

# The Hack & Back



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

November

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*Brian Gibbon*

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*Neil Miller*

*Chris Taylor*

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## Newsletter

*Bill Longshaw*



Hello fellow Curlers.

As I am sure you have all heard or read, that we have decided that we will not be curling this season. This decision was made because of a few key points.

- Less than a third of last year's membership signed up
- Elora members were invited but few registrations from them
- Financially the club could not handle opening this year.

Our responsibilities as board directors are not over though. We are looking at ways of fund raising, building more membership, and making financial plans for our future. Stay tuned for more exciting news!!

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

Hope to see you all in 2021.

Sincerely

Calum McGeachie.

As for the Hack & Back we hope to put out one every once in a while. Probably with information that Calum talked about in the above message and some other goofie things that you may have a giggle at. We hope you all have a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

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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. Now that the club is closed for the season it is more important than ever to send us things that you are doing. Keep up with what your friends are doing

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**CURLING**   
**WHEN LOSING IS STILL WINNING**

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We Look Forward to  
**REOPENING**

 **2021**

**ONCE AGAIN**



**WE TRIED OUR BEST.  
BUT WE  
COULDN'T  
CONNECT THE  
REST OF THE  
BODY**

Thanks to all the board members for all their hard work in making the decision to close. It was a hard one to make this decision

*THE  
COMEBACK  
IS ALWAYS  
STRONGER  
THAN THE  
SETBACK*

## Barbie Goes Curling

Many years ago, while searching for curling items on eBay, I found a Barbie curling outfit. It looked like an old-timer's curling sweater. I thought it was rather unique and, obviously homemade, perhaps one-of-a-kind. So, I bought it and then found a Barbie doll to wear it. (Why I had Barbie dolls is another...very long story).

In May of 2012 Bob Cowan & David B. Smith posted an article on their blog about Hand-Knitted Curling Sweaters - often referred to as Cowichan sweaters. Within the article they had a picture of another Barbie sweater. So, mine (in red) is not that unique. Perhaps I'll try to learn knitting so I can make an outfit for Ken.



## **Social distancing for Canadians....**

**If I can hit you with my  
curling broom (and I will),  
you're too close!**



## **Roles and Responsibilities**

Calum McGeachie - Bonspiels, Kitchen Chair

Bob Hook - Volunteer Chair

Brian Gibbon - Property Chair

John Ferguson - Ice Chair

Richard Booy - Ice Chair

Dale Beirnes - Bar Chair

Bob Grant - Sponsorships & Advertising Chair

Neil Miller - Games Chair

Chris Taylor - Membership Chair

David Aoki - Special Advisor Covid-19



**In case you missed it here are the 2019/2020 league champions**

**League**

Sunday Evening Doubles

Monday Morning Men

Monday Afternoon Ladies

Monday Evening Mixed

Tuesday Morning Doubles

Tuesday Evening Doubles

Tuesday Evening Men

Wednesday Afternoon Mixed

Wednesday Evening Ladies

Thursday Morning Men

Thursday Evening Skip's Choice

Friday Evening Mixed



**League Champions**

Sheri Smeltzer, Barb Robinson/Janice Sheehan

Dave Freure, Howard Harper, Phil Kidston, Albert Hoffman

Sheila Dixon, Betty Black, Joyce Giddings, Linda Vinette

William McCracken, Jane Stoddart, Kiril Rashev, Liz Magee

Al & Peg Kenny

Bryce McGowan, Roberta Colwill

Bob Beer, Jeff Shepard, Paul DeLeonardis, Casey Widmeyer

Sheri Smeltzer, Lisa Beirnes, Deb Wilson, Ann Stewart

Dean Dunbar, Dave Freure, Bernie Siegmund, Roger Holmes

TBD

Shannon Curran, Paul Brinkman, Shannon Brinkman

**OUR OUTSIDE AGM**

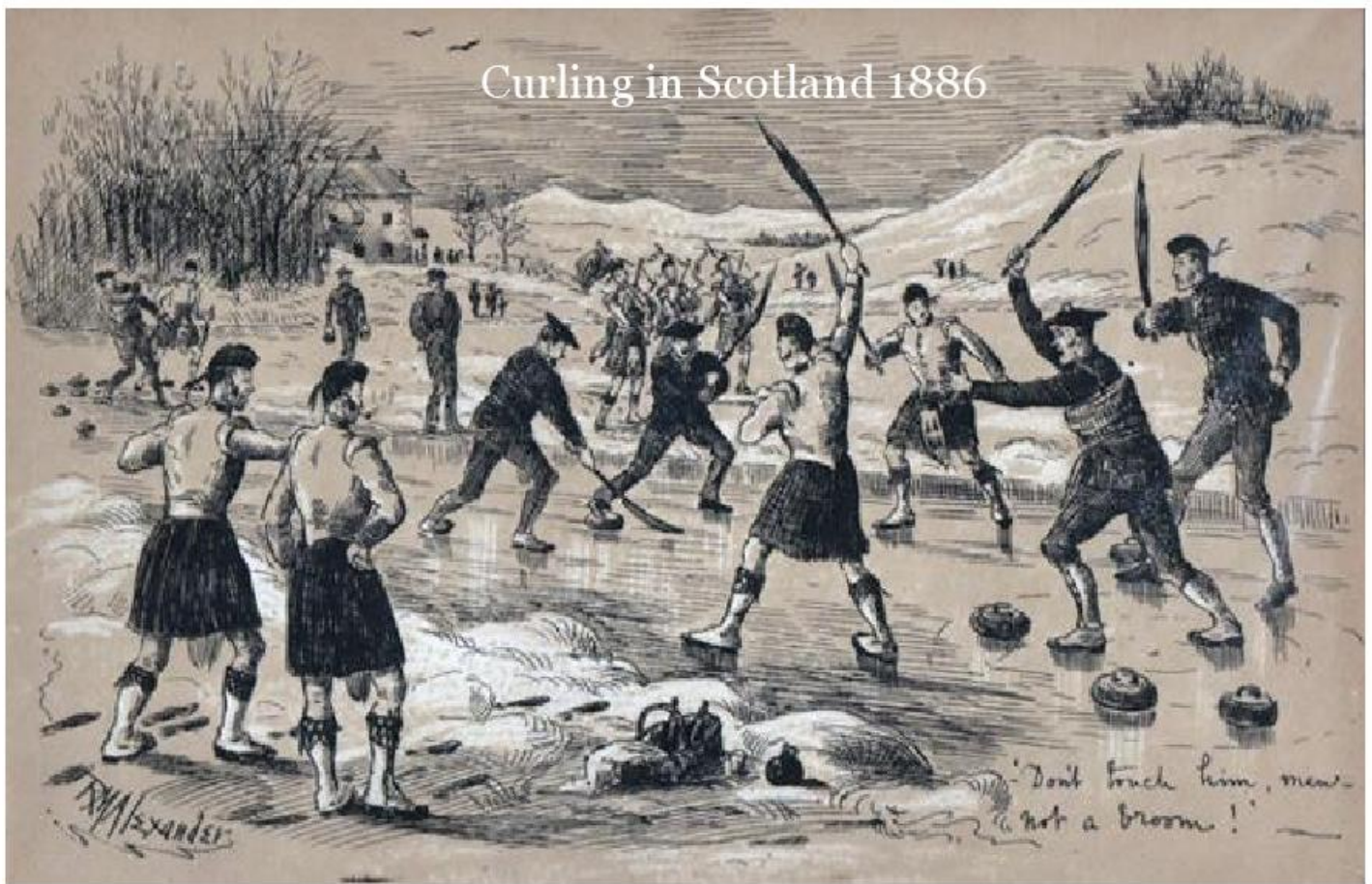


There are certain things in life that one is most proud of and that thing for Donna Bessey and myself is being chosen as a life member of the Fergus Curling Club. Each of us have contributed in our own way to a very successful club and Donna and I are only part of it. We would like to thank everyone and especially our nominators for this prestigious honour.



- A Strawberry isn't a berry but a banana is.
- Avocado and watermelon are berries too.
- Chocolate milk was invented in Ireland.
- Ketchup used to be sold as a medicine .
- Carrots were originally purple.
- Yams and sweet potatoes are not the same thing.
- Ripe cranberries will bounce like a rubber ball.
- An average cob of corn has an even number of rows. Usually 16.
- Humans share 50% of their DNA with bananas.
- Honey never spoils.
- Peanuts are not nuts. They grow in the ground so they are legumes.
- Vending machines are twice as likely to kill you than a shark is.
- Coconuts kill more people than sharks. So do cows.
- Kiwis grow on vines.
- Popsicles were invented by an 11-year old in 1905
- Apples, pears, and plums are members of the rose family.

Curling in Scotland 1886



**K**razy  
**u**rling  
**o**stums



*Please respect others*

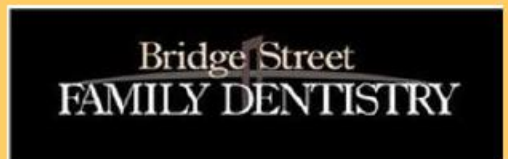
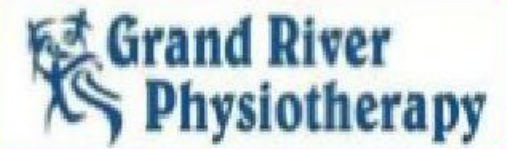
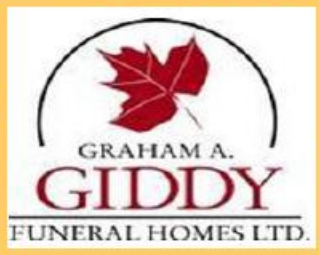
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OTHER PART  
FROM PAGE 3**

**Here is an interesting item from my  
friends in Scotland**

**An impressive Geor-  
gian mansion with it's  
own loch and your very  
own curling pond**

Netherfield House, on the outskirts of the picturesque market town of Strathaven in South Lanarkshire, comes complete with its own loch, boathouse and curling pond.

Dating back to 1776, the imposing country house forms the centrepiece of a 70-acre property that includes extensive private woodlands.

Included in the sale are two cottages, a kennel complex, grooming shed and former stable block, a greenhouse and landscaped gardens.

B-listed Netherfield House boasts a wealth of period architectural features inside, including marble fireplaces, decorative detailing and an original carved stone staircase.

Accommodation stretches over three floors and comprises five bedrooms, three bathrooms and five public rooms. It is on the market at offers over £1.7 million (times 2 for Canadian funds)

