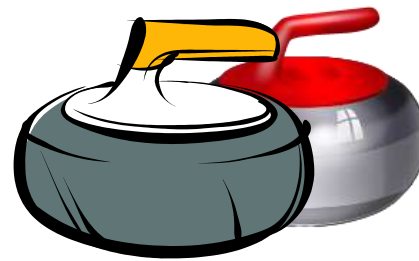


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St Thomas Curling Club News

October 2017

Upcoming Events

Open House
Oct 10,11,12 7-9 pm

Free Introduction
7:30-8:30

Curling 101
Oct 15,22,29 7 pm

Ladies Coffee Cup
Oct 10 10-noon

Sr Men's opening Lunch
Oct 12

Ladies Opening Dinner
Oct 24

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A warm welcome to all current members and to you who just joined our Club!



We also welcome back our Ice and Bar Staff. We trust that your summer was an enjoyable one and to those who spent time on the "Links", give your good byes to the Golf Gods and welcome back the Curling Spirits!

The summer found several of us spending time at the Club doing those many things that needed to be addressed to get things ready for our upcoming season. A Special thank you goes out to Hugh Oliver for assisting me in revising and updating the "Employee Handbook", preparing and updating our "Fire Escape Plan", putting together a "Board Members Handbook", acquiring new First Aid Kits with Safety Blankets and getting a great deal on "gently" used Captain Chairs for our Lounge.

Your Board is working hard to make this curling season a successful one and we hope that you and your fellow curlers come out to celebrate the season!

Last but not least thank you to all who continue to make our Club an enjoyable place to spend some time . To quote a member who joined last year, "We were warmly welcomed when we joined and its a great Club"!

Ed Rempel

Board News



Your 2017-18 Board of Directors

Christine Hale Sanders, Barry Westman, Rick Bolt, John Riggs, Carl Taylor, Ron Smith, Tom Devaney, Ron Richards, Kristy MacKenzie, Linda McCauley, Ed Rempel Absent-Dan Peterson

From The Ice Chair

Kevin Breivik is returning as head ice technician and the club has hired ice technicians Dave Walsh and Henry Mulders to assist him. As reported at the AGM the Board of Directors approved the replacement of the header pipe in the rink area. The existing steel pipe was 60 years old and showing signs of severe deterioration. The cost of the stainless steel replacement came in just under \$30,000.00 and took 2 weeks to complete. The cost was a little higher than budgeted due to the discovery of asbestos on some of the pipes and there was an unforeseen requirement for a new butterfly valve on the chiller. Start up of the plant was completed as scheduled and despite another unusually hot September installation was completed on time and we now look forward to another season of great ice conditions.



Letter to all League Convenors

We would like to thank you for all of your past efforts in running your respective leagues. I know some of you have lots of help while others are one person shows. The Board of Directors encourages each league to organize and run one spiel each year. This is a great way to promote curling and to promote the St. Thomas Curling Club. This also provides a sense of pride and belonging to our club members that take part in these spiels. There is a cost to running these spiels from the clubs perspective (ice staff, bar staff, utilities and janitorial services). However, the Board believes the benefits derived from running these spiels outweighs the costs and make these events a valuable contribution to our club and its members. However, it is important to keep the club in mind when you run these spiels. Most leagues have made contributions to our Capital Fund based on the profits you have achieved in running these spiels. Because of these contributions we have been able to make major upgrades to our ice plant the past three years. New cooling tower \$50,000; new back up dehumidifier \$10,000; new headers \$20,000. We have also been able to segregate a section of our Capital Fund to add a main floor washroom / change room and make improvements to the bar. This project is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2018. If your league has routinely contributed the proceeds of your bonspiels to these projects, thank you very much. If not, please consider this when planning this year's bonspiels so that we can continue making much needed improvements to your club.

Sincerely,

2017-18

Board of Directors.

News from The Leagues

LADIES LEAGUE

Tuesday Ladies

We encourage all Ladies to join us at the Coffee Cup on Tuesday October 10th from 10:00 until noon. This is a great time to bring in new curlers and introduce them to the club. The Pro shop will be opened if any new equipment is needed.

On Tuesday, October 17th we will have a fun day to begin the season. Teams will be made up that morning so please try to be at the club early. We will play 6 ends to get our curling skills back.

Regular play begins Tuesday, October 24.



Ladies Coffee Cup

***Tues., Oct. 10
10-12***

Join us for coffee and a social time. Sign up for your leagues.

Pro Shop open.

See you there!

Ladies Opening Dinner

Plan to attend our opening dinner on Tuesday, October 24. Tickets available during registration week.

\$25.00



SENIOR MEN'S AFTERNOON SOCIAL LEAGUE

The Advisory Council for the Senior Men's Afternoon Social League (SMASL) welcomes the return of all former curlers in the league to sign up for this coming season. Please invite your non-curling friends, who might be interested in curling, to join us at the **Club Open House** in October, and bring them to the **SMASL Opening Lunch**. Enjoy reacquainting with curling friends, get to know our prospective members and enjoy a tasty lunch prepared by our Kitchen Krew.

The STCC Board has chosen to delay start up this season by a week with the hope that it will better ensure our Open House will be able to offer good ice each evening to any new curlers wanting to test their curling skills, and also to provide the opportunity for former members to get in some practice time prior to league games.

Please join us at the Open House and Lunch.

SMASL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Oct. 10 –12	7:00 –9:00 pm	STCC Open House
Oct. 12	10:30 am	SMASL Registration in the lounge
	12:00 noon	SMASL Opening Lunch
Oct. 16	11:15 am/2:00 pm	Skips pick teams for Draw #1
	12:15 & 2:00 pm	Draw #1, Game #1

Senior Men's Opening Lunch

Thursday October 12

Come out and enjoy lunch with league members and welcome new curlers. Bring a friend who is interested in curling.

Registration 10:30 Lunch at 12:00



OUR CONVENORS



Kingsley Irvine-Sr. Men; Sue Lyle-Wednesday Night Mixed; Linda McCauley—
Tuesday Morning Ladies; John Wilson-Friday Night Mixed, Christine Hale-
Sanders— Thursday Morning Ladies ; Page Moreau-Monday Night Women's; Beth
Kewley-Wednesday Night Women

A Big Thank you to the Conveners for all that you do to
keep the leagues running smoothly!

Our Club Information

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Our Leagues

Daytime Leagues

Tues. Morning Ladies 9:00 a.m. -12:00

A friendly curling environment. Teams are changed 3 times through the year. A good way to meet members which is ideal for new curler.

Thursday Ladies 9:00 a.m. -12:00

A competitive-but friendly league with skips forming their teams. Teams remain together for the year. Sign up as a team or a “free agent” and we will find you a team.

Senior Men’s – 12:15 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Monday and Thursday

A great place for all skill levels age 55+. Teams change 4 times a year through a draw system.

Evening Leagues

Tuesday Men’s – 6:30 and 8:45 p.m.

A more competitive league based on win/loss record. All skill levels welcome. Sign up as a team or a “free agent” to be placed on a team.

Thursday Men’s 6:45 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Teams remain together for the season. This is a more social league with new curlers added as individuals or as teams.

Monday Women's 6:40 p.m.

Our competitive league night with our skips making up their teams for the year. New teams are welcome or sign up as a "free agent" and we will put you on a team.

Wednesday Women's 6:30 p.m.

Our fun social league is ideal for new curler and for those "seasoned" curlers looking to gain some experience in vice and skip positions. The convenors make up the teams each week and you play 6 ends.

Wednesday Mixed 6:30 and 8:30

Teams compete in a friendly environment. Sign up individually or as a team. Ideal for new curlers.

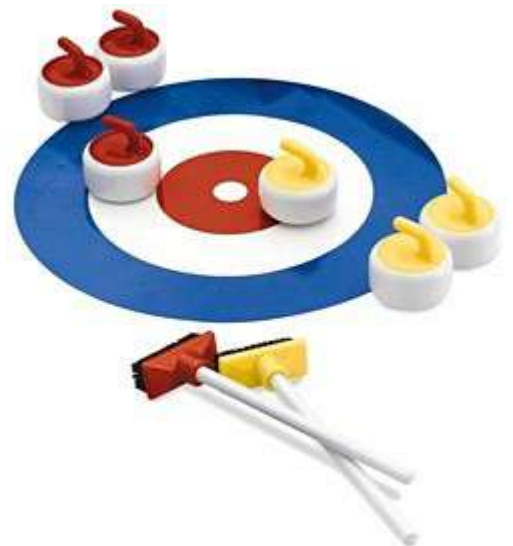
Friday Mixed 7:00 p.m.

This is a fun social league. Curler play 6 end games and teams are changed throughout the season. Great for new curlers.

Junior Curling

Little Rocks – Sunday Afternoon – For children in Grades 1-5

Bantam – Sunday Afternoon – Students in Grade 6-12



Curling Etiquette

Don't be late. If lateness is unavoidable please let your skip know as soon as possible.

If you cannot be there, it is your responsibility to arrange for a spare using league rules. Advise your skip.

To keep the ice surface clean always make sure your footwear is clean.

Be ready when it is your turn to throw your rock.

Do not cross the ice when a person is in the hack.

Be ready to sweep your teammate's stone.

Be quick to compliment good shots on either side

Shake hands at the beginning and end of each game.

After a game the members of the winning team buy a beverage for the opposite member on the losing team and the two teams sit together for a social time.



Check your Gripper and Broom Heads

Equipment will be available for sale during Registration and Open House.

For safety reasons it is very important to replace your gripper often as the grip wears. Broom Heads also wear down and become less effective.