



GERALDTON CURLING CLUB October 2026 UPDATE

The Annual General Meeting was held on October 15/26. THANK YOU to all that attended!

The 2026-27 **Board of Directors** was elected, with positions determined at the Board meeting held after the annual meeting:

Chair (also President): Ian McPherson

Vice-Chair: Robert Kurish

Secretary: Haley Garvie

Treasurer: Karen Saarimaki

Directors: Tim Milne

Dorothy Sutherland

Committees were formed – chairpersons determined - looking for people to assist – if you have an interest, please let the chairperson know

(note – Chairpersons and members of committees do NOT have to attend Board meetings unless they are also a Director)

1. Bookings/Mixed/Tuesday Afternoon/NOCA – Karen Saarimaki
2. Ladies – Beth Anderson
3. Men – Phil Wilson
4. Ice – Tim Milne, Ian McPherson, Bruce Lamb
5. Juniors – Dorothy Sutherland
6. Property – Tim Milne
7. Bonspiels – Haley Milne, Robert Kurish, Dorothy Sutherland, Karen Saarimaki
8. Bar – Ian McPherson

Other committees may be formed as required.

It has been a CRAZY six months since curling ended last season!

The Municipality applied for a grant to redo the lights on both the ice surface and in the lounge (it sure is bright in there now!), and surprised us all with removing the wallboard inside the lounge and replacing all of the walls with more fire resistant drywall. The job is not quite complete - minor things need to be finished, the place needs a good cleaning, bulletin boards, speakers, TV, blinds all still need to be put back up but we are hoping this is all going to happen in the next week or so! With the new walls, we will have to be careful that no damage is done to them - the 48 year old wallboard definitely stood the test of time!

The plant has been turned on and the base floods have been done - it was a fast and furious task!

THANK YOU to Bruce L., Clarke B., Edgar C., Mike D., Cooper M., Doug H. and Tim M. for a great job!

Brent Adamson and Justin Lewtas will be here Oct. 17 & 18 to paint and put logos down with sealing to be done afterwards. Thanks to IBEW402 (Electrical Workers) in Thunder Bay who agreed to sponsor a new house logo for us this year! MNR Fire Management and the Greenstone Metis have also renewed their sponsorship!

We are hoping to start Ladies' curling Oct. 28 and Men's curling Oct. 29 with the other leagues starting the week of Nov. 3rd. Bruce Lamb will be looking after the ice again along with Cooper M. - we are still

looking for another ice helper, to start training for the following season - ad has been posted on Facebook and the website – if you know of a student that might be interested let us know! We also welcome back Allana D. as our bartender.

The club's finances unfortunately took a hit last year to the tune of nearly \$5000. We need to try to increase our membership this season, and come up with new ideas on how to create interest.

The website has been updated with 26-27 Membership information, and rental information for any groups wishing to use our facility. Greenstone Mine is again having their Christmas event at the club, two nights scheduled so far on Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. Julie & Karen will again be looking for help from members with setup, food preparation, doing dishes etc – ***please consider volunteering some hours in order to help the Club out.*** There are also a couple of other Christmas parties already scheduled between now and Christmas as well as the Harvest Dinner (fingers crossed!).

26-27 LEAGUES

Monday – GGM

Tuesday – Afternoon 1-3, Juniors 5:30 – 6:30, Mixed (6 weeks/6 ends/6 beverages) 7:30 - first session is 7 weeks long - first night for curling lessons!

Wednesday – Ladies 7 p.m.

Thursday – Men 7 p.m.

Friday – TBD – looking for ideas!

EQUIPMENT

Anyone in need of a new broom, broom head (these need to be replaced regularly) or grippers (these also wear out and start to leave pieces of rubber on the ice), check out what we have at the club!

BONSPIELS: will be looking for help with these events!

Mixed Spiel – Jan. 29 & 30

Senior one day – Feb. 27

Open Spiel – Mar. 5 & 6

Family Spiel – Mar. 27 (Easter weekend)

Longlac Spiels Men Jan. 8-9, Women Jan. 22-23, Senior Feb. 6, Junior Moosecalac Feb. 13

Nakina Spiels Kick Off Spiel Adults/Kids - Nov. 28, Open Spiel Jan. 30, Spring Thaw - Glo Spiel Feb. 27

NOCA

Northern Ontario Curling Association merged with Curling Ontario and the Ontario Curling Council last spring in order to eliminate triplicate services, and hopefully provide more services to clubs going forward. Northern Ontario will still have their own representation at the national championships as in the past. There is a new website for competition information www.fearthemoose.ca and the Facebook site is Team Northern Ontario. There also is other information on www.curlingontario.ca website, as there are other events in Ontario that players from Northern Ontario can actually enter.

The competition schedule will be posted at the club as well.

Our club is going to be hosting the Northern Ontario Men's West Qualifier Dec. 17 - 20, 2026 - this is the first time there has been men's qualifiers in Northern Ontario since 2018, and we have not hosted anything since before COVID! We will be looking for volunteers to help out!

Longlac is hosting the Provincial U20 Feb. 17 - 21.

Reminder for those of you who might want to enter some competitions -

Northern Ontario Curling Club Championship – eligibility rules were simplified last year! Players do NOT have to play on same team in league all year – teams can be made up of any players that play in regular leagues, alternates can play any position (previously had to play lead) – more information available on the FEAR THE MOOSE website and at the club!

STAY TUNED!