
GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS

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Our first newsletter of the curling season! Lots of news to report on!
The ice installation is underway – we are hoping we don't run into too many issues!

EXECUTIVE:

We welcome Kelly Milne and Haley Garvie to the Executive for 2019-20!

President: Ian McPherson (also looking after the Bar and Junior League)

Vice-President : vacant

Secretary: Haley Garvie

Treasurer: Karen Saarimaki (also NOCA Club rep)

Ice: Dave Barker

Men's League: Brian Adams

Ladies' League: Pina Luomala

Mixed League: Kelly & Tim Milne

Afternoon League: Heather Liscomb

Property: Tim Milne

In recent years we have struggled to recruit 2 individuals to fill the 1st VP and 2nd VP positions with only one being filled consistently. The Executive also has found that there is no need for both positions, therefore we are planning to amend the by-laws/constitution to combine the positions and only have one VP position. If anyone has any comments or concerns regarding this, please let us know. In the meantime we are looking for an individual to take on this position!

IMPORTANT NEWS:

1. NO SMOKING – *Effective immediately, there will be no smoking allowed on arena/curling club premises. This includes the parking lots, baseball diamond and playground. The closest point where you can smoke off-premises is on the road. Signage has been posted and there will be a fine as a penalty administered, if you are caught – enforceable by the By-Law officers.*

2. SECURITY SYSTEM – *A new security system is going to be installed at the arena/curling club. This won't affect the majority of members, however it is important to note there will now be SURVEILLANCE cameras in the following locations – outside (parking lots), the lounge and on the ice.*

3. ROWAN'S LAW – *Mandatory Implementation Requirements – The new rules requiring the review of Concussion Awareness Resources and Concussion Codes of Conduct came into effect on July 1, 2019.*

Curling Centres (clubs) are LEGALLY required to comply with the following:

- Ensure that athletes under 26 years of age, parents of athletes under 18, coaches, team trainers and officials confirm every year that they have reviewed Ontario's Concussion Awareness Resources (members and leagues and bonspiels)

- Ensure a Concussion Code of Conduct that sets out rules of behaviour to support concussion prevention.

- Establish a Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocol (by July 2020)

More information to follow at Curling Registration.

EMPLOYEES:

We welcome back Jade Fortier as our league bartender from Tuesday through Thursday each week, with Guylaine Letourneau covering the Mixed League on Friday, as well as our weekend events. Mike Assad is returning as head ice tech, and Sam Gosselin is returning as the head ice helper. Kira Mannisto will also be joining the ice crew as a helper.

FINANCES & FEES:

The Club's financial position continues to be stable. We have kept the fees the same this year except for a slight increase in Bonspiel prices.

2019-20 FEES: (HST included)

One Night in Tuesday/Wednesday or Thursday leagues - \$240

Two or Three Nights (Tuesday through Friday) - \$300

Mixed League - \$540 (split fees maximum six ways)

Junior (in adult league) - \$120

Juniors - \$70 for the season

Afternoon League - \$40 (\$20 if member of another league)

Spare - \$5/game to maximum of \$50

REGISTRATION NIGHTS – Thursday, October 17th and Tuesday, October 29th 7 – 9 p.m.

FEES may be paid by cash, cheque or E-transfer (ask for details).

Two payments may be made using post-dated cheques dated Nov. 15 and Dec. 15.

FOUR \$50 TEAM KITTY AWARDS will be offered again, one from each night league. To be eligible players from teams MUST register and PAY fees before the end of the 2nd registration night. If one player pays/registers, team receives 1 entry, if four players pay/register, team receives 4 entries. picked by our new bartender Nicole were won by:

Tuesday 1 p.m. – Open Senior League (sticks used by most players but not required)

Tuesday 7 p.m. – Open League – Men's, Ladies' or Mixed teams

Wednesday 7 p.m. – Ladies League

Thursday 5:15 p.m. – Junior League

Thursday 7:00 p.m. – Men's League

Friday 7 p.m. (tentative) – Mixed League

BONSPIELS:

The dates for our bonspiels have been decided so mark them on your calendar now!

Mixed – Sat. January 17 (possibly Friday evening as well) – Kelly & Tim Milne

Ladies – February 28 & March 1 – **LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUAL(S) to CHAIR THIS EVENT**

Mens – March 7 -9 contact Brian Adams

Senior – Sat. Feb. 22 contact Karen Saarimaki

One Day Doubles Spiel - tbd

If you are interested in perhaps participating in a spiel at one of the OTHER Region 3 clubs a LIST of Area Bonspiels is updated regularly and posted on the bulletin board.

NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION:

Our club pays affiliation fees to the Northern Ontario Curling Association in the amount of \$15 for every regular league curler age 13 and up. This has been included in the price of your membership fee. Every member then receives a NOCA membership card – on the back of it is information from AVIS, BUDGET and BEST WESTERN Hotels who offer discounts to anyone who is a member of a NOCA club. [So don't forget to take advantage of these offers, if you need a rental car or are planning to stay at a Best Western Hotel!](#)

PLAYDOWNS:

Our club is not scheduled to host any playdowns this season. Here is what the other Region 3 clubs will be hosting:

Senior West Qualifier – Dec. 12 – 15 – Terrace Bay

Provincial Junior – Dec. 27 – 30 - Hearst

Region 3 U18 – Jan. 31 – Feb. 2 – Longlac

Region 3 Curling Club Championship – Feb. 7-9 - Hearst

For any curlers considering entering competitions this year the NOCA schedule of events is posted on the club bulletin board (and also on the NOCA website). If you have any questions about NOCA competitions contact our club rep Karen Saarimaki.

CLUB HOURS:

The club is open for regular league play Tuesday to Fridays starting at 6:30, as well as Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 for the afternoon drop in league. The club is planning on offering an ADULT LEARN TO CURL program on Monday evenings starting Nov. 11th. For more information on this contact Ian McPherson.

If you need to book ice for makeup games at other times – please sign up on the board located in the hallway in order that our ice crew can make sure the ice is ready.

CURLING EQUIPMENT:

THANK YOU to Norm Kristjanson for looking after purchasing curling equipment for members for many years. Norm has decided to hang up his “ordering” hat, so we are looking for another individual to take on this responsibility. If you are interested please let an Executive member know.

We are looking forward to offering everyone a great time curling during our long winter! Bring along some friends to try it out!



SEE YOU ON THE ICE!
