

# The Hack & Back



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

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## Curling in Chattanooga Tenn.? Skillet Curling?

CHATTANOOGA Tennessee — It's called Iron Skillet Curling and it's kind-of similar to the curling sport you're used to watching during the Olympics. "We throw the bacon press and then whatever team threw the bacon press then throws the first skillet. Then we alternate shots. And then whoever is closest at the end are the ones that end up scoring. It's like Bocce ball," said Fran Grier, a participant.



It's a new spin on an old sport, and it's the most sizzling team league on Chattanooga's South side.

"We got four teams out each league night. So two teams will play each other, they're on opposite ends of the court. The winners will play each other and the losers will play each other. Then we'll do it again next week." Said Tom Montague, Commissioner. The world was introduced to skillet curling last year. With that, a new question was then formed.

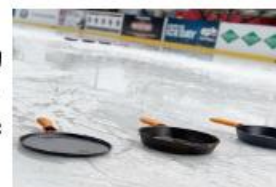


"What else do we have that's heavy around here? And we were at an event that has a tour of the Lodge facility and we thought, they have a lot of heavy things around here," said Montague. For many, the opportunity to get involved in a traditional cold-climate sport is extremely exciting. Especially for those who grew up participating in said cold-climate sport. "I started out curling in Chicago. I curled there 18 years... the real deal. So when I heard that this was happening I got really excited since I've been away from it for nine years so I thought this was a fun thing to do," said Grier.



"We encourage people to just come down and watch. Come grab a beer and stand around the outside and laugh at us who are doing this whatever you call it," said Montague. It's a skillet sensation the sport spread from Tennessee to Kentucky after last year's event.

The group says it stayed away from traditional curling because first of all, ice is hard to come by in the south and second, traditional curling stones turned out to be fairly expensive. Any takers here???



# Groundhog Bonspiel



Overall winners and winners of second draw from Acton Curling club. L to R: vice-skip Bruce Garvie, second Laurie Leighton, lead Dave McKenzie, and skip Jim Lindsay.



Winners of first draw from Fergus Curling Club L to R: second Steve Otto, lead Cory Fenton, skip Mark Landoni and vice-skip Calum McGachie. Bob Fleischauer on the left convened the day along with Andy Blackmore.



# FCC Masters Bonspiel

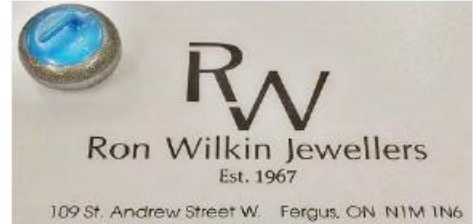
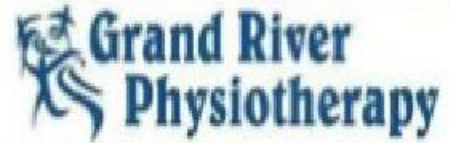
Even the 60+ have a bonspiel all of their own at the Fergus Curling Club. The Fergus Curling Club Masters was up for grabs on Feb. 12 and something that is not seen very often in bonspiels happened with the winners of both draws were tied for overall champions with 36 points each. The convenor Sue Graham decided just to have co-champions declared for the day with both champions from the local Fergus Curling Club. There were also teams from Mt. Forest, Orangeville, Listowel, Elmira, Galt competing.



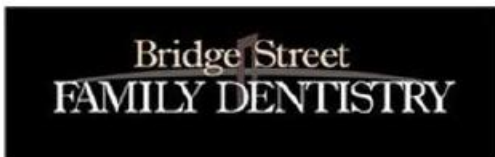
First Draw winners are L to R: second Bruce Hawkins, lead Wilf Christopher, vice-skip Dave Freure, skip John K. Campbell and convenor Sue Graham



Second draw winners are L to R: skip Rick Marshall, vice-skip Frank Stillo, second Andy Maine, lead Lorne Wilson and convenor Sue Graham.



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Stay well folks

# A message from our President



**Sat. APRIL 4th**

## *Save the Date for a Year End Bonspiel and Banquet/Dance*

*This year our final bonspiel and our annual banquet/dance will both have a different format. We will be combining these two events as we are hosting a year end Funspiel, dinner and dance. It will take place on April 4<sup>th</sup>. This event will replace the Bill Taylor Memorial Bonspiel which Chris Taylor graciously hosted for many years, as well as the year end banquet. The games part of the day is being planned by Andy Maine and he promises fun and frivolity for all! Members will be able to sign up for the bonspiel, which will include curling, lunch, dinner and a dance. There will also be a limited number of tickets available for the dinner and dance only.*

*More information will be posted shortly at the club.*

# Little Rocks Bonspiel



The winners were from the Ayr curling club L to R: Lynda Waterhouse hostess for the day, skip Sam Brown, Ryerson Hargrave, Elliott Riedl, Paul Poirier and coach Dawn Sherck.. Well done.

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## Come and Wok with Scott



### March 21, 6pm

Raffles and music and dancing

Only room for 64 in clubroom

Price: \$20.00 each in clubroom  
only 10 takeout for \$15.00 each

Spaces are going fast

Proceeds going towards kitchen and bar upgrades



Any Questions???  
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**Don't forget to bring in  
your bits of scrap metal**

## IT'S NICKNAMED "THE ROARING GAME."

Curling earned the nickname "The Roaring Game" because of the rumbling sound a curling stone makes when it's delivered and how it glides across rough ice. It's also a reference to the sound of brooms frantically sweeping away and melting ice to guide the stone to the button of the house.

In addition, the sport is also considered "Chess on Ice," because it involves a lot of strategy and patience to defeat your opponent.



### HOW TO SPEAK TO A CURLER

DANGEROUS	SAFER	SAFE	ULTRA SAFE
What were you thinking throwing like that?	You were a bit tight	We can work with that!	Here, have some wine
You missed that line call!	It just took a dive	We can work with that!	Here, have some wine
Are you deaf?	You just couldn't hear me over the other curlers	We can work with that!	Here, have some wine
I said throw a guard!	It's a bit deep	We can work with that!	Here, have some wine

A curling broom with a black head and silver handle is positioned on the left. Below it are two curling stones, one yellow and one red, on a blue ice surface with white and blue curved lines.

**2020  
Annual  
General  
Meeting**

**Thurs.  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

and

A golden curling trophy with a silver base and a red curling stone next to it.

**League  
Championship  
Games**

*April 1st and 2nd*

**DON'T BE  
AFRAID!!!**

Don't be afraid to share the Hack & Back with others. Send it on to friends, past members and neighbours to let them know what is going on at the club. Maybe we'll get some new members!

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# ETIQUETTE



After our article about curling etiquette in last months Hack & Back it has been brought to our attention there is one other small one that curlers seem to be not observing. It seems as though many people are walking up and down, standing and talking on the ice surface where most of the rocks are played (ie: centre portion). That can lead to debris on the ice surface as well as being unsafe and may even affect the integrity of the ice. Other than for sweeping the centre portion of the ice surface is for rocks in play. When walking end to end please walk on the outside of the sheets and not in the centre portion of the ice surface and to let the curler see their skip clearly for their next shot. Your help is appreciated thank you.

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Getting back to the Groundhog Bonspiel here is a jolly groundhog that only predicts more winter and good ice throughout the rest of the year.



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## 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 a club that is run 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 on April 2nd.





Keep this date open



Ice makers



Bonspiel

**Saturday April 4**

***This is NOT going to be an ordinary bonspiel but there will be lots of fun and great prizes thanks to our sponsors. Watch for details in the clubroom and the Hack & Back***

**This year will see a funspiel followed by our year end annual banquet with and a supper.**

**Signup sheets in the club.**

We would like to thank our ice technicians, chief technician Andy Maine, technicians Jim Carter and Barry March this year and all the other people who helped prepare the ice each day so that we can have really good curling throughout the year. They have also looked after and taken care our new rocks.

We also thank them for hosting this bonspiel.

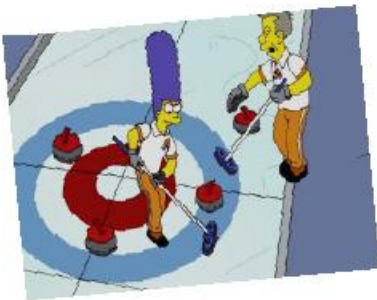


Mar. 28 2020.....Curl for a Cause.....Bruce Hawkins

# Krazy urling ostums



## Mixed Doubles Bonspiel



Overall winners from Fergus Bryce McGowan and Karen McMillan. Sponsoring the trophy and host for the day is Donna Bessey. →



←  
Second draw winners from Milton are Scott Gillard and Brenda Nix. Melinda Bessey is on the left and Donna is on the right.



# Sweetheart Bonspiel



Overall winners from the Wingham Curling Club L to R: skip Ben Shane, vice Olivia Beirnes, lead Hillarie Riddell, and second Kyle Forster. Jennifer on the left and Jeff Gleva were the hosts.



First runner up from the Paris Curling Club L to R: lead Darcey Emerson, second Gary Emerson, vice Linda Vivian, and skip Jeff Vivian.



Second runner up from Fergus Curling Club L to R: second Bryce McGowan, lead Gwen Simms, vice Sheri Smeltzer and skip Mark Landoni.



Such a tiring day



Always a comedian

**PUT THIS  
on YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

**Food  
Fun  
Friendship**



# Wednesday night ladies



**Are Hosting A**

**All club ladies  
are invited**

**Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**More info. to follow  
including sign up sheets**

**Potluck  
Dinner**



**DON'T  
FORGET!**

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.