
GERALDTON CURLING CLUB NEWS

NOVEMBER 2020



Our first newsletter of the curling season! Lots of news to report on!
Hope everyone is managing the Covid-19 situation and staying safe!

The Club Executive has been meeting in the last couple of months and making plans for the coming season keeping in mind the rules/protocols and restrictions that have been put into place by the government and health authorities because of the pandemic.

The ice installation is underway – a group of volunteers are doing floods this week, and we have hired Brent Adamson to come in and paint this weekend, as well install all of the lines and logos this season. So if all goes well we may be able to start curling next week.

Policies, waivers, rules and protocols have all been developed to ensure the safety of both our members, guests, employees and volunteers.

A number of documents will be emailed out to last season's members

- 1) **NEW – Rules and Protocols for Curling – PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY**
 - 2) **NEW – Registration form for all members with fees listed**
 - 3) **NEW – Declaration of Compliance – Covid-19 (for all members, employees, volunteers, guests)**
 - 4) **Waiver for all members (different for Age of Majority or Under Age of Majority)**
- PLEASE PRINT OUT A COPY OF the FORMS stated in 2, 3 and 4 - FILL THEM IN and BRING THEM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO ONE OF THE REGISTRATION NIGHTS scheduled for Thursday, November 5th or Friday, November 6th. You must register before starting to curl, with all paperwork filled out. We will have some blank copies of forms available at registration but would really appreciate it if you could bring your completed forms with you.**

The plan is to run leagues Tuesday (open), Wednesday (Ladies), Thursday (Men) all starting at 7 p.m. along with Afternoon drop in curling on Tuesdays (1 p.m.), and Juniors (aged 13+) on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.. We hope to run something on Friday evenings – either a Mixed League or Doubles League (Men's, Women's or Mixed) or combination of both? A decision will be made once we see what kind of interest there is.

EXECUTIVE:

President: Ian McPherson (also looking after the Junior League and Bar)
Vice-President : vacant
Secretary: Haley Garvie
Treasurer: Karen Saarimaki (also looking after Afternoon League and NOCA Club rep)
Ice: Tim Milne (also looking after Property)
Men's League: Brian Adams
Ladies' League: Pina Luomala
Bookings: Dan Flynn
Mixed/Mixed Doubles League: vacant

Because of the fire in the complex last November and the Covid-19 pandemic, we were unable to have our AGM until just recently. We have a couple of vacant positions on the executive and we have starting to draft a new set of By-laws in order to comply with the Not-for-profit act that is supposed to be passed into law next year.

REMINDERS:

1. ***MASKS MUST BE WORN WHEN ENTERING THE BUILDING and must be worn AT ALL TIMES except when curling (masks are optional then) or consuming food or beverages while seated at a table.***
2. ***NO SMOKING/VAPING – No smoking or vaping is 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.***

3. SECURITY SYSTEM – A new security system has been 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.

4. ROWAN'S LAW – Last season we implemented requirements regarding Concussion Awareness, and a Concussion Code of Conduct that came into effect on July 1, 2019. All athletes under 26 years of age, parents of athletes under 18, coaches, team trainers and officials must confirm every year that they have reviewed Ontario's Concussion Awareness Resources (a section on Rowan's Law is included on our club waiver)

EMPLOYEES:

In addition to taking on the position of Ice Chair, Tim Milne will also be the Ice Maker for the club. Sam Gosselin and Kira Mannisto are returning as Ice workers, and Nate Liscomb will be joining the crew. We will be using volunteer bartenders this season.

FINANCES & FEES:

The Club's financial position continues to be stable so fees are the same as last season. We were able to put in an insurance claim for loss of business due to the fire and subsequent closure of the club. Those members that paid for a locker last year will not have to pay for a locker this year.

2020-21 FEES: (HST included)

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

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

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

OR Mixed Doubles League - \$210 (split fees maximum three ways)

Junior (in adult league) - \$120

Juniors - \$70 for the season

Afternoon League - \$50 (\$20 if member of another league)

Spare - \$5/game to maximum of \$50 (full spare)

REGISTRATION NIGHTS – Thursday, November 5th and Friday, November 6th 7 – 9 p.m.

FEES may be paid by Debit/Credit card (through Moneris machine), cheque or E-transfer (ask for details). (preferably not cash please)

Two payments may be made – one at registration, second by Nov. 30th.

Every member must sign a Waiver similar to what has been signed in the past along with an additional Covid-19 waiver.

NORTHERN ONTARIO CURLING ASSOCIATION:

Our club pays affiliation fees to the Northern Ontario Curling Association in the amount of \$17 for every regular league curler age 13 and up. This has been included in the price of your membership fee. In the past every member has received a NOCA membership card but these are going to be discontinued – we are waiting to hear about a possible digital alternative so that discounts from companies such as AVIS, BUDGET and BEST WESTERN Hotels may still be offered to NOCA members.

COMPETITIONS:

Most Canadian curling championships have been cancelled, other than the Scotties, Brier, and Canadian Mixed Doubles events which we are still waiting to hear about. NOCA has cancelled all competitions up until the new year for now. What is going to happen in 2021 we are still not sure about at this point in time. The proposed 2020-21 competition season of dates/host sites has been put on hold for now.

We are looking forward to offering everyone a great and safe opportunity to get off those couches and curl during what could be a very long winter! Bring along some friends to try it out!



SEE YOU ON THE ICE!