

The Hack & Back



Official newsletter of the Fergus Curling Club, the oldest continuous curling club in Ontario since 1834

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A Message From Our President, Bonnie Talbot



Another curling season has come and gone! Although we experienced a very different end to our 2019/2020 curling season, we can all look back on the year and remember what a great time we had competing and socializing with friends. The difficult decision to end our season early was made by the Board on Friday, March 13th. It was not one we enjoyed making, but in the end it was very timely. Our concern was for the safety of our members and their family and friends. All of us on the Board sincerely appreciated the supportive emails, texts, phone calls and other messages from so many of our members. Thank you for your understanding.

It is looking like our annual AGM will not happen until the Fall. The Board is looking at the timing for this, so stay tuned for a date. We are also considering the possibility of holding some sort of playoffs during the first week or two in October to finish this past season. We are seeking input from our league convenors to see what people would like to do. If you have an opinion, please share it with your league convenor.

Since we didn't have the AGM, I would like to say some quick thank you's here. I know we have many volunteers and I can't mention every one but I do want to identify a few specific people who spend countless hours making sure we have an enjoyable season. Thank you first to our incredible ice team, as without ice, we do not have a sport! We appreciate you Andy Maine, Ken Bancroft, Jim Carter and Barry March, along with all of your ice volunteers. Thank you to our bonspiel convenors for helping us host 15 very successful spiels throughout the year. We are a very busy club! Thank you to our league convenors (from Little Rocks to Seniors) who put in a great deal of time and thought to organize teams, track scores, plan social events and generally just plan our curling with efficiency and fairness. Thank you Jorja for keeping our club so clean and Bill Longshaw for the hours spent putting together the Hack and Back. We have enjoyed keeping up to date, learning some history and of course, the humor. Thank you to George Loney for our website and online registration/scheduling/scoring system, to Janet Tolton for coordinating our communications to membership, to Chris Taylor and her volunteers for running 101, Dora Hook for tracking our volunteer work, to Gary Waterhouse for running the Pro Shop and to Lynda Waterhouse and Paul Rombeek for organizing school curling. Thank you to Sue Otto and Shannon Brinkman for doing our deposits and maintaining our bar float and thanks to Gloria Laythorpe for running the 50/50. By the way, we will be drawing for this at our fall AGM and it will be over \$1000! You can still get your name in on the night of the AGM.

Finally, as my term as President is coming to an end, I would like to express my sincere thanks to my fellow Board members - Mark Cripps, Bob Hook, Calum McGeachie, Kiril Rashev, Deb Burttt and Brian Gibbon. You have had some tough decisions to make this year and you have always kept the well being of our members and club in mind. Thank you also to Avon, Steve and Deb Wilson for your supportive roles as Past President, Treasurer and Secretary. You've kept us on track and in good financial shape.

Have a wonderful summer everyone. Stay safe; we will get through this and we will see you on the ice in the Fall.

CWOSSA Champs



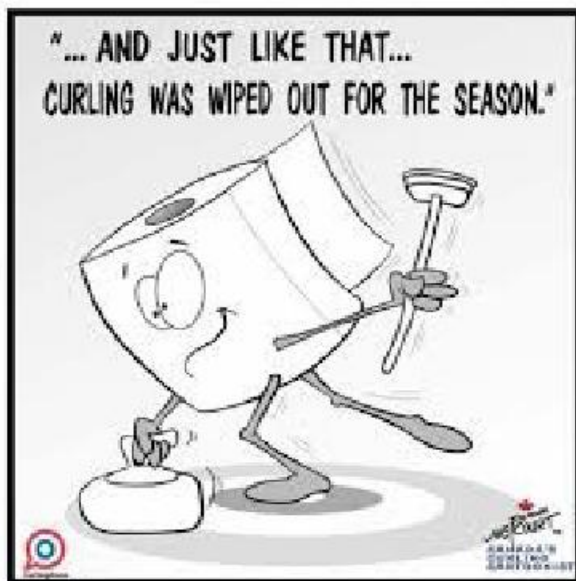
On March 3rd and 4th, the Centre Wellington District High School CWDHS boys curling team travelled to Port Elgin and competed at the 2020 Central Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association CWOSSA curling championship. The team of 5 consists of L to R: vice Drew Adema, skip Curtis Green, lead Mitchell Green (sons of members Krista and Brent Green), lead Matthew Beau-doin, second Hunter Kuhlmann, coached by Mrs. Bowman and Mrs Brown-Wass. The boys played very well and went undefeated in all 5 games bringing home the gold medals and the trophy. The CWOSSA boys curling trophy was last won by CWDHS in 1988. The team would have moved on to compete at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations OFSAA provincial curling championships that were slated later in March hosted in Durham Region. It is unfortunate they didn't get to go but we are still proud of them for their success so far. Well done guys.

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More kinds of Curling

Since we ran the article about the skillet curling last month we have heard about crokinole curling, human curling, tube curling, keg curling and food curling. If you have heard of others let us know.



These plates would be much better than the fiasco the Ontario Government has gotten into.

I called my grandmother to tell her she could win a gold medal at the Olympics because dusting is now an Olympic sport.

Looking for a team name?

Curling dates back to the 15th century, however the modern version is based on Scotland's practice from the early 17th century. Serving as a demonstration sport in the Olympics four times, it finally gain a permanent spot in 1998. Curling is considered to be a game of etiquette. Since entering into the 21st century, curling has increased 15% in popularity in the United States alone. An estimated 1.5 million participants play curling in over 22 countries. A variety of curling team names are provided below from current and previously named curling teams to help inspire your own creativity.

All In The Wrist

Baby Broomers

Broom Enough for Two

Broom Heads

Broomhildas

Broomzilla

Brussels Drunkin' Dwarves

Bull's Eye Doctors

Button Mashers

Curl Jam

Curl Power

Curling Connection

Curling Me Softly

Double Tap

Drawing a Blank

Elephantastic Four

Feed 'Em and Sweep

Game of Stones

Get Your Rocks Off

Grim and Frostbitten

Hack Addicts

Hack Attack!

Hard Core Curls

Legion of Broom

Lords of the Rings

On the Rocks

Plumbers Hack

Ready to Rock!

Rock Hard or Hardrock

Rock Solid

Rock Stars

Rockroachs

Rolling Stones

Sheep Sweep

Sheet Packers

Sheetheads

Sheets to the Wind

Stocks & Stones

Surgical Strikes

Sweep Jeebus

Sweeping Beauties

The Brush Offs

The Cowlers

The Flintstones

The Horseplayers

The Neutralizers

The Outsiders

The Sheet Stains

The Short and Curlers

Three Sheets to the Wind

Team Dollar 380



Get Involved

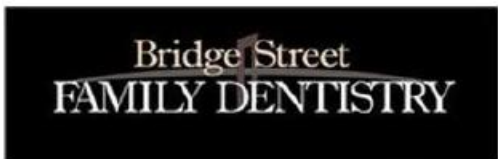
Board Members Needed



We are in need of members who are willing to step up into a role on our Board of Directors. We will have 3 openings on the board for next season. Please remember that this is a club that is runs almost entirely by volunteers and it will not run without our members stepping up and volunteering for these leadership positions. If you are interested in helping and/or have any questions about serving on the Board of Directors, please speak to one of our board members before the AGM. Date to be announced.



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If you have anything to share with your fellow curlers please send it on to us. We'll consider anything. Send in your photos too from bonspiels or things during the regular evening league play. If you go to a bonspiel outside the club and win a draw or something involving our club members send it in to us.

We intend on producing the Hack & Back a time or two during the summer months. So if you have anything related to curling please send it on to us. Congratulations to those teams who ended up in first place in their leagues. We also thank our ice makers for their dedicated work in preparing the ice for us to curl. Thank you also to the volunteers who put in their hours to make the club run a smoothly as possible. Kitchen and bar staff deserve a big thank you too. Whatever you do keep safe over the summer and enjoy it. It has been an absolute pleasure to do HACK & BACK again for you. Let us know what you think. Are we going in the right direction?

Bill Longshaw



We ran the advert for the Icemakers Mayhem Bonspiel last month without the knowledge that Ken Bancroft is also a certified ice technician and has been with Andy the longest as a technician. He has been an integral part of the ice making this year. We are so sorry Ken we missed you. We owe all these fine gentlemen Andy, Ken, Jim and Barry a debt of gratitude for all their fine and hard work this year. Without them our reputation would be toast.

A good group at the Brier



Numbers starting top left

- 1 Gladys Gallagher and Linda Ross who were there all week
- 2 Gloria Laythorpe and Jake van der Valk with the bunch
- 3 Bonnie Talbot and Janet Tolton meeting 84 year old Don from Michigan in the Brier Patch
- 4 Janet Tolton having a 50 for her birthday with Linda Baker
- 5 Bonnie Talbot and Greg Moulton with the Tankard Brier Trophy
- 6 Tania Elliott, Gladys Gallagher with Brier winner and Canadian Champion Brad Gushue
- 7 Mike Baker, Deb Clark, Brian Clark, Linda Baker, Bonnie Talbot and Janet Tolton drinking gin at 7:30am at morning classes
- 8 Mike Baker, Linda Baker, Deb Clark and Brian Clark

We know Jim Carter, Sheila Dixon, Katy Winter, Mark Cripps and Christine de Nottbeck were there for a few days too.

All names from left to right