-30. 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

Books - We Need Your BOOKS!!!!

The Junior Program will once again operate a used book sale desk with profits supporting our junior curlers. All books at \$1, but we need your used books to sell. Please drop off boxes of books at the club. See Andrew Atherton for more information.

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