

The Hack & Back



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

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For those who were wondering what was being done in front the club well the word is out. Apparently there had been some issues with the sanitary sewers in that block and we were not immune to the problems so the town fathers decided to rip up the street to replace the system. Hope fully that will take us through many more years in our cub.

Well folks get out your curling gear, dust it off and start planning your games. We are planning on full curling this year with some restrictions in place this fall. The exact date and what restriction will be coming soon so stay tuned. We welcome back all our members and we know there others who want to join in our beautiful game.



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One of the bad boys of curling



In an era when most curlers were clean cut and shaven, Calgary's Paul Gowsell was the complete opposite.

Gowsell regularly wore plaid pants with messy hair and a full beard. Combined with a bigger than life personality, the skip was known as the "rebel of curling" during his playing days in the 1970s and 1980s.

Two-time Brier champ Hec Gervais once said that "with a shave and two haircuts, he'd be all right."

Gowsell used to drive from bonspiel to

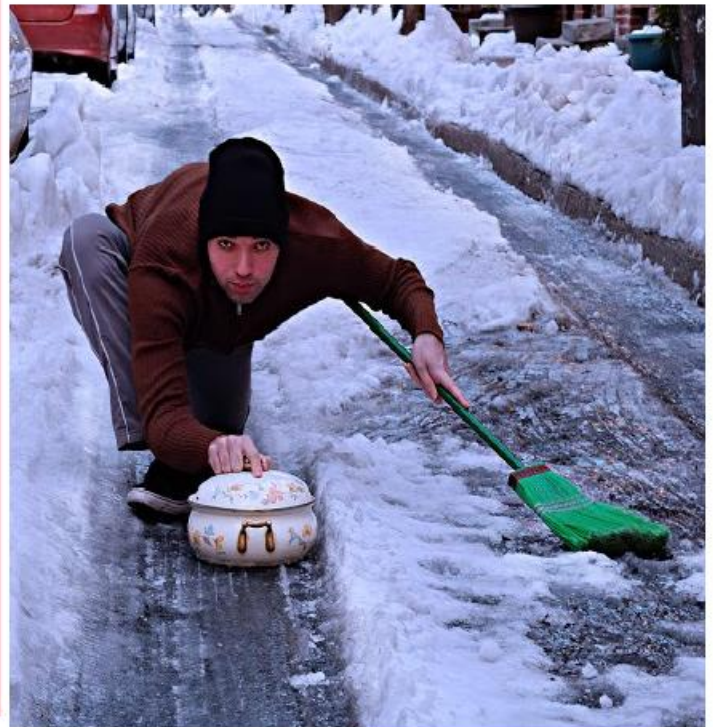
bonspiel in an old, beat up Chrysler van and had no problem with staying up late after games to have a good time. Gowsell famously earned the nickname "Pizza Paul" when he ordered a pizza during a live game while playing in a bonspiel in Regina. As the legend goes, Gowsell's team won the game when his opponent's last rock picked on a black olive from the pizza.

Gowsell was the first skip to win two world junior championships (1976 and 1978) and made one career Brier appearance in 1980, losing to Northern Ontario's Al Hackner in the semi-final. His team was one of the first to use push brooms, completely altering the sweeping methods of the roaring game.



Our bar will have a few changes also. For those tending bar there will be a new system set up to track our inventory. We will be able to accept debt cards so we can minimize money changing hands and thus the possibility of spreading covid. And yes we will be going back to plastic cups to eliminate the spread.

Home practice



razy urling ostums



Tips to keep Curlers in peak condition

Analyze

Think about the last time you lost a game in the last end, and mull that over for the evening to keep the blood boiling. (also burns calories)

Sweep

Sweep the floors/driveway/sidewalk/walls to keep core muscles activated (in 30 second intervals to mimic sheet length).

Watch

Armchair curling: Watch curling game re-runs to make sure you still know more about strategy than Olympic level athletes.

Drink

Have a virtual drink with the team to complain about the recent team line up changes announced and work out the arm muscles.

Yell

When you see people walk by your house, yell "Hurry!" and see if they walk faster to test out your skip skills.

Vagaries of English Language!

Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man?

How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?

If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?

If a Vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a Humanitarian eat?

How do you get off a non-stop Flight?

Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?

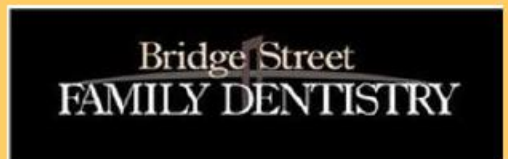
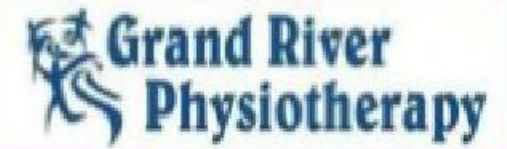
Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the Cupboard?

Why do doctors 'practice' medicine? Are they having practice at the cost of the patients?

Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest then?


How come Noses run and Feet smell?

Why do they call it a TV 'set' when there is only one?



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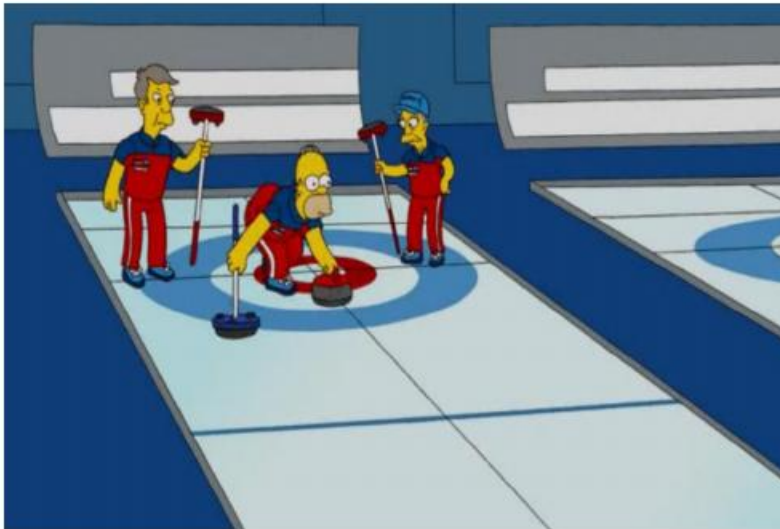




WE WANT TO HEAR YOU!

We all must have some stories to tell from our weeks of lock down and shut in. As editor we would like to hear some of these stories and let our fellow members know what has happened. We will even publish anonymous stories.

Thank You!



Something else we are trying this year and that is going to 3 sessions instead of 2. This will give Curling 101 curlers a chance to join and play in a league earlier. Our members who travel may also find this appealing. The fees will be on a per session cost. It could help those people who are recovering financially from covid to able to find a fee structure that will work for them

And finally... we will be losing some brands of beer, coolers and wines for the coming year. We will be simplifying to ensure a fresh product, and ease of use while in covid restrictions. Due to this draft beer may not be available this year.

