

The Hack & Back



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

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MESSAGE
FROM THE
CLUB

PRESIDENT

Board meeting minutes will be available (as they have been) on the web site only days after the scheduled meeting. This was a concern we saw in the survey. The concern that the membership felt that they did not know what the board was doing at times, and that they did not know where to find the minutes of the meetings. The minutes used to be approved at the next board meeting then posted to the website which could be a month later. Now in the covid era, we have found that conversing over ZOOM and email has been easier and all board members are taking part. A motion was made to have the minutes sent out by email and approved by board members within 5 days. This was brought to the board by the Strat Plan committee. This motion passed. To find them go to the **FCC website**, find the tab **Information** scroll to the bottom of the list and there you have **Board Meeting Minutes**, click on it to open any of the past meeting minutes.

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Do you plan on going on a vacation once this pandemic has gone away?? Well here is the perfect place to stay.

Announcing the @BrewDog Dog House Edinburgh. An amazing beer hotel & bar in the heart of Scotland's capital. Expect beer on tap in all the rooms, mini-bars filled with the best beers on the planet & fridges in the shower for shower beers. Opens Q3 2021.

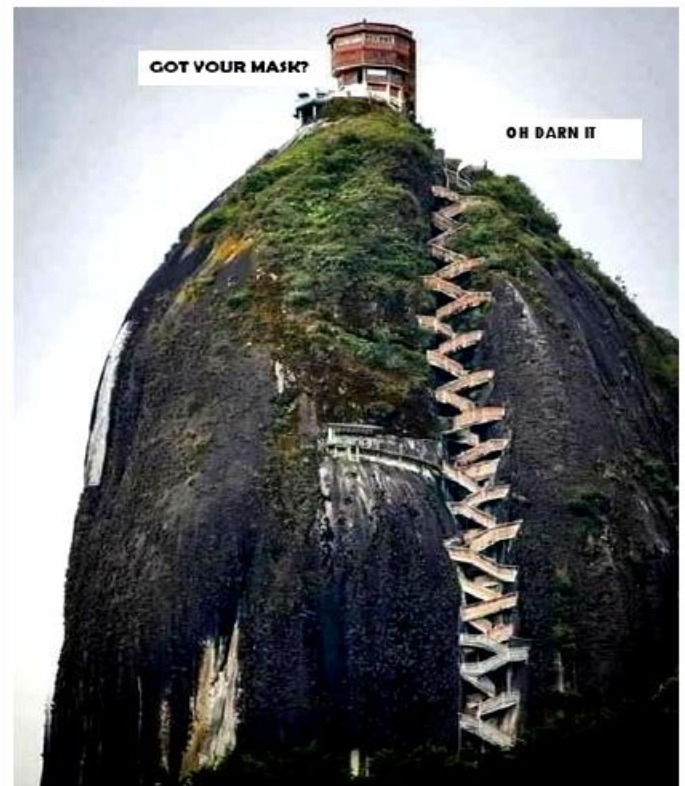


Our internet will be changing at the club this year President Calum reports from the executive. Fibre is being installed on the Wightman network. This will enable us to upgrade our internet and the POS system currently used at the bar. For those of you who use the internet, your password will change but it will be posted at the club once we can get back to curling. Stay tuned.



The executive plans to hold our annual general meeting in June this year. So please mark your calendar now so that you can attend and catch up on how the club is making out in this pandemic year.

The date will be **June 1 at 7:00pm** with rain dates June 3rd and 8th. It will be held in the parking lot adjoining the club. Since we will still be in some measure of lock down please wear your mask and seat 6 feet apart. Bring you lawn chairs too. Time to catch up with your curling friends.



Curling Houses in Scotland



These houses were often purely functional in character, being relatively small and often located in quite isolated places. Some curling houses were built as part of country estates and were much grander in appearance. A fireplace was sometimes present and this ensured some welcome heat for players, night watchmen, etc. The construction was of stone, brick or wood as shown by paintings or surviving examples.

Curling stones are heavy objects, and in the days of horse transport

and poor quality roads it would be easier to store stones at the site of the curling pond. Additionally the ponds needed a certain degree of maintenance to the water supply, dam, weed control, etc. Tools could be stored in the house. Sometimes a watchman was employed during the season to make sure that all was well with the pond, its ice and the curling equipment. Refreshments would be provided, such as the seemingly traditional pies and porter mentioned as being served at the Eglinton flushes. This was the start of curling clubs as we know them today.



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SO THAT.....



YOU CAN PLAY IN OUR HOUSE!



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Krazy Curling Costumes



This is near the time we finish curling for the season. It is also the time we stop issuing the Hack & Back for the summer recess. We may put one out during the summer, but we don't expect another one until the end of August or September. In the meantime, keep sending us any information to put in the next one.

Keep safe folks and we will see you when curling resumes again in October

We shall return

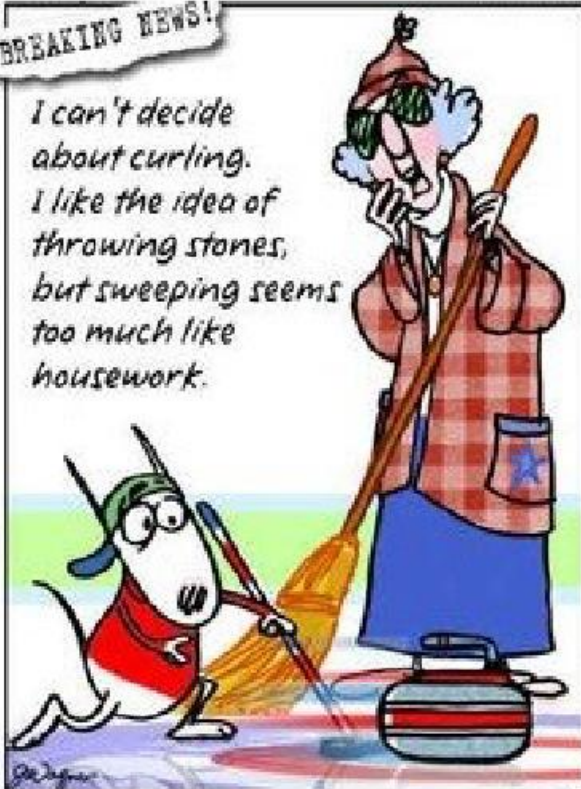


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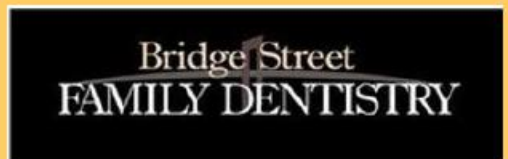
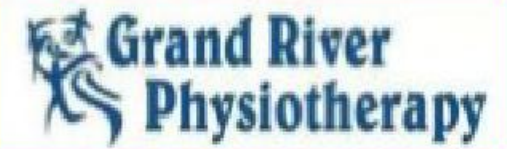


BREAKING NEWS!

I can't decide about curling. I like the idea of throwing stones, but sweeping seems too much like housework.




1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.



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