

# The Hack & Back



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

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**Join us for our AGM and  
renew old friendships.**



The AGM will be held in our side parking lot at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9 (rain date: Thursday, September 10). We will send all reports (including the financial report) out electronically during the first week in September. Board reports will not be presented at the AGM. Members are asked to read the reports ahead of time and come with questions or comments if needed. The main business of the short meeting will be to elect a new Board and appoint financial reviewers, OCA Reps and a Chaplin.

Members are asked to bring your own chair and we will try to spread out as much as possible. Hosting the meeting outside allows us to have more people present. We need at least 75 - 80 members to have a quorum. You should bring a mask in case you need to enter the club (e.g., for the washroom) or if you are finding it difficult to maintain physical distancing.

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### Board Members Needed

We are in need of 5 new Board Members this year. To this end, we have established a nominating committee, which includes Avon Giddings, Steve Graham, Carl Gray and Janet Tolton. They have been reaching out to members to see who is willing to step forward to take on a board position. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please let one of these folks know as soon as possible (phone numbers are in the Directory). The portfolios for Directors will be decided after the AGM. Being on the Board is a big commitment, but without people willing to step up, it will be very difficult to reopen and run the club. Please consider volunteering your time.

### Reopening Committee

We are thankful to have a group of experienced members who volunteered to sit on a Reopening Committee. This group includes Rick Marshall, Neil Miller, Donna Bessey, Christine Taylor, Dean Dunbar, Bob Hook, and Mark Cripps. These folks are meeting to review the recommendations provided by CurlOn and Public Health, as well the Ministry Regulations and our member survey results. Their mandate is to provide their recommendations to our new Board (after September 9<sup>th</sup>). The idea is that the Board will review their recommendations, as well as our financial status, the Ministry Regulations, and the Curl On and Public Health guidelines in order to make decisions about the next season. The Board will need to decide if, when and how to safely reopen the club. We know that curling will look different this year and the hope is that what the upcoming season will look like will be communicated to members by the end of September. Registration, if the club is going to reopen, would take place in October.

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## Remember Any of These Guys?



FERGUS, ONTARIO Monday, February 1, 1982

ROTARY CURLERS at Whithy Rotary Bonspiel, Wednesday, Jan. 13th. Back row: left to right Dalton Kelly, Colin Clarke. Front row: left to right Cecil Wolfe, Lindsay, Jim Dixon, John McCabe, Ken Englestand, Mike Ivan Ostic, Ross LeDrew, Lorne Pattison, Jack Scott. Photo by Colin M. Clarke, Fergus



### EATING IN THE FIFTIES...

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as push.

Chicken didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

"Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapple's came in chunks in a tin: we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of a tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become laughing stock.

The one thing we never ever had on or at our table in the fifties...was elbows, hats and cell phones.





Remember last year when Chief Icemaker Andy Maine asked everyone to bring in old scrap metal that was laying around your home? Well he has collected it all with the help of Wilf Christo-

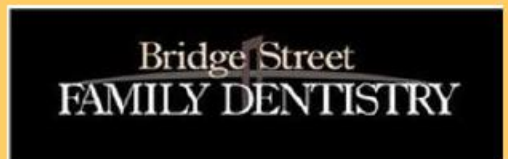
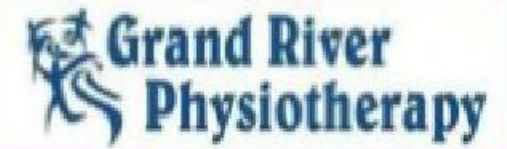
pher has taken it to the scrap dealer and has collected over \$300.00 (WOW) for the club. We doubt that the pile was as big as the one shown here but there was quite a lot of it. Thanks to everyone who brought in some junk and to Andy for getting this initiative going. He plans on doing the same next year if there is curling so let's all get behind it and bring in all your metal junk and deposit it in the box provided so we can beat this amount. Little things like this really help our financial position.

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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 things you did during the summer even during this crisis. We plan on putting another Hack & Back out around the end of Sep-





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To keep our club in good shape for next year we are looking for 5 creative people to run for a directors position at our AGM. It doesn't take much time but is very rewarding to see fellow members being happy in a well run club. Please contact Avon Giddings 519 843-6244, Steve Graham 416 706-4077, Carl Gray 519 843-5219, and Janet Tolton 519 378-9197

**Get Involved**

**Board Members Needed**

